



The Reticle



Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship

June, 2016

New Secretary & Directors Elected!

The annual club business meeting was held on Wednesday, June 1st. There were two items on the agenda this year.

1. Adoption of changes to the organization's bylaws as required by the IRS.
2. Election of Officers and Directors
 - a. Club Secretary – 1 year term
Dianne Olsen
 - b. Two Directors – 2 year terms
Jules Jacquin – Dir #2
Don Fraser – Dir #4

The Club President called the meeting to order to handle the above items. He reviewed the changes to the bylaws Article II – Purpose and Article XII – Dissolution. The changes were posted to the website for more than the required 10 days.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the changes. The motion was passed by voice vote. There were no votes against.

Since there was only one candidate for each of the open positions, a motion was made to accept the recommended slate by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business before the membership the meeting was adjourned.

Congratulations to our new Secretary, Dianne and the new Directors, Jules & Don. Directors Chuck Wildzunas and Dave Agnew will continue on the board until their terms are up next year.



Board of Directors

Carrying & Using Firearms in the Villages

The club was pleased to have Lt. Robert Siemer speak to the membership at our meeting on Wednesday, June 1st. He is responsible for law enforcement in The Villages district for the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

Lt. Siemer first commented on the relatively low crime rate in The Villages compared to the rest of Sumter county. While there have been home burglaries, the incidents of home invasions whether intentional or accidental are pretty rare.

When asked about the abundance of "soft" targets in The Villages and the potential for active shooters, he highlighted the remarkable typical response time for his department of 1 minute, 30 seconds. Of course, their swat team would take longer to deploy. He also cautioned about the risks where an armed citizen attempts to intervene. When the officers arrive their only priority is to disarm or neutralize anyone with a gun.

He reinforced the priorities of *run, hide, fight* in an active shooter situation as outlined in the club presentation on this topic.

When asked about protection in The Villages school system, he confirmed that there are armed security personnel at the schools. That got a prompt round of applause from the members.

Concerning concealed carry in The Villages, he stated that there are no "gun free zones" to his knowledge and normal carry rules apply. (i.e., not in bars, government buildings, etc.) He emphasized that the firearm should be properly holstered with secure retention of the gun.

Interestingly, Lt. Siemer said it was OK to carry a gun in your car even without a license but it should be cased. He mentioned that, if stopped by an officer, you

should be sure to have your gun in a place different from where you keep your insurance papers so it would not appear that you are reaching for a gun when you get your proof of insurance.

One question was asked about the Sheriff's support of the open carry bill progressing through the Florida state legislature. Lt. Siemer simply stated that the Sumter County Sheriff's Office is committed to enforcing whatever current law happens to be.

Overall, Lt. Siemer's presentation was very informative. He handled questions from the members for over 15 minutes. Rolf Mouton, a member of our Program Committee, moderated the Q&A session.

Our thanks and support go out to Lt. Siemer and the Sumter County Sheriff's Office for the great job they do in serving the community. Stay Safe!

Should I have a Gun Trust?

The topic for the May, 2016 seminar was NFA Gun Trusts, ably presented by Zachary McCormick, JD. Zack was sponsored by the Cornerstone Hospice Director Desiree Coleman-Cohn.

The need for a Gun Trust really began in 1934 with the passage of the National Firearms Act (NFA). The items governed by the NFA include suppressors, short-barreled rifles and shotguns, as well as machine guns that were made before 1986. There are other items, much less common, that also fall into the NFA governed category such as the Beretta shoulder stock for a handgun shown below.





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According to BATFE the shoulder stock added to a handgun creates a short-barreled rifle and is therefore covered by NFA.

The NFA or Gun Trust is a Trust that is designed to protect the grantor and trustees from violations of the national firearms act while ensuring that the assets that are owned by the Trust are protected and passed to the beneficiaries of the Trust upon the death of the grantor.

In Florida there are several benefits of an NFA Trust.

