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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Country Pond Fish & Game Club - Newton, NH

COMING EVENTS WEBSITE PAGE

Ongoing Activities & Events

Indoor Work Parties Mondays, 17:00

Indoor Archery Tournament Tuesdays, 18:00

Indoor Airgun Challenge (CPF&G Club Members Only) Tuesdays, 18:00

Centerfire Pistol Legue

(CPF&G Club Members Only) Wednesdays, 17:00

Trap Shooting Saturdays, 13:00 Sundays, 09:00

Winter Handicap Trap Meet

Sundays, 12:00

Upcoming Club Events



Airgun Metallic Silhouettes Saturday, 20 January, 10:00



22 Steel Plate Shoot Sunday, 21 January, 09:00

Thursday, 25 January 19:00

Centerfire Pin Shoot Thursday, 8 February 19:00



New Member Orientation Sunday, 11 February, 10:00 (by appointment only)



CPARG 2m Net - 146.850 MHz Monday, 12 February, 20:00



Monthly Members Meeting Thursday, 15 February, 19:00



Your attendance would be appreciated.



Chilli Cookoff

Saturday, 17 February 17:00

.22 Steel Plate Shoot Sunday, 18 February 09:00

Centerfire Pin Shoot Thursday, 22 February 19:00









Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, 1 February, 19:00

Airgun Metallic Silhouettes

Saturday, 3 February, 10:00





Centerfire Pistol Plate Shoot Sunday, 4 February, 09:00

Chowderfest Saturday, 27 January, 17:00 - 19:00

Country Pond Amateur Radio Group Monday, 29 January, 18:30

Centerfire Pin Shoot



CPFGC RANGE CLOSURE TIMES are listed on the Club website's "<u>Coming Events</u>" page

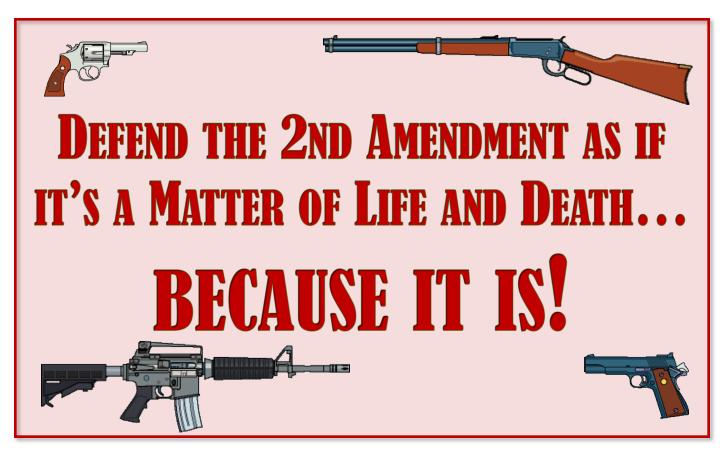
SHOOTING ON A CLOSED RANGE IS A SERIOUS SAFETY VIOLATION. THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES.

> MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING WHEN RANGES ARE CLOSED



MONTHLY MEETING 15 February

Your attendance would be appreciated





For more information, or to enter YOUR chowder, contact Tom Cronin at chowder@cpfgc.com or 603-560-2024

coffee, so come hungry.

Choosing Your EDC Ditch the Latest Fad and Find What Works

By ITS Guest Contributor Matt F.



Up until a few years ago, I never really put thought into what I carried around with me every day or why I carried it. Now I have a loadout that suits my needs and I wanted to share some of the things I've learned along the way. This is mainly focused on a Level 1 EDC, but several of the principles can be applied across all levels.

Choosing Gear



What Do I Need?

It's easy to look at "celebrities," retired members of the Military, or someone with thousands of YouTube subscribers, and think "Oh, he carries (X); I want that!" Rather than this train of thought, you need to find items that work for you. Items that fit you and work well in your environment.

