



The Reticle



Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship

July/August, 2016

Daniel Webster Joins Member Meeting!!

If you're running for political office you simply could not have a better name than "Daniel Webster" in terms of name recognition! Congressman Webster has been in the US House of Representatives since 2010. Due to redistricting his district will now include The Villages.



At the meeting, Congressman Webster confirmed that he is an NRA member and, in fact, has a lifetime A+ rating from the NRA. He has long been a supporter of the 2nd Amendment and has been instrumental in much of the pro-gun rights legislation in Florida.

At the meeting he commented on our dysfunctional US Congress and shared a few ideas he is championing to improve its way of operating to better serve us.

At the end he took several questions from the members including one about the problems with the VA. He expressed the view that Vets should be able to take advantage of medical support and services outside of the VA system if the VA is unable to provide the necessary medical coverage.

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Seminar Subjects

The purposes of the monthly seminars conducted by the Club are to provide topics of special interest to a subset of the members, enhance knowledge of firearms and accessories, and to improve member skills regarding gun safety and shooting techniques.

Accordingly, there are two upcoming seminars planned: Shooting Fundamentals I in August and, after the Gun Cleaning Session in September, Shooting Fundamentals II in October.

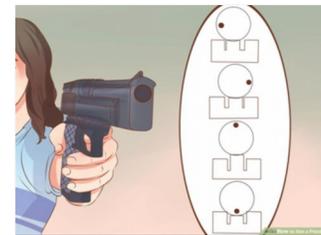
These sessions have been developed based on member expressed interests and on the observations of Instructors and Range Safety Officers working our various shooting events.



Shooting Fundamentals I will be a bit of a refresher but also extend knowledge regarding:

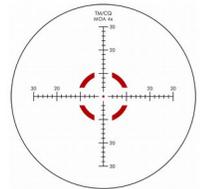
- Preparing Magazines
- Loading/Unloading Firearms
- Proper one & two handed grips
- Top 5 Shooting Stances
- Zeroing your gun sights including various optics
- Clearing Malfunctions

A detailed outline of the SF-I seminar presentation is available [HERE](#).



Shooting Fundamentals II at a minimum will cover:

- Breath Control
- Aiming
 - Sight Picture
 - Sight Alignment
- Trigger Control
- Hold Control



The club instructor team is currently preparing the seminar presentations and materials.

Watch the website for the seminar schedule and sign up if you are interested in these topics.

The Shooting Fundamentals I will be repeated after the first of the year for the seasonal members that will not be able to attend the August seminar.

As always, please provide your input and suggestions to us regarding the seminar and meeting topics. The program committee is committed to providing you with timely, relevant and interesting material at both member meetings and seminars.



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Villages Straight Shooters

New Excursions!

Up to this point our most popular excursions have been Shooters World in Tampa, closely followed by Gander Mountain, Mayport Naval Station and the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola.

About three months ago a new range in Tarpon Springs opened called ReLoad Gun Range. We took a trip to the new range several week ago and were extremely impressed with the efficient layout and operation.



It was immediately obvious that we had found another quality excursion destination. It is another 30 minutes away compared to Shooters World but worth every minute.

Within the facility they have both 15 yard and 25 yard ranges as well as a state-of-the-art 300° simulator.



We met with the General Manager and the owner and expressed our interest in making their range a Club destination. They were as excited as we were to find the new range.

They have committed to a 10% discount for VSS members when on the excursion, 2 free rental guns (buy their ammo) and essentially the same "package" offered by Shooters World.

The first excursion to ReLoad was announced for Wednesday, August 10th and sold out within 24 hours!! It seems we have found a winner!!

Shooting Events



As the Club has continued to grow, now topping 1650 members, our monthly shooting event schedule has grown to keep pace with demands. At the last member meeting, Floyd Dunstan, Manager of Shooting Programs, announced that we are on track to expand both the Friday and Winchester shooting events.

The Winchester program has been popular from the very beginning and continues to be so. The current schedule of two shooting times on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesdays every month serves 60 participants but these events have been continually over subscribed for months.

Floyd was pleased to announce that, beginning in October, the Winchester Pistol Qualification program will be expanded to the 4th Tuesday every month to now serve a total of 80 participants every month.

Since the Winchester program is a key opportunity for members to improve their shooting skills and comfort in handling a firearm, the Club is committed to providing as many opportunities as possible to keep up with demand. Floyd is ably assisted by Kathy Bordoni who is invaluable in handling the administrative burden of keeping track of everyone's accomplishments. Also numerous instructors and RSOs help members when necessary and keep the all of our events safe.



