



Upcoming Events

- Executive BoD Meeting:
See the NCRGC Web Site,
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, June 6, 2009
- Defensive Pistol Shoot::
June 7, 2009
- IDPA Match: June 20, 2009
- Shotgun: June 14 & 28, 2009
- Hunter’s Safety Course:
July 18 & 19, 2009

Classified Ads:

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<http://www.ncrgc.org/Classified.htm>

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The Appleseed Project—Part 2

By: **W.P. Flinn (NCRGC News Letter Editor)**

There sure seems to be a lot of talk lately about “REMAKING” America, when what we should be doing is RESTORING America! One such way of restoring our country is by getting back to the heritage from which freedom and liberty were born.

In the [February 2009 news letter](#), I wrote about the Appleseed Project and their effort to get our country back to being a “...Nation of Riflemen...” I mentioned that this is not about becoming proficient with rifles for some violent purpose, but rather getting back to our heritage and getting our bellies on fire once again with the ideals that founded America.

My wife and I recently attended an Appleseed shooting event, and I am

now writing about our experiences. Regrettably, we had to leave early on Sunday morning to come home to take care of a sick child, but the one day that we were able to attend was so rich in learning and experiences that it was still worth reporting.

Learning History:

The Appleseed Project is put on by the Revolutionary War Veterans Association. The events of April 19, 1775, when the “*shot that was heard around the world*” occurred, serve as the basis for the history discussions that take place at an Appleseed event. Throughout the day, we took short breaks to hear the tales of the events that took place around April 19,

1775. Tales of simple farmers who were outnumbered by a superior British army,



and tales about incredible occurrences of “happenstance” that changed the outcome of an encounter, were sprinkled in throughout the day. Not only are Appleseed instructors skilled experts at shooting and rifle handling, but they are passionate and intimately knowledgeable-

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Legislative Corner

COLORADO: This is an update. As previously reported, HB09-1180, the “Brady Bypass Bill” was on the Senate Floor for discussion. The bill was passed by the Senate and House, but was vetoed by Governor Ritter. This from the RMGO site:

“5/15/09 - Despite the hundreds of calls and e-mails his office received, Colorado Democrat Gov. Bill Ritter today vetoed HB1180, the Brady Bypass bill, showing his anti-gun bias and setting the tone for his 2010 re-election campaign.”

Make sure Governor Ritter

hears our response on election day!

State’s Rights Initiatives: Something that is starting to take off is that more and more states are pursuing legislation to give states more control of their own affairs, and limit the

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able of our history as well.

Learning to Shoot: Two days at Appleseed is like drinking from a fire hose when it comes to receiving and absorbing rifle and shooting skills. Refining fundamental rifle and shooting skills is at the core of this event, and a participant can expect to be exposed to a number of key rifle handling concepts. Everything from basic sight alignment to sight picture to natural point of aim (NPOA) to breathing control are covered in depth. Using a GI web sling as a shooting aid is covered, as is the correct way to use the sling from standing, sitting, kneeling, and prone shooting positions. The goal of this training is to give the participant the necessary skills, that when practiced, will result in a score of 210 or greater (Expert/Rifleman) on the Army Qualification Test (AQT). Above all, proper safety and rifle handling are a core

aspect of the Appleseed shoot, and the instructors enforce the elements of safety throughout the event.

What we took away: Sore muscles! In an entire day of shooting, rapidly changing shooting positions, learning proper ways to get a good sight picture, we used muscles that we didn't know we had. Aside from that, my wife and I both gained a wealth of knowledge about rifles and shooting, and a greatly renewed appreciation about our heritage. We left the first day's session sore, but with an enormous sense of knowing what we didn't know about handling a rifle and properly shooting it.

Wrapping it All Up: Why is this a passionate topic for me, you ask? I have documented proof of my ancestry leading back to Jamestown settlers in the year 1609 and pilgrims on the Mayflower in 1620. My ances-

tors settled in the Boston and Cape Cod areas, and remained there up to and including my grandfather. So I can say with absolute certainty that I had ancestors with “boots on the ground” during the Revolutionary War. I owe it to my ancestors not to let freedom and liberty die. I think that ALL citizens of the United States owe our Forefathers an enormous debt of gratitude and responsibility – gratitude for creating the miracle known as the United States of America, and a responsibility to RESTORE our country to the ideals of liberty and freedom. The Appleseed Project is one of the best ways I have found to repay that debt. My wife and I will be going again!

For more information about the Appleseed Project, visit <http://www.appleseedinfo.org>.

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Concealed Carry in Colorado (C³)

Why Carry a Concealed Weapon?

We're fortunate here in Colorado in that we are a “Shall Issue” state, when it comes to obtaining a permit to carry a concealed handgun. Open carry is also allowed in most places for those who don't have a permit. But what are the reasons why people obtain a permit and carry concealed weapons?

I did some informal interviews of people in our area to find out why they carry a concealed weapon. One of the most prevalent answers was that given the hard economic times we are in right now, most feel that the increase of violent crime, such as robberies and home invasions is a certainty. Others answered that they work late hours and want to protect themselves when they are exiting the work place and travelling home late at night. One gentleman that I work with stated that his spouse got her permit because she is in real-estate, and there seems to be an increase in anecdotes about people masquerading as home buyers with the intent of lur-

ing a [female] real estate agent into an empty home and committing a violent attack.

