



Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club (NCRGC) June 2020 Newsletter



RENEWAL IS NOW OPEN THROUGH JULY 31

Renewal Website Is On The Back Of Your Badge
All Renewal Actions Must Be Completed By July 31, 2020

Manual Clay Thrower Disabled

The manual clay thrower on the Shotgun Range will be disabled for safety concerns. The thrower has malfunctioned and created an unacceptable rise to member safety. The Range Master (Russ) will find an acceptable alternative.

The Range is still open, please bring or use a hand thrower until repair, replacement has been completed.

From the Board of Directors

The club annual meeting will take place on Saturday, July 11th at 1:00 pm. This is your chance as a member to hear about what is going on with the club. We will be electing members to the Board of Directors. **We are presenting give-a-ways including a gift certificate for \$500.00 for range cleanup participants from the 2019-2020 membership year. Member participation at the Annual Meeting is vital, please plan to attend if possible.** We are having a range cleanup that same morning at 10:00 am. Participating in this range clean up satisfies your member range cleanup requirement for the 2020-2021 membership year. Lunch will be served at noon.

Membership Fees for FY2020-2021

Bryon Fessler, Treasurer

Some of you may have noticed that we advertised ALL our membership fees for FY2020-2021 on the recent postcard that was mailed to all members. This created some confusion as some current members questioned if they owed the Capital Improvement Fee or not. They do not as that only applies to new members who join the Club. Here is a break down of the membership fees for FY2020-2021 and some clarification of those fees:

- **Membership Dues:** \$150 for current and new members
- **Range Cleanup Fee:** \$100 for current members if you did NOT attend a range cleanup last year. This fee will go up to \$125 next year.
- **Capital Improvement Fee:** \$150 for new members only. This is a one-time fee and it represents their share of all the range safety improvements that have been made over the years.
- **Replacement Badge Fee:** \$25

So, in summary, current members owe either \$150 if they attended a range cleanup or \$250 if they did not attend a range cleanup. Please let us know if you have additional questions (membership@ncgrc.org).

Spouse Associate Member Badge

Gary Caldwell, Secretary

Members, do not forget to include your spouses on the Smartwaiver you fill out for renewal if you want them to receive an Associate Member Badge. **Your spouse MUST be included on your primary member Smartwaiver in order to continue to receive a badge or obtain one for the first time.** We will send out an email for the Spouse/Associate Member Badge renewal immediately after Membership Renewal closes. Any spouse that does not currently have a badge is eligible to receive a badge. The spouse must also attend an upcoming Safety Orientation if they have not attended previously and do not currently have a badge. The upcoming Safety Orientations will be on September 12th, 13th and October 3rd all at 1:00 pm. Please email us at (membership@ncgrc.org) if you have any questions.

NRL22 Precision Rifle Matches

Bryon Fessler, NRL22 Match Director

The Club hosts monthly NRL22 matches on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10 am at the Rifle Range with a mandatory safety briefing at 9:45 am. You can check zero and DOPE at 9 am. All firearms must remain bagged from vehicle to and from firing line. Setup begins at 8 am and any help is greatly appreciated. You can participate in one of 6 classes including Open (no restrictions on the rifle), Base (combined MSRP of rifle and scope under \$1,050), Ladies, Young Guns (8-16 years), Air Rifle, and Old Guns (any shooter older than 60). The rifle classes must utilize rifles chambered in .22 Long Rifle. The match consists of 5 official stages and up to 2 optional fun stages, so you need about 100 rounds of ammo to participate. Everyone is welcome to come shoot, including members, guests, and the public. Please let us know if you are new to precision rifle shooting and we will pair you up with someone who can assist you. Cost is \$10 per shooter and pre-registration is required. Please review the rules and regulations on our website (www.ncrgc.org) and email the Match Director with any questions (nrl22@ncrgc.org). Per the Board of Directors, the Rifle Range is closed from sunrise to around 2 pm for the sanctioned NRL22 matches.

Steel Challenge



Steve Jessup, Steel Challenge Match Director

We applied for, and received, a permit from Larimer County to **resume the Steel Challenge match at our range!** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, mandated by Larimer County, we can only allow the first 15 shooters, no nonparticipants allowed. No water can be provided, social distancing still applies, and a mask will be required at the firing line. (By both the shooter and RSO.) This match is approved through the end of the year for our once a month event, 4th Saturday of each month. Payment and registration is

being set up. Check our facebook events page for future events
(<https://www.facebook.com/ncrgc.org/>)

Phoenix Weaponry Open House for NCRGC Members

The Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club is excited to bring a special opportunity to its membership.

On Saturday, July 25th from 4pm to 8pm, a private, open house event will be held at Phoenix Weaponry in Berthoud. This event is only open to club members and their escorted guests. You MUST wear your current, Regular or Associate membership ID badge for admission.

Phoenix Weaponry is a custom weapons manufacturer that specializes in pistol & rifle suppressors, integrally suppressed precision rifles and shotguns, NFA items, and other precision shooting platforms. Phoenix also provides design and coating services, firearm restoration, custom build classes, and gunsmithing.

Phoenix Weaponry has received multiple print, online, and video reviews for their products - including coverage in Guns Magazine, Hog Hunting Magazine, Recoil Magazine, Shooting Illustrated, Gun Digest, Trigger Magazine, Tactical Word Magazine, Kentucky Ballistics, and World of Firepower magazine.

