



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



It is the month of May already! Where did March and April go?

These last two months have certainly been different than anything I have experienced in my life and I'm sure the same applies to each of you. I am not sure if I have a lot of free time or have just forgotten everything I was supposed to do.

Let me try to answer some of the questions I'm sure that everyone has.

When is the Club going to get back in operation?
Answer: not as soon as we would like but we will be coming back in small increments starting with limited shooting programs.

We are currently exploring the amount of time that Shooter's World is able to allocate to us for our club activities. It may only be what we have had in the past but we can hope for an expansion of that. If we can only get the same hours as what we have had, our available reservation slots will be cut in half since we will only be using every other shooting lane. Don't forget that this increased distancing also cuts their available space in half.

Emeralada range could be usable soon after much cleanup and a determination made as to what activities will be held there.



Meetings at the recreation centers are still a big question mark. I am not quite sure how it will work out if they cut back

the number of people we can put in our meeting room (which they will certainly have to do).

We would have to start having a lottery to see who gets to come to the meeting? It will probably be close to the end of this month before we see any definitive guidance in that area; right now they are saying everyone has to be 6 feet apart (that would only allow for 75-80 people in the big rooms). No regularly scheduled meetings will be held during the month of May.

I have had several requests from members asking to buy ammunition at some venue other than club meetings. We do not have any plans at this time to provide ammunition for sale other than at meetings. When I checked last night I found that none of the type of ammo that the club sells is available. Checking with other distributors, I found that this is pretty much the situation everywhere, AND the price for what we have been selling would cost us 30 to 40 percent more than what we have been paying in the past, if it were available.

As we finalize plans and procedures, we will let you know by email. Likewise, email notification will be used to let you know when we open the reservation system for shooting activities.



Chuck Wildzunas
President



**"I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within."
– General Douglas MacArthur**

Instructor's Corner

By Steve Mosel

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"USE IT OR LOSE IT"

In an abundance of caution, I've decided not to join some of our members at Shooters World and take a hopefully short hiatus. But, that doesn't mean that all my gun-related physical activities have come to a temporary halt as well. In fact, a couple of days ago, I was taking my own advice (often a questionable decision) and doing a little dry-firing of some of the pistols in my collection. My ever-patient wife, Marilyn, was walking by my impromptu gun range, glanced in and said, "Hey, Nimrod, your feet are too close together!" Now first of all, I just assumed that

"Nimrod" is yet another one of her wonderful sweet nothings that she lovingly whispers to me from time to time. It is!.....right? You know, like "Lug-nut", "Ninny", "Dweeb", or the countless other little endearments she has for me that seem to have found a way into her vocabulary as the Corona Virus days and weeks slowly grind by – and, we spend more and more



- and even more - time together. So, dutifully keeping my unloaded gun aimed in a safe direction, (it seems especially prudent during these times not to 'accidentally' point it at a family member), I looked down and, sure enough, it looked as if I had forgotten one of the basics of developing a good

stance. "Get those feet shoulder's length apart, Doofus!" she added, playfully. "At least that's how you taught me to shoot!" Heh, heh. 'Doofus!' So cute!

And it brings up a good point. Shooting, like most other sports, can be a deteriorating skill if it's not practiced regularly. All you golfers out there know exactly what I'm talking about. You may get lucky from time to time, but usually, starting with your short game, you lose your touch around the green with any significant layoff and it feels like you've never played the game before!

So exercise, dry fire, visualize, clean your guns, read gun-related literature, watch gun shows on TV, whatever! Keep things as fresh as you can during these weird times and the payoff will be evident the first time you re-visit the range. When we get back to our regular schedules, sign up for a club shoot and ask one of our instructors to give you a quick tune-up. Let them check all the basics to be sure you're not re-inventing the wheel and can quickly get back to your former glories.

Oh, I've got to go now. My sweet Sugar Bear is walking towards me, no doubt to say something adorable. No, wait! She just closed the door so the tapping of the keyboard wouldn't bother her while she's cooking. Excuse me a second. I've got to remind her of something. "Honey, remember, I like my burgers medium rare. A few days ago, you overcooked them just a bit. What's that? I couldn't quite hear....." Oh, wow!! I know exactly what those two words mean!

"There are no dangerous weapons. There are only dangerous men." - Robert A. Heinlein

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