



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Club or Company?



As most members know by now, the Club got so big that our cash flow triggered an IRS 1099. Then we had to file a federal tax return. Since we were not a legal entity at the time, we decided to form a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC).

Once you become a corporation, it puts you on the Florida Secretary of State's radar. Soon to follow the Florida Department of Revenue discovers you and wants their piece of the action, namely sales taxes if you sell anything. We do!

Paying sales taxes requires an extraordinary amount of accounting and record keeping by individual transaction. Not fun! So, we decided to do several things in order to continue to make items available to the members and not get overwhelmed in the process.

1. We implemented Point-of-Sale systems that provide all of the reporting needed. In the process it enables us to accept credit cards and most all other forms of payment.
2. We transferred our bookkeeping to our CPA firm who is, of course, capable of handling the new complexities.



3. We added a POS system for membership. You can now join or renew your membership online or at our meetings with cash, check, or credit card.
4. Since the POS system prints a paper receipt for each transaction, you can simply use the receipt to get your ammo after the meetings. No "tickets" required.

As a corporation, instead of a Club, the 50/50 program is considered gambling. We had three choices:

1. Stop the 50/50 program
2. Get a gambling license (if you want the state looking over your shoulder and auditing you all the time.)
3. Accept "Donations" and provide "Donor Appreciation Awards"

We chose option #3. Since we operate as a not-for-profit business, we may accept donations. So, if you donate \$1 you get 1 white ticket and for \$5 you get 10 white tickets and a blue ticket. Since we cannot afford to give appreciation awards to all donors, we use the tickets to decide who gets recognized at the end of the meeting.



So, our life as a "little" Villages Senior Lifestyle Club is over. We'll have to follow a new set of rules and do things a bit differently. Fortunately, most of the changes are behind the scenes and you won't notice them. Life goes on...



Dues R Due, Almost!

In past years the dues renewal period was from December 1st to January 31st. Since we have so many members and can now accept renewals at meetings with our new point-of-sale system, we decided to accept renewals online beginning November 1st and at the member meetings in November.

Dues are officially due by December 31st but we have always offered a grace period to January 31st. This year the cutoff will be January 15th.

As an incentive, the first 400 renewals after November 1st will get a free hat pin and be eligible for a Springfield Armory EMP4 drawing in December. The gun was intended for the Savannah meeting that was cancelled due to Irma.



Renewals will again be \$20 for full members and \$15 for associate members. As usual about half of the dues go for Club insurance requirements and the rest to support Club activities and operational expenses. The Club operates as a not-for-profit business and normally breaks even on a year to year basis.

In the coming year the Club will continue to offer a wide range of member services and activities. We encourage all members to take advantage of the benefits and participate in the numerous member only events.

"There's no question that weapons in the hands of the public have prevented acts of terror or stopped them."- Israeli Police Inspector General Shlomo Aharonisky



MEMBER MEETING Recap

By Terry Marksberry



Everyday Carry Options

Since Florida issues Concealed Weapons and Firearm Licenses (CWFL) one might wonder what “weapons” they are referencing. The details are contained in the FL Statute 790.001 (3)(a). Specifically:

- **Dirk** (Fixed Blade Dagger)
- **Metallic** (Brass) **Knuckles**
- **Billie** (Club) – (Baton)
- **Tear gas gun** (seldom used now)
- **Chemical weapon or device**
 - Pepper spray/gel – Mace
 - Stun gun – Taser
- **“Other” deadly weapon**
 - Knife (is a deadly weapon)

FBI statistics show that 60-80% of assaults are non-lethal confrontations. As we know from the laws of self-defense proportionality rule, you cannot draw your firearm, if you are carrying one, to defend against a non-lethal assault if you would later hope to claim self-defense in court. You would end up being charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Therefore, **if you do carry a firearm, you simply must carry a non-lethal alternative** for defense in the 80% of potential assaults you might face. If you do not carry a firearm, you should at least carry a non-lethal alternative that would give you some means of self-defense in the vast majority of incidents.

Knives

First, realize that a knife is considered a lethal weapon pretty much the same as a gun.

In Florida, the laws regarding knives are arguably the worst in the country. FL law says you may carry a pocket knife but fails to define one, leaving the definition up to the courts and case law. Basically, all the courts have said to date is the knife may not have too many features!