What works for a SEAL in Afghanistan might not be the best fit for you. For me, an example of this is appendix carry. I love the idea of carrying this way, as it makes concealing and drawing very easy, but I'm a big guy and it's very uncomfortable. It just doesn't work for me, so I don't carry that way.

You also need to decide what you want to get out of a particular piece of gear. Do you want an external safety on your carry gun? A single stack or double stack mag? How many lumens do you want on your flashlight? Do you want an automatic opening knife or a regular folder? Based on your reasoning and research, figure out what you want and get something that fits those parameters.

Do I Really Have a Use for This?

One of the most important questions you can ask yourself when deciding what to carry, is whether it's useful or not. Before you add something to your loadout, ask yourself, "Do I really have a use for this, or is it just something cool to have in my pocket?" There's no point in carrying something you don't have a use for.

Try to find single items that have multiple uses. A good example of this would be a Leatherman, or a knife that also has a glass breaker on it. Items like these will help save valuable real estate in your pockets.

Try and Try Again

Don't be afraid to try out different items. You may buy three of four great holsters or flashlights before you find the one that works for you. Fortunately, there's a market for used gear like holsters, flashlights, and other items. So if you don't like something, put it on eBay, resell it, and get something else.

Quality Over Quantity

Everyone knows the old saying: "Two is one and one is none." Be careful with this mindset when it comes to EDC. Would it be nice to always have a backup for everything I'm carrying? Yes, but that's not practical for me in everyday life. If you buy quality gear, it's more likely to work when you need it and you won't need that backup item.

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When did you last clean & test your EDC weapon?

Choosing Your EDC



(Continued from page 4) A Few Items to Consider

Non Weapon-Mounted Flashlight

A reliable pocket flashlight can be invaluable. Whether you're walking to your car in a dark parking lot, or assessing a potential threat in a low-light situation, a flashlight can be a great asset. I specify "Non Weapon-Mounted" because while a weapon-mounted light can be a great tool in a low-light shooting scenario, it can be dangerous if used during everyday tasks.

With a weapon-mounted light, every time you point the flashlight at something, you're also pointing the muzzle at it. This is unsafe and can get you into some serious trouble if you're not justified in drawing your firearm.

Cell Phone

I know that this is a given for most of us, but don't leave home without it. Don't leave your cell phone in your car when you're running into the gas station. It should always be on you. Your phone is an endless resource of knowledge, a lifeline to call for help, and a way to keep up with current events as they unfold via social media.

Also make sure your phone is in a solid case that will protect it from accidental drops and weather. A Lifeproof Case is an excellent choice. It's pricey, but I believe it's a worthwhile investment.

Legal Defense Program

There are several law firms offering coverage for responsibly armed citizens. Basically, you pay a subscription every month to be a part of their program and when or if you are involved in a defensive shooting, they provide an attorney to represent you in civil or criminal proceedings. I am a member of Texas Law Shield and would highly recommend them as they have excellent customer service.

Mindset & Preparation

Be Mentally Prepared

Understand what happens to the body in high stress situations and how to deal with those effects. (See "On Combat" by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman)

Know your local laws.

Maintain situational awareness. (This means don't walk around with your eyes on your News Feed all the time.) Be aware of what's going on around you.

Be Physically Prepared

Be in good shape, so that you can run when you need to run and fight when you need to fight.

Train with what you carry.

Have a good working knowledge of your gear. Know how to clear malfunctions in your firearm and how to use your trauma kit if you carry one. You don't carry one? Why not?

Be consistent in what you carry, don't switch out your gear all the time. Of course, things can change as frequently as the weather or different dress codes, but try to have consistent loadouts for each situation. Figure out what works for you when you wear a suit, heavy clothes in the winter, or shorts and a t-shirt in the summer, and stick with that.

Blend In

Let's be honest, we all love gear. We love velcro, tactical pants, morale patches, and coyote everything. Unfortunately in a public place like a mall or restaurant, these things can make you stick out like a sore thumb. Most likely, "tactical" is not "practical" in your everyday life. Wear regular clothes and be a regular guy—or girl until the situation dictates otherwise.

