



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



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Course of Fire:

- 2 people shoot on one target
30-second time limit with two 10-round magazines (meaning you must reload during the 30-sec. shoot).
- Fewest plates on your side = you win!
- Must be .380 or 9mm or larger caliber
- 16-person elimination (so the winner will have shot at least 4 times)

Winchester Program – The Same but Different

As you may know, new procedures and logistics have been developed for the Winchester Program.

First, the program administrator is Colleen Rutherford (cjrutherford@comcast.net). She is also an NRA certified RSO and Instructor for our Club.

The new Winchester procedure:

- Qualification shooting may be conducted anywhere, either at a public or private range. This means you may shoot at any range and use the targets provided.
- Subsequently, target and instruction packets for the first four (4) qualification levels (or the next qualification level) will be prepared for you.
- These packets will include instructions and enough targets to enable you to qualify for the appropriate levels.
- You may acquire these packets with instructions and targets at either of the two monthly club meetings (Savannah and/or Eisenhower).
- You must advise Colleen Rutherford, the program administrator, which meeting you will attend to obtain these packets.
- Upon meeting the qualification requirements for each level, you must email Colleen Rutherford of the Qualification level you have completed.

Member Meeting Recap

Club Activities

For the dates of the various shooting programs, click on that link in the Table of Contents (or scroll to the bottom).

NEW! Dueling Tree (Steel) Shoots

The Shooting Program now offers a new fun way to shoot as evidenced by the February slots filling up OVERNIGHT. Watch for the March dates on our website.



- Note: The Distinguished Expert Qualification level must be witnessed by any current NRA Member whose full name and NRA ID #, and the date of completion, must be provided to Colleen Rutherford (cjrutherford@comcast.net).

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Main Topic



By Terry Marksberry

First up was a review of the 2nd Amendment and various interpretations over the last 200 years. Court cases have filtered up to the U.S. Supreme Court which ruled in 2008 and 2010 that the 2nd Amendment and right to bear arms applied to the States as well as the Federal Government. A California case in 2017 was declined for review so that state restriction on concealed carry remains on the books. We must wait and see if a new case comes up and whether the new conservative leaning court mix will accept it.

That said, Speaker Pelosi has an agenda which includes:

- Assault Weapons Ban – ask 10 people what this means, and you will get 10 different answers.
- Universal Background Checks – last we looked this was already law (see slide 26 of the presentation).
- Dropping the National Reciprocity bill – Republicans failed to take this up in the Senate last year. Boo! Hiss!
- Dropping the Hearing Protection Act – aka banning suppressor or silencer which Democrats believe makes guns silent vis-à-vis protects your ears from loud noises. (see slides 29 & 30).
- Armor Piercing Ammo – last we looked this was already law.

- Gun confiscation laws – some states have ruled this unconstitutional since the government cannot seize something you legally purchased (slide 31 including violating the 14th Amendment).

So, what is an Assault Weapon? Most people cannot define it but Slide 22 defines this as noted in the now expired 1994 law. Some are trying to define it (see the Boulder, CO article later in this newsletter).

Here at home (Florida) based on the successes of the last mid-term election where 11 of 12 constitutional changes to FL law passed, there is a push to virtually eliminate all guns in FL based on the definition in slide 43.

The presentation concludes with “What Can We Do?” Time to act.

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Donor Appreciation Awards



The January award was the new Sig Sauer P938 9mm handgun.

Savannah winner	Eisenhower winner
Robert Szoyka	Doug Ludlow
	

Congratulations to Robert and Doug!

“The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms.” – Samuel Adams

Next Meeting & Award

The **February** meeting topic will be *Annual Shot Show (New Products)*

Savannah: Mon. Feb. 18th,

6:45 – 8:15 pm. Doors open at

6:00 pm. **Eisenhower: Mon.**

Feb. 25th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Doors open at 5:30 pm.



The February meeting awards will be a [Beretta 92FS](#). Click on the link for specs and features.

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Instructor's Corner

By Steve Mosel

(These articles are the opinions of the writer only and in no way reflect official positions of the Village Straight Shooters - or anyone with good sense for that matter - SM)



”RANGE ROLES & RULES!”

We are always happy to see new faces at club shooting events. Although we take the time to go over what the participants are about to experience at these gatherings, I wanted to use this month's column to acquaint our newer members with who's who at the ranges and who's in charge of what.



I'll start by stating the obvious: Safety is always the primary consideration during any shooting activity and the basic safety rules must be observed:

- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
- Always assume your firearm is loaded
- Know your target and what is beyond (or crossing in front of it)

Although it is each shooter's responsibility to follow these sacrosanct range laws, you will find two types of helpful and friendly individuals at all club shooting events keeping you safe and enforcing these rules. Although most all our instructors are also certified RSOs (Range Safety Officers) and can wear that hat when necessary, the jobs are not the same.

