



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Next Member Meetings



Everglades Recreation Center:
Tuesday March 4th,
Doors Open 5:30
Meeting at 6:30.

Eisenhower Recreation Center: Monday March 24th,
Doors Open 5:30 Meeting at 6:30.

Member Appreciation Award:
Taurus G3C 9mm Compact
12-Round Double Stack



Meeting Topic: Buying A Modern Handgun. Everything you need to know!!
PRESENTED BY: Steve Mosel - Club Member

Bond, James Bond



Our own Don Fraser gave a wonderful presentation of 007 and of course Don dressed the part and talked about the 007 books/movies including detail on the guns used by the spy. [All Things Bond](#)

STRAIGHT SHOOTERS SWAP MEET

The Straight Shooters Gun club has arranged for a *Swap Meet* to be held at the Eisenhower Recreation Center on March 21, 2025. The hours are scheduled for 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Eighteen tables will be available to Straight Shooter's members at a cost of \$10.00 per table and must be

purchased in advance of the event. Tables can be purchased at our member meetings on February 24, 2025, at Eisenhower Recreation Center or on March 4, 2025, at Everglades Recreation Center.

REMEMBER ONLY 18 SIX FOOT TABLES ARE AVAILABLE. YOU MAY SHARE A TABLE WITH A FELLOW MEMBER

This Swap Meet is for gun parts and gun related items such as ammunition, scopes, red dots, triggers, sights, magazines, holsters, slides, stocks, chassis, targets, gun rugs, range bags, gun cases, gun safes, eye and ear protection and the like.

NO COMPLETE FIREARMS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE OR DISPLAYED INSIDE THE RECREATION CENTER.

This is a great opportunity to find a home for all those "extra" items you have collected over the years!

See you there!
Chuck Wildzunas
President



Nordic Pawn

Chuck Wildzunas has mentioned at VSS meetings that Nordic Pawn has re-opened with limited days/hours. It is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 2pm. The club is still purchasing Member Appreciation Prizes at Nordic. Stop by and support this local business, it's like stepping back in time, maybe you will find that item that you always wanted.



22 LR VS 22 WMR

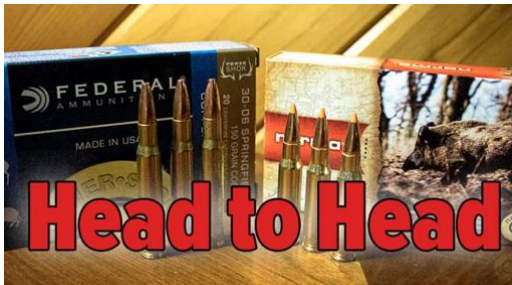


Here is a great article on the most popular rim fire cartridges, the .22 LR and the .22 WMR. The .22 WMR

has gotten more popular lately since many manufactures like KelTec, S&W and Walther are offering .22 WMR high-capacity handguns. The .22 WMR offers much higher velocity and energy with manageable recoil and of course the .22 caliber is offered in the .223 and 5.56mm AR platform with even higher velocity and energy. These .22 rimfire cartridges are not interchangeable like the .38 Special and the .357 Magnum cartridge since the shape of the .22's are very different as you can see in the picture.

[Head To Head 22 LR vs 22 WMR](#)

.308 Vs. 30-06



Here is another Head-To-Head comparison of a popular cartridge duo. It is

the .308 Winchester and the 30-06 which is so old even the name uses old nomenclature with the "30" noted as the bullet diameter and the "06" the year it was released.

[Head To Head 308 Winchester vs 30-06 Springfield](#)

.21 Sharp



A new offering, an improvement to the .22LR which is over 100 years old. Very interesting article on the development of this cartridge. So far it's only offered in re-barreled .22 rifles.

[The New 21 Sharp Cartridge](#)

Six Guns?

Revolvers have the capacity of 5 to 10 rounds with the most common having 6 rounds in a so-called full-size revolver. Smaller carry revolvers in .38 special or .357 Mag are 5-rounds. These carry revolvers can be bought in 6-round if you downsize to a .32 caliber version. Of course the round capacity goes up dramatically if you go with a .22 LR or .22 Magnum.



[When Is A Sixgun Is Not A Sixgun?](#)

History of the .40 S&W



I must admit that I purchased a Glock 23 in .40 S&W many years ago and found it a little "snappy" to shoot, so a 9mm conversion barrel was purchased along with 9mm Glock magazines. The accuracy is better because of

the lower recoil impulse. The aftermarket for the Glock handgun is great so there are many options to convert a .40 S&W to a smaller caliber.

Recently I was at Shooters World and overheard a customer asking about trading in a .40 S&W handgun and the salesperson responded that SW will not take in a .40 S&W or an AR-15. Apparently, the market for the .40 S&W or a used AR-15 is not there. There was only one .40 S&W handgun in stock, and it was on sale. [Life Of 40 S&W](#)

"The police cannot protect the citizen at this stage of our development, and they cannot even protect themselves in many cases. It is up to the private citizen to protect himself and his family, and this is not only acceptable, but mandatory."
- Col. Jeff Cooper



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)

“TRIGGER HAPPY”



Few things remain static in the world of shooting. With all the newest add-ons, advancement in ballistics and gadgets to turn your cell phone into a training aid, you have to make a

concerted effort to keep up with the latest and greatest! But, after being an instructor for over ten years now, one constant on which I can confidently hang my hat is that there is no more important shooting technique than proper trigger work to insure good marksmanship.

Whether it be a novice or highly experienced shooter, the trigger gremlins get to you sooner or later. The funny thing is that of all the things we evaluate when observing the firing line, it's one of the harder things for an instructor to spot. But, of course, the target doesn't often lie, and we can depend upon it to tell the true tale of what's going on.



We'll often ask a shooter to increase their grip pressure, push harder with their dominant arm and pull harder with their support arm. But when it concerns that all-important trigger finger, that's not what we want. Keeping that single digit relaxed and squeezing back smoothly and easily is a key to better groupings. Adding a complete follow-through and allowing the trigger to do its work - without

overly helpful efforts from the shooter - is a sure formula for success. The new shooter will begin finding the inner circles on a target, and the more seasoned will start to realize smaller and smaller groups, with (hopefully) fewer fliers.

When you have the time to practice, try concentrating on that easy squeeze until the striker or hammer is released. Although many like to know exactly when the break will come, letting it be a surprise is not a bad thing. If you have the luxury of a buddy or a friendly instructor nearby, have them load a magazine for you and insert one dummy round that you can't see. When that dummy is chambered and you attempt to fire, it's easy for that other person to see how much you're manipulating the trigger. You'll probably notice it yourself since there's no fire and fury to distract you. Often, you'll see and feel the muzzle dive down, something you don't want to have happen.

With enough practice, this improved technique will eventually transfer to your carry guns as well and you'll find yourself able to maintain better groups, even when shooting faster.

Be gentle with that trigger finger and you'll reap the rewards.



See you at the range!



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