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Why is it that the same people who say it is impossible to round up the 15 million illegal immigrants also think they can find and confiscate the 300 million firearms in the US?

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Appeals Court throws out EPA ban on lead in ammunition

NEWTOWN, Conn --(Ammoland.com)- The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia last week upheld the dismissal of the latest lawsuit brought by anti-hunting groups petitioning the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue regulations banning traditional ammunition with lead components.

The refusal by the EPA to consider the petition was challenged by the anti-hunting petitioners in federal court in 2013.

Traditional ammunition represents 95% of the U.S. market and is the staple ammunition for target shooters, hunters and law enforcement, with more than 14 billion rounds sold annually.



The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the trade association for the firearms and ammunition industry, joined the lawsuit on the side of the EPA to ensure that interests of industry and hunters were properly represented.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled the EPA had properly dismissed the petition filed under the Toxic Substances Control Act. The petitioners appealed that ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals, which heard the case in late October.

EPA has consistently denied repeated attempts by anti-hunting groups led by the extremist Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) to have the agency ban traditional ammunition, and the court had



dismissed an earlier case brought by CBD seeking the same relief. The latest suit simply added more parties.

“This latest iteration of a frivolous lawsuit is essentially the same as

those dismissed earlier and equally without merit,” said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF senior vice president and general counsel. “We are pleased the Court of Appeals considered the legal merits in case and has now ruled that Congress has not given the EPA the authority to regulate ammunition, putting an end to efforts by anti-hunting zealots to end America’s hunting heritage.”

CBD’s serial petitioning of EPA and its repeated lawsuits are intended to begin shutting down hunting and the shooting sports in America by banning the ammunition that

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Handgun 101: How To Load a Magazine

Top Shot Champion Chris Cheng demonstrates for beginners how to properly load a magazine. Firearm instructors and experienced shooters are encouraged to watch and share these tips with newcomers to the shooting sports.

Also, check out Chris’ new book, “*Shoot to Win: Tips, Tactics and Techniques to Help You Shoot Like a Pro*,” available at topshotchris.com

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millions of hunters and target shooters choose to use safely and responsibly.

“There is quite simply no sound science that shows the use of traditional ammunition has harmed wildlife populations or that it presents a health risk to humans who consume game taken with such ammunition,” said Keane. “Banning traditional ammunition would cost tens of thousands of jobs in America and destroy wildlife conservation that is funded in part by an 11% excise tax on the sale of ammunition. The protection and management of wildlife is properly

handled by the professional biologists in the state fish and game agencies, as it has been for over a hundred years.”

In addition to NSSF, the National Rifle Association, Safari Club International and the Association of Battery Recyclers intervened in the case.

Organizations that joined CBD in its lawsuit were the Cascades Raptor Center of Oregon, the Loon Lake Loon Association of Washington, Preserve Our Wildlife of Florida, Tennessee Ornithological Society, Trumpeter Swan Society and Western Nebraska Resources Council.

NSSF - The National Shooting Sports Foundation is the trade association for the firearms industry. Its mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. Formed in 1961, NSSF has a membership of more than 6,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's organizations and publishers. For more information, log on to www.nssf.org.

Read more: <http://www.ammoland.com/2014/12/federal-appellate-court-rules-epa-cannot-regulate-content-of-ammunition/#ixzz3ND3qh6eg>

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS???



This is a **Backstop Damage Eliminator Device (BDED)**, also known as a “Laser Pointer”. You will see these commonly used during presentations. This is one of the simplest ways to determine if you are correctly hanging your target at the height that will not cause any bullet hits in the “RED” backstop area, the “CEILING”, or the “FLOOR”.

When you set your target at the height and distance you plan on shooting, take about 15 seconds and use your BDED, standing, sitting, on a rest, or whatever position you choose. Point the BDED at the target and then move it off the target to see where your bullets are going to go once they go through the target. Oh, yea, surprise, guess what? The targets do not stop the bullets! The backstop stops the bullets, or the ceiling, or the floor, or the mechanical hanging system. If you do not believe it, take a stroll down range sometime when it is safe and look for yourself.

Remember, we are all owners of this fine facility and it takes ALL of us to be aware of the fact that one person's damage does affect all of us.

Conscience:

The inner voice which warns us that someone may be looking.

H.L. Mencken

You can join the NRA or renew your membership just by clicking the NRA logo to the left. Right now, your one-year membership through this link will be discounted by \$10*.

All CCGC members must be NRA members, and joining through this link helps support the club and its activities.



* As of March 30, 2008. The discount is offered by the NRA and is subject to change at any time without notice.