All knives may be carried openly. If you want to strap on a 9" K-Bar, go for it! However, if it is concealed, you need a CWFL. Even a simple pocket knife, if concealed in a purse or glove box, if open, is considered a concealed weapon and requires a license.

Bottom line, use a knife for opening boxes and such, but NOT for self-defense. Your potential assailant is very likely younger, faster, and may have experience with handling a knife. Not a good match. You have better options.

Pepper Spray/Gel

You may carry pepper spray or gel open or concealed without a license provided it's for self-defense. (I'm not sure what else it may be good for?) You may not take pepper spray/gel on school property or to a school event. You also may not point it at a law enforcement officer.



We recommend pepper gel vs. spray for a couple of reasons. The distance on spray is limited and you must be sure which way the wind is blowing. Pepper Gel, on the other hand, shoots a stream that can be aimed and is good from 10 to 18 feet depending on the particular unit.

Pepper Gel helps to keep the assailant at a safe distance. You should spray from ear to ear, across the eyes. The gel will give you several minutes to escape the situation.

Stun Devices

Stun guns, even small ones, are a very effective non-lethal means of self-defense. While you must be in contact with your assailant to actually use it, a stun gun is very intimidating. You may carry a stun device open or concealed without a permit.



If you are being approached by a potential assailant, show the stun gun and "zap" it a few times. Most bad guys with half a brain will decide to seek another victim that cannot defend themselves.

It is important to note that if the assailant has you in his grasp you can still use the stun gun on him without harming yourself.



Stun guns are fairly inexpensive, come in different sizes, and can even be combined with a decent flashlight.

Bottom line, stun guns and pepper gel are both excellent means of self-defense and either one or both are recommended for everyday carry.

Other self-defense items were discussed in the meeting. To review the full presentation, go to the page [HERE](#) on the Club's website.



Everybody needs a Sig!

Sig Sauer is one of the premier gun manufacturers in the country. Although the company was founded in 1853 in Switzerland as a wagon factory, in 1860 they decided to respond to the competition for a new rifle for the Swiss army.

They won! That win generated an order for 30,000 rifles. In the early 1900s they started

producing handguns with the introduction of the P49 and later the P210.

In the 1970s Sig began to grow by acquisition. And, lucky for us, in 1980 they decided that the U.S. market was the place to be. They created Sig Arms and settled at Tyson's Corner, VA to import their P220 & P230.

In 1990 Sig Arms built a manufacturing facility at Exeter, NH and began producing the P229 in .40 caliber S&W.



In the late 1990s they made several new acquisitions and changed their name to Sig Sauer in 2007. Shortly after, they tripled their workforce, invested \$18 million in state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities and significantly expanded their engineering & design capabilities.

Today Sig Sauer is one of the upscale companies making:

- Pistols
- Rifles & Shotguns
- Ammunition
- Silencers
- Red Dots

They also have a world class training academy teaching 100s of advanced classes for professionals and normal humans like us.

Two of their most popular carry guns are the P238 .380 and the P938 9mm. Both are superior quality guns and are most noted for having a slide that is very easy to rack. (Even a caveman can do it!)



We won't go into all of their product lines here but should mention the P320.

Almost 10 years ago, the US Army launched a Request For Proposal (RFP) to replace the Beretta M9 in use since 1986. They called it the

"XM17 Modular Handgun System. The specifications covered 315 pages!

There were 9 quality competitors that met all of the specifications. Sig Sauer won the contract with the P320.

The P320 offers extreme modularity. There are 4 different grip sizes and the gun can be converted to 4 different calibers.

Needless to say, the P320 is a masterpiece of design and craftsmanship.

Now for the best part, the Sig Sauer P320 RX Compact version with the slide mounted Romeo 1 red dot optic, shown to the right, will be the Donor Appreciation Award for November!



Two lucky donors will have a really nice Christmas!



INSTRUCTOR'S CORNER

By Stephen Mosel



LIGHT 'EM UP!

A well designed, high-lumen, emergency tactical flashlight is most certainly a useful additional tool for the defense of ourselves and loved ones. Besides, it comes in damn handy when our old brains are doing their best to fumble for our keys at the entrance to our home late at night. (I was meaning to fix that porch light!) But truth be told, few of us that carry include a light on our carry gun. Some include an attached laser or laser/light combo, but the special holster you would have to buy puts many off and most keep to a simple set up with no extra bells and whistles on the firearm. But this article isn't about carry guns. It's all about the defense of your home and the vital necessity of target recognition.

