

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

WHAT'S NEW @ **BOONDOCKS** **AT** ACADEMY

Defensive Carbine

The first **Defensive Carbine** class is set for May 11, 2019. This one-day class is designed to develop defensive shooting skills using a AR15/M4

style carbine rifle. Students will learn a variety of techniques designed to increase speed and accuracy for both close quarter and extended range shooting. Students will be transitioning from multiple shooting positions including standing, kneeling and prone and gain a better understanding of optical offset, clearing malfunctions, engaging multiple targets, using cover and concealment and shooting around barricades.

There is no set prerequisite for this class other than a basic knowledge and familiarity with the AR15/M4 style carbine rifles. If you are new to this platform consider our **Basic AR/15 Carbine Class**.



Young Adults Personal Protection Class Wraps Up First Class of 2019

Earlier this month we wrapped up the first Young Adults



Personal Protection Class of the new year. This class is for Young Adults from about 16 to 22 years of age and is sponsored by [BFTA Educational Foundations site](#). It is a **FREE** program made possible by the generous [donations](#) from individuals and organizations concerned for firearm safety and education.

While it is great to see the students put their new found knowledge into practice over the 2 days of training, it also amazing to see the bonds they form with the other classmates. Here is just a sample of the responses from this past weekend.

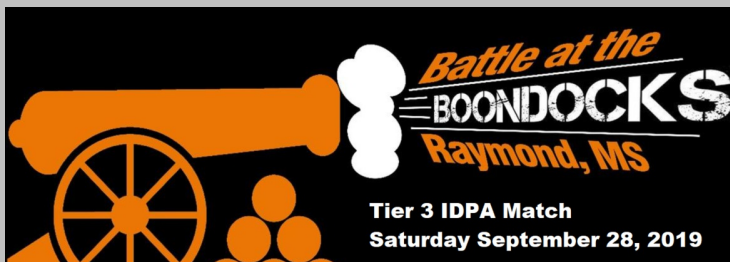
If you, like me, have felt uneasy about the potential threat of an active shooter, I absolutely urge you to go to Boondocks Firearms Training Academy. I learned a lot this weekend and feel much safer. I know now that if the worst case scenario becomes a reality, I'll have a game plan..

The next class is scheduled for March 14th - 15th.

The BFTA Educational Foundation is a US 501(c)(3) Non Profit Organization. Providing educational opportunities for families and youth on firearms safety and the joy of shooting sports.

IPDA Match Changes at Boondocks

For 2019 Boondocks will be switching to a new IDPA Match Registration system. Starting with the January 2019 match all registrations will be through [Practiscore](#). The registration process is free and easy to use. You can learn more about the process on our [IDPA Page](#).



2019 - The Battle Continues

Other than the cold, wet and windy weather, the first Annual Battle

at the Boondocks in December 2018 was dubbed a hit by all the shooters. For 2019, the date has been set for September 28th. And while we can't guarantee it will be any less wet or windy, it will definitely be WARMER. Early registration is \$115.00 through August 15th, after that it is \$125.00. Registration opens January 14th on our [IDPA Page](#).

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State,
IN THE NEWS *the right of the people to keep*
and bear Arms, shall not be infringed

Gun Control on the Horizon?

The newly elected House and Senate members have been sworn in and it won't be long before we start seeing a flurry of proposed legislation. It is almost certain that



House Leadership will introduce new **Gun Control Legislation**. But what can we expect to be battling in 2019? Here are just a few that have already passed in what have historically been very **gun friendly states**!

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- New
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- Magazine
Restrictions
- Universal
Background
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- Waiting
Periods

If you think, "Oh that will never happen in my state", think again. Since the Parkland Shooting in February 2018 many states have started quietly passing these same types of laws. With new leadership in the House of Representatives, you are likely to see similar laws proposed at both the state and federal level. Stay tuned, as we will try to keep you abreast of all the latest issues.

Unprepared and Overwhelmed

On December 28th the Sun Sentinel published a [minute by minute account](#) of what took place in Parkland, FL at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Valentines Day 2018. The finds suggest that "two decades after Columbine and five years after Sandy Hook, educators and police still weren't ready for Parkland." But why?



One of, if not the first, mass school shooting happened on August 1, 1966, at the University of Texas, Austin when Charles Whitman climbed the tower and began shooting at civilians below. Sixteen people were killed and 31 injured that tragic day in Texas. But it could have been worse, if it were not for the [actions of some armed civilians](#). Fast forward to April 20, 1999, and Columbine when standard operating procedures for Active Shooter situations was to set up a perimeter and wait for SWAT to arrive. After Columbine, Law Enforcement quickly realized that waiting for SWAT to arrive meant more deaths. In response many agencies switched to a "first 4 officers on scene go in" policy, but that also took too long. Some agencies then went to a "first 2 officers on the scene go in", but many times the officers still didn't arrive on scene until after the shooting was over. Today, many departments are moving to a "first officer on scene goes in" policy. However, that doesn't always mean a lone officer is going to be able to hunt down and stop an active shooter, or that they will have "SWAT" style training, or have the courage or mindset to perform as expected in an Active Shooter situation. So where does that leave us?

On August 1, 2016, exactly 50 years after the UT Austin tower shooting, Campus Carry was passed in Texas where students once again are able to defend themselves. And just this week, the [Parkland Shooting Commission recommends arming teachers](#) as part of an overall strategy in preventing similar tragedies in the future.