- No filing fee or annual fee.
- No requirements that the trust be filed with the Secretary of State.
- The trust documents and the assets of the trust remain private.
- There is no requirement for law enforcement sign off, no photos, no fingerprints, and no begging the government for permission to exercise your second amendment rights.
- And finally, the ability of anyone who is a trustee, or named in the Trust, to be able to lawfully possess the governed items.

There are numerous attorneys in the area, and even one at Shooters World, that can prepare an NFA Gun Trust. Prices range from \$99 to \$300 depending upon the complexity of the Trust and, of course, the selection of attorneys.



To determine if an NFA Gun Trust is right and necessary for you there are numerous web sites that contain detailed information. Several such sites are listed below:

[Florida NFA Trust](#)
[Florida Gun Trusts](#)
[Florida Gun Lawyer](#)

Links

Remember, if you own a suppressor, for example, and accidentally leave it in your trunk and your spouse is stopped, if he or she is not covered by your trust and are not the registered owner, they could face Federal and even state criminal charges. If you own any NFA items, do yourself a favor and check out the benefits of an NFA Gun Trust.

Take a Break!

Yep, we're taking a summer break in June/July.

The past year has been very busy for all of the volunteers helping to run The Club. Our membership has steadily gained, month by month, to a current membership of 1,570.

Participation in our scheduled shooting events has been at a maximum for several months to the point that we added numerous additional events to keep up with demand. Likewise, with education, we were running one basic pistol class a month and had to ramp up to 6-7 classes per month to respond to enrollments.

To give many of our volunteers a chance to relax, at least for a little while, we have decided to NOT have a seminar on Wednesday, June 15th as usually scheduled. The next seminar event will be held on Wednesday, July 20th. The topic for the seminar will be posted on the website.

Same goes for our member meetings normally held on the 4th Monday at Eisenhower and the following 1st Wednesday at Savannah. **We will NOT have member meetings on Monday, June 27th nor July 6th.**

The next scheduled member meetings will be Monday, July 25th at Eisenhower and the following Wednesday, August 3rd at The Savanna.



Finally, there will NOT be an excursion in June. Excursions will resume on Wednesday, July 13th with a trip to Shooters World.

Shooting programs including the 1st & 3rd Fridays, the 4th Thursday at OSA, and the Winchester program will continue as scheduled.

Watch the website for the meeting topics for both the July seminar and the member meetings at the end of the month.

Now, go play golf, or whatever!!



Meetings & Seminars Looking Forward...

With a very diversified membership regarding interests and skills, it is very difficult to offer programs that are of interest to everyone.

Over the last few years we have presented general topics at the monthly member meetings and specialized on more technical topics at the seminars.

We'll likely continue that approach, but, as you may imagine it is increasingly difficult over time to come up with new, fresh, topics.

To help keep high quality and relevant programs scheduled, a Program Committee has been established to gather information from the members and make recommendations on the topics for future meetings.



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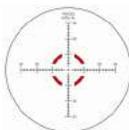
Objectives for the Committee shall be:

1. Plan 6 months ahead for both member meeting and seminar topics.
2. Identify and confirm guest speakers for at least 30% of the meetings.
3. Create "ready to go" backup presentations for both meetings and seminars to be used in case the scheduled speaker is unable to make a meeting for whatever reason.
4. Regularly gather feedback from the members regarding their level of satisfaction with meeting/seminar presentations and suggestions on future topics.
5. Identify supplementary content for meetings that keep members informed on developing information or issues related to the club's mission.
6. With ample talent within the membership, identify individuals that are willing and able to contribute and even present material to the members.



The Program Committee will be chaired by Terry Marksberry and will meet at least monthly. Current members of the committee are:

- Rolf Mouton
- Lee Davis
- Chuck Wildzunas
- Roger Marksberry



Additional volunteers may be added to expand the collective perspective of the committee. If you are interested and think you can add value to the committee, please contact Terry or any committee member to let us know of your interest.



