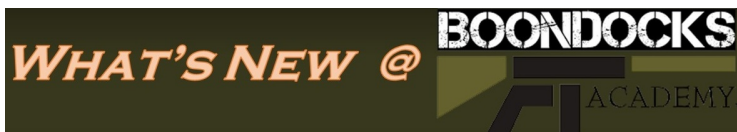




NEWSLETTER *AUGUST 2019*



A Bigger Better Boondocks!

A message from Mark and Kim

Boondocks Firearms Training Academy is for sale! We are looking for new owners that can help Boondocks FTA™ expand and grow into the finest firearms training in the country!

Mark and I wanted to post our intentions with the sale of Boondocks Firearms Training Academy. Putting Boondocks on the Market has been a tough decision. We have been fortunate enough to build what many call the Finest Facility in the Southeast. Yet, with over 300 acres, a 6-acre lake and other amenities, there is so much potential for growth. This is the VERY reason we are searching for new owners that can take Boondocks to the next level. We would love nothing more than for Boondocks to expand to fulfill our original vision. A destination for families from all over the country, with cabins, campsites and RV spots around the lake, paved roads, sporting clay & skeet ranges, etc.

The past 5 years has been an amazing journey and we have met so many wonderful people and are humbled in the fact we have been a small part of helping thousands of people become better prepared to protect themselves and their families. While this search for new owners is underway, it will be **BUSINESS AS USUAL** and we hope to see you in the classroom, taking advantage of the alumni ranges and joining us for our monthly IDPA matches.

Inquiries can be directed to Tom Smith Land and Homes – 601-898-2772.

Keep Training & Carry On!

Our Best,

Kim and Mark

New Website!

Check out our new and improved website! We have completely revamped our site to make it easier to find and register for our [Handgun](#), [Shotgun](#) and [Rifle](#) classes.



Don't forget about our other offerings including;

[Hand to Hand & Weapon Retention](#)

[Church Security](#)

[Active Shooter](#)

[Competition Clinic & IDPA Matches](#)

[Youth Events](#)

We have also added some [Group Training](#) options so that you and/or your friends and family can sign up for multiple courses and save!

As always, if you have questions or comments about any of our classes or the new website, give us a call at 769-972-2382!



Mass Shootings in CA, TX and OH!

On July 28th, as the 41st annual [Gilroy Garlic Festival](#) was winding down, a 19-year- old assailant circumvented security by cutting a hole in a wire fence and smuggled in an "AK47 Style Assault Rifle." He then began firing randomly at innocent people. Fortunately, there was a large police presence at the festival and 3 officers engaged and killed the shooter with their handguns.



News reports indicate the shooter legally purchased the rifle in Nevada before transporting it (illegally) to California. As you may know California has some of the strictest gun laws in the country, however, none of them were able to prevent this

shooting. You can ban the guns, you can put up metal detectors, you can flood the venue with law enforcement, and still a determined criminal killed 3 and wounded 12 innocent unarmed people.

El Paso, Texas

On Saturday, August 3rd a deranged individual drove over 600 miles to El Paso, and according to Police, pulled into Wal Mart because he was "hungry" and to "case" the store. He then went back to his car, put on eye and ear protection grabbed his gun and began walking back to the store and started shooting. First responders began arriving on the scene within 6 minutes of the 911 call. [According to reports](#), "The shooter was taken into custody without incident. The El Paso police chief reported no shots were fired by the officers on scene. It was later reported that the shooter was discovered sitting in his vehicle watching police respond, before leaving his vehicle and walking over to police vehicles and arrested."

Dayton, Ohio

Less than 24 hours later, shots rang out in historic Oregon District of Dayton, OH. The shooter apparently drove to the area with his sister and a friend before they separated. He later reportedly returned to his car to get his gun, additional ammunition/magazines, body armor, mask and hearing protection before opening fire on the street. Police immediately began running towards the gunfire and engaged the suspect just before he attempted to gain access into one of the buildings. The entire incident was over in less than 60 seconds. In the aftermath, 9 people died including the suspects sister.

