



Helpful Reminders and Suggestions

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is comprised of a minimum of five Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Range Master) as well as three At Large Members. The chairpersons of recognized shooting discipline are also Board members. They are all hard-working volunteers who receive no direct compensation. The Board of Directors welcomes your ideas and suggestions. You can email the entire Board of Directors at bod@ncrgc.org. Please let us know if you can donate some time and talent to the Board. We have a few openings each year and they do not take a huge time commitment on your part.

Board Meetings

We encourage you to attend our Board meetings on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please check the calendar for location. There is an opportunity at the start of each meeting for members to address the Board with their concerns and suggestions. Members are also welcome simply to learn more about the function and administration of the Club.

Lease

The NCRGC leases approximately 14 acres from the Weaver Ranch for club ranges and facilities. When you utilize the range, you must pick up after yourself. Our landlords consider it extremely disrespectful to leave empty casings and trash. They have requested that we identify club members leaving casings and trash for the purpose of expulsion from the Club. Always conduct yourself in a manner that is responsible and respectful to the Weaver Ranch, Club property and other members. Failure to do so could jeopardize our relationship with the Weaver Ranch and our ongoing lease.

Speed Limit

The Club operates on the property of an active cattle ranch and the speed limit for all roads on the Weaver Ranch is 15 mph. Please also adjust your speed as weather conditions dictate and watch out for cattle and other wildlife that may be on or near the road.

Badges

You must wear your badge so that it is always visible. This is written into our lease and failure to do so constitutes trespassing. If you see someone without a visible or guest waiver sticker, please politely remind them to put it on.

Ranges

The Northern Colorado Rod and Gun Club's 14-acre outdoor facilities offer five separate ranges including a Rifle Range, Pistol Range, Shotgun Range, Archery Range, and Tactical Bays. You must read and follow the Range Safety Rules for these ranges as well as any special rules as posted near their respective entrances. The lower ranges (e.g., Pistol Range, Tactical Bays, Shotgun Fields, and Archery Range) are between 5,600' and 5,800' in altitude and the upper range (Rifle Range) is between 5,800' and 6,200' in altitude. All ranges are open to members year-round from sunrise to sunset except

during range cleanups and some ranges are closed or have restricted use during sanctioned events. Be sure to check the calendar for more information regarding range closures and other activities. Always raise the range flag when you are present on any particular range - even if you are not actively shooting and lower the range flag when you leave. Shoot only in your designated lane (no cross shooting). Use of armor piercing, steel core, tracer, explosive, or incendiary ammunition and targets on any range is prohibited.

Rifle Range

The Rifle Range has twenty (20) covered firing stations with concrete tables to provide a solid shooting platform. All lanes use pre-made target stands that can be placed at various, pre-set distances using embedded PVC target holders. Lanes #1 through #10 support target stand placement at 7, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, and 100 yards. In addition to rifle use, handguns and shotguns may also be used on these lanes. Lanes #11 through #15 support target stand placement at 25, 50, 75, 100, and 150 yards. Lanes #15 through #20 support target stand placement at 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, and 200 yards. All shooting lanes on the rifle range have fixed, steel gong lane markers that you can shoot. Please note that you are expressly forbidden from shooting the steel lane markers/targets on lanes #1 through #10 with any ammunition that exceeds 3,000 fps. (This includes most centerfire rifle ammunition and all standard .223, 5.56, and 7.62 cartridges.) Member sheds are placed at each end of the firing line and contain chairs, pre-made target stands, sand bags, and first aid supplies. Use of automatic, select fire, or any other methods which result in rapid fire is expressly forbidden. Members may bring and use their own commercial steel targets at the Rifle Range on the condition that the steel targets are supported on stands (eg. Not resting on the ground) and placed at least 25 yards in front of the firing line.

Pistol Range

The Pistol Range has ten (10) covered firing stations and shooting benches for each station. Lane #1 through #5 have reduced-width benches to allow for drawing from a holster. The shooting bench on lane #7 is set at a lower height to accommodate shooters with disabilities as well as anyone who prefers a lower table height. All lanes use pre-made target stands that can be placed at distances from 7, 10, 15, 20, and 25 yards using embedded PVC target holders. Additionally, steel gong lane markers – which can also be used as targets – are placed at 35 yards. A member shed containing chairs, pre-made target stands, sand bags, and first aid supplies is located at the entrance to the Pistol Range. Only handguns are allowed on the pistol range (semi-auto, revolver, air, black powder, etc.), no rifles or shotguns.

