



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

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4th Saturday of the month

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2nd Sunday of the month

4th Sunday of the month

[Range Cleanup](#)

Dear Bryon

For those of you who are new to the Club this year...welcome! I encourage you to take advantage of what the Club has to offer by visiting the Club's [website](#) and coming out for an event or two. It is a great way to get involved and make new friends. For those of you who are returning members, thank you for supporting the Club over the years. We now have 748 members and our limit is 750 (set by the County years ago).

I want to especially thank [Juanita Griffin](#), our paid administrative assistant, for keeping track of all of the membership information. Juanita is a huge help to our Club and we would not survive without her assistance. Thank you Juanita!

I also want to thank my fellow Board members for taking time out of their busy schedules to help run the Club. We are always looking for new ideas so if you would like to get involved, please come to one of our Board meetings. The meetings take place on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at [Mulligan's Pub & Restaurant](#) in Fort Collins. We have our own private meeting room and we can order food and drinks off the menu. Come join us!

Sincerely,

[Brian Holder](#), NCRGC President

**Range Master Profile - John Shideler**

[Newsletter Editor](#)

*Editor's note: John recently volunteered to be the NCRGC Range Master. Here are a few Q&As to get to know John a little better:*

Can you tell us a little bit about yourself, where you grew up, and how you became interested in NCRGC? I was born in Council Bluffs, IA in the mid-

1st Saturday of the month

### 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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sixties, after a few months our family moved to Boulder then to Fort Collins and back to the mid-west in 1970 where we had a homestead east of Kansas City. Growing up in the country I enjoyed hunting, camping and fishing on our acreage which includes three lakes. As a youth I participated in cub and boy scouts, school sports and outdoor activities. At the age of ten, I learned how to operate and maintain our tractors and equipment and I remember spending hours and hours mowing and maintaining our land. At the age of 12, my father introduced me to firearms which focused on safety, operations and maintenance. Soon after that our family moved to Estes Park and my interest in firearms continued by participating in boy scouts, attending a hunter safety class and school events related to hunting, fishing and recreational shooting. After graduating from Park High School in Estes I obtained my broadcast engineering license and started working in radio stations as an engineer while playing music (guitar, keyboards and drums) in my spare time. As the broadcast industry change though deregulation my work dried up and I secured a position with Hewlett-Packard in Greeley. I spent seven years with Hewlett-Packard in Greeley and in Fort Collins working with Information Technology. After that I spent a few years working for myself writing software and providing technical solutions to the broadcast industry. A federal employment opportunity arose while working as an Information Technology Manager for an oil company in Oklahoma. I accepted the challenge and joined the USDA working for the Natural Resource Conservation Service (formally known as the Soils Conservation Service). I have been with the federal government for the last six years currently functioning as a Senior Information Technology Program Manager. I now have four children which all enjoy hunting, fishing and recreational shooting. To support my and my family's interest in firearms I have been a member of local clubs like the Estes Park Gun and Archery Club, shot at the indoor ranges in Fort Collins and Loveland, shot at most outdoor local ranges, shot in the National Forest and out at Pawnee and was looking for a nice, safe place to shoot that was close to town. This is when I found the Northern Colorado Rod and Gun Club. I quickly requested membership and after a few months was able to become a member and have enjoyed the use of the range facilities.

Why are you interested in serving on the Board as Range Master? After becoming more familiar with the Club, its ranges and as a NRA instructor I perused an opportunity to participate and help out with the operations and maintenance of the range as the Range Master for Club. Shortly thereafter, the Range Master position was added as a permanent member of the Board of Directors and I was excited to volunteer my experience

and skills and participated in the leadership of the Club.

What motivates you as a volunteer? In these days, our fast pace world, people seem to mainly focus on monetary and material gains and commonly miss the fundamental enjoyment and satisfaction of participating and helping out in our society. I enjoy the basic satisfaction I feel when I help a neighbor trim trees or shovel snow. Of course volunteering rarely puts food on the table and pays the bills so I strive for the proper balance. Before I started volunteering I felt a little empty and I didn't enjoy life as much. I guess I am a little selfish since I enjoy the satisfaction I get when I see that my volunteering efforts impact others in a positive way and make a difference.