At what point do we realize that no law is going to stop a mass shooting? How many times do we have to watch these events unfold to realize a "[gun free zone](#)" only increases your chance of being killed? How about we start holding government agencies like the City of Virginia Beach and others that strip us of our 2nd Amendment rights accountable when they are unable to protect us. It is time we speak up and remind our bureaucrats and politicians that "*the right to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed!*"

The truth is, every-time a mass shooting occurs the anti-gun crowd stands up and shout that we need more "[common sense gun laws](#)." They lobby, call, email legislators and protest for universal background checks, magazine restrictions, increased age limits, red flag laws, etc, while we, the pro gun crowd, sit silently in the corner.

As we approach the 2020 election we need to make sure our voices are heard loud and clear at the ballot box. When Government Agencies or Company Policies insist on disarming us at our places of employment, we should ask the hard questions: Will you provide Armed Security? Will you take responsibility if a [disgruntled employee turns into an active shooter](#)? I certainly am not encouraging anyone to break the law or go against company policy, but what if [Kate Nixon of Virginia](#)

[Beach](#) had brought her gun into work that day. She and 11 others might still be alive. Imagine if you will, a scenario in El Paso, where as soon as the gunman entered through those sliding glass doors he was immediately engaged by 2-3 CCW holders.

The only way these mass shootings are going to stop is when these potential killers start seeing news story after news story report headlines like "Potential Mass Shooter Thwarted by Prepared Citizens."



When the Student Becomes the Teacher

This past weekend I wrapped up a USSCA Instructor Course. As usual, the course was evenly split between



male and female instructor candidates. The class reminded me about a recent story I saw with our friend and fellow [USSCA Training Counselor Beth Alcazar](#). Like Beth, many of the Female Instructors that have come through our classes didn't start off with the intentions of becoming an instructor. Most hesitantly signed up for their first class because of a traumatic experience, societal concerns or a nagging spouse or family member, and they were probably expecting to find a bunch of loud and obnoxious military and law enforcement guys screaming and barking orders at them on the range. What most of them found is that the majority of the gun community, particularly those in the civilian self- defense arena, are everyday people looking to help others by passing on their knowledge on how to be better prepared to defend themselves and their families.

Encouraged by the experience in their first class, these ladies soon followed up with additional intermediate and advanced classes, shooting matches or other classes like Hand to Hand Combatives or Medical and First Aid courses. With this new found knowledge, they in turn start helping friends and family members and quickly realize, they learn even more by helping others. The empowerment they feel from their new found knowledge and skills and the satisfaction they get from helping

others convinces them to try the next step to see if they can actually become a firearms instructor. They are again filled with anxiety that they won't have the firearms knowledge, skills or background to pass the course, unaware that good instructors don't have to know "everything about guns" or be a top shot contender at a shooting match. The best instructors are those that are passionate about helping others, and have the ability to effectively pass that knowledge on to others.

Today, [women are the fastest growing sector of the concealed carry market](#) and there are simply not enough female instructors to keep pace. We definitely need more female students to become teachers!

Chad J. Winkler



"Skill Chunking"

In last month's Training Tip section we talked about the difference between mental training and reality based training, and how my last force on force training session helped me "chunk" my mental training and Active Shooter Training together.



Coincidentally, our friend Dave Spaulding addresses this in his latest article called [Three A's Of Defensive Pistolcraft](#) in American Rifleman. In it Dave states,

"A true skill is a physical action that can be performed on the first try with a high expectation of success, regardless of the conditions faced. In addition, it is quite likely that a single skill will not win the day; rather, a series of skills will need to be "chunked" together seamlessly, in one fluid motion, without hesitation. Many have lost their fights due to their inability to merge skills."

In this [First Person Defender video](#), Boondocks FTA™ instructor John Roberts is merely taking out the trash when things start to unravel.

In the first part of the scenario, John finds two men in the alley. One man is laying

on the ground bleeding, while another is crouching over the injured person. As John attempts to back out and avoid the situation, the second man begins to rapidly approach him with his hand in his pocket. As John moves rearward, he draws his firearm, but does not shoot. The situation ends with no shots fired.