RSOs: The RSO is in charge of the range and will issue the instructions and commands necessary to keep the event running smoothly and safely. Other than actions like clearing a minor jam or answering procedural questions, the RSO needs to be watching an entire line or designated section and cannot spend an excessive amount of time with individual shooters. That task is left to the instructors.

INSTRUCTORS: Safety is also the primary concern of the instructor. Like the RSO, an instructor may put a quick stop to any unsafe activity and suggest an appropriate alternative to the shooter. Brand new shooters can expect heavier involvement from the instructors, who will weigh in on the fundamentals of shooting as well as insuring proper and safe techniques at the range. Regular participants know that the instructors are there for them when needed, usually only approaching a shooter when they observe someone in obvious need of suggestions that might help improve their marksmanship or insure their safety.



SHOOT MANAGERS: The Shoot Manager (always an instructor/RSO themselves), will welcome everyone to the event and give an overview of the proceedings. They will assign the individual RSO who will give a safety briefing and they will facilitate any problems or medical emergencies. During the shoot, they will keep an eye on the event as a whole and step in when needed.

All of the individuals above are volunteers and greatly appreciate the occasional “thank you” for their time and effort in setting up the event and

seeing to it that everyone enjoys the experience. And, by the way, if they raise their voice when talking to you, it's because it's hard to hear with earphones on, not because they're angry. Truly a welcoming family of shooters, we hope to see more of you out at the ranges, taking advantage of this remarkable club.

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What Else Is Going On

Concealed Carry Reciprocity Source

Last month we included a blurb about this with a link to [GunsToCarry.com](#) which has links to all 50 states. This month a similar database from a better-known organization, USCCA. Many of you either belong to USCCA or are familiar with it from Club presentations. USCCA has an interactive reciprocity map site publicly available. Go to [USConcealedCarry.com/ccw-reciprocity-map/](#) and view each state's most current laws since they do change frequently.

Emergency Medical Information Form has been updated. We have added a line for your personal physician name and telephone number for emergency personnel use. You can print the last page of this newsletter or download from any Club shooting event website page (bottom).

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Fear & Loading: Only 342 Guns "Certified" in Boulder, By Guy Sagi - January 10, 2019 - NRA American Rifleman

This is a new one. The City of Boulder, CO has a new ordinance effective this Jan 1, 2019 that bans assault weapons by residents. How do you know if you own one?

The Boulder Police Department's website explains guns that fall under the new law include semi-automatic centerfire rifle that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine and that have any one of 3 other characteristics.

Pistols are affected as well: Center-fire versions capable of magazine loads by any other method than through the grip or carrying an off-hand stabilizing device are also included.

We are not done yet. This also applies to semi-automatic shotguns that have any one of 4 characteristics listed on the website.

There is an evaluation charge IF you legally purchased it before June 18, 2018. If not, the only other legal option was to remove the guns from the city limits by moving or destroying them. Thus far, only 342 firearms have been inspected and certified by the Boulder Police Department firearms. For more info, click [here](#).

NRA-ILA has backed a legal challenge to the Boulder City Council's measures.

CCI Ammunition Announces New Rimfire Loads by American Rifleman Staff - January 10, 2019. CCI [has announced new ammo loads](#) for Rimfire and Centerfire loads. An interesting one is the [Copper-22](#) which is non-lead, high velocity (1,850 fps) and greater accuracy. It resembles a .22 version of the ARX Inceptor centerfire ammo.

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Ammunition Sensitivity & What to Do About It by B. Gil Horman - January 7, 2019, NRA American Rifleman Magazine - Here is an article on ammunition. We know that some .22LR guns are picky about what ammo is fed to it. However, there are many other aspects to ammo selection. Do your practice ammo characteristics match your self-defense ammo (if different)? Is there a better selection? The Club [GURUs](#) and our Instructor's Corner are good sources for information. This [article](#) is just another one you should consider.

3D-Printed Firearms Could Be Deadlier for Shooters Than for Targets, By Jeremy Straub, Slate.com technology section.

Before you try to 3D print a gun, consider the limitations of such a device. Most are single shot and even those that can shoot a few rounds could end up exploding during use. Read the [article](#).

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Seminar Review & Schedule

“Concealed Carry”

By Terry Marksberry

There is a concealed carry saying that “it is better to have any gun than no gun when you need a gun”. However, this really isn’t quite true. You don’t want a caliber that just makes the other person mad instead of stopping them. You don’t want a gun that does not reliably fire; you could throw it at them perhaps.

If you have a Florida CCW permit, remember it does not mean only a gun; it means a “weapon”. There may be times and places where firearms are not allowed, but other types of personal defense are allowed in a concealed manner.

This seminar reviews all of these including calibers, carrying devices, tactics, (Florida) attire, ammo type, aiming devices and non-lethal defensive tools.

First up, the little guys; those micro or sub-compact guns with a barrel less than 3”. They are light weight, .380 caliber, easier to conceal, but may be harder to control because of the small grip. Some have an optional extended 7 round magazine which provides more grip space, thus control. In all cases, if you have a “pocket pistol” you need to have a pocket holster to cover the trigger. Some of these guns have single action triggers and with one round in the chamber it could be an accidental discharge waiting to happen.