Tactical Bays

The Club has six (6) Tactical Bays that are used for sanctioned events such as Steel Challenge, Defensive Pistol, Rimfire Challenge, First Shots, Hunter's Education, etc. While Tactical Bay #3 through #6 are exclusively reserved for use during sanctioned events, Bays #1 and #2 are available for use by members who have completed the Tactical Bay Certification. Activities allowed in the Tactical Bays include drawing from a holster, moving the firing line, engaging multiple targets, rapid fire, transition drills, various shooting positions, shooting on the move, etc. Rifles and shotguns may not be used in any Tactical Bay except when specifically allowed or called for in the course of fire during a sanctioned event. Member use of Tactical Bay #1 and #2 is on a first-come basis unless a sanctioned event is taking place. Be sure to check the calendar as sanctioned events take priority over all other use. Due to the possibility of shot overspray from the Shotgun Fields, Member use of the Tactical Bays is prohibited when the Shotgun Fields are in service for sanctioned events and on a first-come basis with the Shotgun Fields at all other times.

Shotgun Fields

The Shotgun Fields contain skeet (eight) and trap (five) stations. Skeet is a recreational and competitive activity where participants, using shotguns, attempt to break clay disks automatically flung into the air from two fixed stations at high speed at various angles. Trap shooting was originally developed, in part, to augment bird hunting and to provide a method of practice for bird hunters. Use shotguns with size 6 or smaller shot only. No slugs, rifles, pistols, revolvers, or air guns are allowed. Members can bring their own throwers or use the Club's provided manual thrower. When the Shotgun Fields are in use, the Tactical Bays are closed and vice versa on a first-come priority basis.

Archery Range

The Archery Range has five (5) firing stations with stationary targets at 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 yards as well as one unmarked distance target. The Archery Range is closed when the Shotgun Fields are in use. Firearms and broad-head arrows are not allowed.

Mailing Address

The Club's mailing address is NCRGC, PO Box 1298, Fort Collins CO 80522. This is the address that you should use to mail correspondence to the Club.

Physical Address

The club's physical address (for your GPS) is 4809 W. County Rd 72, Laporte CO 80535. The cows do not accept mail on our behalf at our physical address so do not use it to mail correspondence to the Club.

Phone Number

The club's phone number is 970-282-1648. Please call this number to check for activity cancellations or range closures due to weather or for any other club-related questions or concerns. You may also use this number if you have a membership question or would like to report a range maintenance or safety issue. Please be aware that email is probably the best, fastest method for contacting the club about non-emergency issues.

Club Website

The Club maintains a website at www.ncrgc.org. It contains information on all of our club activities and is an invaluable resource. Please bookmark this website and refer to it often.

Email Address

In the left hand column of the club webpage, you can find the contact information for the Board of Directors, shooting discipline chairs and appointed officers. Membership@ncrgc.org is the best email to use for general questions. Classified ad information can be sent to webmaster@ncrgc.org. Email is the best way to contact the club for anything other than emergencies and last-minute event cancellation notices. Please be aware that it we will make every effort to respond within 24 hours but in some instances, it could take longer.

Club Newsletter

The club publishes a monthly newsletter and sends it out to members who have provided their email addresses to the club. The newsletter contains information on upcoming activities, safety reminders,

important club happenings, etc. Please notify the Member Services Coordinator if you change your email address, mailing address, etc. (send an email to membership@ncrgc.org).

Instructor Program

Members who are in good standing, who are also firearms instructors, may apply for the Instructor Membership Program which would allow them to bring students to the range, providing they agree to strict conditions for doing so. There is an added fee for this type of membership as well as other eligibility and conduct requirements. Interested members should contact the Chief Range Safety Officer for more information.

Front Gate Lock

The club has combination locks are commercial grade, heavy duty and weather resistant. The combo locks are "traditional" in that they utilize a middle row of numbers. To open, turn the wheels to the four-digit combo and separate the shackle (the shackle springs open). To lock, turn the wheels to scramble the numbers and depress the shackle into place. Please do not oil the locks. These locks require powdered graphite and will be maintained as necessary. Remember to close and lock the front gate and the members-only sheds. It is a good idea to turn the lock combination numbers to all zeros or at least spin the wheels to scramble the numbers. Never leave the wheels lined up on the real combo. The Club facilities are gated to limit access to members who are provided the lock combination with their Club membership. A sign will be posted when the gate needs to be left open for special events, range cleanups, etc. You have paid money and made a commitment to help keep the range a safe place and abide by the range rules. Unescorted non-members are not bound by, may not be aware of Club By-Laws and may have no regard for safety or property. If a member is caught intentionally leaving the gate open to provide access for others who are not members, they will lose their membership permanently. Thank you for taking security seriously and for helping the club to protect its assets.

Organized Shooting Activities

The club has a variety of organized monthly shooting activities including Defensive Pistol, Shotgun, Know Your Limits, Steel Challenge, Rimfire Challenge, NRL22, etc. Please check the website for specific times and dates. The public is invited to participate in these events so feel free to invite your friends and family.