In the second and much more difficult scenario, John rounds the corner to see two men talking. From the angle, John can't tell that one of the men is armed. His instincts tell him it is best to avoid the situation, but as he turns to leave he is confronted by the lookout that pulls a gun on him. John is able to swat the bad guys' gun away while simultaneously drawing his own gun. John fires a single shot before what appears to be close quarter contact causes the gun to have a Type 3 or Double Feed malfunction. As Dave states in his article, "*There is no way to know how a close-quarter pistol fight will unfold.*"

In the classroom, the tactic for dealing with a double feed is to seek cover and then clear the malfunction. Having trained with John, I have seen him clear many type 3 malfunctions, and I have heard him re-iterate to students the importance of seeking cover. However, the ability "chunk" these skills (Clearing Type 3 Malfunctions & Seeking Cover) together rarely present themselves in a training environment.

Having taken several of Dave's classes in the past, I have heard him on numerous occasions stress the importance of force on force training. He has also stated that despite spending millions of dollars to train our military service members, they [are routinely killed by people with far less training](#). John has had over 37 years of Active and Reserve duty in the US Special Forces ([click here to read his full bio](#)), and he will be the first to tell you that avoidance is key to staying safe.

In the military, special forces units spend months preparing for a mission and often build replica structures and run the scenarios hundreds of times before go time. As civilians, we don't have that luxury and if we are able to avoid a potentially dangerous situation, we should.

Dave Spaulding will be returning to Boondocks FTA™ in October with his [Advanced Covert Pistol with Low Light Segment Class](#). and again in February 2020 for his [Kinetic Combat Pistol Course](#).

If you would like to get in on some force on force training, check out our [Defensive Carry](#) or [Defensive Pistol II](#) class that includes a night shoot and a full day of scenario and force on force training.

Watch a real life version of a [Type 3 malfunction](#), fortunately for this officer, he had backup, and there was only one bad guy.

Chad J. Winkler

COURSE SPOTLIGHT



Defensive Handgun with John S. Farnam

On September 13-15, 2019, Boondocks FTA will be hosting legendary trainer and author John S. Farnam for his [Defensive Handgun course](#).

John S. Farnam, president of Defensive Training International, is one of the top

handgun instructors in the world. He has personally trained thousands of federal, state and local law enforcement personnel, as well as non-police, in the serious use of firearms. In addition, he has authored four books on the subject — “The Farnam Method of Defensive Handgunning,” “The Farnam Method of Defensive Shotgun and Rifle Shooting,” “The Street Smart Gun Book,” and “Guns & Warriors – DTI Quips Volume 1.”

In June of 1996, John was selected by his peers to receive the renowned “Tactical Advocate of the Year” award from the National Tactical Association. In April of 2009, he was inducted into Black Belt Magazine’s “Living Legends.”

The September DTI Defensive Handgun Course is designed to prepare the responsible, adult gun owner to handle, maintain, safely store, and use their firearm safely, responsibly, correctly, and effectively, so that they are able to successfully handle nearly any personal protection situation. This class also includes a Low Light Exercise and Lethal Force Simulator session.

Lecture on Friday Evening - 7:00pm-9:30pm

Saturday Range/Class is 9:00am-5:00pm,

Low Light Exercise 7:00pm-9:00pm

Sunday Range/Class is 9:00am-5:00pm

Course cost is \$725.00

Plus \$75.00 Range Fee

Don't miss this great opportunity to train with one of the best. [Register Here.](#)

Beat the HEAT with these COOL Classes!

Our [Self Defense](#)
(Hand to Hand
Combatives, Weapon
Retention & Weapons
of Opportunity), [Lethal
Force Simulator](#) and
[CPR/AED & First Aid](#)

are held just a few times each year. While these are "non shooting" courses, they are still an important part of your overall personal protection plan. Each class is just a half-day and are designed so you can take two classes on the same day. Or use our [group training](#) options and save up to 15%.

