Meet the new Colorado NRA Field Representative

Marc Steinke was selected as the National Rifle Association Field Representative for Colorado late last year. As the NRA’s point man for Colorado, Marc is the NRA’s point of contact for Colorado. In addition to representing the NRA in Colorado, Marc also helps local Friends of NRA committees hold annual fund raising events in Colorado.

Marc will be addressing the PPFC membership at our September 13th meeting. This will be our opportunity to meet Marc and to ask any questions concerning the NRA.

US Forest Service and Shooting on Federal Land

On August 9, 2007, Brent Botts, District Ranger for the Pikes Peak Ranger District, spoke to PPFC members about the status of the Forest Service’s Designated Shooting Area on Rampart Range Road and the effort to establish more ranges along the Front Range. During his talk, he spoke about an evaluation done by the NRA on the Rampart Range shooting area and about a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and many Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), including the NRA, to facilitate cooperative relationships between the members to, among other things, resolve issues regarding hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities on federal lands. Copies of these two documents are located on the PPFC website under “Alerts & Information”.

Just what are “Friends of NRA”?

The local Colorado Springs Friends of NRA Committee is holding its 12th annual event on Friday, September 21st (see details later in the newsletter). As in the past, the PPFC Board of Directors voted to become a sponsor for this event and donated $500. As a sponsor, PPFC will receive recognition on the FNRA website, www.csfnra.com, and in the dinner program. PPFC will also receive a limited edition General George Washington sculpture and a Winchester 1300 shotgun. We will auction off these items at our December dinner.

Some people may not know what the Friends of NRA are and what they do. Basically, FNRA events are held around the country to raise money for the NRA Foundation—a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable foundation.

The NRA Foundation is the country's leading charitable organization in support of the shooting sports, awarding more than $100 million since its inception in
1990. The NRA Foundation supports those organizations and programs that ensure the continuation of our proud shooting and hunting heritage. Foundation grants provide essential program funding, ensuring the availability of quality training and educational opportunities nationwide. Grants benefit programs such as youth education, law enforcement training, hunter education, conservation, firearms and marksmanship training and safety, and much more. Volunteer FNRA committees put on the annual events where guests can enjoy fellowship and help to raise funds to support these valuable projects. Half of all money raised in Colorado stays in Colorado to support local projects; such as, 4-H and Boy Scout shooting programs, range development, and firearm safety education. There are always great prizes to be won, including collectable firearms and other FNRA items. Come support this great event and help protect our shooting rights and heritage. See the FNRA website for details and this year’s prizes.

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 (make check payable to PPFC SDC) to:

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.

The Committee is 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 to win. 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.

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