Our Rights Under Attack, Again!

In the wake of the Roseburg, Oregon community college shooting, there are more calls for gun control laws. Of course, the shooter passed all background checks and none of the proposed laws would have stopped him. After all, the college as a “gun free zone” and even their security guard was only armed with mace. Fortunately, good guys (police officers) with guns quickly showed up and confronted the bad guy forcing him to take his own life.

We can expect additional restrictions on our right to keep and bear arms to be introduced in the 2016 Colorado General Assembly session. At our November 12th PPFC meeting, Colorado State Representatives Terri Carver and Dan Nordberg will update us on the legislation that was introduced in the 2015 session and what we can expect in the 2016 session. District Attorney Dan May will also address legislative impact on law enforcement and gun owners. With 2016 being an election year, we can expect gun control to be a topic in the legislature and in campaigns.

Support PPFC Programs and Win Cash!

Our all CASH raffle is underway. We will draw three winners at our 22nd Annual Anniversary Dinner on December 10th (need not be present to win, but we hope you will be). First place is $500 cash, 2nd place is $150 cash, and 3rd place is $100 cash. Tickets are $10 and only 150 will be sold. They are available on-line on our website.

22nd Anniversary Dinner

We will be celebrating our 22nd Anniversary with our annual December dinner on Thursday, December 10th, starting at 6:00PM, at the Marriott Hotel Colorado Springs, 5580 Tech Center Drive. Tickets are $40 and you have a choice of beef or chicken. There will be a no-host bar. Jeff Crank, past PPFC President and radio talk show host, will be our guest speaker. If you’ve attended our past dinners, you know this is a great meal. Family and friends are invited to join us. Get your tickets now on-line on our website!

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The Future of Our Rights are in the Hands of Our Youth

At our October 8th meeting, Frank Blaha told us about the Ben Lomond Gun Club Youth Shooting Program, a program to forward the development of safe handling of firearms and to protect the future of the shooting sports in our United States of America. This is an excellent free program for youth 8 to 17. It is open to all kids, not just BLGC members. The class consists of two 4-hour classroom sessions followed by live fire on the BLGC range:

The 8-hour classroom instruction focuses on basic firearm safety and range operations. The first 4-hour session covers topics on firearm and ammunition components, firearm safety rules, students demonstrating safe firearm handling, shooting positions and components of target shooting, and basic range commands and safety rules.

The second 4-hour session starts with a test on the topics covered in the first session. The students then practice range commands and shooting positions with empty rifles using snap caps and laser bore sighters. The students then participate in various scenarios and watch videos on the right and wrong way to handle firearms.

Upon completion of the classroom instructions, students take a safety pledge to their parents. They are then able to attend a live fire session at the BLGC facility. The students receive a certificate and range badge.

This is an excellent program. If you’d like to sign up your child or grandchild, contact Frank Blaha at (719) 761-8002 or samantha2874@hotmail.com. More info is available at www.gun-safe-kids.org.

PPFC Board Elections

In January, we will elect PPFC Board members to the following positions: President, Treasurer, Publicity, and Fund Raising. The following members have indicated they would like to serve. If you’d like to run for a position, please email board@ppfc.org as soon as possible. We’ll also take nominations from the floor. Terms are 2 years:

President: Scott Jackson   Treasurer: Bernie Herpin   Fund Raising: Dick Gandolf

Since Scott may move up to president from VP, we need to elect a VP for a 1-year term. We need a person to serve as Publicity.

Renew and Stay Involved

If the member expiration date above your address is not 12/31/2015 or later, your membership has expired. We need YOUR membership to ensure that PPFC remains a powerful voice in protecting our rights. PLEASE renew your membership now! You can renew, at our meeting, on-line on the PPFC website, or mail a check to PPFC at the above address. Dues are only $20 for individual and $30 for family memberships.