



Colorado Gun Collectors Association

Dear CGCA Members,

Our next meeting will be March 19, 2024 at the American Legion Post 1; 7:00PM. Our program is "My favorite gun and why; or an interesting story behind the gun. Those who have moved their collection along, please tell us about your favorite piece."

Thank you to Scott Anderson for sharing the movie "Inside Holland and Holland". What an interesting insight this was to the factory, the precision, and the detail of the guns made in the London factory. The 5 to 10 years of apprenticeship that the gun makers devote certainly shines a new light on the talent that it takes to build a Holland and Holland.

I am sad to announce that we lost another one of our members recently. Bill Stapleton passed. Bill joined our club in 1989. Bill collected Turn of the Century Sporting Arms. Bill was club president in 2006 and 2007. Bill was local and was able to attend most monthly meetings.

Our Gun Show is May 17,18, and 19, 2024. (Thursday, May 16 is setup day.) We will be in Greeley at the Greeley Event Center at Island Grove.

We still have tables available.

Please contact Dave Weddle, 720-482-0167 CGCAShow@cgca.com

Please help us out by volunteering. We have various areas that we need assistance. We could use volunteers beginning May 16-19. If you can volunteer, contact Scott Anderson. Scott's phone number is: 303-761-2833

If you have questions, please contact:

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The American Eagle-Pommel Sword 1780 to 1840s by Tom Hillman

The Eagle Head sword pommel was the most used and popular of sword handles. It was the longest in use of any American Officers sword. It was used by the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

The blades were primarily manufactured in Solingen, Germany and sent to the U.S. by British merchants. They were assembled in the U.S, and England. French and English blades were also used but English blades were considered inferior at this time.

The scabbards were mostly leather with brass fittings, but all brass scabbards were also used. Brass scabbards were often engraved and were featured on more expensive swords.

The Army blades were straight for Infantry. Curved blades were used by Cavalry and Light Artillery. The Navy and Marine Corps generally used curved blades.

A good indicator of date of manufacture is the width of the blade. The early Eagle Heads have wider blades. American Officers of this period had to buy their own swords, so wealth played a big part on how elaborate the swords were. This can be seen in blue and gilt on blades, material used on handles, and quality of the pommel eagle.

The most beautiful of American Swords. The Eagle Heads are the standard all other American swords are judged by.



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