Pick Your Battles

This is something my dad always taught me. This especially applies if you're taking on the responsibility of carrying a concealed firearm. Always be aware of situations that are unfolding around you, but don't look for an opportunity to get into a fight or be a "hero."

Having a Concealed Handgun License does NOT give you the right to "play cop" and interfere every time you see a couple arguing or two guys fighting outside a bar. Fate may throw a situation your way in which someone absolutely needs your help, but don't go searching for it. To quote Matt Graham of Graham Combat, "There's no reason to fight a fight that I don't have to. For personal security, the most tactically advantageous part of an engagement is disengagement." February 2024





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2024 WINTER HANDICAP TRAP TOURNAMENT

Sundays at noon 7 January thru 10 March Ten week Tournament 50 targets per week

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For more details, contact John Cannillo at 603-479-7120 or <u>trap@cpfgc.com</u>

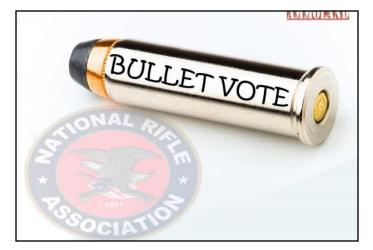






NRA Board Bullet Voting , What is it? Why Do It On Your NRA Member Ballot

from Ammoland Inc. Posted on 23 January 2017 by Jeff Knox



Various National Rifle Association magazines, containing ballots for the NRA Board of Directors Election, begin arriving in people's mailboxes in mid to late February (*if you get a ballot, you're eligible to vote; if you don't get one, you probably aren't*).

There's a lot of talk about the value of one vote and the mechanics of the NRA ballot. I won't discuss who is the best candidate, but rather how to make sure your vote is as effective as possible in support of your favorite candidates for the board.

Voting in NRA elections is weighted. Each voter has, in essence, 25 votes (sometimes a few more, if there are seats that were vacated during the term), but you can still give only one to any given candidate. Using all 25+ votes lessens the value of each vote somewhat. Voting for only a few candidates increases the impact of those few votes. Let me explain.

NRA Board Bullet Voting

True "Bullet Voting" means voting for a single candidate instead of casting votes for a full slate of 25+ candidates. Voting for only two or three candidates is a less powerful variation of Bullet Voting, but still leverages your votes. As you look at your ballot, understand that many of the candidates will easily win election or reelection without your help, and there are rarely more than four or five seats "in play" during any election cycle.

Any vote you cast for someone who might be in contention for one of those seats – other than your favorite – has the potential to help that candidate bump your favorite out of contention. The NRA uses a simple system that counts the votes cast for each candidate. If there are 25 seats up for election, the 25 candidates with the highest vote totals get those seats. Since there are always more than 25 candidates running, voting for a full slate invariably boosts the chances that another candidate will get more votes than your favorite, and your favorite might be left out of the running. Just one vote difference can cost a seat.

There are 76 seats on the NRA Board of Directors. Each year, 25 seats are up for election to a 3-year term, and one seat is filled for a 1-year term by a vote of members present at the Annual Meeting. There might also be a seat or two that came open due to a Director resigning or dving in office. Most seats will be filled by incumbents being reelected. Typically almost all current Directors are renominated, meaning voters generally have a selection of 24 or 25 incumbents and four or five new candidates, running to fill the 25 available seats, and all of the incumbents almost always win reelection. There might be one or two open seats up for grabs, or an incumbent or two might be vulnerable. With Bullet Voting, you ensure you're not boosting the chances of candidates you like less at the expense of your favorites.

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Bullet Voting Example

Imagine a typical Director election with 25 incumbent candidates running for 25 seats, along with three additional candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee and another four candidates nominated by petition of the members. Say you want the four petition candidates to win, but there are a few other candidates you like.

Here are your choices:

1. You can vote for those four petition candidates along with the four or five other candidates you like, then finish out your ballot with votes for the 18 or so additional candidates that look best to you.