<http://membership.nrahq.org/default.asp?campaignid=XC018056>

December 12, 2014

Part I. General Membership

Present – Jim Bailey, Jack Orischak, Mike Thomas, John Buglovsky, Clark Calve, Jack Priest, Tom DeHerrera, Gary Trisdale, Bill Spinuzzi

Absent – Pete Dickson

1. Call meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Presentation of guests - None

4. Approval of General Membership Meeting minutes - Approved

5. Presidents Report

6. Vice-Presidents Report

7. Secretary Report – Visit website for latest updates; faster than Potshots and less intrusive; features two e-book downloads on rifle scopes and semi-automatics for concealed carry; calendar in newsletter is now linked to website

8. Treasurer Report – Financial Statement will be discussed during Board Meeting

9. Membership Coordinator Report - Update 2014 membership – 586 (total of 55 new members in 2014); NRA; 2015 Renewals - 354; Resignations – 6 ; funds collected to date – approx. \$75,000

10. Ongoing board/committee reports – Committees, Maintenance, Outreach, Programs, Rules

11. Correspondence – Max Litvinenko, Appleseed Project – hold over for January meeting

12. Old Business
Bill Spinuzzi - Security Camera

in tube and outside in parking lot, purchased tube is installed, parking lot working on – one has been put in tube, total purchase price \$600, 24/7 cameras, 2.5 week archive capability

13. New Business

Bill Spinuzzi - Two members who qualify for Emeritus Membership – Approved – Donald Douglas, Joan Covell

Bill Spinuzzi - Will be at the club Saturday, December 20 from 7:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM to process 2015 renewals, fix door access card problems members may have and just be available if needed for last minute renewals

14. Introductions / Voting on New Members (6 Members to be voted in) – Approved – John Bires, Steven Forrester, Jennifer Forrester, Michelle Hernandez, Michael Mandel, Dick Rouse

15. Topics of interest from Club Members – Open Forum – Board of Director topics to discuss from members

16. Board Elections – Bill Spinuzzi, Peter Dixon retired from list, all other Board Members retained with exception of Clark Calve (withdrew due to tie), new members Carlton Steubing and Sandy Rudolph

Part II. Board of Directors

NOTE: This is now the beginning of the CCGC Board of Director portion of the Monthly Meeting. This is not open to membership discussion unless the BOD determines membership participation will be helpful.
Chuck Towne has letter to be read to Board

1. Approval of BOD Minutes - Approved

2. Old BOD-Specific Business

All - Discuss the change of meeting format and night change to Tuesdays with East range closure but still allow pins to be shot on West – Chuck Towne letter speaks to pros and cons of monthly meeting; decision postponed for further discussion

Bill Spinuzzi – Replacement options for front door button – approx.. \$860 for crash bar on door
Jack Priest – LED lighting project – approval to add to last month’s approved projects; replace outside light bulbs, always-on fluorescent lights

3. New BOD-Specific Business - None

4. Adjourn

**Financial Report –
as of November 15, 2014**

Gross Income

Renewals	\$130,334.00
All Other Income	21,060.30
Total Income	\$151,394.30

Expenses

Property Taxes	31,196.63
Utilities	24,097.64
All Other Expenses	21,749.81
Total Expenses	\$77,044.08

Net Income \$74,350.22



Take Aim at Protecting Yourself

Originally printed May 18th, 2009-
Chucri A. Kardous, MS, PE

Solutions for Preventing Lead Poisoning and Hearing Loss at Indoor Firing Ranges

An estimated 16,000–18,000 indoor firing ranges operate in the United States. Some do not have sufficient environmental and occupational health controls in place to effectively protect the health of shooters and firing range personnel from exposure to lead (from lead bullets and cartridge primers), noise, and other contaminants. Those at risk include thousands of employees at indoor firing ranges, more than a million Federal, State, and local law officers who are required to train regularly at these facilities, and 20 million active target shooters.

NIOSH issued an alert, Preventing Occupational Exposures to Lead and Noise at Indoor Firing Ranges. The Alert presents five case reports that document lead and noise exposures and examines firing range operations, exposure assessment and control methods, existing regulations, and exposure standards and guidelines.

Lead exposure

Numerous factors and routes of exposure can contribute to workers' and patrons' exposures to lead at indoor firing ranges. Environmental factors include the type of ventilation system used at the firing range, the types of ammunition used, and the length of time shoot-

ing occurs.

Exposure risk factors include the type and frequency of work practices conducted at the range, particularly those involving cleaning the firing range and other maintenance activities. At indoor firing ranges, lead dust from firearms discharge can be inhaled or contaminate surfaces and then transferred to people's skin, especially the hands.

Lead from the hands can be ingested while handling food, beverages, and other items that contact the mouth. Elevated blood lead levels can lead to lead poisoning. Symptoms of lead poisoning include the following:

- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Poor appetite
- Weight loss
- Anemia
- Excessive lethargy or hyperactivity
- Headaches
- Abdominal pain
- Kidney problems

In addition, lead poisoning, neurological effects, and mental retardation have occurred in children of workers who bring lead home on their clothes, skin, or other surfaces.

