



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Its June? Where the heck did Feb, Mar, Apr and May go? For the days that passed so slowly as we fought against our concern and boredom, we look back now, and it seems like just yesterday that I first heard of something called COVID-19. Lots of things changed on that day; for the first time in my life I had thoughts of toilet paper shortages, face masks and social distancing. Never, in my wildest dreams could I have ever thought up ONE-WAY AISLES IN PUBLIX. I would have considered it equally absurd to think that something could bring our Villages Straight Shooters meetings, shooting events and education programs all to a screeching halt, yet; here we are.

I have looked at the large meeting room at Laurel Manor Rec Center that was set up for maximum



capacity. **24 People!** Since that room is basically the same size as our meeting room at Eisenhower, you can see that there is no way

to hold club meetings under the current guidelines. Shooter's World, our home shooting range, has had to cut its capacity to accommodate shooters by 50%.

We have, due to the hard work of our Shooting Manager, Floyd Dunstan, figured out a way to resume, on a limited basis, the dueling tree steel shoot at Emerald. Even at outdoor shooting events everyone is encouraged to observe the current social distancing recommendations.



Going forward, I realized we cannot live up to everyone's expected level of concern nor allow ourselves to live down to other's level of disregard for an acceptable level of safety precautions. I encourage everyone to act in a manner that provides you with a level of comfort you can live with but I must insist that you do not try to force your decision on those around you. Please respect those around you and the decisions they make.



Chuck Wildzunas
President



Glock is offering a Salute to Veterans Discount Program from

Memorial Day to Labor Day 2020. This program extends the Blue Label discount for Law Enforcement and retired military to all honorably discharged veterans. Any LE (Law Enforcement) distributor or dealer can process your purchase with a DD214 or a VA Health Card and a valid state driver's license along with the state CCW for immediate pickup. Discounts are significant on the entire Glock catalog of handguns. See the Glock website for a list of Blue Label (LE) dealers and distributors: <https://us.glock.com/>

“New Club Activities”

Looking for something to fill in the newly found spare hours? Are you interested in reloading

ammunition. How about black powder guns? How about bow hunting (bow equipment)?

If any of these appeal to you give Jon Kitchen a call at 302-893-4962 it may be the start of a Straight Shooters special interest group(s).

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)



“I’ve Heard It All”

During this latest little hiccup in our lives, I’ve been trying to keep as regular a daily schedule as is possible. I even took to optimistically writing tasks down in a daily calendar and trying to follow the plan as best I could. The intended labors included all sorts of household chores and Marilyn was proud and supportive of my efforts.....in the beginning. She now claims that if the work entails a vacuum cleaner or the word “Swiffer”, my ability to find small hiding places is positively astounding for a big man! I also overheard her on the phone with her sister and she complained that when she needs help, my hearing has apparently broken and that I keep bringing up the fact that I got Tinnitus in the Service and that the docs told me ‘I might have trouble hearing female voices coming from other rooms’. Now I’ll grant you I may have taken advantage of that one a few more times than necessary over the years, but it’s all true. That’s what they said! And, thus, (I realize it’s a long way around to the point of all this), it brings us to shooting.

My hearing problems are never going to get any better, especially with my proclivity to make loud noises with firearms and to be around people who do the same. So, just as I have to be smart and wear a mask when out and about these days, I have to show

the same level of concern at the range. Since many of you are around my age and have experienced similar maladies, this will apply to you as well. But there are several things we can do to at least extend our precious hearing for a while. At least before we’re ignoring our spouses completely!

Start doubling up! When I take my rifle in for a workout, I tend to knock off the ear muffs on my right side with the stock of the gun. Even if I’m only firing a .22 Caliber, the others on the line might be shooting something much bigger and louder. Be ready for that problem with a set of foam – or better still – custom set of earbuds under the ear muffs. I’m pleased to see many of you doing that already. It’s a good habit to get into.

We always encourage you to wear electronic ear muffs as your main set of protection. That way, we can carry on conversations with you on the line and your hearing will still be protected. Don’t EVER reach up and pull your earphones away from your ears to hear better! We’ll talk louder, I promise. Be sure that your batteries are fresh and that the ear muffs fit properly and are comfortable at the end of the day. Lately, the muffs that I use are killing me by the end of the shoot and I desperately want to pull them away from my ears to relieve the pain. So, I’m looking for a better fitting pair and will be trying some new ones shortly.

If you want to be able to listen to the pearls of wisdom coming from your brilliant instructors at The Club shoots, you’ll need to keep protecting those old ears. And, for Pete’s sake, try and be a little more helpful around the house!

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