2. You can vote for the four petition candidates along with the four or five other candidates you like, and stop there, submitting your ballot with only four to nine candidates marked.

3. You can vote for just the four petition candidates and leave your other favorites to chance.

4. You can vote for just one or two of the petition candidates that you like the best.

The majority of NRA voters will follow the instructions in the full-page ad that's always right before the ballot and vote for 25 candidates from the list of Nominating Committee nominees – guaranteed. It's also guaranteed that big name celebrities will always win seats, just because of name recognition.

If you vote as in scenario #1, your additional votes will add to the totals of those 18 or so fill-in votes, effectively helping to raise the bar that your favorites need to win seats, making it harder for them.

If you vote as in scenario #2. your additional votes for the four or five other candidates could also help edge out your favorite candidates, especially if your additional choices are candidates that are not well known and are likely to come in toward the bottom of the popular voting.

If you vote as in scenario #3. you are giving votes only to your four favorites, and not giving any votes to any of their competition, giving your favorites better odds of making the cut and winning seats.

And if you vote as in scenario #4. (a true Bullet Vote) you're giving that candidate a better chance of winning a seat, possibly at the cost of the other three petition candidates.

It is an embarrassment that the greatest political action organization in the country generally gets participation from only 5% to 7% of their members eligible to vote, but that's the case. This is because the vast majority of members eligible to vote don't feel that they know the candidates well enough to cast an intelligent ballot. An associated problem is that they think they have to pick a full slate of 25 or 26 candidates, but in reality, they can pick as few as one.

If you are a voting member of NRA, pick the one, two, or five candidates that you think would do the best job on the Board of Directors, and let your voice be heard by voting – whether a single Bullet Vote or a shotgun approach – your opinion matters and can help steer your organization.

What ever you do, don't vote for more candidates than there are seats being elected, as this will cause your entire ballot to be thrown out. Also, be sure to use the provided ballot envelope and don't forget to sign it. Failing to do either of these will also get your ballot tossed.

Finally, you can make a huge difference in any election by talking with friends who are also eligible to vote and encouraging, or even helping them, to cast their ballot. Almost two million ballots are never returned in NRA elections, and activating even a small percentage of those can make a huge difference in the election results.

Jeff Knox is the director of The Firearms Coalition and an NRA Endowment member.

WANTED!

CPFGC HAS ANNUAL EVENTS THIS YEAR THAT DO NOT YET HAVE ANYONE TO RUN THEM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO SO, PLEASE CONTACT PAUL GILBERTI AT president@cpfgc.com

TURKEY SHOOT - NOVEMBER

SATURDAY WORK PARTIES

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

--- Thomas Jefferson

GOT AMMO?

IT MIGHT BE TIME TO INCREASE YOUR INVENTORY!



Weekly Work Parties

Work parties are held at the Club on Monday evenings every week, from 17:00 to 19:00. Tasks include a myriad of small indoor jobs that constantly crop up. All Club Members are cordially invited to participate.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

COUNTRY POND FISH & GAME CLUB IS AN **ALL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.** THERE ARE MANY **ONGOING TASKS REQUIRED TO KEEP THE CLUB RUNNING.** FOR YEARS, THE SAME SMALL GROUP OF **15 TO 20 VOLUNTEERS** HAS BEEN DOING 95% OF THE WORK AROUND THE **CLUB** (AND EVEN THAT SMALL **GROUP IS GETTING** SMALLER) IT'S TIME FOR SOME OF THE REST OF YOU TO STEP **UP AND HELP OUT.** IF NO ONE

VOLUNTEERS, NOTHING WILL GET DONE.

