



## The Supreme Court Ruled—Next Steps? (Part 2)

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### Upcoming Events

- Next BoD Meeting: October 21, 2008, 6:00pm, JAX Sporting Goods
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, October 4, 2008
- Defensive Pistol Shoot: October 5, 2008
- IDPA Match: October 18, 2008
- Shotgun: October 12 and October 26, 2008
- Hunter’s Safety Course: October 18 & 19, 2008

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Last month, I began an article series summarizing the recent Supreme Court decision in the case of Washington D.C. versus Heller., where The Supreme Court ruled in favor of gun owners and confirmed the Second Amendment as an individual right.

Since that ruling, some significant events have taken place. Some favorable to gun owners, and some not so favorable. The ruling was a step forward, but it must be understood that the specific ruling regarding the Heller case mainly applied to Washington D.C. Since Washington D.C. is a federal district (not a state), pending cases (similar to the Heller case) in other areas will

need to be heard to determine if the Supreme Court ruling will also apply to the states. What seems to also make the outcomes in other cities different is that state constitutions are also to be considered.

Any other cities, such as Chicago and its surrounding suburbs, with similar gun ban laws would not be made to immediately repeal their laws because of this ruling. On the contrary, some cities became even more determined in their efforts to ban guns in their jurisdictions. Because of this, the National Rifle Association (NRA) quickly responded

by filing several lawsuits against cities such as Chicago and San Francisco.



So let’s take a look at a few of the favorable outcomes first. Near Chicago, the outlying communities of Morton Grove, Wilmette, and Evanston repealed their gun bans. A predominant reason for these cities repealing their bans was

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## Range Rule of the Month:

**"No firearms handling when the range is COLD!"**

And no—we don’t mean when the temperature outside is below 40 degrees.

Always ensuring weapons safety is of paramount importance when we are handling guns with no

one else around, and the importance magnified a hundred fold when there are others in the area.

Rule #5 of our range rules is the topic of this month’s range rule of the month, and states in part:

*“We operate a cold range. There will be NO GUN HANDLING DURING A CEASE FIRE. ... Actions must be open and clear of ammunition while on the firing line during a cease fire and at*

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## Summary of July Board Meeting

August 23, 2008 Board Meeting (Annual Membership Meeting) Highlights by Dean Meyer, Secretary

**President Eric** gave a report on the money stolen from the club by our previous treasurer, Dustin Detwiler. Eric told of the amount, basically equal to our dues income from last year. Even with this situation, the club provided services to our members and paid our range lease payment to Dr. Weaver for next year, with \$20,000 left in our bank account. Eric explained the deferred sentence given to Dustin, contingent on him paying the club back the \$59,904.60 stolen. Dustin is required to pay \$1374 per month until paid off. If he fails to make a payment, his deferred sentence is revoked, he goes to jail and will have a felony on his record.

**Loren G** reported: 237 membership renewals have been processed. 45-50

to open and process, 38 problems to fix, roughly 350 total in so far. We are not depositing checks until we move our accounts to the new bank. At this time there are 122 people on the membership waiting list. Last year we had about 150 non-renewals.

**Loren G.** reported regarding the Treasurers report, there is \$19,698.24 in our bank accounts and all bills are paid. A resolution is being worked on to allow us to open our new bank accounts.

**Keith Markey and Frank Caruso** gave a report on Defensive Pistol and IDPA. Keith gave information how the events run, the equipment needed to participate and the cost. The DP match is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

and the cost is \$10. The IDPA match is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Frank explained IDPA headquarters sends out the course of fire each month. Frank explained how the match works and encouraged people to come out and give it a try.

**Allen K** reported that he has had improvements in the number of people attending the range cleanup thanks to Loren. Had 17 people attend the month before and 12 this month. Next cleanup day is September 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to noon. Major projects that need to be done are the berms and the road.

**Bob B** reported the shotgun shoots are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 9:30 to noon. The cost is \$4 per round and we have skeet, trap and 5 portable traps.

## Frequently Asked Questions

If you have a question that you would like to see answered, email one of the board members, or send your email to:

newsletter@ncrgc.org

For this month's question:

Q: "When will my renewal check get cashed and where is my new badge?"

