



# Firing Line

*Cherry Creek Gun Club News, March, 2000*

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## Protecting The Second Amendment

*Dave Olive*

**W**ith the increased attacks on our Second Amendment rights by local, state and national organizations, politicians and news media, Cherry Creek Gun Club's Legislative Coordinators (**Chuck Towne, Mark Godard, Dave Olive**) have developed a process for distributing legislative related information to club members. The purpose of this process is to enable members to more readily understand the issues, and make it easier for them to contact their legislators, news media and other organizations. Such contact by individual members is critical to the preservation of our rights. We can no longer rely on the NRA alone to represent us; the attacks are too numerous and pervasive. We must each take initiative on how to get involved and have our voices heard.

If you are willing to get involved, contact Chuck Towne at 303-795-3293 or [cdtowne@ix.netcom.com](mailto:cdtowne@ix.netcom.com) and give him your name, telephone number and e-mail ID, if you have one. If you have an e-mail ID, Chuck will forward your name, phone number and e-mail ID to Mark Godard, who is the custodian for the club's legislative e-mail distribution list. If you do not have an e-mail ID, Chuck will include you in a distribution mechanism for those without e-mail.

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## New Members

**W**elcome, new members **Nicholas Ross** (5 years old), **Victoria Ross, Brad Lightner, Maxwell Lamouria, Earl "Doc" Baldwin, and Christopher Bliss.**

## CCGC And Gun Rights

*Don Shearer, CCGC President*

**I**'d like to continue commenting on things we of CCGC could do toward preserving our Second Amendment rights.

My comments on this in the last newsletter drew a lively discussion at the last general meeting. It was pretty well agreed that we really can't just sit by any longer and watch our gun rights be further eroded. But the pretty sound consensus of that discussion was that club-sponsored activity under the name of the club probably is not a good idea. Rather, organized efforts of individual members toward protecting the rights would be the better step to take.

Our Legislative Observers have done an excellent job of keeping club members who are available through e-mail apprized of Colorado State legislative activities relating to gun control during the current session. They have offered in addition a very good proposal for an organized member effort of letter

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## Second Amendment

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Dave Olive is the custodian for the legislative activities. This primarily involves Colorado firearms legislation including bill number, summary, pro-gun position, status in the legislative process, and guidelines for becoming better informed about the legislative process itself. Secondly, this involves bills at the national level and other political activities. On a timely basis, Dave will send e-mail reports to Mark for e-mail distribution and simultaneously to Chuck for non e-mail handling. Mark and Chuck will add their comments as appropriate. The latest legislative report is posted on the club's bulletin board nearest the rifle tube and also on the Colorado State Shooting Association web site (<http://cssa.org/home.html>) via the link titled: Colorado Firearms Legislation – Status.

Often, the main barrier to contacting one's legislators is the question of who they are and how to contact them. Fortunately, it is now easy to get this information. For those with Internet access, go to the Project Vote Smart web site (<http://www.vote-smart.org/>). On their home page, simply enter your nine digit ZIP code (ZIP+4), which is on your telephone, bank, or gas and electric statements. Very quickly you will get your national and state legislators' names, addresses, phone and fax numbers, e-mail IDs if they have one, pictures, etc. You can also get most of this information by calling your county clerk. To find your county clerk's phone number, look in the Telephone Directory White Pages, go to the Blue Border Government Pages section, then go to your County Section, and then to the Clerk and Recorder Elections

Department or Division for the phone number.

Another barrier to contacting one's legislators is the question of how and where to get information. One way will be the information (discussed above) that the club's Legislative Coordinators will be e-mailing or sending out. They will provide the issues, the pro-gun position on the issues, and the rationale for the positions. For those with Internet access, the State of Colorado has a great web site(<http://www.state.co.us>) with a link to the Colorado General Assembly home page([http://www.state.co.us/gov\\_dir/stat\\_eleg.html](http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/stat_eleg.html)). There you can get additional information on your legislators, pending and previous legislation, calendars, daily journals, a status of all bills, and even the Colorado Revised Statutes. You can also get free printed copies of this information at the Legislative Services Building, 200 E 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SE Corner, 14<sup>th</sup> Ave and Sherman, across from Capitol), Bill Room (Basement Level), Denver, CO 80203, 303-866-3055, and FAX: 303-866-2460. The Bill Room will mail or fax information to you. The CSSA web site mentioned above is also a good source of information.

One of the last barriers to contacting one's legislators is the question of whether one is willing to do it. The Legislative Coordinators will be asking you and themselves to contact legislators on both state and national issues through Election Year 2000 and beyond. Contact options include any of the following: phone calls, letters, e-mails, faxes, visits, testifying, etc. They may also ask you to exercise other options, such as writing letters to the editors of newspapers, helping legislators get elected/re-elected, etc.

If you are willing to get politically involved, contact Chuck now, If you are

not, look deep within yourself and reflect on the courage and wisdom of our Founding Fathers. Look at the freedoms you enjoy today, especially those protected by the Bill of Rights. Preservation of our Second Amendment rights is at

stake. Becoming politically active is necessary to protect those rights and to ensure our ability to pass them on to future generations.