Then the sub-compact to compact guns were reviewed. Typically, these have barrels of 3 – 3.5”,

a little more weight and an extra round or two in standard capacity.

Revolvers are a bit wider and bulkier and come in two basic variations, e.g. hammerless (internal) or hammer (external). For concealed carry, an internal hammer is safer. These generally are .38 Special and/or .357 Mag calibers, but Ruger has one model that comes in 9mm.

Holsters: Considerations are safely carrying your gun, how to carry it and where on your body. Big cell phone cases hide everything, but are belt mounted and bulky. Inside the waistband is becoming more popular and likely more conducive to “Florida attire” such as T-shirts and shorts.

Retention is the ability of the holster to hold the gun in place.

- Type I means there is only one method of retention which is generally friction. Some have tightening screws, others like leather are just friction.
- Type II is active retention such as a release lever. However, look at the Blackhawk Sherpa on slide 17. Note that it is too easy to hit the release button while drawing and your finger slides into the trigger guard. It could BANG before you want it to. Not recommended!
- Purses, Fanny packs and Sling bags are other types of concealment; called off-body. Just remember not to leave it on the back of your restaurant chair.

In all cases, to develop muscle memory you should carry your gun in the same position on your body, so you don’t reach for a non-existent gun when you decide to change to a cross body position.

Ammo. What type and what caliber were reviewed. You need to think about the type, FMJ or JHP or composite for stopping power, but also not to over penetrate. Review previous seminars on this:

- Self-Defense Ammo, Oct. 2018
- Selecting the Right Gun, Nov. 2018

Lasers were also reviewed. There are advantages (quick targeting) and disadvantages (battery failure, hard to turn on, your location identified).

Understand Florida law regarding when Stand Your Ground is legal and just as important when it is not legal.

Non-lethal choices vary from pepper spray or gel, stun guns, loud personal alarms, and tactical pens (Kubaton).

In summary, please try to remember to go to the website and download these presentations. For this topic, there were several past issues in the Instructor's Corner section of the newsletter.

- Kydex Holsters, October 2016
- Hail the Fanny Pack, June 2017

The next seminar is **Wed., Feb. 20th**, 2-3:30 pm, at the Eisenhower Rec Center. The topic will be ***The Laws of Self-Defense – an Update.*** Register via the Activity Signup sheet.

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Winchester/NRA Achievements

Look who is on the move going up through the Winchester levels.

- **Expert:** George Dye, Peni Hendryx, Scott Colligan, Thomas DiBuono
- **Distinguished Expert:** Jim Kozinski
- **Distinguished Expert Defensive Pistol I:** Mike Lee



Follow the current standings on the website at **Events | Winchester QP | WMP standings.**

A Well-Earned Congratulations to All!!

If you would like to begin evaluating and improving your shooting skills with the Winchester program, you can sign up [here](#) or via the Activity Signup webpage.

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Upcoming Club Activities

Excursions

None are currently scheduled but watch for an email announcement to potentially return to Reload.

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Shooting Events

Emeralda (Outdoor) & Schedule

- **Open** Shoots are on the 1st & 4th Tuesday, and 1st & 3rd Friday of the month.
- **Instructional Shoot:** This is for anyone who needs some help with grip, sighting, stance, etc. Extra instructors will be available. Shoot the 1st Friday, 8:30 am. Limited to 8 shooters for more time with an instructor.
 - Currently Feb 5th, 15th, 26th
- **Steel Target Shoot:** this provides you with a chance to test your skills against others shooting a steel tree.
 - Currently Feb 12th, 19th
- **Bullseye Shooting League** for both Rimfire Handgun, Centerfire Handgun, and Rimfire Rifle. Signup via Activity sheet or if in mid-session, please contact Floyd Dunstan, email dunsail2c@gmail.com, for the details.



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Ocala Sportsman's (Outdoor)

OSA is the 4th Thursday of the month

at the outdoor **Ocala**

Sportsman's Assoc. at 8:45

and 11 am. Each session has a

handgun and separate **rifle** range session.

- Currently Feb 28th



For January and in commemoration of the Vegas Shot Show the competition was a "Poker" shoot-off. The winner was Greg Maurer with a winning hand of two pair (3's over 2's).



Congratulations Greg!!!

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Education Classes

- **Build AR15 class** is 3 hours in classroom and 2 hours on the range to zero optics and check functionality, \$75. Once you have the parts, click [here](#) for assistance in building your AR-15.
- **AR-15 Orientation Training:** 2 classes each day on Feb. 11.
- **Basic Pistol Safety class:** Feb 13th, 20th
- **Concealed Carry Qualification:** 9am on Feb 19th.
- **Personal Security 1 – In the Home:** TBD
- **Personal Security 2 – Outside the Home:** Feb 21st.

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