



Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club (NCRGC) March 2021 Newsletter

Welcome, New Range Safety Officers!

Bryon Fessler, Chief Range Safety Officer

Brian Holder, Chief Range Safety Officer

We want to take this opportunity to welcome 19 new Range Safety Officers (RSOs) "into the fold" which is an idiom that means to welcome a group of people who share the same system of beliefs, in this case, the safe handling and discharge of firearms. RSOs play a critical role at our Club and they are present at all our sanctioned events. RSOs recognize and enforce basic firearm safety measures to protect our members from injury and the Club from liability in the event of an injury.

Since 1948, our Club has enjoyed a rich, proud tradition of fostering Colorado's outdoor recreational heritage. This heritage includes a commitment by all members to minimize or eliminate the safety risks associated with the discharge of firearms. Preventing firearm accidents requires vigilance. The passing of time without a firearm accident is not necessarily an indication that all is well and may contribute to a dangerous and growing sense of complacency. Remember, our safety rules are in place to protect us as members and to ensure that the Club will be operational when our children will become members. Understanding and compliance with our safety rules is mandatory and greatly appreciated. Additional RSO courses will be announced in the newsletter.

Welcome New Defensive Pistol Chair!

Cam Rogers, At Large 3

As some of you may already know, Mike is relocating and will no longer be able to continue to coordinate the Defensive Pistol events. We are pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has appointed John Pashain as the new Defensive

Pistol Chairperson. John's extensive military and law enforcement experience and training make him the ideal person for this position. We thank John for stepping up to ensure that this monthly event remains on the NCRGC calendar. Come out to a Defensive Pistol event and welcome John to his new position!

Gun Sales Reach Record Highs in 2020

Bryon Fessler, Treasurer/NRL22/First Shots

According to data from the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), 21 million background checks related to the sale of a firearm were conducted in 2020 -- a 60 percent increase over the previous year! The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) estimates that 40 percent of those gun sales were for first-time gun buyers, totaling 8.4 million new gun owners in the United States in 2020.

Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax (FAET)

Bryon Fessler, Treasurer/NRL22/First Shots

The latest Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax Collection report released by the Department of the Treasury indicates that firearm and ammunition manufacturers reported tax liabilities of \$248.7 million in the 3rd calendar quarter of 2020; up 58.5 percent over the same period reported in 2019. The report, which covers the period of July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, shows that \$88.3 million was due in taxes for Pistols and Revolvers, \$76.3 million for Firearms (other)/ Long Guns and \$84.1 million for Ammunition (shells and cartridges). Compared to the July to September quarter 2019, tax obligations were up 67.7 percent for Pistols and Revolvers, up 53.4 percent for Firearms (other)/ Long Guns and up 54.2 percent for Ammunition (shells and cartridges).

These 10 to 11 percent excise tax dollars collected since 1937 under the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act are specifically designated to be used by state wildlife agencies for conservation. To date, nearly \$13.6 Billion has been administered through this successful Act. Collectively, purchasers of firearms and ammunition and hunters are the single-largest source of wildlife conservation funding.

Statistics courtesy National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF)

Ring in the New Year Match

Steven Jessup, Steel Challenge Chair

We held the public "Ring in the New Year" event on January 30th (better late than

never!). Between 20 and 30 shooters showed up for the event, made up of both members and guests. The wind was blowing, and at times it did seem a bit cold, everyone had a grand time and the steels were absolutely well rung! We will attempt this event again on January 1st, 2022! Hope to see you then.

NRL 22 Match Results

Bryon Fessler, NRL22 Match Director

The Club hosted the monthly NRL22 match on February 27, 2021 and 29 shooters participated in some fun stages including, “Love Stinks And So Do Ladders,” “Pick Your Poison, But Do It Quickly,” “Shot Through The Heart,” “You Give Love (And Support Side) A Bad Name,” and “All My Ex’s Live In Texas.” The fun stage was called “It’s Cookie Time” and everyone who participated got a free box of Girl Scout cookies. Congratulations to all our first-place winners including Michael Watt (Open), Alan Behrman (Base), Bevin Walker (Ladies), Jeff Meyer (Old Guns), and Jennavieve Walker (Young Guns). Special thanks to everyone for helping setup and tear down and for braving Colorado's freezing temps, snow, ice, and high winds. Scores and pictures are posted at www.ncrgc.org as is the link to sign up for next month’s match. Hope to see you there! #ncrgc #nrl22 #22lr #rimfire #pewpew #precisionrifle #letsgoshooting

Range Clean Up March 6, 2021

Russ Hickman, Range Master

Greetings NCRGC Members!

One short look outside reminds us that green grass and warm weather is just around the corner, well it inspires hope anyway!

We have definitely had our share of weather this month, wind, snow, arctic cold, it is awesome to live in Colorado!

Sometimes the weather gets in the way of our fun... Having a Shooting Club in the middle of a working Cattle Ranch creates an awareness to the weather. Snow drifts, deep snow, mud, wet and icy roads are the norm. Every effort is made to keep or get the access open but there is always a chance for the road to be closed.



The next RCU event promises Spring is around the corner. The March 6th cleanup is one of the last 4 opportunities for a scheduled Range Cleanup Event this Membership year. One RCU is required per Membership per Membership year.

Dependent on spring weather of course, we will try to but not limit to:

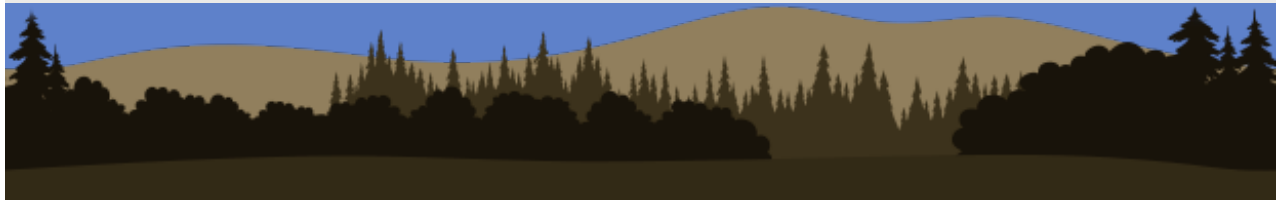
- Rebuild Target Stands at upper and lower Ranges.
- Paint all steel gongs.
- Clean all shooting areas of brass, trash, clays etc.
- Check all PVC target stand holders.
- Check fencing.
- Give away a couple NCRGC hats.
- Enjoy some refreshments.
- Hang out with other Members and have some fun outside!

Please dress in layers, bring sunscreen, eyewear, work gloves and any PPE you may need. Also, we still are working under an approved Larimer County variance so please observe respectful distancing and masks.

Thank you all for helping to keep your Ranges in top shape. I appreciate all you do.

See you at the Range!

Russ



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