A: The new bank account should be in place very soon. As soon as the account is in place, the checks will all be deposited. This should take place in the next week to ten days. The resolution needed to open the account and get club officers on the account was signed at the NCRGC Board of Director's meeting on September 23, 2008.

The new badges are also being mailed out. Even our new President doesn't have his yet, but they will come to you soon.

**Reminder: Membership renewals must have been postmarked by September 15, 2008. The gate code will change on September 30, 2008.**

## Legislative Corner

U.S. House of Representatives had overwhelmingly voted to pass a bill repealing the D.C. gun ban (HR 6842).

According to the Gun Owners Association (GOA), the bill is to next go to the Senate for vote. But the Senate Majority Leader is "is trying to use procedural maneuvers

to keep the bill from coming to the Senate floor for a vote." This has GOA concerned, and they have been actively soliciting action by American citizens to contact their elected leadership.

GOA is currently asking all who are concerned about this issue (which is ALL gun owners) to contact their

Senators and ask that they "continue to put pressure on Majority Leader Harry Reid, to force him to bring up HR 6842 (the D.C. gun ban repeal) for a vote."

For more information on this act and to see how you can help, visit:

<http://www.gunowners.org/>

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to either avoid or end lawsuits from the NRA and others. In the case of Morton Grove, for example, the NRA dropped their lawsuit when the gun ban was repealed. Evanston ended their gun ban, but reports indicated that the NRA suit was still pending due Evanston city leadership stating that they would reenact the gun ban. Chicago indicated that the law suits by the NRA were going to prevent them from enacting further anti-gun laws because the NRA suit would take a great deal of the city’s money and time to fight.

So the bad news: Cities such as Chicago and Philadelphia are still being persistent in their efforts to keep citizens disarmed or at least seriously restricted. Philadelphia, for example, has made numerous attempts at enacting anti-gun laws. Some of those laws have been overturned as being illegal (for going against their state constitution), but Philadelphia leadership continues to attempt to enact them anyway.

Where does all this leave us? My personal opinion is that even though the Supreme Court affirmed that the Second Amendment is an individual right, there is still a lot of work to do to keep that fragile

victory intact. With this year’s Presidential election presenting so much uncertainty, and politicians jockeying for position to keep their jobs, candidates will do or say just about anything to convince gun owners that our rights are safe. I, for one, don’t trust politicians, and my cynical nature makes me believe that any promises made in the heat of election will soon be forgotten. Current legislation being considered such as the “2nd Amendment Enforcement Act” will be the subject of next month’s continuation of this series. Stay tuned!

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## “No firearms handling when the range is COLD!”

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*all times when off the firing line.”*

While at the range we are no longer only concerned with our own confidence that a firearm is safe, but are now dealing with the comfort zones of the others who are there with us. When walking downrange to place a target, for example, there is nothing more disconcerting than hearing

someone working the action of a firearm. Visual indicators as well are another way to help put others in that comfort zone. The only way that others can tell that you have cleared your weapon and are following the

rules is to see your gun(s) on the bench and actions open.

**“Actions must be open and clear of ammunition while on the firing line during a cease fire and at all times when off the firing line.”**

For those who are legally permitted to carry concealed weapons in Colorado: As long as your carry gun is still concealed, you are fine.

## Continuation of BoD Meeting Highlights...

**Dan P** thanked Loren for his assistance in acting as Treasurer until the new bank accounts open, when Dan will take over the reigns.

**Brian H** is working on getting the youth program designed. He will take any assistance members are willing to give. When the program is rolled out, it will be put on the website and in the newsletter to inform

the general membership.

**Old business:** Dean M brought to the floor the fact that a motion had been made at the July 22, 2008 Board meeting to approve the new By-Laws as submitted and that they had been seconded. Dean went through the changes line by line. A motion was made by Brad Tidd and seconded by Steven Schaeffer to amend the defini-

tion of a Household membership to be an “adult member &/or spouse” and include all dependent children. Children, regardless of age would need to be at the range with their parents. If a child was 18 or older and wants to utilize the range unsupervised by a parent, must obtain his or her own membership. The amendment and the change of bylaws passed unanimously.

