PPFC Ben Lomond Joint Picnic Open House

The Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition is joining with the Ben Lomond Gun Club to hold a joint FREE picnic at Ben Lomond’s range on Saturday, June 9, 2007 from 9AM to 4PM. PPFC is helping to provide the food.

All PPFC members, family, and friends are invited to this event. There will be shooting demonstrations and the ranges will be open for shooting. There is no cost for this event, so come on out for a look at a great facility and a day of fun and fellowship. This will be an open house for the public and a good opportunity for us to enjoy a day of shooting and to recruit new members.

The Ben Lomond Gun Club owns and operates a 560 acre shooting facility in Elbert County.

The facility is located 45 miles from Castle Rock, 47 miles from Parker, and 43 miles from Colorado Springs. From Colorado Springs, take US Highway 24 east 37 miles to Ramah. From Ramah, take Elbert County Road 105 north 6 miles to the Gun Club.

There are over a dozen ranges available for use by club members. These include 8 handgun ranges, a 100/200/300 yard high power rifle range, a 100 yard covered practice range, and a shotgun tower. Affiliated clubs also use part of the facility for special events.

Membership is through club chapters. Currently, there are chapters in Colorado Springs, Elizabeth, Ellicott, Franktown, and Monument/Palmer Lake (Tri-Lakes).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 9: PPFC & Ben Lomond Picnic
- June 14: PPFC Membership Meeting
- June 21: PPFC Board Meeting

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Colorado Springs Police Chief Speaks to PPFC

CSPD Chief Richard Myers spoke to the PPFC membership at the May 10th meeting. While Chief Myers spoke of his plans to make the CSPD a more “kinder and gentler” department, his bias against private ownership of firearms was clearly evident. He opposes a “shall” issue concealed carry permit system and believes a person must show a need in order to obtain a concealed carry permit. When State Representative Larry Liston asked about allowing K-12 teachers and staff to be trained in firearms and carry a firearm to protect their students in a Columbine like incident, Chief Myers was firmly opposed and stated he didn’t believe we needed to introduce firearms into schools—except, of course, for his officers. When asked if he believed the Second Amendment protected a person’s right to carry a firearm for protection, he replied “I suspect your interpretation of the Second Amendment would differ from mine.” You can listen to the audio of Chief Myers’ talk on the PPFC home page at www.ppfc.org. You will need Windows Media Player. Thanks to Doug Davis for converting the file and making it available.

Local Legislators to Speak on this Year’s Session

Several of our state legislators will be speaking at the June 14th PPFC meeting on this year’s legislative session. There were several anti-gun rights bills introduced this session and two of them made it to Governor Ritter’s desk and were signed into law. One will make it difficult for Colorado residents to obtain a concealed carry permit from another state as it will not be valid in Colorado. This could impact reciprocity since many states (including Colorado) will only honor other states’ permits if their permit are also honored by those states. The second bill allows a statewide database of concealed carry permit holders to be established. This will be an important meeting and we need you to attend. We will also be talking about the PPFC establishing a Small Donor Committee to help elect pro-gun candidates.

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In addition to checking the PPFC website, you can get targeted e-mail alerts from our Legislative Director, Doug Davis. Send Doug an e-mail requesting to be added to his alert list. Your e-mail address will not be sold, given, or exposed to anyone. Send an e-mail to: doug@dougdavisent.com. We also operate a telephone alert system. If you are getting a call and want to be taken off, or if you’d like to be added, call Dan Hall at 593-8024.