CPFGC Firearms Sales

PURCHASES THROUGH THE CLUB FFL ARE LIMITED TO FIREARMS ONLY

Purchases: Cost + 5% + shipping Firearms Transfers: \$20

To order firearms through the Club's FFL, contact **Jeff Gersbach** at <u>jgersbach@gmail.com</u>

THIS SERVICE IS FOR CPFGC MEMBERS ONLY

Firearms transfers and pickups are by appointment only. Contact Samy Singh at 860-834-1883 or samyonix@yahoo.com

Club Members may also order firearms themselves, to be delivered to the Club, but must send an email to **Samy Singh** at <u>samyonix@yahoo.com</u> with the delivery date, so that he can plan to be at the club to sign for the delivery. Failure to do this will result in the package automatically being shipped back and the club will not be responsible for shipping charges.

Country Pond Fish & Game Club 20th Annual

Saturday, 17 February

CPF&G Clubhouse, 82 Pond St. Newton NH 17:00 to 19:00

Adults: \$5.00 Children 10 and under: \$2.50 This event is Open to the Public



To enter your chili, Contact Alan Carrier at 978-430-3980 or <u>chili@cpfgc.com</u>

In addition to the contest entries, we will have a House Chili, bread, nacho chips, & coffee

Country Pond Amateur Radio Group

Monthly Meetings Last Monday of the month 18:30 in the Clubhouse Main Hall



THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2m Net Meetings: Second Monday of the month, 20:00, on 146.850 MHz

Go to http://www.cpfgc.com/radio.html for more information, or contact radio@cpfgc.com

POLICE YOUR BRASS! Don't be a slob. Get with the program!

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Rights Organizations

"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." - United States Constitution - Amendment II - ratified 1791

American Sheepdog	<u>http://americansheepdog.com/Forum/</u>
Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bea	ar Arms <u>http://www.ccrkba.org/</u>
Gun Owner's Action League (MA)	<u>http://www.goal.org/</u>
Gun Owners of America	<u>http://www.gunowners.org/</u>
Gun Owners of New Hampshire	<u>http://www.gonh.org/</u>
Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership	<u>http://www.jpfo.org/</u>
Maine Gun Owners Assoc	<u>http://www.mgoa.com/</u>
National Association for Gun Rights	<u>http://www.nationalgunrights.org/</u>
National Rifle Association	<u>http://home.nra.org/</u>
National Shooting Sports Foundation	<u>http://www.nssf.org/</u>
New Hampshire Firearms Coalition	<u>http://www.nhfc-ontarget.org/</u>
Pink Pistols	<u>http://www.pinkpistols.org/</u>
Second Amendment Foundation	<u>http://www.saf.org/</u>
USA Carry	<u>http://www.usacarry.com/</u>
Women Against Gun Control	<u>http://www.wagc.com/</u>

These organizations are fighting the good fight. Even if you're doing the same on your own, it's time for you to join one or more of these.

The Fascists that have taken over Washington DC are destroying your rights. This isn't something they might do someday - *they're doing it right now*!