This is your opportunity to get a private tour of Phoenix Weaponry's 10,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility and showroom as well as to learn and ask questions about the specialized industry of precision firearms manufacturing.

WHERE:

Phoenix Weaponry
504 North 2nd Avenue
Berthoud, CO 80513

WHEN:

Saturday, July 25th
4:00pm - 8:00pm



*** Please RSVP for this event to membership@ncrgc.org ***

For directions to Phoenix Weaponry click this link:

<https://goo.gl/maps/NQ33SXXgXyX2WGcc8>

NRL 22 June 2020 Match Results



Despite some COVID-19 restrictions, the Club was able to start the 2020-2021 NRL22 season with a suppressed bang. Severe thunderstorms dumped a deluge of rain the night before but that did not stop 27 shooters from taking on Erik Severson's challenging course of fire on 6/27. We welcomed 6 new shooters to the NRL22 family and procured two loaner rifles that should be ready by July. Congratulations to all our first-place winners including Justin Topel (Open), Patrick Schoneck (Base), Lindsay Stamm (Ladies), Wyatt Grimmer (Young Guns), and Myron Stowe (Old Guns). Special thanks to squad leaders Justin, Byron, Jeff, Robert, Patrick, Zach, and Jason. You guys make my job look easy and I greatly appreciate how safe you are and how much fun we have together. Monumental thanks go to Zach for procuring some engraved top shooter awards (Myron, your OG award is coming). Scores and pics are on our website (<https://www.ncrgc.org/shooting-disciplines/nrl22/>) as is the pre-registration for next month's match on 7/25. Hope to see you there!"

Disciplinary Committee Member Safety Violations

The safety of our members and their guests is one of our top priorities and, being such, we will address safety violations when they come to the attention of our Disciplinary Committee. The last newsletter included an article discussing what exactly a cold range is and what the expectations of members are while the range is cold. It is important for every member to understand that they are ultimately responsible and accountable for both their own actions and also the actions of any of their guests.

During the Board of Directors (BOD) meeting held on June 18th, unfortunately, we needed the address three separate incidents of safety violations by members. The following is an overview of one incident that was discussed and the actions that were taken by the BOD.

Incident 20200215 - The member, and a guest, arrived at the rifle range during a 'COLD' range and confirmed it as 'COLD' with another member already there. The disciplined member and guest then returned to their vehicle in the parking lot to retrieve their gear - including four rifles. In the process of retrieving their firearms, the member and guest uncased the rifles, ejected magazines, and adjusted the bolt action of the firearms while the rifles were generally pointed in the direction of the other member. After uncasing the firearms, the disciplined member and guest carried the uncased rifles from the parking lot, through the gate, and to a concrete shooting table. And while transporting these rifles, the firearms were carried in a manner (horizontally, pointing forward, and at waist level) that resulted in the barrels being directly and repeatedly pointed at the other member. After noticing unsafe behavior, another concerned member took a video and shared it with the BOD. The member was notified of the violations, was invited to attend the BOD meeting to discuss the violations and chose to do so.

This incident involved multiple violations of our range safety rules. The most egregious of these include....

GUN HANDLING:

- The rifles were pointed in an unsafe direction (eg. at another member) multiple times.
- The rifles were uncased with their bolts locked forward and magazines in place.
- The member removed the magazines and opened the bolt action while the rifles were pointed in an unsafe direction.

GENERAL & SPECIFIC RANGE RULES - RIFLE RANGE:

- The rifles were uncased and handled during a 'COLD' range.
- The member removed the magazines and opened the bolt action while the rifles were pointed in an unsafe direction.
- The member and guest crossed the yellow ready line during a 'COLD' range.
- The member and guest handled firearms at a concrete shooting bench during a 'COLD' range.

ADMINISTRATIVE RANGE RULES:

- The member was not wearing their membership ID badge.
- The member failed in their duty to have their guest complete a Guest Waiver form and wear a Guest Badge.

The Disciplinary Committee affirmed the charges and the BOD decided to suspend the member's club privileges through the remainder of this membership year. The member was notified that his badge needed to be returned to the NCRGC within 10 days of notification or it will result in a permanent expulsion from the NCRGC. Additionally, this member will be required to attend one of the three Safety Orientations that are required for all new members.

The club's rules have been established for our member's safety and they will certainly be enforced as needed. If you feel that you would benefit from a refresher of the range rules and policies, we would encourage and welcome you to attend one of the three scheduled new member safety orientations. The upcoming Safety Orientations will be on September 12th, 13th and October 3rd all at 1:00 pm.

Range Clean Up July 11, 2020

Greetings NCRGC Members!

Welcome to the start of a new Membership year! Please mark on your calendar the Range Clean Up Event is moved one week due to the 4th of July Holiday!

The **JULY 11** Range Cleanup will be the first opportunity for RCU Credit this Membership year. At this Range Clean event we will:

- Finish painting all wood
- Fix target stands at Rifle and Pistol Ranges
- Repair PVC stand holders
- Check and tighten all perimeter fences
- Tar the top of the Range separation walls
- Mow and trim where the large mowers can't reach
- Set up Tents and Chairs for the annual meeting please stay after the RCU for the Annual Meeting
- Assist set-up for caterer for lunch

Please dress for the warm weather: Sunscreen, Hats, Gloves, Sunglasses and all sundry items for safety, especially masks!

These are exciting days in front of us. Many are preparing for Hunting seasons, Archery season is only 2 months away! We have a great venue for our sport and you all do a great job at helping us to keep it all clean!

See you at the Range!

Russ



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