I'll start out by saying that it's essential for any member of The Villages Straight Shooters who owns a home defense gun to take the Personal Protection in the Home class. It makes you aware of all those vital details you may not have thought about and is very well taught. You can't just buy a gun, throw it in your nightstand and – without any further training - consider your home protected. The safety rule that states that you have to be aware of your target and what's beyond (as well as what's in front of the target) is the point in question here. Just the fact that you hear noises at 2:00 AM that you'd swear sound like someone breaking in, doesn't make it a good idea to shoot at the dim silhouette of a dark figure in your living room. It could very well be your tipsy neighbor, Herman, forcefully entering the wrong residence after a bender. For what should be obvious reasons, you've GOT to identify your target before firing. So, the question begs, what's the best way to do that?

The aforementioned tactical flashlight is certainly an option and having one near your firearm is always a good idea. But unless you've trained extensively in one-handed shooting or the several tested law enforcement techniques of shooting while manipulating a flashlight, it isn't always the best choice. Having a high-lumen (500-800+) light designed for your particular firearm is a viable and simpler way for the average shooter to light up the night. As you'll see in the attached photo, your hands never have to move from the proper two-handed grip you've hopefully trained with in order to activate the light. (Notice how the paddle control on the light falls naturally below the support hand thumb.) I know, I know – I've heard the old argument that they'll know exactly where you are if the light is at the end of the gun. Believe me, holding a flashlight up by your head won't improve your odds much and lessens your chance of hitting your target because you're firing with one hand. Anyway, the point of a high-lumen light is to temporarily



blind your attacker while identifying him at the same time. You do, however, have to practice this maneuver around the walls of your house (without ammo in the gun!), as even temporarily flashing the light near a white wall in the dark will only serve to screw up your vision as well. (Ask me how I know!)

There are a number of manufacturers who specialize in these pistol lights (i.e. Streamlight – Surefire, etc.) and many options to choose from.



Whatever type of light you finally decide upon, practice – practice – practice, and be sure the batteries are up to snuff before retiring each evening. You'll have gone a long way toward protecting you and yours, and always properly identifying your target is about as basic as it gets in the world of shooting. Oh, and did I mention practice?!



MEET THE MEMBER

By Stephen Mosel

THE QUIET MAN

Bill Long, a five-year firearms instructor with The Villages Straight Shooters, is one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet. This soft-spoken fellow from "The Windy City" has an easy teaching style that brings a calming confidence to the students he's working with and has been a big asset to the Club for all that time.



Although born in Chicago, he spent some summers in Wisconsin where he was introduced to the world of shooting, hunting small game

and plinking with a .22 at the tender age of seven. But that early foray into firearms would be the last contact he was to have with guns until his daughter invited Bill and his wife, Diane, to go with her and her husband to a range in Elgin, Illinois in 2012. His son-in-law had a contact we can only dream about: a boss who supplied ammunition to the city of Chicago! (Sigh!) Both Diane and Bill very much enjoyed shooting the supplied Beretta and Glock 17.



In more Diane-related news, he first met his future bride in a Chicago pizzeria. (Ah, the romance!) They married in 1973.

Bill was the youngest of six kids – by a long shot. In fact, his two older brothers served in World War II, with one, not coming back and having a Chicago intersection named after him. Another brother served in Korea. Bill was, himself, drafted, but although his high test scores and educational background prompted calls from the Marines, Coast Guard and even the Secret Service, urging him to join their ranks, he was never called up and continued his career. His technical education lead him to jobs as Production Manager for NITEK International – a supervisor with DECISION ONE CORP. – a manager with OSHIKIRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA – a manager with MARS ELECTRONICS INTERNATIONAL and even a stint as a self-employed custom woodworker.

Due to some enticing advertisements, Bill and Diane visited The Villages in 2002. Back then, they treated potential buyers quite well with \$150.00 dollars in “funny money”, charged only \$50.00 per night in some nice townhouses in Spanish Springs, and pick up at the airport in a limo stocked with drinks. Sight unseen and still living in the Chicago area, they bought their current home in 2009 but didn’t make the move to Florida until 2011.

Bill joined The Straight Shooters in 2012 because of the impressively organized and informative meetings and activities. He volunteered shortly after that to become an instructor and has remained a fixture at the ranges of many Club shoots and classroom offerings ever since. Although he chooses not to carry a concealed firearm outside the house, Bill’s ongoing firearms education includes his participation in the International Defensive Pistol Association. He hopes that future VSS offerings will include even more action shooting events. Say hello to him at one of the meetings or organized Club shoots. You really won’t meet a nicer guy!