Many popular studies by people such as John Lott, David Mustard, and Gary Kleck have stated over and over that in areas where concealed carry is more prevalent, violent crime is reduced. In the book “*More Guns, Less Crime*,” Lott went on to show that even if some people choose not to carry concealed weapons, their safety is still increased due to the increased number of people who do carry concealed weapons. The criminals have no clue who is carrying, so they are less likely to take the chance of attacking a potentially armed citizen.

When asked why he carries a concealed weapon, one respondent answered:

“Because I have an obligation to my family to protect them, and to protect myself since I am a major source of income and providing for their well-being. It has been shown that the police have no obligation whatsoever to protect me as an individual. I am fine

with accepting the responsibility to do it myself. I am also enthusiastic about being part of a statistic that says that my community is safer because I and many like me carry concealed weapons. Violent criminals will go elsewhere because their chances of being injured or killed while attacking someone in my community are greater.”

Regardless of your reasons for wanting to carry a concealed weapon, look into some training, visit the many online discussion forums, and get the facts. Carrying a concealed weapon is an enormous responsibility, worthy of investigating the “how” and “why” of doing so.

For more statistics, discussions, and documentation of CCW reasons and results, see the following web sites:

<http://www.kc3.com/CCWSTATS.html>

<http://www.claytoncramer.com/gundefenseblog/blogger.html>

Colorado concealed carry discussions:
<http://www.coloradocarry.com/forums/>

Range Rule of the Month

“Review the Range Rules!”

Summer is a popular time to use the shooting range, and especially to bring guests.

Two range rules of particular significance this month involve guests and our own responsibility to review the rules. Rule # 14 states in part that:

“Guests are allowed to shoot, with a member present, two times a year. The member who invites a guest must review these Range Rules with their guest before shooting.”

A previous news letter discussed the value of bringing a friend to the range. What an appropriate time to

refresh our own memories of the rules and remind ourselves of the necessity to be safe—especially with guests present who may not be as familiar with fire-arms.

Rule # 15 states:

“Failure to observe these Range Rules or to otherwise act as to jeopardize other persons or property is cause for revocation of range privileges and/or club membership upon review of such actions by the NCRGC Board of Directors as provided for in the

Bylaws.”

Membership in NCRGC is a wonderful privilege, especially given the reduction of places to shoot in our area. But with that privilege comes some awesome responsibilities. Safety is first and foremost, and our range rules provide the foundation for safe shooting. And nothing could be worse than violating the rules with a guest present.

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What’s Happening Around NCRGC?

The New Road: On May 21 & 22, the club was closed for road grading and culvert installation. There were still issues surrounding packing the new road surface. Check the web site for further club closures.

Hunter Safety Instructor of the year: Our own Sandra Dorffeld was awarded Hunter Safety Instructor of the Year for the North-east Region by the Colorado Divi-



sion of Wildlife. An awesome accomplishment! Sandra’s hunter safety courses are by far the best in Colorado. We salute you, Sandra!

NCRGC Going Hi-Tech: The NCRGC BoD is looking into ways to

leverage technology to make membership renewals, waiting list requests, member services, and even a discussion forum available via the web site. If any members know web site and data base scripting—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

NCRGC BoD Opening: There is an opening for Club Vice President. Email bod@ncrgc.org to express interest in this position.

Legislative Corner (continued)

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federal government’s intervention in key state’s rights.

One such effort is a movement started by Utah State Legislator Carl Wimmer, known as the *“Patrick Henry Caucus.”* This is a movement which is encouraging states to get involved, with a goal being to :

“...restore and uphold the sovereignty and rights of the individual States as guaranteed by the tenth amendment of the United States Constitution, which states, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

For more information on the Patrick Henry Caucus visit:

<http://thepatrickhenrycaucus.org/>

Citizens interested in volunteering to help this effort can visit:

<http://thepatrickhenrycaucus.org/signup.aspx>

Encourage your Colorado legislators to get involved in this important movement!

FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET, MAY 8, 2009.
SEE [THIS LINK](#) FOR DETAILS AND TICKETS

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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>



Shooting and Gun Ownership Information

Colorado AR-15 Shooters:

<http://www.co-ar15.com/co-ar15.htm>

Colorado State Shooting Association:

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

NRA Institute for Legislative Action:

<http://www.nra-ila.org/>

Rocky Mountain Gun Owner's Association:

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

Gun Owners of America:

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

Citizen's Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms:

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

Second Amendment Foundation:

<http://www.saf.org>

National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR):

<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/>

FAQ About Firearms Laws in Colorado (RMGO):

<http://www.rmgo.org/faq/>

Appleseed Project:

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

U.S. Concealed Carr Association:

<http://www.usconcealedcarry.com/>

International Defensive Pistol Association:

<http://www.idpa.com/>

U.S. Handgun Laws:

<http://www.handgunlaw.us/>

Gun News Daily:

<http://www.gunnewsdaily.com/>

Civilian Gun Self-Defense Blog:

<http://www.claytoncramer.com/gundefenseblog/blogger.html>

"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."

Source: San Diego Rifle and Pistol Association