*These **COOL** classes are held **INDOORS** so no need to stress out about the **HEAT**!*



Beat the *Heat* this Summer
with these *COOL* classes
register at boondocksfta.com

 Basic Hand to Hand Combatives	Aug. 17th 8AM - Noon	 CPR/AED & First Aid	Aug. 31st 8AM - Noon
 Weapon Retention	Aug. 17th 1PM - 5 PM	 Lethal Force Simulator	Aug. 31st 1PM - 5PM

These classes are all conducted in our AIR-CONDITIONED Classrooms

BOONDOCKS

FEATURED FIREARM

Save 17% on in stock Guns, Gear & Ammo



10% Off Guns/Gear *
+ No Sales Tax
= 17% Savings

Friday Aug. 30th – Sunday Sept. 1st

Pro Shop Hours:
Friday & Saturday - 9AM to 5PM
Sunday - 1PM to 5PM

*10% discount applies to all in stock Firearms, Holsters, Range Gear & Ammunition.
*10% discount DOES NOT APPLY to
Red Tagged items, Our First Responder Series or Featured Firearms on our website.

2nd Amendment Tax Free Weekend

Friday, August 30, 2019 - Sunday, September 1, 2019

Our 2nd Annual 2nd Amendment Tax Free weekend kicks off Friday, August 30th at 9:00 AM. During this weekend you can save 17% on all in-stock Guns, Gear and Ammunition. All additional items in our Pro Shop, not eligible for the Tax Free weekend will also be reduced by 10%.

For a complete list of items eligible for the Tax Free Weekend, [click HERE](#).

Please Note, the 10% discount DOES NOT APPLY to Red Tagged items, Our First Responder Series or Featured Firearms on our website.



G43x and G48 now in Black!

Earlier this year, Glock introduced the G43X and G48. Both are slim 10+1 capacity compact carry guns. Both of the initial releases at SHOT Show in January featured the silver slide. Both models have been very popular, but there were still those that didn't really want the silver slide. Glock responded with release of the G43X and G48 now available in the traditional black finish. Both options are shipping now and are available in our Pro Shop.





BUG Guns!

The Back Up Gun or BUG gun has been part of the firearm nomenclature for years. The original purpose of a BUG gun was to be a secondary (or back up) option to your primary firearm. Increasingly, BUG guns are being used not only as a second carry gun, but as an additional option for seasonal changes, deep concealment needs for just for comfort. For me a BUG gun is not a second gun I carry on me for a backup, but an option I can use when a larger gun is less desirable. For example, I use my BUG gun when I am working in the yard, at the gym or when traditional IWB or OWB holster is not an option. So let's take a look at some of the best options for BUG Guns.

For simplicity sake we will focus on guns that meet the IDPA's BUG Gun Division restrictions and only those chambered in 380ACP and 38Spl.

Per IDPA, handguns permitted for use in matches as BUG include Semi Autos chambered in .380 ACP or larger, have a barrel length of 3 1/2" or less and weigh 26 oz. or less. BUG Revolvers must use .38 or larger cartridges, have a barrel length of 2 1/2" or less weight 26 oz. or less. Both options must fit inside the IDPA size restrictions of 6 1/2" long, 4 5/8" tall and 1 3/8" wide.

The Pistols

By last count there are least 20 different manufactures offering pistols chambered in 380ACP. They include pocket sized pistols, medium sized pistols, hammer fired, single action and striker fired pistols of varying sizes. However, we are choosing to focus on pocket size pistols from the major manufacturers.

- Low cost leaders

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Kel
Tec
and
Taurus
were
a
few
of
the
first
pocket
pistols
to
be
offered
for
under
\$300.00.
They
were
small,
snappy,
had
really
bad
triggers,
were
not
very
fun
to
shoot,
and
the
reliability
was
hit
or
miss.
But
if
you
wanted
a
no
frills
pocket
gun
for
very
few
bills,

they
were
the
goto
options.

■ Ruger
LCP

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In
2008
Ruger
jumped
into
pocket
pistol
game
with
the
introduction
of
the
LCP.
It
was
still
a
no
frills
gun
that
was
hard
to
shoot,
but
with
the
backing
of
a
major
name
brand
like
Ruger,
the
market
for
these
little
guns

exploded.

