



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



February, 2017

A Little Help Needed!

The Club is a success strictly due to the number of members that volunteer to perform the various tasks and duties required. For several years we have found that The Club functions best when at least 2% of the members are involved to some extent.

We have always tried to divide up the responsibilities such that each volunteer position only requires a few hours per month as to not be an undue burden on any one particular individual.

Over the past one to two years The Club has experienced significant growth but the number of volunteers has stayed relatively flat. At the last meeting, we highlighted the volunteer positions that would greatly help with the current volume of activity.

We are pleased to report that a large number of members stepped forward to see where they could help. They are now being trained on the details of the responsibilities.

We still need someone to help with the audio/video setup for the meetings, a reporter for our newsletter, and an individual to manage and coordinate all of The Club's communication activities.

A huge "thank you" to the many members that have volunteered to help. Several individuals on the team can, once again, actually have a bit of a life that does not involve The Club.



There's no such thing as a good gun. There's no such thing as a bad gun. A gun in the hands of a bad man is a dangerous thing. A gun in the hands of a good person is not danger to anyone except the bad guys.

Charlton Heston



2016 Club Finances

Every year, at the end of the year, members are given a presentation that summarizes The Club's financial status for the prior year. The 2016 summary was given at the January 2017 member meetings.

2016 is the first year where The Club, due to its size and volume of financial transactions flowing through its books, had to become an LLC (Limited Liability Corporation) for tax purposes.

Rather than just handling the finances through a checkbook, which as OK when we were small, we now utilize a professional double-entry accounting system: QuickBooks Online. QBO allows us to produce the periodic reports and queries to keep our CPA happy.

As was reported to the members at the meeting, The Club brought in \$30,888 (74.9%) in dues revenue and \$10,189 (25.1%) in 50/50 revenue for a total of \$40,577 for the full year.

Regarding The Club uses of funds, insurance continues to be the single largest expense at 21% of revenue. Other expenses are enumerated below:

Category	\$\$	%
Admin/IT	\$7,223	18.3
Advertising	\$1,982	5
Insurance	\$8,406	21.3
Meetings & Range Events	\$14,064	35.6
Member Services	\$7,789	19.7
Total	\$39,464	100

As has been the case from the beginning, every purchase made on behalf of The Club is accompanied by a receipt showing the date and purpose of the expenditure.

As you can see, with full year revenue of \$40,477 and expenses at \$39,464, The Club finished the 2016 year with a small surplus of \$1,013.

In addition to the above transactions The

"You cannot invade the mainland United States. There would be a rifle behind each blade of grass." Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto

Club also processes a number of flow-through transactions priced to break-even with no effect on the bottom line. For example, product sales, OSA, Winchester, Education, and Excursions are all priced at cost with no surplus or deficit ongoing.

For 2017, We do not expect any material changes in how The Club is running financially.

Also, we do not expect any significant capital investments.

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New Self Defense Ammo

If you were at the meeting where we discussed self-defense ammo, we focused on the traditional hollow point ammo.

Without going through the details again we found that the following ammo performed the best and provided the most stopping power, all things considered:

380 JHP

- Hornady FTX Critical Defense 90gr
- Winchester PDX-1 95gr

9mm JHP

- Sig Sauer V-Crown 124gr
- Magtech First Defense 92.6gr
- Speer Gold Dot 124gr

9mm JHP +P

- Magtech First Defense 92.6gr
- Speer Gold Dot 124gr
- Corbon DPX 115gr

At the meeting one of our members asked about ARX ammo. It is not well advertised and none of the top 5 or 10 lists mentioned this fairly new ammo. So, it was not on our radar.



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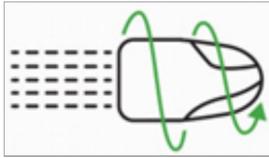


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Villages Straight Shooters

In reviewing the ARX ammo, it is evident that it is designed to work in a manner totally different than the usual hollow points and is simply devastating as self-defense ammo.

ARX ammo was designed by a small company called Polycase. The secret to its effectiveness is the unique design of the bullet. The bullet is a composite of copper, polymers, and nylon – no lead. The bullets are light, 56gr for 380s and 80gr for 9mm which allows for a very high muzzle velocity.



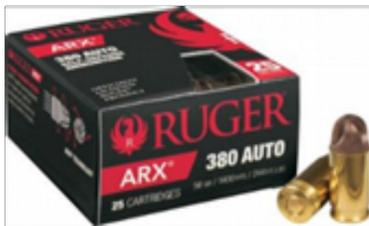
The bullet does its job by utilizing the hydraulic shock caused by the rotation of the bullet in combination with the flutes in the bullet. Ballistic gel tests show that the round creates a 3" shock cavity to around 9" and the high velocity causes it to penetrate further to 12", meeting the FBI requirements.

Another benefit of the ARX lightweight bullet design is a 30% reduced recoil, allowing the shooter get back on target more quickly after the first shot for any necessary follow-up shots.

ARX ammo is sold under two brands:



Inceptor ARX by Polycase



Ruger ARX

Nordic Pawn in Wildwood, at our request,

"Remember the first rule of gunfighting ... have a gun."

Lt. Col. Jeff Cooper

carries a complete range of the ARX ammo in all available calibers. And, don't forget your 10% discount when you show your VSS Member ID card.

Both of my carry guns are now loaded with ARX!

