



# The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



## Next Member Meeting



**Eisenhower Recreation Center:  
Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>,  
Doors Open 5:30  
Meeting 6:30.**



**Member Appreciation Award: Taurus G3C**

**Meeting Topic: PTSD - Everything you always wanted to know about PTSD and the Mind and Body connection. Refer to the following link and take the 20 Questionnaire, PTSD Checklist (DSM-5). Results/Scores will be addressed at the meeting: [PTSD Checklist DSM-5](#)**

**Presented By: VSSC Member Doctor Michael Murrell, Psychologist**

## The 2024 Election

VSS member and Republican State Committeewoman Elect Dianne Olsen would like to thank all the VSS members that voted for her on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Dianne defends our right under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and will continue as she represents Sumter County at the Republican Party of Florida quarterly meetings and throughout the year.

Also please remember to vote early or by mail for the November 4th election. Here is a link to the local Supervisor of Elections websites to get you vote by mail ballots, request now, time is short:

**Sumter: [Sumter Vote By Mail Information](#)  
Lake: [Lake Vote-By-Mail](#)  
Marion: [Vote Marion](#)**



## Kamala Harris on Freedom

Many Politicians tell us different policies during a campaign than their policies and actions from previous positions just to get elected. This article documents Kamala Harris' previous positions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.



Remember she stated that she has not changed her previous positions.

## [Kamala Wants to Free Us from Freedom](#)

## Candidate Harris on Gun Laws



The Election is just over one month away, and early voting has started. During the Presidential debate VP Harris told a contradicting message on her position on gun control. She stated that she does not want to take our guns away but wants to ban assault weapons and previously supported gun buyback programs.

All of us law abiding gun owners should demand that the government enforce current gun laws and get illegal guns off the streets. How many gun deaths are attributed to NRA members in the inner cities?

Harris has also publicly spoke of home searches for illegal guns. How about reactivating a "Illegal Carry Search" program that was so affective in the inner cities. Get the illegal guns off the streets!

## [Harris Told a Whopper on Guns](#)





**And remember to VOTE!**

### **Colt Gold Match M1911**



Many of us are old enough to have carried the 1911 pistol in the military and have a place in our memories for this fine handgun. This is a beautiful classic handgun.

Here is an article and video on this handgun for your enjoyment. Of course, the younger members will appreciate it too. It's a .45 ACP, the round that the 1911 was meant to be chambered in and it's a Colt, the company that started the 1911 popularity.



[Colt Gold Cup National Match M1911](#)

### **Big Bore Glocks**

Speaking of .45ACP, here are Glock versions of that famous caliber and others, along with a short history on Glocks. For all those Glock Fan Boys and Girls, here are the latest versions of Glocks in the larger calibers. Not hammer fired like the 1911's but, still an affective and of course reliable handgun.



[Fifth Generation Big Bore Glocks](#)

### **The Precise Trigger Press**



One of the techniques needed to accurately shoot a handgun is the control of the trigger, especially for a heavy recoil handgun. Holding

the grip and “squeezing” the trigger are very

important. This article goes into detail on the trigger part of the equation.

[The Precise Trigger Press](#)



### **Future of the Modern Pistol**



Modern semi-automatic pistol chambered in the 9mm luger were developed first for the military and police, then were commercially available to the public. This classic round is high performance with very high chamber pressure compared to the old .38 special.

So, will the US government band these pistols because they are considered military weapons?

A very interesting article on the history of 9mm handguns:



[The Future of the Modern Pistol](#)

### **.357 Sig vs. .357 Magnum**



Were you considering a semi-auto pistol with .357 Magnum power? Well, here it is. Plus, you get a double stack magazine with 15 rounds in a full-size gun. The marketing people strike again since the .357 Sig is a 9mm bullet, which is only .355”, not .357”, but why talk about .002 of an inch?

[357 Sig vs 357 Magnum Which is More Powerful?](#)







## 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)

### **“SOMETHING TRULY NEW”**

Most of you who visit Shooter's World for our Wednesday Club Shoots, only know me as the guy with the deep voice standing behind you, making irritating suggestions about your technique. But every once in a while, I grab an hour and make the trip to actually pull the trigger myself. My relatively new Springfield Armory Hellcat Pro has taught me some interesting lessons at those sessions. Although it's a good shooter and I appreciate its rather slim dimensions when carrying the firearm, it has the habit of reminding me that a slim pistol in my meaty hands likes to dig in upon recoil. After about thirty minutes or so, I know well how I've been spending the last half hour. The target results may have been satisfactory, but the experience was starting to become downright unpleasant. To resolve the issue, I started wearing a shooting glove on my right hand. As long as you pick a lightweight glove – this is Florida after all – this works well, as a well-designed glove has padding in all the places that could possibly hurt when firing a gun.

But there is an alternative that, admittedly having less protective qualities than a glove, is always there and might even improve your abilities to establish a proper grip, that won't slip around as much upon recoil. That would be one of the many rubber or rubber-like slip-on grips, sold by companies like Hogue – Pachmayer – Talon – Butler Creek – Lyman Gripper – Stekos Brothers – Fidragon Tactical and more. Of those, Hogue and Pachmayr are the most well-known. Check out their web sites for the incredible variety offered and you'll get a good education in slip-on grips. I will warn you, however, that I recently struggled mightily with one of those



that was sized “perfectly” for my gun. After more than two hours of battle, using hair dryers, levers of all sorts and even boiling (as per instructions) the harmless-looking little

things, I was finally victorious and stopped using language my wife hadn't heard since my misspent youth!

Anyway, in this relatively expensive pastime of ours, the prices are reasonable and the results usually positive. Give it a try and make your hands happier. See you at the range!

**“Arms in the hands of citizens may be used at individual discretion in private self-defense.” – John Adams**

Yes, Steve is correct, the small handguns can be painful to practice with and the rubber grips do help. I have a Hogue grip on my Glock 42 and even though it's only a .380, it helps to get a better grip on the gun without adding a lot of bulk. This gun is very accurate, which was not expected because of its small size, plus it's easy to carry. Yes, the .380 is a weak round compared to a 9mm, but a well-placed .380 round is better than a 9mm that misses since the small 9mm handgun is difficult to hold and fire accurately.

Another point is a handgun is very personal and some guns work and other don't, based on your hand size and grip, along with eyesight, so borrow or rent a handgun before purchasing it. Editor



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