



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Next Member Meeting



Lake Miona
Recreation Center:
Friday November 8th,
Doors Open 5:30
Meeting 6:30.

Member Appreciation
Award: Taurus G3C

Meeting Topic: Topic:
Gifts for Gun Nuts by
Chuck Wildzunas



The 2024 Election



And remember to VOTE!
Election Day Is November 5th

What This Election is About?

For us legal gun owners it's about the Supreme court, which has in the past protected the Second Amendment. We all must stick together to protect this right by electing leaders who support the Constitution and the Second Amendment. We must insist that our leaders appoint justices that support this right and keep the court at its current 9 members.



[What This Presidential Election is About](#)

What Would Trump Do?



A very informative article by the NRA ILA on what to expect if Trump wins his second term and a comparison to his opponent.

[What Would Trump Do?](#)

Ultralight Load For Revolvers



This is interesting, it's like turning your revolver into an air gun. A combination of dry fire, laser gun and air gun with your revolver. Using plastic shells, wax bullets and primer power! Wow!

[Ultralight Loads For Revolvers](#)

Taurus TX22 Black T.O.R.O.



Yet another new .22LR pistol on the market. This time it's a Taurus TX22 Gen2 with a new 22-round magazine that will work in older TX22 full size models. This version includes a new bull barrel for increased accuracy and heat control, plus it's red dot ready.

[Taurus TX22 Black T.O.R.O](#)



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)

KEEP QUIET!

Long guns with suppressors (silencers) placed on the end of their barrels make all sorts of sense. At the range they can keep your ears (and the shooter next to you) happier. While hunting, fewer critters will be alerted to your presence as you stomp around the woods. In combat, the benefits are numerous, and the newer (pricier) models even address the flame problem that can give away your position after firing. They can make your rifle more accurate and new shooters will benefit from the less violent experience. But on a handgun???

It's quite obvious that almost any carry gun you're trying to conceal is probably a terrible candidate for a suppressor. How about at the range? We almost never see one attached to a handgun at Shooter's World. But a lot of that is because of the added expense and long waiting period required of a suppressor owner. Although the government wants to cut wait time to 90 days, right now, (I believe this info is correct, but your experience might say otherwise) an electronic submission takes about 270 days and a paper submission, an astounding 14 months! The manufacturers do what they can to make this process easy, but you still must wait. But would a can on the end of a handgun help? Sure. Although they might throw off the balance of your firearm, the benefits would be similar to rifles.

In my mind, though, the place where a suppressed handgun would really shine is in home defense. Let's go through a scenario: You're awakened by glass breaking somewhere in the house. You sit up in bed, grab your glasses, ask your spouse to call 911 and grab your handgun out of your nightstand. Even though you loudly warn whoever is on the

other side of your (hopefully) barricaded bedroom door that you're armed and that the police have been called, they ignore your warning and manage to break through the door. You light them up with the light (hopefully) attached to your firearm to be sure it's not your drunk brother-in-law and, sure enough, there's the bad guy, temporarily blinded by your light, but holding a firearm of his own. As is your legal right, you take aim and fire, center mass.

In this horrible situation you did all the right things, but you also did a great disservice to your (and your spouses) aging ears. Once the hearing mechanism is damaged by the extreme noise of a pistol going off within an enclosed environment like a bedroom, there's no going back. That harm cannot be rectified by our medical community - at least not yet. Since there's little chance (or time) to put on earphones before shooting, a suppressor would go a long way to solving that very real problem. Yes, it would add length to the gun and could make it more difficult to fit into a nightstand, but you'll figure it out.

As with any aftermarket add-on, you need to do your research and be certain you buy the correct suppressor to fit your particular firearm. They ain't cheap and can be a bit of a pain to buy, but if you've got deep enough pockets to make it happen, it's something to consider.

See you at the range!



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