## **Minutes of February 11, 2000 General Meeting**

*February 11, 2000, 7:30 PM at the clubhouse*

1. The meeting was called to order by president Don Shearer at 7:32 PM, and he announced that the newsletter was published just after the last board meeting.
2. The secretary read the minutes to the January general meeting, which were approved as read.
3. Don Shearer thanked Fred Crowle for a good job on the newsletter.
4. Warren Johnston will head a work party on February 19<sup>th</sup> with workers whose last name starts with "A" or "B".
5. The secretary reported posting the correspondence received, which included the Division of Wildlife reports and the USA Shooting magazine.
6. Joe Marosy expects an estimate next week on getting the water well back into operation. The secretary said that Allen Deems called to say that the trash pickup day would now be on Tuesdays.
7. Don Shearer read the applications for new members, each applicant talked of his/her interest in the club, their sponsors talked of their merits, and all were accepted into the club by unanimous vote of those present. The new members are: Christopher Bliss, Earl "Doc" Baldwin, Maxwell Lamouria, Brad Lightner, Victoria Ross (Assodiate), and Nicholas Ross (5 years old). Bliss, Lamouria, and Lightner need to take the safety course.
8. Don Shearer proposed that the club, or at least the members of the club, get involved in expressing their opinions on the legislative issues. Chuck Towne gave an overview of the proposal which involves building a data base of e-mail addresses of those who will call their legislators to express their opinions on the bills as they proceed through the legislative process. Dave Olive will maintain a status of the bills to include the bill number, a summary of its intent, and reasons for expressing an opinion for or against the bill. This status will also include a listing of whom to contact and how to express your opinion. Mark Godard will maintain the e-mail addresses and will e-mail a brief from Olive on the bill to those on the list. One source of obtaining information on bills is by looking at "vote-smart" on the net. Don shearer said that he would pledge three NRA memberships to people who would promise to read the material on the bills, contact their legislators, and vote at election time.
9. Richard Bowman, president of the Colorado State Shooting Association, talked about the activities of the CSSA who are very active in trying to protect your second amendment rights. Richard asked for the board to consider making a donation to the CSSA.

10. Chuck Towne asked if any member would be interested in a program at a general meeting which would discuss international pistol competition. This would include the sources of fire, the firearms commonly used, and a look at the targets used. If interested, contact Chuck Towne at 303-795-3293.
11. Chuck Towne said that the State Indoor Pistol Championship would be held tomorrow and Sunday.
12. A suggestion was made to place a multi-shelved tray in the meeting room to hold handouts of information for club members.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

## CCGC, Gun Rights

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writing, e-mailing, and telephoning. In the coming weeks, they will be offering more about their proposal as the finer points are worked out. You see in this newsletter the beginnings of their work in the form of a very informative article by **Dave Olive**.

During the current legislative session, several of the most offensive bills have been defeated, but this is not the end of the assault by the anti gunners by any means! More legislation will surely address the gun issue during this session. And then the national elections are not far around the corner.

Other suggestions that were made about actions that we might take are being seriously considered. I personally have pledged to sponsor gift memberships to the National Rifle Association as a way of broadening their base for lobbying. If you have suggestions about other things we as shooters might do to strengthen the voice of gun owners during these crucial political times, please call a board member and ask that he bring it up during the next board meeting.

## CCGC'S Lilacs

**A** lilac hedge will be planted along the club's south and west perimeters, and along the back of the Korean church, this April.

**Joe Marosy**, who is directing this ambitious project, has ordered 450 of the little plants from the State Forestry Service through 4H Clubs. The lilacs will be planted about a foot and a half apart through holes cut in plastic sheeting used to line shallow troughs run along the two perimeters. This system of plastic-lined troughs with a hole for each plant will allow semiautomated watering of all the lilacs by simply running water along the troughs.

The water will come from a well that we have on our east property. This well, once used by a greenhouse, has been chocked with debris. So, Joe has the added considerable project of getting the well cleaned out, installing a pump, connecting the pump to a reservoir tank, and then distributing water from the tank to the lilacs.

This is a big project. Joe is going to need lots of help. To keep up with how it is going, and to find out how you can help, give Joe a call at 303-741-6673.

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## Range Activities Schedule

March, 2000

Monday, 6 PM-10 PM

Pistol Winter League (both ranges)

Tuesday, 6 PM-9:30 PM

Action Shooting, Handgun (west range)

Wednesday, 5 PM-9 PM

Smallbore Winter League (east range)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed., 6 PM-9:30 PM

Action Shooting, Rifle (west range)

Thursday, 5 PM-9:30 PM

Junior Rifle Practice (both ranges)

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30 PM-9PM

General Meeting (meeting room)

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 7:00 PM-9 PM

CSSA Board Meeting (meeting room)

Last Friday, 7:30 PM-9 PM

CCGC BOD Meeting (meeting room)



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# **Cherry Creek Club News**

**General Meeting March 10**