## NRA Distinguished Expert

[Keith Markey](#), Defensive Pistol Chair

On January 1, 2012, the Defensive Pistol group held our New Year's Day match. This year, under the guidance of NRA instructor John Harrell, we participated in the NRA Distinguished Expert course of fire. This competition measures the shooters ability to shoot consistently and accurately through 24 strings of fire. To be successfully awarded the title of "Distinguished Expert," each shooter must obtain the required scores through six rounds of fire. Each round of fire is comprised of four strings. The competitor will shoot one string in a two-handed "free style" method, one string in a two-handed weak-hand-dominate "free style", one string strong-hand only, and one string weak-hand only. Each string consists of five rounds and must be shot in less than 10 seconds, starting from a ready position. Eight of the 14 shooters who participated in the event were awarded Distinguished Expert Certificates and Medals. We hope to run the course of fire again in the summer/fall time frame or as requested by the regular participants. Shooters interested in NRA classes or more information on the Distinguished Expert course of fire may contact [John Harrell](#).



## NCRGC Steel Challenge Matches

[Keith Markey](#), Defensive Pistol Chair



Photo Courtesy [SteelChallenge.com](http://SteelChallenge.com)/Paul Erhardt

The NCRGC Steel Challenge Matches are held on the fourth Saturday of every month. Always check the voice mail at 970-282-1648 for cancellations before you drive to the range (especially this time of year). The basics are simple and the anyone can play: The shooter stands in front of five steel targets. At the sound of the buzzer, they shoot four in any order, then a designated stop plate last. Repeat this five times and move on to the next series of 5 targets.

The shooting is pretty easy; the hardest target may be a ten-inch disk at eighteen yards, you get as many shots as you want, and hitting it anywhere counts. You also get to throw out your worst run on every stage. How much easier could it get?

The trick is as soon as the buzzer sounds, the clock starts and it doesn't stop until you hit the stop plate. Once you get done with all your runs, the times are added up and the lowest time wins.

At the local level we have shooters at every level from beginner on up. Some may be out only to clang some steel, some may be law enforcement officers working on their skills, some may be friends racing to see who buys lunch, but everybody's out for a fun day on the range.

All kinds of different pistols compete in Steel Challenge, from .22's through production and semi-custom guns to space-age race guns. At the end of the day, you'll see where you stand against people shooting similar equipment and also against everybody else.

.22 shooters have the fewest equipment requirements-- A .22 handgun or rifle is permitted , a few magazines and a bag. They start shooting from a low-ready position.

Centerfire shooters shoot everything from 9mm on up to .45 ACP. Centerfire shooters start with the pistol in a holster and the shooters hands must be held above their shoulders before the buzzer sounds.

One note about safety: Eye and ear protection is mandatory for everybody on the range. Steel targets generate splatter and rarely those fragments come uprange. You don't want a fragment of lead to ruin your day. Anyone under the age of 18 can shoot with

adult supervision. You need to bring 300 - 400 rounds of ammunition and a \$10 entry fee. We always need help setting up the course of foire in the morning and help tearing it down at night and everyone is expect to help in some capacity.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Range Report - January 2012

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[John Shideler](#), Range Master

Due to the weather the no range cleanup day for December. Three members attended the range cleanup on January 3rd. General cleanup was performed and it included picking up brass and trash, emptying brass buckets and trash cans into the three dumpsters, and repairing and rebuilding targets stands. Special thanks to the following members who attended the January range cleanup:

Steve Taylor  
Sheldon Grominert  
Rob Lee

We noticed that the cattle tore up the archery targets and were eating the hay bales. We obviously need to construct a fence to protect these targets from the livestock. I am in the process of coordinating a work party to construct a fence and complete the archery range.



Hopefully we can complete this over the next few months as the weather allows. Stay tuned for more information.

I appreciate everybody's help and I would like to remind everyone of their obligation as a club member to participate in at least one range cleanup day annually.

## 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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