



The Supreme Court Ruled—Next Steps? (Part I)

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Upcoming Events

- Next BoD Meeting: September 23, 2008
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, September 6, 2008
- Defensive Pistol Shoot: September 7, 2008
- IDPA Match: September 20, 2008
- Shotgun: September 14 and September 28, 2008
- Hunter’s Safety Course: September 20 & 21, 2008

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The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has ruled in favor of gun owners in June, and confirmed the Second Amendment as an individual right, and that the Washington D.C. gun ban was unconstitutional. So now what is the next step in our history?

Gun owners won a significant victory with this decision. But there is still much work to do to protect our rights, and much that we must do to be vigilant, especially since this is an election year.

Already there has been much in the way of political wrangling, and cities making changes to their gun laws. For example, some cities and communities have begun withdrawing their gun bans,

while others are putting what they call “emergency laws” in place to attempt to keep the same types of bans against certain types of firearms that existed before the SCOTUS decision. Already the NRA and others have begun law suits to get many of the gun bans in the more stubborn cities repealed. And members of Congress have been busy introducing a bipartisan measure to overturn Washington D.C.’s newly enacted emergency measures. This piece of legislation will be known as the “Second Amendment Enforcement Act.”

One thing that concerns

me about the SCOTUS decision is that it was a very narrow victory for



Second Amendment rights—with only a 5 to 4 favorable margin. This being an election year, it should be noted that the next President will be able to appoint new Supreme Court Justices, with there being talk of two, possibly three new justices being appointed

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Range Rule of the Month:

"New membership year, new badges..."

As we get ready to renew memberships and receive new badges, it’s time for a reminder about the requirement to wear club badges while on the range. Our club badges allow for quick and easy identification of our mem-

bers. There are a number of issues why we use membership badges, ranging from legal to insurance. And rule #16 of our range rules specifically states:

“Members must wear

their ID badge so that it is visible at all times while on range property.”

With a club membership as large as NCRGC enjoys, the ability to quickly identify our members—

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Summary of July Board Meeting

July 22, 2008 Board Meeting Highlights by Dean Meyer, Secretary

President Eric Baker called the meeting to order at the Jax Outdoor Store at 7:10 pm.

Loren G made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 20, 2008 meeting, Bill F seconded, unanimous approval.

President Eric gave a brief report on the situation with the DA and what is going on with the case of our stolen money.

Loren G report: All membership renewals went out on Monday, July 21, 2008. A resolution is being worked on to set up bank accounts with a new bank. Loren will email

a copy for board approval. Loren also brought up concern for liability of guests who haven't signed a waiver prior to utilizing the range. This will be looked into. At this time there are 100+ people on the membership waiting list.

Loren G. reported regarding the Treasurers report, there is \$20,945 in our bank accounts and all bills are paid.

Dean Meyer made a motion to approve changes to the Club By-Laws, Allen Klenk seconded. The revised By-Laws will be posted on the Club website and a notice will be sent to all current members as required by

the current By-Laws. The vote will take place at the annual meeting on August 23, 2008 by all qualified members present.

Bill F. report: Needs a "Meet the Board" bio for this month's newsletter. Dan P. was going to send a bio, but not received as of today.

Loren G reported that new badges for board members will be printed on colored paper rather than printing a band of color which uses a lot of ink. The color will be changed each year.

Allen K reported that he fixed fencing to try and keep out horses from

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:

NCRGC-News@comcast.net.

For this month's question:

Q: "What is the status of the membership renewals?"

A: A number of renewal applications have come in and have been processed. There are still many more that need to be opened. A number of them will have to be sent back to the applicants, or the applicants contacted due to there being missing information or no payment enclosed. Additionally, none of the checks will be cashed

until the club has fully transferred banking operation to the newly selected bank in Windsor.

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

Legislative Corner

On July 31, House Democrats and Republicans joined in a bipartisan effort to introduce legislation that would overturn Washington, D.C.'s newly enacted emergency gun control laws. These laws continue to defy the recent Supreme Court ruling by

continuing to restrict District of Columbia residents' right to self-defense.

In a strong bipartisan effort, several Congressmen introduced the "Second Amendment Enforcement Act" ([H.R. 6691](#)). This critical NRA-backed legislation is

needed to enforce the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*. More updates will be made available in this newsletter as progress of this important piece of legislation is made.

For more information on this act and to see how you can help, visit <http://www.nraila.org>

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in the coming years. We won a victory that can be just as easily overturned in coming years by a new Supreme Court.

Another thing that concerns me is that even though it may now be more difficult for our legislators to ban guns, what about ammunition? In one of my political blogs, I wrote an article awhile back about how people who wish to ban guns, but are failing to do so, will instead turn to measures to ban ammunition. Or at the very least, they will introduce measures to make it prohibitively expensive. If one couldn't ban fire-

arms outright, they could make them so expensive to use, or the ammunition so hard to find, that they would have effectively banned firearms.

There are a variety of ways that both sides will attack this issue. It is important to stay on top of what is going on in various communities, not just those in Colorado, and stay on top of the candidates and their views.