Major Changes to the Basic Pistol Safety Class coming in September

The NRA has embarked on a major revision to their education program beginning with the Basic Pistol Safety class. They call it "Blended Learning."

The Basic Pistol Education Program will begin with an online class offered by the NRA Education Department. After successful completion, Phase I, the student then contacts an NRA Certified Pistol instructor, Phase II, to complete the range portion of the education process.

Upon successful completion of the Phase II training, the student is awarded a completion certificate by the NRA. The completion certificate is required to apply for a concealed carry permit.

Phase I

The online portion of the Basic Pistol class will take approximately eight hours to complete. There are several knowledge tests along the way and the student must complete the tests with a 90% score or better to pass the course.

The online education phase covers much of what used to be taught in the classroom portion of the old course including:

- Gun Safety Rules
- Types of Pistols
- Proper Operation of Revolvers and Semi-Automatic Pistols
- Ammunition Knowledge and Selection
- Selecting and Storing a Pistol
- The Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting
- Clearing Stoppages
- Zeroing
- Pistol Shooting Errors
- Pistol Inspection and Maintenance

During the Phase II portion of the course the student is expected to demonstrate what was learned in the online section by actually observing the safety rules, loading and unloading a firearm, and performing several range exercises that show that they understand the fundamentals of shooting a handgun.



The Club instructors familiar with this new course generally agree that it is more challenging than the previous basic pistol class and successful completion will require considerably more effort by the students.

The online, Phase I, portion on the course is available now through the NRA website.

The club will begin teaching the Phase II section of the class in September.

As an option, we are exploring and working with the NRA and USCCA to establish a course similar to the "old" Straight Shooters Course, but can make no promises at this point.





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Bullseye Shooting Activities

Session 4 of the Bullseye Shooting Competition will be starting sometime in June. Register now. We will utilize the same format as before, 5 teams, 10 members on each team, shooting either Monday, Thursday or Saturday, for a period of 5 weeks.

It is a great way to improve your shooting skills, and enjoy the company of your fellow club members.

Winchester / NRA Achievements



Attained **Expert** this Month:
Peter Wall, Norman Long

Attained **Distinguished Expert** this Month: Lou Benasutti, Mike Plocharczyk, Paul Shrader, Bryce Buuck, Thomas Lane, Martin Roewer and John McConnell



Attained **Defensive Pistol I** this Month: John Giunta

A Hearty Congratulations to All!!



As long as there are guns, the individual that wants a gun for a crime is going to have one and going to get it. The only person who's going to be penalized and have difficulty is the law-abiding citizen, who then cannot have [it] if he wants protection -- the protection of a weapon in his home.

RONALD REAGAN, interview, Mar. 22, 1986

OSA Champions of the Month

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



Section I –
Congrats to
Dave Russell!



Section II -
Congrats to Sherri
Bernhoft!

The Raffle Winner!

At the Savanna Club Meeting on Wednesday, June 1st the Club raffled off a Springfield Armory XD's 9mm Subcompact Carry Gun:



Congratulations to Milton Mills !

Upcoming Club Activities

Excursions

- > Shooters World – Wed. July 13th
- > Gander Mountain Virtual Shoot – Wed. Aug 10th

Shooting Events

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesdays, June 7th, 14th & 21th 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.

4th Thursday, June 23th at Ocala Sportsman's Assoc. Cost \$10. Handgun and rifle session are available, Shooter of the Month determined in shoot off.

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, July 20th at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center from 2-3 pm. Topic will be TBD

4th Monday June 27th Club Meeting at the Eisenhower Rec Center - has been **CANCELLED**

1st Wednesday July 6th Club Meeting at the Savanna Center - has been **CANCELLED**.

4th Monday July 25th Club Meeting at the Eisenhower Rec Center - 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Doors open at 5:30pm.

1st Wednesday Aug 3rd Club Meeting at the Savanna Center - 6:45pm - 8:15pm, Doors open at 5:45pm.



Gun Raffle for each meeting will feature a Ruger LCP 380 auto carry pistol.