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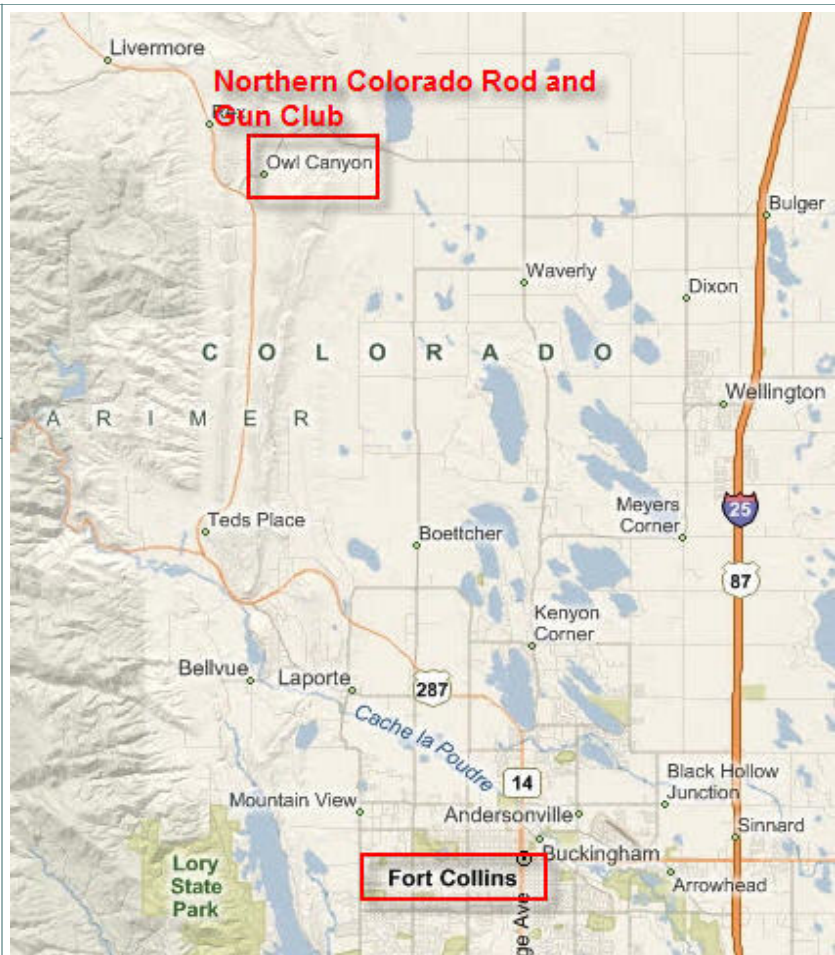
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*The Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club was founded in 1948 through the merger of four sportsmen groups; Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley and Estes Park.*

*The club is located on Owl Canyon Road off U S 287 on the Weaver Ranch north of Ft Collins, Co.*

**We're on the Web!**

<http://www.ncrgc.org>



## Keeping Up On Current Events

As the 2008 Presidential election and legislative sessions draw near, it is important to get the latest news on where the presidential and other candidates stand on the issues, and what new legislation is being introduced. Here is a list of some good sources on the Internet to find out what's going on:

**NRA Institute for Legislative Action:**  
<http://www.nraila.org>

**Gun Owners of America:**  
<http://www.gunowners.org>

**Colorado State Shooting Association:**  
<http://www.cssa.org/portal/news.php>

**Rocky Mountain Gun Owners:**  
<http://www.rmgo.org>

**National Rifle Association:**  
<http://www.nra.org>

**Second Amendment Foundation:**  
<http://www.saf.org>

**National Association for Gun Rights:**  
<http://www.nationalgunrights.org/>

**NAGR Bill Watch:**  
<http://www.nationalgunrights.org/billwatch.shtml>

**U.S. Handgun Laws:**  
<http://www.handgunlaw.us/>

**Keep And Bear Arms dot Com:**  
<http://www.keepandbeararms.com/>

**Jews For The Preservation of Firearm Ownership:**  
<http://www.jpfo.org/>

Does anyone have clean fill dirt they want to get rid of? We need about ten yards of good clean fill dirt to build up the areas behind the target rails on the upper range. If you have any you want to donate, contact the BoD at [bod@ncrgc.org](mailto:bod@ncrgc.org).

The "Meet The Board of Directors" column will resume in the November news letter.

### Newly Elected Officers:

**President:** Brian Holder

**Director at Large:** Larry Winslow

**Shotgun Chair:** John Ball

**Range Master:** T.J. Patterson