



## Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club

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### Upcoming Events

There are several events for NCRGC members and the shooting public. Check out the [NCRGC Calendar](#) for the latest information.

#### [Defensive Pistol](#)

1st Sunday of the month

#### [IDPA](#)

3rd Saturday of the month

#### [Steel Challenge](#)

4th Saturday of the month

#### [Shotgun](#)

2nd Sunday of the month  
4th Sunday of the month

Range Cleanup  
1st Saturday of the month

Dear Bryon

We held a Special Meeting on June 28th at Jax Outdoor Gear to discuss several changes to the NCRGC Constitution and Bylaws. About 20 members were in attendance. The changes were explained in detail and then a motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept all of the changes. The new NCRGC [Constitution and Bylaws](#) have been added to the website and all members are encouraged to read them. Special thanks to Sandra Dorffeld for updating the original document and tracking all of the changes. Thank you also to the 20 members who attended the meeting.

We also held our Annual Meeting on July 9th at the rifle range. About 30 people were in attendance. The meeting provided a great opportunity to get to know each other over a free lunch. Additionally, the primary purpose of the meeting was to elect several members to serve on the Board of Directors. We had three openings this year and they were all filled with enthusiastic volunteers. Here is a list of your Board members:

#### Board of Directors for 2011-2012

President: Brian Holder

Vice President: Sandra Dorffeld

Secretary: Jim Roode

Treasurer/Shotgun Chair: John Ball

Range Master: John Shideler

At-Large: Andy Taylor

At-Large: Randy Timmerman

At-Large: Scott Hicks

Defensive Pistol/Steel Challenge/IDPA: Keith Markey

If you are interested in getting involved on the Board, please join us at any of our upcoming meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm at [Jax Outdoor Gear](#) (1200 N. College Ave in Fort Collins). Thank you!

Sincerely,

### Membership

Memberships costs are \$85 per year for Individual and \$95 for Household. A membership runs from September 1st to August 31st the following year.

[Click here for more information](#)

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[Brian Holder](#), President

## NCRGC Receives Two CDOW Grants

[Sandra Dorffeld](#), Vice President and Hunter Education Instructor

NCRGC members have something to celebrate in the form of not one but two grants from the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The first grant was awarded in 2009 and it was for \$5,080 with a match from us for \$1,693 to make improvements to the Club. The improvements include installing a basic archery range, a clay thrower, .22 targets for youth programs and 7 1/2 yards of concrete to install a handicap slap and to secure the high tower on the shotgun range. Due to a shortage of volunteer help, we have not completed the concrete or fencing around the archery range. This work needs to be completed before December 2011.



Work in progress on the new Archery Range.

The second grant was awarded in 2010 and it was for \$2,210 with a match from us for \$737 to make improvements to the Club. The improvements include repairing and improving the parking lot to the lower range. The work needs to be completed before December 2012 and we need to close out the 2009 grant before we can apply for yet another grant for 2011.

These grants are made available to us through the Hunter Education program of Colorado and, in turn, we allow the range to be used by Hunter Education students for their live fire portions of their courses. We also allow the public to use the range for various events such as Shotgun, IDPA, etc. It is truly a win-win partnership for all parties involved.

The Board of Directors will continue to work on making the necessary improvements to the Club to keep it safe and functional for the members and the general public. Volunteers interested in helping to complete the grants should contact the [Range Master](#).

## Safety is Paramount

[Bryon Fessler](#), Incoming Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO)

Safety is paramount and it is the personal responsibility of each and every authorized user of the range. The accidental shooting at the Weld County firing range that resulted in the death of a retired CSU professor serves as a reminder to all of us that safety must always be our first concern when handling or using a firearm. One of the leading cause of accidents involving firearms is ignorance which is a lack of knowledge being displayed by a person handling a firearm. The person does not know the safety rules or how the firearm operates. This is truly a dangerous lack of knowledge. Another leading cause of accidents involving firearms is carelessness. The person knows the safety rules and how the firearm operates but becomes careless in properly and consistently applying that knowledge.



Bullet holes on the roof of the rifle range.

The need for safety exists wherever firearms are located or used, at home while cleaning, on the shooting range, and during transportation from and to home. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. Remember...firearm safety depends on all of us! Thank you and I look forward to becoming your Chief Range Safety Officer.

## Range Cleanup

[B.J. Patterson](#), Rangemaster

The range cleanup for this month was held on July 2 and we had a pretty good turnout including Frank Kunc; Andy Poulsen and his entire family; and Mike, Jon, and Zack Perrego. We were able to rebuild the rifle and pistol ranges and even got in some weed whacking and brush hogging. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Members are reminded that they are expected to participate, to the extent possible, in at least one scheduled range cleanup or

maintenance activity during the year. Range cleanups are held on the first Saturday of the month. The next one is scheduled for August 6th at 10:00 am at the Range.

## August is Renewal Month

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[Jim Roode](#), Secretary ??

Similar to last year, members will receive a notice by mail in the next couple of weeks indicating that they can renew their membership during the month of August. The preferred method of renewal is by using PayPal (instructions and password will be provided in the notice) although members can also renew by check.

A member failing to remit the required dues and signed application, postmarked no later than September 1st, for the upcoming membership year will be dropped from the membership roles. He/she must apply for reinstatement in accordance with the guidelines for new applications. So please, mark your calendar accordingly and renew sometime between August 1 and August 31.

Members who are unable to renew during the month of August (e.g., extended vacations, military deployments) can make prior special arrangements with the Club on a case by case basis.

## About Us

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The [Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club](#) (NCRGC) 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 US 287 on the Weaver Ranch north of Fort Collins, Colorado.

We are a private gun club, promoting shooting sports and safe gun handling for the entire family.

If you have a question or comment concerning our newsletter, please contact the [editor](#). Thank you!

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