

~ Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club ~

"The Best Little Rifle Range in Colorado"

December, 2009

Upcoming Events

- Next BoD Meeting: See NCRGC Website,
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, December 5, 2009
- Defensive Pistol Shoot:: December 6, 2009
- IDPA Match: December 19, 2009
- Shotgun: December 13 & 27, 2009
- Hunter's Safety Course: See NCRGC Website

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Four Sheets of Parchment:

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

The United States Constitution was written on just four sheets of parchment. Compare that to a single bill today submitted by Congress that exceeds 2,000 pages. And I'll bet the Founders read every single word on every single page of that most precious of founding documents. Not only that, but they understood exactly what they wrote! Today, we can't even get our legislators to be willing to make these huge bills available for us to try to read, much less read them themselves.

Gary DeMar recently summed it up pretty well in an [American Vision article](#): "*The Constitution of the United States was written on four sheets of parchment. If you count the Preamble and all 27*

Amendments (remember there were originally only ten), it comes out to 20 typed pages. If you don't count the signatures and amendments, you'll have a document of 11 typed pages. No single Amendment is a full page. Many are only a single sentence in length... Those original four sheets, about 4500 words, were good enough to serve as a document to govern a nation."

They give the excuse that the bills are too confusing for them to read. They wrote them, didn't they?! And now they don't want to read their own writing because it's too confusing? If that's the case, then maybe they should take a lesson

from the Founding Fathers and learn how to write things that are shorter and



easier to read. If they didn't write these bills, then who did!? Our Second Amendment which preserves our right to defend ourselves is only twenty-six words yet speaks volumes. Come on – how hard is it to write something as simple, yet as explicit as that?

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Legislative Corner

Health Care Bill— Senate Version:

Here is some information related to the potential impact on firearms ownership of the Senate version of the health care bill now being discussed, as reported by [Gun Owners of America](#):

"Section 1201 (inserting section 2705 into the PHSA) and 1001 (section 2717(a)(1)(D) and (b) of the PHSA) create wellness programs which allow consideration of behavioral issues in setting premiums and, presumably, determining activities which are so dangerous that coverage might

be suspended. The definition of "wellness" includes same very broad issues, including obesity and "lifestyle." But even these broad categories are not exclusive and do not prohibit, for example, the consideration of firearms ownership."

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So what does this mean to us as gun owners? Take the latest in gargantuan bills, the recent Affordable Health Care for America Act passed by the House of Representatives. In this monstrosity of a bill any number of amendments could spell gun control under the guise of "looking out for our health" and ensuring that we live in "safe environments" in our own homes. It takes only a little common sense for one to realize that buried in a bill that is over 2,000 pages long can be hidden any number of liberty killing amendments. At the very least, this represents further control of the American people by a government that is growing out of control.

Here is what Gun Owners of America has to say about this bill: *"This bill will...most likely result in all of your gun-related health data being dumped into a government database*

that was created in the stimulus bill. This includes any firearms-related information your doctor has gleaned... or any determination of PTSD, or something similar, that can preclude you from owning firearms."

Hurt yourself reloading? Need special glasses for shooting? Have an accident at the range? My suggestion is to find another explanation for those things to your doctor. The health care bill above is but one example. There have been several pieces of legislation considered in this past year alone that have been so huge as to be unreadable and uncomprehended by the average citizen. Next thing you know, it will be determined that firing a gun produces too much carbon dioxide, and you will face more taxes when buying guns and ammunition if cap and trade is passed.

Now, more than ever, it is crucial that gun owners (and all citizens) get involved and educate themselves on every single bill that our law makers try to push through. ANY bill can have the potential of containing anti-gun content and/or amendments. The health care bill, as an example, is in the hands of the Senate. If they pass a bill of their own, it has to be reconciled with the House bill and sent to the President to sign. We must be paying attention every step of the way if we are to have a say in how these laws are passed.

With the voluminous amounts of text in these bills, and the hundreds of amendments being slipped in, an innocent looking and sounding bill can turn into a gun owner's (or everyone's for that matter) worst nightmare in a single moment. Please – get off the bench and get into the game.

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Concealed Carry in Colorado (C³)

Refuse to Be a Victim:

There are a number of issues to consider, other than the ability to use lethal force, when deciding on self defense measures. We are not always able to carry concealed firearms with us, but the potential for having to use self defense measures is always present.