Monthly Range Cleanups

Please note this passage from the club By-Laws, "All members of the club are equally responsible for the continued care and maintenance of the Range Facilities. As such it is expected that each member will participate, to the extent he/she is able, in at least one scheduled range clean-up or maintenance activity during the year." Although the membership year runs September 1 – August 31, range cleanup credit is credited for the period of July through June. The June range cleanup is the last opportunity to earn a credit for the current membership year. The July range cleanup credit will go toward the next membership year. Range cleanups are typically held on the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The July and September cleanups are usually pushed to the second Saturday due to the holiday weekends. During range cleanup times, all ranges (rifle, pistol, shotgun, archery, and tactical bays) are closed to shooters. Range cleanups involve picking up trash, spent cases, clay pigeon fragments, replacing target stands and target backer boards, safety improvements, mowing and routine maintenance. When a range cleanup involves specialized tasks such as painting or carpentry, you will receive an email with the details. Food and drink are normally provided (pastries/coffee in the colder

months and hamburgers or bratwurst in the warmer months). Please bring gloves, water, sunscreen, and wear clothing appropriate for the day. Household family members are welcome to lend a hand. Remember, each membership is required to have one person participate in at least one range cleanup per membership year. Many of our members show up for more than one range cleanup - which is greatly appreciated. Be sure to sign in each time you attend a range cleanup so you get credit for being there. Every time you participate in a range cleanup, you receive an entry in the annual Range Master's drawing for a \$500 gift certificate from a local firearm store. There is a \$125 range clean up fee due at renewal for those memberships that did not participate in a range cleanup.

Member Only Storage

There are 2 members only storage sheds located at each end of the Rifle Range firing stations and one at the Pistol Range. The lock combination for the sheds is the same as the combination for the front gate. The sheds contain miscellaneous supplies such as target stands, backer boards, folding chairs, bulletin boards, sandbag gun rests and other items for use by club members. Additionally, the sheds contain emergency supplies such as emergency procedures, injury report forms, trauma kits, first aid kits and fire extinguishers. Please use the first aid kit for your minor boo boos and only use the trauma kit if it is an actual emergency. If a trauma kit is used, the Chief Range Safety Officer should be notified immediately. The trauma kits are top of the line and are stocked with items needed to treat the most commonly encountered range injuries. For example, the trauma kits contain Celox gauze used in treating moderate to severe arterial bleeding and gunshot wounds. Celox forms a clot within minutes after application on or into the wound. Additionally, the trauma kits contain burn dressings, eyewash solution and emergency trauma dressings. Remember, use of anything in the trauma kits requires prompt notification of the Chief Range Safety Officer. If you see someone opening a trauma kit when there is no associated emergency, please report them to the Board of Directors.

Shooting Discipline Programs

We currently have the following active Shooting Discipline Programs: Annual Rimfire Carnival, Archery, Know Your Limits, NRL22, Rimfire Challenge, Skeet & Trap, Steel Challenge, and Defensive Pistol. We also have one inactive discipline that only need a volunteer member Discipline Chair in order to become active again, NoCO Tac. Please see our website for additional information on those Shooting Disciplines. <https://www.ncrgc.org/shooting-disciplines/>

First Shots

First Shots Seminars are the perfect opportunity for members to invite new shooters to come to the range for some FREE safety instruction and supervised shooting. Invite your co-workers, neighbors, friends, relatives and anyone who wants a safety refresher to a First Shots Seminar. The seminars are open to the public. All firearms, ammunition, targets, eye/ear protection, etc. are provided free of charge. Youth shooters must be at least 9 years old. Reservations are required so please email firstshots@ncrgc.org to sign up for one of these seminars.

Hunter Education

We have 2 members that are certified Hunter Education Instructors. Before applying for a Colorado Hunter License, everyone born on or after January 1, 1949 must complete a Hunter Education Course taught by Colorado Parks & Wildlife staff or a certified volunteer Hunter Education instructor. See our website for additional information at this address: <https://www.ncrgc.org/hunter-education/>

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal occurs July 1 - 31 each year. The membership year runs from September 1st through August 31st but we have to renew in July in order to have time to reconcile the member information and generate new badges for the upcoming membership year. If you do not meet the July 31st deadline, your membership will be offered to another prospective member. Mark your calendar, add an electronic reminder to your phone, tie a string around your finger, etc. so you do not forget to renew during the month of July. Please renew as early in the month as possible. The club prefers that you renew and pay electronically via a secure website that is dedicated just for renewal. This speeds up the renewal process and minimizes the costs associated with renewing 800 members each year. You will receive a postcard or letter reminder and an email reminder each year when it is time to renew. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you follow the instructions in this email and complete BOTH steps. The best way to help the volunteers and our independent contractor during renewal time is to RENEW EARLY during the month of July. DO NOT wait until July 31st. The combo on your badge will work through August 31st. On September 1st, the gate lock combo will be changed to the new combo on your new badge. (Note the expiration dates on your badge.) The Board of Directors currently allows members to renew with a traditional paper application and written check but is considering charging more for this labor intensive process. Members who prefer to renew this way can contact the Member Services Coordinator for additional information on paper renewal. Remember, direct all of your membership-related questions to membership@ncrgc.org.