GOT MAGS? A GUN WITHOUT A MAGAZINE (MAKE THAT "MAGAZINES") WON'T DO YOU MUCH GOOD

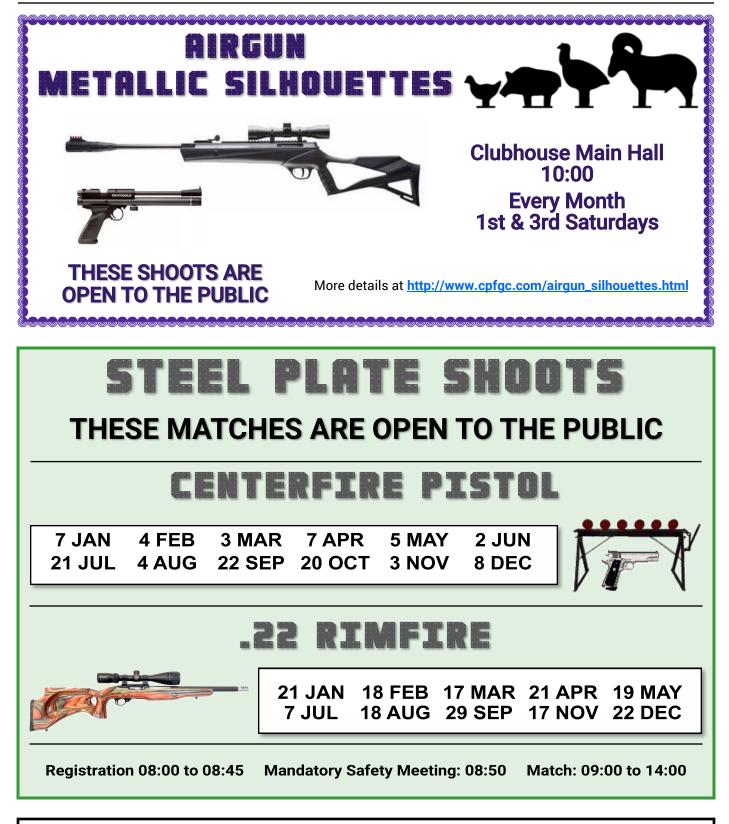
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Country Pond Fish & Game Club 82 Pond St, Newton, NH 03858 ice fishing dere Sunday, 25 February 2024 07:00 to 15:00 (Ice and weather permitting) Registration begins at 05:30 at the Clubhouse **Registration Fee: \$10.00** Food available on the ice No power augers before 07:00 Bait available at the Clubhouse No lead sinkers under 1 oz • 50/50 Raffle No Bass THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC \$500 Cash Raffle \$500 in Cash Prizes sponsored by Largest Pickerel or Pike - \$250 Stateline Guns, Ammo, and Archery Largest White Perch - \$125 One entry for every weighed-in fish Largest Yellow Perch - \$75 Largest Miscellaneous fish - \$50 \$500 Ice Fishing Gear Raffle sponsored by A big "Thank you" to Nuke's Bait & Tackle Pawtuckaway Trading Post for their bait donation Tickets available at the Clubhouse For more information, contact Jim Nishina at 603-793-0038 or icefish@cpfgc.com For ice-out info call 603-382-5681

ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED

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As an NRA affiliated club, it is important for us to support the National Rifle Association. By joining the NRA through CPF&G Club, \$5 of the annual fee, or \$10 of the 3-yr fee, is paid back to our club.

To join, go to http://membership.nrahq.org/default.asp?campaignid=XC004701 or email nra@cpfgc.com

~ February Birthdays ~

Ken Beaudet1	
Joshua Gosselin2	
Theodore Szmyt3	
Tom Howley	
Joseph Borowy4	
Gregory Litsios4	
Orazio DiMarca4	
Donald E Meroth4	
David W Drislane4	
Frank Wancheck5	
Latesha "Tish" Berard6	
Christopher Sara7	
Brian Devoe7	
Nick Scola7	
Luke Lemieux8	
William Gaylardo8	
Mike Henderson8	
David Pompeo10	
Chris Schimmel11	
Frederick Copp12	
Rick DeFrancesco13	



Gary Boyer	14
Robert Little	15
Donald "Skip" Roberts	15
David Welch	16
Joseph Cronin	16
Edward Robbins	16
Jason Richardson	17

Joe Fanale	17
David McCulloch	
Jodi Sweetsir	18
Albert Zogopoulos	20
Tom Cronin	21
Evans Whitten	22
John Henry	22
Lucas Unger	
Benjamin C Rollins	22
John E McNamara	
Stephen Bova	23
Peter Roberts	23
Matthew Statezni	23
Philp Caton	24
Michael Fresco	25
Miles Gilbert	26
Andrew E Mansfield	27
Glenn SanSoucie	27
Chad Henry	28
John Cannillo	



DISCOUNT BULLETS

5% discount on lead bullets at **Missouri Bullet Company**. Go to "Members Only" on the Club Website.





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Ice Fishing Derby

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Lost & Found

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You can find the full list at http://www.cpfgc.com/contacts.html#RO.	Spaghetti Dinners
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	Scott Kuckler
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Let them know how you feel.

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