The SCOTUS ruling was a step in the right direction, but unless gun owners stay vigilant and involved, we could be facing a whole new set of problems and attacks against our

rights. Get the word out. Research the candidates and their stand on the various platforms, particularly Second Amendment rights. Vote!

As this multi-part article series continues, I will examine some of the important issues surrounding the SCOTUS decision, some legislative and litigation outcomes, and of course, some opinions. I will also touch more on the specifics of which cities are doing what, as well as progress on the Second Amendment Enforcement Act in next month's continuation of this article series.

Stay tuned ! ~wpf~

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those who are authorized to use the range— is vitally important. This is a simple rule to follow, but can have dramatic affects on safety, as well as the time spent monitoring the range by club leadership.

This is primarily for the safety of all of us so that our club leadership

(the members with the solid colored badges) can quickly identify you. In addition to the issues mentioned previously, we also have to make sure that only authorized club members are present—especially when sponsoring

guests who don't have badges.

Please wear your badge, keep it visible, and don't lend it to anyone. This will help ensure the integrity of our club, and help avoid problems.

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the range area. He said the shotgun range needs mowing and that as more dues revenue comes in, we will work on the berms and adding more gravel to the picnic table areas.

Dave L bought roofing felt for the shotgun and pistol houses.

Keith M report: Had safety officer

training for Defensive Pistol as well as a picnic for the DP group. There are two matches per month. DP is going well. IDPA matches are not well attended, yet.

Loren G made a motion, seconded by Dave L to appoint John Ball as Shotgun Chair and Mark Schoenfeld as his assistant. Unani-

mous approval. Mark will be John's assistant until another person can be found.

Dean Meyer made a motion, seconded by Loren G to adjourn at 8:47pm. Unanimous approval.

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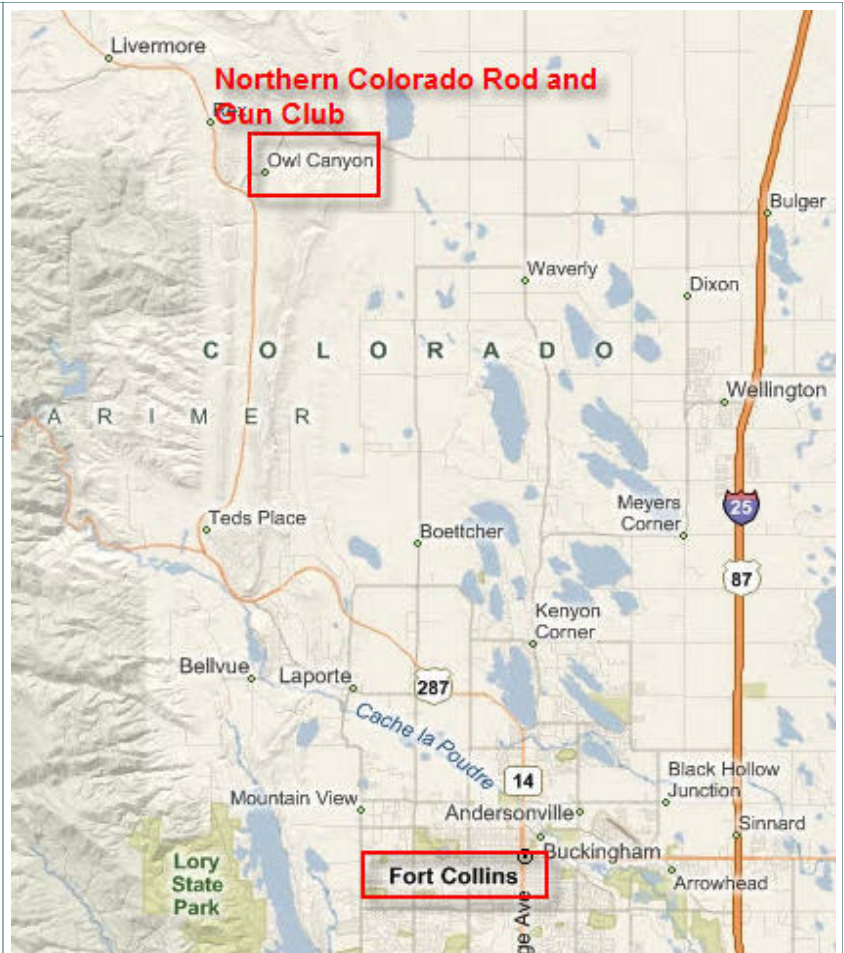
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The Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club was founded in 1948 through the merger of four sportsmen groups; Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley and Estes Park.

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/>

"If a candidate was anti-gun in the past, they are anti-gun now and will be in the future, regardless of their campaign rhetoric. A liberal president will nominate anti-gun liberal justices like Breyer and Stevens to the court. That's a fact. Make your vote count this fall."

Source: San Diego Rifle and Pistol Association

Newly Elected Officers:

President: Brian Holder

Director at Large: Larry Winslow

Shotgun Chair: John Ball

We still need a Range Master!