



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Next Member Meeting



Everglades Recreation Center: Tuesday July 2nd Doors Open 5:30 Meeting 6:30.

Eisenhower Recreation Center: Monday July 29th Doors Open 5:30 Meeting 6:30.

Member Appreciation Award: Glock 44, 22 LR



Meeting Topic: Irving Locker: A World War II Story – Irving Locker Just Might Be the Most Interesting Man Alive.

“Guns and Hurricanes”

John Shewchuk's presentation called "Guns and Hurricanes" was held at the June 2024 VSS members meetings.



John is a retired Air Force Weather Officer and founder of The Villages Weather club. He is board certified by the American Meteorological Society as a Certified Consulting Meteorologist.

A summary of his presentation follows:

Many organizations and media sources are increasingly associating Gun Control with Climate Change, even though they have nothing in common. Everyone from self-proclaimed experts to psychologists allege that weapons cause global warming. Even a Wall Street Journal article said, "The Climate Has a Gun."

All these accusations are without scientific proof and only exist to further climate alarmism. Michael Crichton, author of many award-winning books and movies (like Jurassic Park) knew very well how narratives work when he said, "Social control is best managed through fear."

Gun/Climate alarmism is now becoming a global narrative and is plainly evident in United Nation's (UN) literature. While the UN was originally focused on nuclear disarmament, it now has its sights set on small arms. The UN Office of Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) created a new Conventional Arms Branch which is the lead agency of the "Coordinating Action on Small Arms."



Incredibly, the UN later created an official "Disarmament Handbook" called "Assuring Our Common Future" which states: "Disarmament is especially important for climate protection."

While pollution is a real issue, it does not produce climate change. While carbon dioxide (CO2) is a greenhouse gas, it's effects are tiny compared to the more powerful greenhouse gas called water vapor. CO2 does not cause climate change, but it does enhance our climate by making earth greener, because CO2 is natural plant food. It is important to know that civilizations thrived when climates were



warmer than today, and more CO2 is beneficial to all life on earth and in the seas. There is no climate emergency.

John closed his presentation with information about the upcoming 2024 hurricane season, which many organizations say will be above average, but an important contributing factor, called La Nina, may not be as strong as expected.

Lone Wolf Dusk 19 9mm Pistol

One of the most popular handguns is the Glock 19, not too big or too small. The patent protection for the Gen 3 Glocks has expired, so many other manufacturers are now building and marketing Glock clones using Glock internals. Lone Wolf company has been making parts for Glocks for years, especially barrels like the high quality 9mm conversion barrels for Glock 22 and 23. Yes, you can convert a 40 caliber to a 9mm, but you can't convert a 9mm to a 40 caliber.

Dusk 19 is a highly improved Glock 19 size handgun with a 1911 style 19-degree grip angle and other improvements.

Check it out: [Lone Wolf Dusk 19 9mm Pistol](#)

M1/M1A1 Thompson Submachine Gun



We all remember the “Tommy Gun” used in the 1920’s gangster movies. The Thompson was developed for the military and more widely used during WW2 than by the gangsters. This is a very important firearm and important to history.

[M1/M1A1 Thompson Submachine Gun](#)

**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 - Chariton Heston**

The .44 Magnum: A Love Story

The best time for the .44 magnum was after the first



Dirty Harry S&W model 29 .44 magnum, the most powerful handgun in the world.

But that story started much earlier in the 1950’s:

[The .44 Magnum: A Love Story | NRA Family](#)

S&W Model 327 WR Revolver

Jerry Miculek was looking to break the fast draw shooting record and worked with S&W to design a light weight 8 shot 9mm revolver



for that effort. His new record was 1.88 seconds to draw and hit 6 steel plates at 7 yards. This is a very special handgun and S&W is producing 1,880 units to sell to the public. Now, this is a real “Race Gun”.

[Smith & Wesson Performance Center Jerry Miculek Model 327 WR Revolver](#)





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)

"A HIDDEN RESOURCE"

I've been writing this monthly article since 2018. But starting about that same time, I began a project which has lasted until now and has become a bit of an

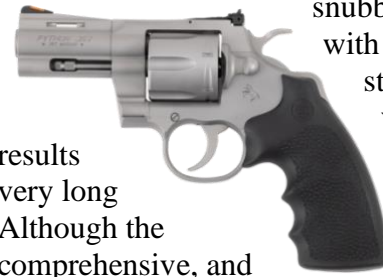


obsession. It all started with me buying my first Glock – a Gen 3 Model 19. I was at the range with it a few days after purchase, firing one particular brand of ammo and got

into a discussion with another club member about the 9mm stuff they were shooting. I remember trying a magazine of his ammunition and I immediately noticed an improvement in my groups. For some reason, I was sure it was the ammo and not my lousy technique causing the difference. Of course, I already knew that different guns liked different ammo better than others. But in really looking into it, I was surprised at how much of a difference there could be.

Wanting to give myself every chance for bragging rights at the line, I started searching online for answers, but quickly realized that most preferences came from well-meaning but unqualified sources. Since I was an instructor, I had subscriptions to six, or seven, gun magazines a month. I would read them cover to cover to keep up to date on the latest and greatest, so I'd be able to pass that info along to my students. I became very familiar with the gun-writers the publications employed and especially found their mini-tests of the new products interesting. But I really perked up when they tested the guns for accuracy. Typically, their criteria revolved around 100 yards for rifles and 25 yards for handguns, off a

bench for optimal accuracy. Some exceptions were made for firearms not known for their accuracy, like snubbies and other handguns



with very short barrels. I started recording all the various gun-writer's results very long. Although the comprehensive, and accurate round would not be the best choice for a given task like hunting or self-defense, etc., it did provide a look into which cartridge was high on the list of accuracy for a certain model gun.

and the lists became in short order. statistics were not often a more

The information is especially useful for those looking to purchase a new firearm or even for those curious as to how they can improve their groups at the range with the firearms they are already shooting. To date, there are stats on 433 models of handguns and 261 rifles. So, you're bound to find the one in which you're interested. But I often have the nagging feeling that I'm keeping all these statistics for nought, because no one knows about this resource. So, here's how to locate the info that I've collected over the years, and I hope the easy-to-read chart helps. To find it, simply go to the club website – click on "Resources" – then "Firearm Resources" – then "Accurate Ammo". Or use this link: [VSS Club Accurate-Ammo](http://www.vssclub.org/accurate-ammo)

My thanks to the magical Roger Marksberry for always making sure it's put up properly. See you at the range!

NOTE from the Club FFL, Jeff Greenwood:
"EFFECTIVE JUNE 25, ATF REQUIRES A BACKGROUND CHECK ON PRIVATE SALES IF THE SELLER IS REGULARLY ENGAGED IN THE SELLING OF FIREARMS." Or selling for a profit.

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