In one case study of law enforcement trainees described in the Alert, blood lead levels at an indoor firing range rose from a pre-training mean of 6.5 µg/dL to 50.4 µg/dL post training. Mean airborne lead concentrations were more than 40 times the OSHA permissible

exposure limit. After changes were made to the ventilation system, airborne lead concentrations dropped to below detectable levels. In addition, using ammunition that had nylon-coated and copper-jacketed bullets substantially reduced (94% to 97%) airborne lead concentrations.

Detailed recommendations for employers and workers are available in the Alert. Controlling exposures to occupational hazards is the fundamental method of protecting workers. Traditionally, NIOSH uses a hierarchy of controls to reduce or eliminate workplace hazards:

- Elimination of the hazard
- Substitution of a less hazardous material
- Engineering controls
- Administrative controls (to reduce time of exposure)
- Personal protective equipment

Proper ventilation, good house-keeping practices, and basic personal hygiene practices will limit or eliminate the risk of lead exposure.

Examples of NIOSH recommendations for workers include the following:

- Wear respirators and full protective outer clothing when performing range maintenance.
- Wear gloves and eye protection when using chemicals to clean weapons or firing range surfaces.
- Wash hands, forearms, and face before eating, drinking, smoking, or contact with other people.

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Change clothes and shoes before leaving the firing range facilities.

Wash clothes or uniforms used at the firing range separately from family's clothing.

Noise exposure

The discharge of firearms in an indoor firing range produces peak noise levels that exceed the occupational health limits of 140 dB SPL.

NIOSH recommends that workers and shooters who use a firing range as part of their occupation (i.e., law enforcement officers) wear double hearing protection (earplugs and earmuffs) as part of an overall hearing conservation program.

Special attention must be paid to the use of safety glasses under earmuffs so not to create an acoustical leak and degrade the performance of the hearing protectors.

Exposure to high levels of noise can lead to the following:

- Hearing loss
- Tinnitus (ringing in the ear, which might be permanent)
- Stress
- Anxiety
- High blood pressure
- Gastro-intestinal problems
- Chronic fatigue

Mr. Kardous is a research engineer in the NIOSH Division of Applied Research and Technology.

Hunter Education Safety Rules

Assume the gun is loaded

Control the muzzle - Keep it pointed in a safe direction

Trigger - Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot

Target - Know what you are shooting at and what is behind it

Your access to the latest at CCGC:

<http://cherrycreekgunclub.org>

Door Access Upgrades Being Tested

The electronic door access system cards are beginning to fail. Although the hardware and software have been updated and will use the old cards, it seems the cards are simply getting old.

Recent upgrades are working properly, but everyone who comes to the Club must make certain they can access the Club facilities as needed, especially as we close out this membership year of 2014.

In order to insure your access, we ask you to scan your card EVERY time you enter the club, even if you are with someone who has scanned their badge and opened the door ahead of you. This will insure your card is still working correctly.

If you do come to the Club and your card fails, you will not be able to access the Club until the card can be replaced, which may take some time.

If you encounter any issues with the card reading system, contact **Bill Spinuzzi** at **303-549-0424**. His contact information is also on both entry doors.

The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.

Albert Einstein

January - February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Juniors 5:00 to 10:00PM Both Ranges	2	3
4	5 Bullseye Shooting 4:00 to 8:00 PM Both Ranges	6 Pin Shooting 6:30 to 9:30 PM West Range	7 Small bore 5:00 to 9:00 PM East Range	8 Juniors 5:00 to 10:00PM Both Ranges	9 General/Board Meeting - Board Elections 7:00 PM	10 Hunter Education - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Meeting Room & East Range closed.
11	12 Bullseye Shooting 4:00 to 8:00 PM Both Ranges	13 Pin Shooting 6:30 to 9:30 PM West Range	14 Small bore 5:00 to 9:00 PM East Range	15 Juniors 5:00 to 10:00PM Both Ranges	16	17
18 Airguns - 9 am, West Range	19 Bullseye Shooting 4:00 to 8:00 PM Both Ranges	20 Pin Shooting 6:30 to 9:30 PM West Range	21 Small bore 5:00 to 9:00 PM East Range	22 Juniors 5:00 to 10:00PM Both Ranges	23	24 2700 Match 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM East Range
25	26 Bullseye Shooting 4:00 to 8:00 PM Both Ranges	27 Pin Shooting 6:30 to 9:30 PM West Range	28 Small bore 5:00 to 9:00 PM East Range	29 Juniors 5:00 to 10:00PM Both Ranges	30	31 Tanner Gun Show Denver Mart
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