In

2016

Ruger

released

the

LCPII.

The

improvements

included

a

much

better

trigger,

a

wider

backstrap

(for

less

felt

recoil)

and

a

slide

that

locks

back

after

the

last

round

is

fired.

Ruger

also

dropped

the

MSRP

of

the

original

LCP

and

the

LCPII

by

\$100.00.

Both

models

can

be

found

for
under
\$300.00
and
are
currently
"the
most
bang
for
the
buck"
for
BUG
Gun
pistols.

■ S&W
Bodyguard
380

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In
2011,
Smith
entered
into
the
pocket
pistol
market
with
the
release
of
the
Bodyguard
380.
It
was
the
first
attempt
to
put
big
pistol
features
into
a
small
package.
They

offered
models
with
and
without
safeties,
had
options
for
integrated
lasers
and
even
drift
adjustable
sights.
However,
all
these
features
resulted
in
an
MSRP
at
or
above
the
\$400
mark,
and
they
still
had
terrible
triggers.

■ Glock
42

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Glock
shocked
the
industry
in
2014
when
it
introduced
a
single
stack

pocket
pistol
in
380ACP.
It
looked,
felt
and
shot
like
all
the
other
Glocks.
The
only
downside
was
that
it
was
a
larger,
heavier
than
others,
This
made
it
a
little
harder
to
conceal
in
a
pocket
Additionally,
the
MSRP
was
pushing
\$500.00.
However,
there
is
no
doubt
that
the
Glock
42

is
the
most
"shootable"
pocket
pistol
on
the
market

The Revolvers

While there are dozens of manufacturers producing Semi-Auto BUG guns, there are only a handful of Revolver BUG options. Here are the top contenders.

- Taurus
856
Ultra
Light
series.
These
revolvers
retail
for
under
\$375.00.
They
comes
in
a
variety
of
color
options
and
have
a
capacity
of
6
rounds,
something
not
found
on
most
of
the
other
models.
However,
with

extra
capacity,
comes
extra
weight
and
they
are
the
heaviest
option
at
at
16
ounces.

- Charter
Arms
Undercover
light.
These
aluminium
framed
5
shot
revolvers
weight
in
at
only
12
ounces
and
come
in
a
variety
of
colors.
With
an
MSRP
of
about
\$420.00
they
are
a
lightweight
option
that
is

not
only
easy
to
carry,
but
easy
on
the
pocketbook.

■ Smith
&
Wesson
442
or
642
Ultralight.
These
5
shot
15
ounce
revolvers
are
some
of
the
most
popular
options
available.
With
an
MSRP
of
\$469.00,
they
are
a
little
more
expensive
than
the
Taurus
or
Charter
Arms,
but
they
have

long
track
record
of
reliability
and
have
a
much
larger
selection
of
aftermarket
accessories,
such
as
holsters,
grips
and
laser
options.

■ Ruger
LCR

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With
an
MSRP
of
\$579.00,
it
is
the
most
expensive
option
in
this
list.
The
LCR
combines
an
aluminium
frame
and
a
polymer
fire
control
housing
to

make
it
both
lightweight
(13.5
ounces)
and
softer
shooting.
This
design,
combined
with
excellent
trigger
and
Hogue
grips,
makes
the
LCR
the
easiest
and
most
enjoyable
snub-
nosed
revolver
to
shoot.

If I had to go with one, it would be the Ruger LCP II. It is priced well below the Glock 42 and the trigger is almost as good. In addition, the LCP II is smaller and lighter, and even in a holster (which is a must have) it will still slip nicely into a pocket.

For a revolver I would go with the Ruger LCR. While the LCR is much more expensive, the trigger is so much better than the other options. While S&W does make some Performance Center options with really good triggers, the additional cost will run you about the same price as the Ruger. If the additional cost of the Ruger is an obstacle, then the Smith 442 or 642 will serve you just as well.

Chad J. Winkler

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