The NRA Offers an excellent seminar called the "Refuse to Be a Victim" (RTBAV) seminar. This session is four hours long, and covers issues such as personal security, home security, automobile security, workplace security, and technology security. Here is the official course description from the National Rifle Association:

"Experts agree that the single most important step toward ensuring your personal safety is making the decision to refuse to be a victim. That means that you must have an overall personal safety strategy in place before you need it.

Through a three to four hour seminar

(shorter presentations are available) called Refuse To Be A Victim®, you can learn the personal safety tips and techniques you need to avoid dangerous situations and avoid becoming a victim.

Hundreds of federal, state, and local law enforcement officials across the country have implemented Refuse To Be A Victim® into their crime prevention and community policing initiatives."

To find an RTBAV seminar, visit the [NRA web site](#), or ask an NRA Certified Instructor for more information.

Holster Safety:

One of the often taken for granted aspects of carrying a concealed firearm is holster safety. Many times, the four basic rules of gun safety are either overlooked, or are thought to not apply to a holstered firearm. To review the basic rules: 1) The gun is always loaded. 2) Never point the gun at anything you are not willing to destroy. 3) Keep your finger off the trigger until the sights are on the target, and 4) Be

sure of your target and what is beyond it.

Thinking of these things, especially when using a holster, can be important. There are a variety of other issues as well that are important to consider. Ask yourself these questions:

1. Do you have a habit of putting your finger on the trigger when holstering or de-holstering the firearm?
2. Is your holster such that if you bend over to pick something up the firearm falls out?
3. Can your firearms be easily taken out of the holster by another person?

If you find that safety is often compromised, change your equipment and/or change your procedures. Ask for holster selection advice from one of our defensive pistol or IDPA experts, get further training in defensive pistol techniques. Attend one of our defensive pistol or IDPA matches.

Range Rule of the Month

"Where to Shoot and What to Shoot"

Shooting the proper types of guns, and at the appropriate ranges is a vitally important aspect of safety at the NCRGC range.

Range rule #7 states:

"Shotgun range—use shotguns with size 6 or smaller shot only. No slugs, rifles or pistols to be fired on the shotgun range."

Range rule # 8 states:

"Rifle and Pistol Range (Upper Range) rifles, pistols and shotguns are allowed. Clay pigeons are allowed on the upper range as stationary targets only. Full auto, burst fire and 'bump shooting' is not al-

lowed."

Range rule # 9 states:

Hand gun and Air gun Range (lower) only pistols, revolvers and air guns are allowed. Shoot only at target, not at rocks on ground or rock back-ground to prevent ricochets."

Every now and then .223 and larger shell casings are found in an area where they shouldn't be—near the shotgun range and pistol range. To repeat:

"Hand gun and Air gun Range (lower) only pistols, revolvers and air guns are allowed."

This is a vital safety issue!

It is important to ensure that when using the shotgun range, number 6 shot and smaller is used to prevent shot from carrying to the roadway located beyond the hills downrange from the shotgun pads.

Also, while using the shotgun range, only use biodegradable clay targets..

What's Happening Around NCRGC?

A Note From The Vice President:

We had 468 Hunter Education students do their live fire at our range and graduated. If you have not taken a Colorado hunter education course, I would like for you to know that we teach more than hunting. Our main focus is firearm safety and to promote the future of hunting. It is our privilege to hunt and so few people get involved anymore. We have people take the course that never plan to

hunt because we also teach survival and wildlife management and Identification. Because we have so many students go through our range, we are eligible for range grants through the Colorado Division of Wildlife. We have applied for two different grants at this time for road work and upgrades on buildings, and to starter archery range.

As soon as we hear if we are awarded one or both grants, we will start the work to improve the ranges. We would also need volunteers to help get some of

the work done if the grants come through for us. We are working on bringing more activities to the range and hope to see more members get involved in the programs and help make it all happen. I look forward to meeting more of you each time I go to the range. As I learn more on the grants I will keep you all informed. Thank you for your time and Happy Holidays.

Sandra Dorffeld

Legislative Corner (continued)

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International Treaties:

International Treaties can possibly have an impact on American sovereignty and our freedoms. NRA is keeping a close watch on The NRA [recently reported](#) some information on this issue:

"The current issue under discussion, the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), is in the early stages of the negotiation process. There is no actual draft text at this time. Work on the ATT is scheduled to continue by a consensus process between now and 2012. It should be noted that any treaty must be approved by two thirds of the U.S. Senate for ratification.

Attempts to thwart our freedoms should be no surprise, given the anti-gun climate of the international community in general, and the current U.S. administration in particular."

As more information is received on both the health care bill and any international treaty movement, it will be reported in the NCRGC news letter.

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."