

*A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. --Amendment II, US Constitution*



*The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called to question; . . . --Article II, § 13, Colorado Constitution*

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## Colorado NRA Field Representative to speak at PPFC Meeting

At our September 8th general membership meeting, Gwen Chermack, the NRA Field Representative for Colorado will update us on what is happening with the NRA on the local, state, and national levels. Gwen is the NRA's paid staff member for Colorado and she can help with membership questions and concerns. One of her biggest jobs is organizing local "Friends of NRA" committees around the state and helping them put on annual fund raising dinners (see below for information on Colorado Springs' dinner on September 16th).

While some may not agree on the NRA's political stands, there is much more to the NRA than just the political; although, the NRA is the largest and one of the most powerful lobbying groups in this country, due in large part to the size of its membership.

The NRA is the foremost firearm safety training organization and NRA-certified instructors teach a multitude of courses throughout the US. The NRA also provides experts in range development and supports legislation that protects ranges. They are also one of the largest conservation organizations.

None of the NRA programs would be possible with out the support of its members. Even if you are not an NRA members, the information Gwen will be providing is of interest to all sportsmen and shooters, as well as those of us who are involved in protecting our right to keep and bear arms.

## Women on Target Clinic

The next Women On Target Instructional Clinic will be on Sunday, September 18, 2011. If you know a woman who would like to learn more about the shooting sports, see the PPFC Website for more information and registration. The \$20 fee covers course materials, breakfast, lunch, ammunition, ear and eye protection, range fee, and use of a firearm. The clinic is sponsored by a grant from the NRA Foundation through the Colorado

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 8, 5:30 PM: PPFC Board Meeting**
- **September 8, 7:00 PM: PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **September 18: Women on Target Clinic**

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**Next PPFC Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2011**  
**VFW Post 4051**  
**430 E Pikes Peak Ave**  
**Colorado Springs CO**  
**7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

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### ***Friends of NRA Dinner***

The annual Colorado Springs Friends of NRA dinner and fundraiser will be on Friday, September 16, 2011, at the Doubletree Hotel—World Arena, 1775 E Cheyenne Mountain Blvd. Doors open at 5:00PM. There are a lot of great prizes this year.

There is also a pre-event raffle that includes a gun safe and 9 guns. First prize is a gun safe AND a Thompson .45 cal and violin case! There are 8 other gun prizes. See the PPFC website for a complete list of prizes and an order form. Raffle tickets are only \$20. **You do not need to be present to win.**

You do NOT have to be an NRA member to attend and win. Proceeds from last year's event was used to provide a \$2,500 grant to the PPFC to conduct the two Women on Target clinics being held this year.

Funds raised at the dinner go to support the non-profit, non-political NRA Foundation and are used to fund local, state, and national grants for range construction and enhancement, training, conservation, education programs, etc.

Dinner and raffle tickets will be available at the September 8th PPFC meeting. You can pay by check, cash, or credit card. More information is also available on the PPFC website.

### **PPFC Programs**

We need your help in suggesting programs and speakers for our monthly meetings. We have had some great programs in the past. We would like to hear from the members on what topics you'd like to have presented at our meetings. We want to make these meetings informative and interesting. Please send your suggestions to: [board@ppfc.org](mailto:board@ppfc.org). Thanks! Many thanks to CSPD Deputy Chief Rod Walker for speaking to us last month. It is important that we maintain a good relationship with our local law enforcement officials.

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