

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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Do Gun Owners Not Care About Children?

By Scott Jackson, PPFC President

I just don't care about children. Never mind the arguments that would be made by my family and friends. The reality is that if I support the individual's right to firearms ownership, which I wholeheartedly do, then I must not care about children. The two ideas are mutually exclusive, right?

This ridiculous precept is what gun owners are being faced with in the latest Alinsky styled attacks: if you support gun ownership, you must not care about children.

As an example, my daughter, the mother of two, was recently asked by a coworker why it was that she didn't care about children, after my daughter defended personal gun ownership rights. Such propaganda from the far left and the complicit media is designed to politically capitalize on recent horrors and further their anti-gun agenda by oversimplifying the issue, by playing on raw emotions, and by creating division. Moreover, it vilifies guns as the problem, and promotes the idea that guns need to be eradicated.

An attempt to abolish guns is not pragmatic, nor is it the answer. It's true that ill minded people with ill intent in their hearts will use guns to carry out murder and destruction. However, in the midst of an attack, guns in the hands of good people with good intentions are the best way to stop such murder and destruction. The more good people with guns that are out there, the better protected society will be from such threats. (This applies to practical defense situations, and perhaps more importantly, to deter would be attackers.)

It is with this and other factors in mind, that I unapologetically and enthusiastically support the right to the private ownership of firearms, and the application of an individual's right to protect themselves and those around them. This is because, I do care about the safety of our children; and I do want gun violence to end.

We must get past the divisive and oversimplified colloquial gun control arguments that don't address the real societal issues that cause gun violence. Until that happens, and action is taken to stem these issues, history is doomed to continue to repeat itself. The problem is that these issues are more complex and harder to deal with than invoking simple gun laws that temporarily satisfy public cravings to "do something." But, are we ready as a society to realize the issues and truly take them on?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 10, 6:00PM: PPFC Board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **May 10, 7:00PM: PPFC General Membership Meeting**
- **May 6: Women on Target Clinic**

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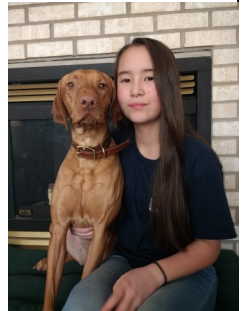
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Whittington Center Bound!

We are pleased to announce that the daughter of longtime PPFC member, Lee Greenwood, **Anna Greenwood** has been selected to receive the PPFC NRA Whittington Center Youth Adventure Camp scholarship (and some think we don't care about our children!). Anna will be attending the camp this summer. Anna is 14 years old and attends Lewis Palmer Middle School where she maintains a 4.0 GPA. In addition to being in the National Junior Honor Society, she plays on the basketball team even though she is the shortest player at 4'11". Anna enjoys training, field trialing, participating in hunt tests, and snuggling with her bird dog, Lacy. Her goal is to attend the US Air Force Academy.



We know she will enjoy learning all the skills taught at the Adventure Camp and we look forward to her report about her experience. Congratulations and have a great time!

Win a Gun Safe!

At our June 14, 2018 meeting, we will be giving away a Field and Stream Sportsman 24-Long Gun and 4-Pistol safe:

- Gun safe holds up to 24 long guns
- Three number combination lock
- Drill-resistant, hardened steel plate behind lock provides a higher level of security
- Five total locking bolts including three live action and two dead bolts
- Black matte pebble external finish with Field & Stream Logo
- Full interior graphite gray carpeting on the body and door of the safe
- External Dimensions: 55"H x 29"W x 20.25"D



Only 120 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. They are available on the PPFC website, at our PPFC meetings, or by mail at the above address. See the PPFC website for complete description. Note: The winner will be responsible for moving to desired location. Safe contents are for display purposes only and are not included.

Stay Informed!

Check the PPFC website for info on upcoming PPFC events, gun shows, meetings, etc. Please check the expiration date of your membership above. **If expired, please renew** on line or mail a check to the above PPFC address: \$30 Individual, \$40 Family, \$10 Active Duty Military/Student.