

October, 2025



## COLORADO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

**Dear CGCA Members,**

**A note from our President,**

Like you I am tired of talking about politics. Unfortunately, we are in a war to save the Second Amendment, so we have to continue to fight every day if called upon. We have to get used to the long-term fight. You all realize that I think.

On a lighter note, I have had a successful hunting season already, harvesting a Rocky Mountain Goat at over 13'000 feet with the help of my Son and my brother. Sharing that with those that I love was extra special.

Now onto some sad news I received this week. A good friend and longtime exhibitor at our annual CGCA show, Bob Nikkel, has passed away. Bob collected vintage side by side shotguns and I became friends with him because he led the Rocky Mountain Vintagers for many years. The Vintagers are a group of men and women who get together throughout the year to shoot sporting clays, with side by sides, at various venues throughout Colorado and join in a yearly pheasant hunt. One of the highlights is an annual trek to the NRA Whittington Center near Raton NM to shoot against, and with, like minded sportsmen from other states in friendly matches over a long weekend. The camaraderie and fun that we have is so good, and common to many of us that collect guns and shoot in various formats.

Bob was an amazing individual. No, I really mean amazing! To start with he ran track at Oregon and was an Olympic caliber half-miler. By a quirk of fate, he didn't get to run in the Olympics, but he did go on to become an engineer. He was an inventor and held several patents. He was a private pilot, and later on, his small engineering firm even made parts for the F-35! He was a published author and a man of faith.

He lost most of the vision in his dominant eye, but he could still outshoot most of us using a variety of side by sides from the 19th century. Most of all he loved people. With all of his background he was still humble. He made me feel like I was one of his best friends, and he made hundreds of people feel the same way. He is probably one of the most interesting men I have ever met, and the nicest. I loved him like a brother, and that is why his loss is such a great one for me.

Bob was older but I just didn't worry about how my relationship would be cut so short when I wasn't expecting it. We all do it- putting things off until later because we have plenty of time. Well, it is a painful reminder that our time is finite, and we need to enjoy life and the relationships we have, to the fullest and as often as we can. We can't take our family, friends or our health for granted.

While this is a sad time for me at the moment, I am reminded of how blessed I was to know Bob, his family, and his extended family, the RMV and the CGCA. If you didn't know Bob, I am sorry, but each of you know someone like Bob, who means a lot to you, you enjoy being around, you respect and look up to, and you will miss terribly when they are gone.

Going forward I want to celebrate Bob and all that he accomplished and be thankful for his mentoring and friendship. Help us all to be inspired to be a little better because of people like Bob.

Thanks,  
Rick Wilson, President

For those of you who miss our meetings or would just like to hear our presentations again. We will be sending our meeting videos out via email. Please be sure we have your correct email.

**Our next meeting will be October 21, 2025** at the American Legion Post 1; 7:00PM. Our program will be: "Some of My Favorite Weapons", by Bob Moulder.

Thank you, David Parker, for the interesting presentation of the 'Late War Axis Firearms'. So much history, so little time.

We are accepting reservations for our Christmas Dinner. Dinner is on December 6. We are dining at Maggiano's I25 & Dry Creek from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. A reservation form is attached. Seating is limited. We look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

"I am looking for help from any fellow member who may have parts for a pre 1964 rifle which would fit a Remington M 70 and Ruger M 77 stock. The stocks are 31.25 and 31.875 inches respectively. The Remington stock has a clover leaf tang inset for the receiver, as I am told. Parts may include at least barrel and/or receiver in at least working condition. I would be happy to bring the stocks into the next meeting for close examination. Any information you can provide would also be helpful. Thank you for your input. Bill Flint"

New member applicant Kevin Houghton of Boulder, CO collects: Colt WW II handguns; Colt Pocket Hammerless; pre WW II Colt Handguns.

We have had some more changes to the Board of Directors. Clint Mills has resigned as a Director. **Thank you, Clint, for your years of service on the Board.** We do not have a replacement for Clint. If you would like to join the board, please let us know.

Fall is just around the corner and it's almost time to start digging through your cabinets, shelves and closets for items that you could donate to our annual auction.

***Our auction is in November.***

If you were at the show and lost a camera, please contact Cindy at [sectreas@cgca.com](mailto:sectreas@cgca.com)

*Please visit our website at [www.CGCA.com](http://www.CGCA.com) for club news and updates and our Facebook page.*

If you have questions, please contact:

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See more on our youtube channel.

<https://youtube.com/@coguncollectors?feature=shared>



Bob Nikkel with his award winning display of Classic Shotguns



# *CGCA Christmas Dinner*

## *Saturday, December 6, 2025*

*Maggiano's Italian Restaurant*  
*7401 S Clinton St*  
*Englewood, CO 80112*  
*I 25 and Dry Creek, Exit 196*

*Time 3:00 - 6:00pm*

*Cost: \$20.00 per person member*  
*Cost: \$40.00 per person non-member*

*The meal will be served family style.*

*Make check payable to CGCA -- mail slip and check NO LATER THAN*  
*NOVEMBER 22nd to:*

*Cindy Jewell*  
*1164 S Quince Way, Denver, CO 80231-2005*

*Questions: Craig Blancett: 720/427-2430*

*\_\_\_\_\_ Detach Here and Remit with payment \_\_\_\_\_*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

● *Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_*

# Late World War II Axis Small Arms

During the September monthly meeting, David Parker gave a presentation on late war Axis small arms. Some of the firearms that were included in the presentation are shared below:

**Walther P38 ac45 late b block:** The barrel is marked fnh (indicating it was made by the subcontractor CZ) and it is roughly finished, hammer is the late war cog model, several of the small parts are phosphate dipped, the magazine appears to have a phosphate wash finish and is marked P38 v over U with a ribbed follower and no waffenampt, and the grips appear to be polyamide (Otto Single Type I). The right side of the slide only has two acceptance proofs - an eagle over 359 (Walther waffenampt - e/359) and an eagle over the nazi symbol (missing the final e/359). Evidence indicates that this pistol never left the factory before the US Army arrived as its' serial number places it quite late in the final weeks of production in March 1945.



**Mausser P38 byf 44 dual tone early e block:** frame, slide, and barrel were made by Mauser and were assembled in February 1945 using a slide with a 1944 production marking. The slide and frame have a greenish-grey phosphate finish, while the barrel is blued, hence the “dual tone” name.



**Gustloff bcd 4 K98k 3 hole unfinished sniper rifle:** This rifle was probably captured at the factory by US troops and made its way home with a GI. This bcd 4 is all matching and has a thick left sidewall with three holes (designed for mounting a long side rail scope system), rough finished stock, phosphate finished barrel, receiver, and bolt, blued small parts, and a keyhole safety that was designed to fit under a sniper scope.



**CZ27 final production:** This pistol has a late production serial number and sports a phosphate finish. It was one of the last 2000 completed before the factory was liberated in April 1945.





I receive mail and email returns, please be sure to let me know if you have a new email or new mailing address. Thanks Cindy.