Seminar Review, October 2017

Red Dot Optics for Handguns

The Red Dot Optics presentation and discussion was presented. There are some similar traits and considerations between Red Dots and Lasers (presented in June), e.g. zero methods, aiming points, quick target acquisition, and red vs. green projection. However, there are many differences as well.

Check the web site Education Tab | Meeting & Seminar Presentations. Download both the June Tactical Lights & Lasers and the Red Dot Optics presentations and compare. Great educational and buying information!

“The strongest reason for the people to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against the tyranny of government” - Thomas Jefferson



October 2017 Raffle Winner

The giveaway gun was a Ruger American Compact 9mm.



*The Eisenhower winner was: Stephen Letus
Congratulations Stephen!*

Ocala Sportsman's Association Handgun & Rifle (Outdoor Range)

Shooters of the Month for October at the Ocala Sportsman Association:

Session I

Martin Roewer



Session II

Nadine Swift



Congratulations Martin and Nadine!



Winchester / NRA Achievements

Attained Expert: Jeff Atwood,
Edgar Miller, James Patton and
Jon Popp

Attained Distinguished

Expert: Michael Blatti, John
Dulieu, Raymond Navitsky,
Martin Rosenberg, Joseph
Wemlinger and Bill Wyman



You can always see the current standings on the web site by clicking the header and follow Events → Winchester QP → | WMP standings.

A Hearty Congratulation to All!!

Upcoming Club Activities

Excursions

There are currently no scheduled excursions. Check the web site for upcoming excursions and participation information.

NOTE: Club Membership and Reservations are required for all Shooting Events



Shooting Events

All shoots are scheduled by registering on the Club web site via Eventbrite. Consult the web site for availability and current dates.

OPEN shoots now have two venues.

Emeralda Outdoor Range is on the 1st & 4th Tuesday, and 3rd Friday of the month. Please note the change to just one shooting time slot per day. Schedule is subject to weather related cancellations, thus important that you check the website for current status.

Shooters World indoor shoot is on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 am – 12:30 pm. \$30 paid at registration. Schedule is subject to change or cancellation if there is an insufficient number of attendees.

Beginners shoots at Emeralda Outdoor Range is the 1st Friday.

Bullseye Shooting League currently has a restarted session (following Irma's interruption) and will be shooting every Monday at the Emeralda Range through December 11. We are shooting both Rimfire and Centerfire. If anyone is interested in participating please contact Floyd Dunstan, email dunsail2c@gmail.com, for the details.

All Emerald events: See the website for current times and directions. Cost \$10 cash; PLEASE try to have the exact amount since making change can be difficult.

OSA is the 4th Thursday of the month at the Outdoor Sportsman Assoc. Ocala range held at 8:45 and 11 am. Each session has a handgun and separate rifle range.



Winchester is currently once a month at Shooter's World in Tampa, generally the 2nd Wednesday of the month.



Next Seminar Meeting

The next Seminar is Nov. 15th which will be on **Concealed Weapons or Firearms License for Florida**, 2 - 3:30 pm at Sea Breeze. CWFL details, types of weapons (yeah, not just guns), Firearms. Review of state laws and State to State reciprocity, Education and Training BEFORE you carry, concealment options, when to take action, tactical skills, prohibited areas where you can carry concealed and insurance and legal services you should seriously consider. Carrying concealed carries enormous responsibilities so if in doubt, attend this class.

Education Classes

Basic Pistol Safety: Nov 13th (wait list only), Nov. 29th, Dec 4th & 6th.

Personal Protection I – In the Home: Nov. 30th & Dec. 12th (7 participant minimum). Both are open for registration.

Next Member Meetings

The November meeting topic is *Gifts For Gun Nuts & Gunsmithing 101*.

The next Member Meetings will be:

Savannah Rec Center:

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, 6:45pm – 8:15 pm.
Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Eisenhower Rec Center:

Monday, Nov. 27th, at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.
Doors open at 5:30pm.

November meeting Donor Appreciation Award at each meeting will be:

Sauer P320 RX Compact 9mm



"In a perfect world, you wouldn't need guns. This is not a perfect world."
- Sheriff Ben Johnson, Volusia County, Florida

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