He also announced that, again beginning in October, we will expand the Friday "open" shooting events to the 4th Friday each month. So, we will then be able to accommodate 14 shooters on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Fridays each month. A 50% increase! Also, to offer more shooting time, our events will now start at 8:30 am instead of the current 9 am.

As in the past, members may reserve their time at the shooting events on the website. Since we do have cancellations on occasion, be sure to get on the "wait list" if the particular event is full.

The club volunteers managing the shooting programs deserve a hand for their dedication and efforts.



Bulk Ammo

In the past, the Club has attempted to make bulk ammo purchases in order to make ammo in selected calibers available to the members at good prices. Our target prices have been:

.22 caliber – 10¢ per round or less
9mm caliber – 20¢ per round or less
.380 caliber – 30¢ per round or less



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**"Foolish liberals who are trying to read the Second Amendment out of the Constitution by claiming it's not an individual right or that it's too much of a safety hazard don't see the danger of the big picture. They're courting disaster by encouraging others to use this same means to eliminate portions of the Constitution they don't like."
- Alan Dershowitz**



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Bulk Ammo Continued...

Any time we could find the selected caliber ammo at the above prices or less, in quantity, we made purchases and resold to members at the club cost.

We have now established a vendor relationship with Nordic Pawn in Wildwood who will provide us with an ongoing supply of ammo at our target prices.

The Club will now be able to provide the above selected calibers of ammo at every meeting. Supplies will typically be limited to one or two 50 round boxes per member. Please note, the prices offered to the club are below normal retail pricing. Should you visit Nordic Pawn, there will not be a member discount offered to individuals.

Winchester / NRA Achievements



Attained **Expert** for June/July: Al Winchell, Ray Yearsley, Ray Brady, Mitchell Blau, Rolf Moulton, Francis Renzoni, Robert Schnably, Randy Barkley and Jack Ridolph.

Attained **Distinguished Expert** for June/July: Sherri Bernhoft, Robert Kilber, Mike McCourt, Mitchell Blau, Ray Brady, Al Winchell, Jim Miller, Rolf Moulton, Peter Wall, James Nutter and Robert Schnably.



Attained **Defensive Pistol I** for July: Bryce Buuck and Mitchell Blau.



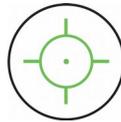
Correction to June's *The Reticle*:
Defensive Pistol I: Martin Roewer
Distinguished Expert: John McConnell

OSA Champions of the Month

Shooters of the Month for the June shoot at the Ocala Sportsman Assoc. Good Shooting!

Section I – Congrats to John Giunta!

Section II - Congrats to Mark St Germain!



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The Raffle Winners!

At the Eisenhower and Savannah Club Meetings on Monday July 25th and Wednesday, Aug 3rd the Club raffled off a Ruger LCP 380 auto carry pistol:



Congratulations to Dave Suban and Tom Newton!



Dave Suban

Tom Newton

Upcoming Club Activities

Excursions

- > ReLoad Gun Range Shoot – Wed. Aug 10th
- > Shooters World – Wed. Sept. 14th

Shooting Events

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesdays, August 9th, 16th and Sept 6th Winchester Pistol Qualification shoots at the Gun Range on SR44 in Leesburg. Two sessions on 1st & 3rd: 9-10am & 10-11am. 2nd Tues one session only 9-10am. Floyd Dunstan is the Shoot Manager. Cost \$8.

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Fridays, August 5th, 12th and 19th and Sept 2nd Open handgun shoots at the Gun Range on SR44 in Leesburg starts at 8:30am. Cost \$8.

4th Thursday, August 25th at Ocala Sportsmans Assoc. Cost \$10. Handgun and rifle session are available, Shooter of the Month determined in shoot off. 1st and 3rd Friday August 19th and Sept 2nd.

Remember eye & ear protection. Adhere to the Club safety rules. If you need a Club safety card, ask an RSO or the Shoot Manager.

Club Membership and Reservations Required for all Shooting Events

Next Member Meetings

Seminar - 3rd Wednesday, Aug 17th at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center from 2-3 pm. Topic will be Shooting Fundamentals I.

4th Monday Aug 22th Club Meeting at the Eisenhower Rec Center - 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Doors open at 5:30pm.

1st Wednesday Sept 7th Club Meeting at the Savanna Center – 6:45pm – 8:15pm, Doors open at 5:45pm.

Gun Raffle for each meeting will feature a S&W Bodyguard 380 with Crimson Trace Green Laser.



A Hearty Congratulations to All!!