



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



President's Corner

Happy Spring....

It seems I can never stop saying that I can't believe how quickly time is passing.... Winter is already over (even if the weatherman doesn't know it!).... It is already time for our Seasonal Residents to start the exodus. We will be here waiting for your return.

At one of our recent meetings, I asked for help to do some computer work involving the website classified section and the Cvent reservation system. I would like to thank our members who stepped up and said they are willing to help out....

Supporting the classified section on our website:
Jim Larsen
Marty Rosenberg

Supporting Cvent Reservation System Daily Activity Reservation Report and Activity signup:
Bill Hayes

One of the VSS's newest endeavors, the Simulator Project, is being headed up by Ed Pack, a club Director leading the following team:
Kevin Butler
Bob Brightman
Al Theriault

We still need suggestions for member meeting topics and people to do presentations that would be of interest to our general membership....



Be safe - Chuck

Chuck Wildzunas
President



Next Member Meetings

Reservations & Masks Required see the VSS Website for details

**Eisenhower – Monday, April 26th
- 6:30 to 8:00 pm**



**Savannah –
Tuesday, April
20th - 6:45 to
8:15 pm**

Topic: "Home Defense Weapons"

**Donor Award:
Springfield Hellcat
9mm or 500 rounds of
9mm ammo, winner's
choice**



"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

CALL

Your State and Federal Representatives!



Things are still hot in the Gun Control World with additional action in Florida by Legislators in the House of Representatives and Senate. Our Florida State Senator, Denis Baxley is a

Co-Sponsor of SM 1630, Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Here is a summary of the bill, which has passed the Senator Judiciary Committee, 7 yeas and 4 nays. Here is a summary of SM 1630:



“Expressing the consensus of the Florida Legislature that proposals forthcoming at the federal level to restrict the right to keep and bear arms violate the Constitution of the United States and affirming the intent of the Florida Legislature to do everything in its power to protect the rights of Florida residents under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and under the Florida Constitution, etc.”

This bill is now in the Rules Committee and Senator Baxley is on that committee, so let's all call him to express our support for this bill.



HM 1301 is a House of Representatives bill that is similar to SM 1630, this bill has been released to the full house calendar.

We need to act now since the Legislature is in session until April 30, 2021.



Senator Denis Baxley
322 Senate Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
(850) 487-5012



Representative Brett Hage
315 House Office Building
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
(850) 717-5033



We must be Sheep Dogs (instead of Sheep) in this fight and call or write our State and Federal Representatives voicing our support for Pro-Gun legislation. We know that Anti-Gun groups are voicing their support of restrictive gun laws and they must be stopped, they are calling our representatives. We are hearing that the opposition is contacting our Legislators in mass.

On the Federal side there are two House of Representative bills pending and are working their way to the Senate, H.R. 8 and H.R. 1446. We are against both.



H.R. 8 would criminalize the private transfer of firearms and targets law-abiding gun owners for

persecution. It would make criminals out of law-abiding gun owners for simply loaning a firearm to a friend or some family members. This bill would not stop criminals from obtaining guns because criminals do not comply with the law. And the legislation would be unenforceable without federal gun registration.

H.R. 1446 would allow unelected government bureaucrats to indefinitely delay firearm purchases for law-abiding Americans – depriving them of the ability to defend themselves and their families.

The U.S. Senate could vote on this legislation in the coming weeks! That's why it's important to make your voice heard, please [contact Senators Rubio and Scott TODAY](#) and urge them to reject Biden and Schumer's gun control!

Federal Representatives:

President Joe BIDen 202-456-1111

Congressman Daniel Webster 202-225-1002

Senator Rick Scott 202-224-5274

Senator Marco Rubio 202-224-3041



Your Political Action Committee

We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions. – Ronald Reagan

Instructor's Corner

By Steve Mosel

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



“Looking Forward” Part 1

This may seem like an odd time to talk about what new goodies the handgun marketplace has to offer. After all, with COVID, civil unrest and the elections, folks have apparently decided that Armageddon is nigh and it's time to horde anything that resembles something that goes bang and the ammo that feeds it, even if it's made in Youbetyourassakstan and costs about \$12.00 per round for .22 LR.



But, I'm a pretty patient guy. Hell, I waited a full year before getting my first “professional” haircut - just today. (A note to the little lady: The barber said you didn't do a half-bad job cutting those back-of-the-head hairs I couldn't get to or see. So, I guess all those people were pointing and laughing at me for other reasons. Hmmmmm.) Anyway, the point is, I think I can plan ahead a year or so and take joy in looking forward to the next best shiny toy.



For anyone who's been shooting for longer than a minute or two, you probably have realized that you have polymer handgun options other than Glock, Smith & Wesson, Ruger, etc. As great as those storied producers of firearms are, they have their



hands full keeping competitive with the great new offerings from companies that might have been considered by some to be less than first-choice gun suppliers at one time. Just look at Springfield Armory's beautiful M Elite pistols, Walther's ultra-accurate PDP or the well-appointed FN 509 LS Edge. Two of those are capable of groups well less than two inches at 25 yards from a bench rest. That is accurate! Even the \$379.00 Stoeger STR-9 Optic Ready 9mm is ridiculously accurate. Just about every manufacturer is presenting guns simply brimming with features only available on custom models a short time ago and they're all making their firearms available with re-dot ready systems. We should all be on the same page by now and agree that red dots have the potential to make you a better and faster shooter – especially at distance - if you practice diligently. You should never stop practicing with your iron sights, but most manufacturers now feature sights that can be co-witnessed through the optic, in case battery failure is a concern. And the makers are not stopping there. When they realize they've got a winning model, they are oftentimes presenting it in full size as well as more compact models for concealed carry. With red dots even available on the pocket pistol size firearms, the old emphasis on two-foot long barrels because longer sight radii was easier to shoot well, has become less of a priority for all but the died-in-the-wool open sights crowd. I probably won't be getting rid of my trusty Glock 34 anytime soon. It's just too good a gun. But I don't really take advantage of that long barrel anymore since I now always seem to shoot it with a red dot attached. The modern guns are so good, that the extra velocity produced by the longer barrels, just doesn't add up to being as vital as it once was. It might make a difference if I was shooting at really long range (for a pistol), but I know my limitations and don't plan to go hunting with a handgun anytime soon.

Anyway, for now I'll assume that the Barbarians are not at the gate and even if they were, the guns that I already own are more than up to the task of defending my casa and loved ones. But I sure have a hankering for a number of the newest toys I read about every month. If I could just come up with a scheme to convince the Mrs. that we really need.....I'll tell you what: Any and all ideas will be gratefully accepted. You can find me standing outside Shooter's World at all of our Tuesday Club Instructional Shoots. Just pretend that you're shaking my hand while actually passing me a folded piece of paper with your suggestions. Oh wait – we can't shake hands yet. I guess I'll just have to keep looking forward to when the promised "Herd Immunity" finally arrives. Until then I'll have to keep dreaming about my gun safe being filled with the latest and greatest. Be sure to stick with me for part two of this article in which we'll get to some of those wonderful new features in detail.

"In the larger sense, however, the personal ownership of firearms is only secondarily a matter of defense against the criminal. Note the following from Thomas Jefferson: *The strongest reason for the people to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against the tyranny of government. That is why our masters in Washington are so anxious to disarm us. They are not afraid of criminals. They are afraid of a populace which cannot be subdued by tyrants.*" Col Jeff Cooper

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