Annual Meeting

The club's annual meeting takes place on a Saturday in July each year from noon until 2:00 pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet your Board of Directors and to provide input on club operations and priorities. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. We also provide lunch so be sure to show up at noon! We try to schedule the July range cleanup on the same day as the annual meeting when possible.

Guests

A household membership is authorized to bring a total of twelve (12) guests per membership year with no more than two (2) guests per visit, per badged Regular or Associate member.

Regular and Associate members must accompany their guest at all times while on club property. If only one Regular or Associate member with a badge are present, only two (2) guests can be brought at one time. If the Regular and Associate members are both present with both badges, four (4) guests can be brought at one time.

The Regular or Associate member is responsible for ensuring the guest waivers are completed, Range Safety Rules are followed, and guest badges are worn. Guest badges are non-transferrable and good only for one day. Subsequent visits require a new waiver and badge. Failure to follow the guest policy constitutes a serious safety violation which may result in suspension or expulsion.

Membership Badges

The club provides identification (ID) badges for all members in order to maintain professionalism and allow for better security. You must wear your ID badge so that it is visible at all times while on club property. You committed to do this when you became a member or when you renewed your membership. The requirement to wear ID badges is part of our Range Safety Rules posted at the main gate. Your agreement to comply with this and all range rules is on the reverse of your ID badge. The benefits of our identification protocol far outweigh any perceived inconvenience for many reasons.

Wearing your ID badge provides a simple way to identify members. Take the time to introduce yourself to your fellow members and make a new friend in the process. Wearing your ID badge helps meet the requirements of our lease which states that ranges shall be for the exclusive use of club members or club guests. Wearing your ID badge helps to satisfy our insurance requirements. We are currently limited to 800 members and violating this provision can jeopardize the privilege of being part of the best and most convenient outdoor shooting range in Northern Colorado. Wearing your ID badge helps to easily identify those persons that do not belong on the range so that they can be quickly removed. Finally, wearing your ID badge is mandatory and not doing so could result in the loss of your membership. The next time you visit the range, remember to wear your ID badge so that it is always visible. On colder days, remember to wear it outside of your jacket. Help the Board of Directors to enforce this policy by politely reminding fellow members of this requirement and promptly reporting all unauthorized people.

Spouse Badges

Spouses are able to obtain their own badge. This allows the spouse to come to the range without being accompanied by the Primary Member as well as the ability to bring guests as described in the Guest Policy. Without a Spouse/Associate Member badge, a spouse must fill out a waiver every time they visit the range. The spouse must be listed on the Primary Member's Smartwaiver and attend a Safety Orientation to obtain a spouse badge for the first time. The spouse only needs to attend a safety orientation once but must renew the Smartwaiver every year in order to have a Spouse/Associate Member badge. We will send an email to spouses for Smartwaiver renewal shortly after the Regular Member renewal process is finished around the 2nd week of August.

Local Weather

There is a link on the front page of the website to the weather station at Bonner Peak Ranch, Laporte, CO. The weather station is located approximately 3-4 miles away from the range so be sure to check it out prior to your departure so you do not make a wasted trip (unless you enjoy shooting in blizzard-like conditions).

Range Flags

The club has installed range flags at all five ranges. Raise the range flag when you are present on the range and lower the range flag when you leave following these easy steps:

1. Undo the black/blue bungee cord.
2. Let the flag flow naturally.
3. Undo the halyard (rope) around the cleat. Do not untie the halyard (rope) as it will run up and off the pulley.
4. Raise the flag to the top of the pole by pulling on the halyard (rope).
5. Wrap the excess halyard (rope) around the cleat.
6. If you are the last person to use the range, lower the flag and attach the black/blue bungee cord.

Other Questions?

We are always glad to hear from you so don't hesitate to ask questions. If you have membership-related questions, send an email to membership@ncrgc.org. Board-related questions should be sent to bod@ncrgc.org. Please remember that everyone on the Board of Directors is a Club member, just like you, and a volunteer.

What To Bring To The Range

Ammo!, Targets, Eye/Ear Protection, Non-Alcoholic Drinks, Food/Snacks, Sunscreen, Hats and a Stapler.