MEET THE INSTRUCTORS

By Stephen Mosel

In past Reticle articles, we've been introduced to Jim Schiefer, Floyd Dunstan and Terry Marksberry. Although it's a little weird to write about myself, since I always seem to be at the range bothering you, I thought I'd add my name to the mix this month.

I spent my working career as an opera singer, traveling extensively and singing at venues all over the world. As the traveling (and my energy) started to wane, I got more and more into arts administration and teaching, which, I think, helped me acquire a solid base of teaching techniques for my future endeavors as a firearms instructor. My attraction to firearms started early, on farms outside of my home town of Chicago. (Yes, that long ago there were plenty of farms outside Chicago!)

After college in 1967, I enlisted in the United States Army. I was able to shoot expert with the M-14 in Basic and grew to love the rifle. But occasionally participating with my unit's pistol team at Ft. Meade Maryland also gave me a new appreciation for handguns as well.

Following my service, I spent three years living in New York City with all its firearms restrictions, and then moved to the equally unfriendly gun climate of NJ.

That made it difficult - but not impossible - to practice with the firearms I had brought back with me from the military. I joined a well-established gun club in the Princeton area and was able to continue handgun training as well as falling in love with American trap.



While in the Garden State, I also became a first responder as an EMT for 15 years and taught Advanced First Aid for the American Red Cross as well as teaching CPR instructors for The American Heart Association. So, if any of you manage to break one of our club safety rules and shoot yourself (or – much worse – one of the instructors), I'll be happy to render aid!

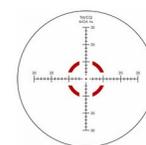
While in the New York/New Jersey area, I went through a couple of adrenalin-pumping adventures on the wrong side of a gun and I vowed never to become a victim again.

Although I did some firearms teaching in NJ, I didn't become an NRA certified instructor until coming to Florida. The culture shock of moving to a gun-friendly state was eye-opening and joining a club the likes of the Villages Straight Shooters, where multiple opportunities abound to raise your firearms capabilities to new heights, has been a dream come true.

I've been teaching with the club for about two years now and am passionate about getting the basic pistol students to realize that just obtaining a carry license does not mean they're ready to carry a gun. Further training is an absolute necessity and I hope that club members will take full advantage of the numerous opportunities available at VSS.

My wife, Marilyn, (also a club member) has had her Concealed Carry License for almost two years and has yet to carry a firearm. Because of her need for more advanced tactical training and much more time at the range, she realizes her limitations and I applaud her decision.

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Villages Straight Shooters

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You can find me as a fixture at the Club's Winchester program, general club shoots and teaching at our Basic Pistol classes, range excursions and more.

I am proud to be a member of such a well-run organization and see nothing but a bright future for the Villages Straight Shooters. Now, Go Practice!

Shooting Event Changes Announced

For quite a while all Winchester shooting events have been on Tuesdays and all Open Shooting events on Fridays.

We know that some members have standing conflicts on either Tuesday or Friday. In response to member requests, starting in March, the first Friday shoot will be a Winchester event and the first Tuesday will be an Open Shooting event.

With this change, members with conflicts on one day or the other will be able to participate in the events of their choice.

Be Safe, Shoot Straight!

OSA Champions of the Month

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



Session I - Martin Roewer



Session II - Arthur Hanopole

Winchester / NRA Achievements



Attained **Expert** for January: Allan Roush, Bill Balassone, Erika Horstmann, Danny Smith, Robert Grant

Attained **Distinguished Expert** for January: James Dollins, Greg Maurer, Danny Smith



Attained **Distinguished Expert Defensive Pistol I** for January: Paul Andrel

A Hearty Congratulations to All!!

The Raffle Winners!

At the Eisenhower and Savanna Club Meetings on Monday Jan 23rd and Monday, Feb 6th the Club raffled off a Kimber Micro Raptor 9 mm Sub-Compact Semi-Auto pistol.



Frank Pardi



Cornelius O'Kane

Congratulations to Frank and Cornelius!

Upcoming Club Activities

Excursions

Shooters World – Feb 22

Upcoming Shooting Events

Winchester Pistol Qualification shoots at the Gun Range on SR44 in Leesburg. **1st Friday, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays, February 21th and 28th and March 3rd and 14th.** Two sessions, 8-9am & 9-10am. Cost \$8.

Open Handgun shoots at the Gun Range on SR44 in Leesburg. **1st Tuesday and 2nd, & 3rd Fridays, March 7th 10th and 17th, April 4th** starts at 8-9am and 9-10am. Cost \$8. **The 3rd Friday 8am slot is for beginner shooters.**

4th Thursday, February 23rd at Ocala Sportsmans Assoc. Handgun and Rifle session are available, Shooter of the Month determined in shoot off. 1st session at 8:45am and the 2nd at 11am. Cost \$10. **Please note the date change.**

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

Club Membership and Reservations Required for all Shooting Events

Next Member Meetings

Seminar - 3rd Wednesday, Mar 15th at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center from 2-3 pm. Topic will be Semi-Annual Gun Cleaning Festival.

Monday Feb 27nd Club Meeting at the Eisenhower Rec Center - 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

Tuesday Mar 21th Club Meeting at the Savannah Center – 6:45pm – 8:15pm. Doors open at 6:00pm.

Monday Mar 27th Club Meeting at the Eisenhower Rec Center – 6:30pm to 8:00pm Doors open at 5:30

The Gun Raffle for each member meeting in March will feature a 9mm **Glock 19 MOS** sub-compact pistol. (does not include optics)

