



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



President's Corner

June Already!



We appear to have turned the corner on the COVID-19 era and hopefully put it in our rear-view mirror. That being said, what do we see looking forward? All activities in Recreation facilities have returned to pre-COVID operation. This means no more reservations have to be made to attend member meetings and we are once again able to welcome guests (Village Residents) to our member meetings at Savannah Center and the Eisenhower Recreation Center. Our meetings this month will feature a presentation by Lt. Robert Siemer, Sumter County Sheriff Dept discussing The Villages and answering your questions... AND we will have our ever popular "Ask the Gurus".

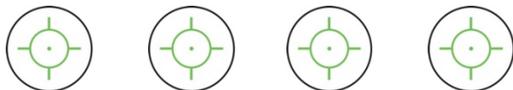
Our shooting programs at Shooter's World and the Emerald Range are going full force. Check out the activities on the club website (www.vssclub.org) and join us.



Our simulator team has been working feverously to iron out all the kinks in getting the program rolling. The really great thing about simulator shooting and training is that there is no cost for the ammunition (laser guns).



Be safe.



Chuck Wildzunas, President

Next Member Meeting



Savanna –
Tuesday June 15th – 6:45 to 8:15 pm.

Donor Award: Springfield Hellcat 9mm or 750 rounds of 9mm ammo, winner's choice.



Eisenhower – Monday, June 28th - 6:30 to 8:00 pm.
Donor Award: Smith and Wesson M&P EZ9 9mm or 750 rounds of 9mm ammo, winner's choice.

June Topic: Sumter Deputy Sheriff Lt. Siemer and "Ask the Gurus" –Bring your tough questions, this will be fun.

Donor Award: Springfield Hellcat 9mm or 750 rounds of 9mm ammo, winner's choice.

"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."
– Ronald Reagan



Political Action News

In Florida, the push for state-wide 2A Sanctuary SM 1630 has died in the Senate Rules Committee. No further action is expected in this legislative session.

On the good news: Supreme Court Unanimously Agrees: Police Illegally Seized a Man's Firearms In Violation Of The 4th Amendment. See the article on the club website: <https://www.vssclub.org>

Your VSS website has excellent content on Political news related to the Second Amendment, so check it out often.

Your Political Action Committee

Also, check out VSS members classified ads on the club website, there are many items that you could be looking for and private gun sales in Florida are easy and there is no sales tax or FFL transfer fees. Just be sure to follow state laws, only sell to Florida residents.

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)



"Looking Forward" Part 2

So, last month we sat back in our favorite chairs, closed our eyes and did a little fantasizing about a not too distant future in which we just purchased one of the sexy new firearms available these days from a healthy number of manufacturers. It was festooned with features we couldn't hope for on anything other than a custom build only a couple of years ago. And,

continuing the fantasy, when we brought it home to show our significant other, we didn't get kicked out of the house because we just spent our entire stimulus check from Uncle Joe! As promised in last month's rantings, let's discuss some of those features to look for in your pretend polymer purchase:



TRIGGERS: There was a time when I would take my latest Glock purchase (or any of the polymer guns inspired by Glock's lead), and immediately change out the trigger with one of the excellent aftermarket replacements. The original triggers went from OK-ish to downright awful! They were seldom good right out of the box. With overly long take-ups, your-guess-is-as-good-as-mine resets along with enough grit to require a Swiffer, they were far south of inspiring confidence in this (arguably) most important feature contributing to accuracy. So be sure you like the trigger on your new toy. It's probably a bit lighter than they used to be (Caution: only go really light on a target gun. Even so, you'll probably have some accidental discharges. You can imagine the problems this would create in a defensive weapon!). Handle the firearm and be certain your paws fit the gun and that it allows you to reach the trigger advantageously. Also be sure that the trigger is – for lack of a better word - crisp and you're satisfied with the predictability and sound of the reset. More and more companies also seem to be trending towards a broader and flatter faced trigger which many shooters like.



THREADED BARRELS: Why is this important in a handgun? Modern suppressors that are made for handguns don't add as much weight as you'd think they would. In some cases, they actually contribute to better accuracy. Beyond target shooting, having a manageable-sized suppressor (silencer) on the end

of your home defense gun makes a lot of sense. With the adrenalin dump of an emergency scenario, you may not even realize there's been a gunshot. But your ears will and a shot fired inside will absolutely cause damage to varying degrees and it could be serious. Compensators that keep the barrel from jumping too high can also contribute to better and quicker follow-up shots in a defensive handgun. Springfield Armory is actually including a compensator with their new Hellcat RDP which also offers other improvements over the original.

RED DOT READY: An absolute must as far as I'm concerned. With my eyesight heading the same direction as my once Olympic quality body (oh, shut up!), I want the option to easily install an optic to help these old eyes aim. Better still, the sights should be able to co-witness with the red dot or at least have suppressor-sized (taller) front sights already installed.

FLARED MAGWELL: Really nice if you shoot competition or on a defensive gun for quicker and fumble-free reloads. Otherwise, just a nice extra.

AMBIDEXTROUS CONTROLS: For all you lefties out there, this is a real bonus and sometimes even nice for righties. Also be sure you can reach the controls without shifting your grip.

HIGH UNDERCUTS AT THE REAR OF THE TRIGGER GUARD: This places the web of your strong-side hand as high as possible under the beavertail, thus giving you maximum control of your firearm.

"MATCH" GRADE BARREL: This is a term that means many different things to various

"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." Charlton Heston



manufacturers. But it suggests what they're striving for: an accurate barrel. Whatever they call it, check the reviews and be certain the gun can hit what it's aiming at with ammunition you may actually be using.

GRIP TEXTURE: There are as many different approaches to grip texture as there are firearm models. Be certain the texture provides enough grip to hold on to securely, without being so aggressive that it hurts to spend much time at the range and shreds your clothing upon contact.

GRIP OPTIONS: Most polymer gun makers offer a few different back strap options included with the initial purchase of the gun. Don't assume that just because you have large hands, you'll need the large size option and the same goes for all of you with smaller mitts. Try them all, it's well worth the time and effort to find the size that gives your trigger finger the perfect position on the trigger. There are other features of course and only you can decide what's just frivolous and what's really important to you. Be SURE to handle the firearm you're considering purchasing. If possible, rent one or borrow one and shoot the gun. You'll never really know whether or not you like it until you do!

"The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." – Samuel Adams



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