PPFC to Donate Five Rifles to YMCA Camp

At the June 14th meeting, the PPFC membership voted to purchase and donate five single shot bolt action .22cal rifles to the local YMCA summer camp. We have ordered the rifles and they should be here soon.

This follows the donation of five rifles to the Navigators summer camp in 2005 and a $500 donation to the Widefield High School Naval Junior ROTC program for their air rifle program. PPFC members continue to be strong supporters of the shooting sports, especially when it comes to introducing our youth to safe and responsible shooting. The money for these donations came from members yearly dues.

Thanks for your continued support of PPFC which, in turn, allows us to provide this kind of support to our community.

Gunsmithing Scholarship Available from PPFC

Trinidad State Junior College is one of the few institutions in the United States that conducts classes in gunsmithing. In addition to a full 2-year program, Trinidad SJC offers 1-week programs on specific subjects during the summer. Visit the following webpage for course schedule:

http://www.trinidadstate.edu/NRA/sum06.html

PPFC is offering a $300 scholarship to one of our members who would like to attend one of these courses. The fee for most courses is $300. Transportation, room, and board would be the student’s responsibility.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pat Smelser (630-7070) or Paul Paradis (440-4505) as soon as possible as the classes only run through July.

Are You Prepared?

Are you and your family prepared for an emergency? What is Colorado Springs doing to prepare for a natural or manmade disaster? Bret Waters, the Director of Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management will be our speaker at the July 12th PPFC meeting. I know what you are thinking, “I’ve got plenty of ammo in the house, I’m ready!” Sure, that’s one step, but how about emergency water, food, medicine, etc.? Bret will help get us prepared—be there!

Colorado Legislature Update

Thanks to our local state legislators for attending our June 14th meeting and giving us an update on this year’s legislative session. They warned that the Democrats may push more gun control in next year’s session. See the next item for what you can do to help us elect pro-gun candidates in 2008.

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PPFC Forms a Small Donor Committee

To help us support pro-gun candidates, we have established a political Small Donor Committee (SDC). A small donor committee has the advantage that the amount that we can donated to a candidate is greater than what we can do with our PAC. As the name implies, the maximum that you can give to our SDC is $50 per calendar year. We are asking our members to try to meet the $50 contribution this year and next. You can give as little as $5 or $10 at a time. We will have SDC donation forms at our PPFC meetings or you can mail your donation to (make check payable to PPFC SDC):

PPFC SDC
PO Box 76521
Colorado Springs, CO 80970-6521

Colorado Springs Friends of NRA Event

The 12th annual Colorado Springs Friends of NRA dinner and fundraiser will be held on Friday, September 21st, at Mr. Bigg’s Event Center, 5825 Mark Dabling Blvd. Details are available on their website: www.csfnra.com or through the PPFC website.

They are holding two pre-event raffles. On Saturday, July 14th, FNRA committee members will be participating in a chili cook off at the Sportsman’s Warehouse at the Citadel. There will also be a motorcycle and hot rod car show. During the event, the FNRA committee will be raffling off a Marlin bolt action .22 cal rifle. Tickets are $5 each or three for $10. The drawing will be held at 5pm, but you DO NOT need to be present to win.

The Committee is also raffling off a Walther G22 semi-auto .22 cal rifle with scope and case. This raffle will be held at the FNRA dinner on September 21st and you do not need to be present for this one either. Tickets are $10 and only 300 will be sold. They are available on the website, by mail, and at the PPFC meetings.

If you would like to serve on the FNRA Committee or help with the dinner, please call Richard Gandolf, Chairman, 310-6414.