So have we come full circle? Only time will tell. In the meantime, we as civilians must realize that no matter what the lawmakers say or how well trained our local Law Enforcement Agency is, WE ARE OUR OWN FIRST RESPONDER, and we must train accordingly.

GIRL TALK

Get Defensive!

It's been a cold and wet winter, but you can stay warm and dry and still train during the winter months in one of our **Self-Defense classes**.

We currently offer 2 basic self-defense

classes: Hand to Hand Combatives and Weapons of Opportunity. These half-day classes are offered on the same day – so you can take one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

- Hand to Hand Combatives is designed to give the student the mindset to prevail in hand-to-hand confrontations. You'll learn skills on how to respond to the most common types of combative situations. The student will also learn to fight an attacker using body control and leverage.
- Weapons of Opportunity is designed to give the student the mindset to be in the moment and to use the environment to prevail in a combative situation. You will learn to think quickly so you will be able to solve the problem at hand. This will help you learn the right reaction to a given combative situation.

Our Basic Pistol – Women Only classes have been a huge success and many of you have requested that we offer a more advanced women only program. The very first **Defensive Pistol 1 – Women Only class** is scheduled for Sat. & Sun., March 30 – 31, 2019. Just like our other Women Only classes, the class sizes are smaller and will be taught by female instructors. By completing this course, you will also be able to take our new Defensive Vehicle Tactics and Defensive Pistol II course. Sign up today!

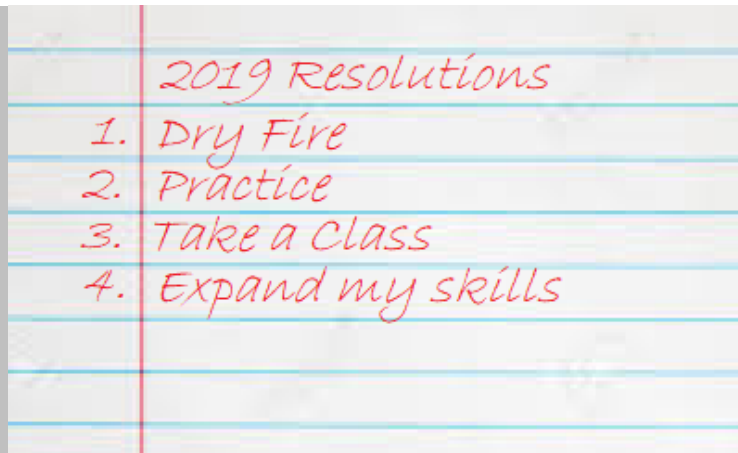
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Game Plan - 2019

The time has come to make those 2019 resolutions. There is no better time to set those training goals and make 2019 the year you actually take a proactive approach to your personal protection.

Here are some training tips to help you!



1. **Dry Fire**

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4. **Expand Your Skills**

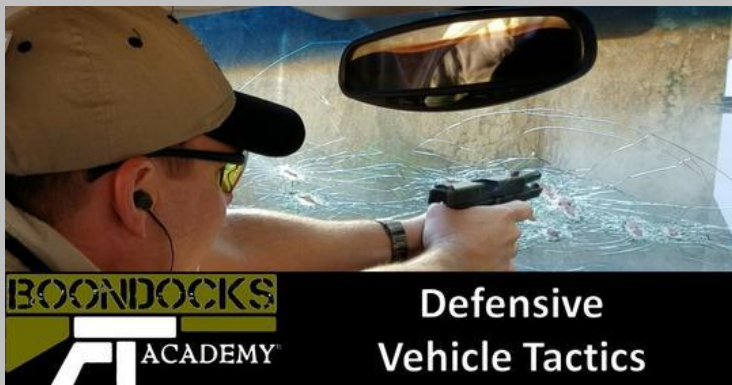
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COURSE SPOTLIGHT



Last month we announced our **Defensive Vehicle Tactics** class (DVT). This two-day course teaches the skills needed to better defend yourself and your family when confronted with a threat

around your vehicle. It covers defensive driving awareness, how to exit and use the

vehicle for cover, the challenges of shooting from inside a vehicle, and how bullets are affected when impacting a vehicle.

There are not many places in the country where you can take a class such as this, so be sure to add this class to your 2019 training bucket list. The first class is scheduled for March 2nd, but there are some pre-reqs you need to have before jumping into a car and taking a class such as this. In order to participate in the class, you must have taken **Defensive Carry** (Called Concealed Carry in 2018) or **Defensive Pistol I**. If you plan on taking the DVT class in March, but have not taken either of these classes yet, there is still time to sign up. We have a DP1 class scheduled for January 12th-13th and a Defensive Carry Class scheduled for February 23rd-24th.



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Glock 48 and 43X

As we get ready to head to SHOT Show 2019, there is always a good bit of buzz about the new releases. The most anticipated release is undoubtedly

the Glock Model 48 and 43x. When news broke on January 3rd the first impression was Glock was trying to steal the thunder of last year's most anticipated gun the Sig Sauer P365. However after closer inspection, I am not sure Glock's original intent was to **compete with the P365**, which is a smaller gun. In the Glock world the "X" has come to mean a crossover gun. For example the 19X is a cross between a G17 and a G19. If that is truly the case, then the 43X must be a cross between two other guns. Then we got hints and rumors of the G48. Which is basically a slimmer 10+1 version of the Glock 19. Turns out the 43x is just a G48 with a shorter barrel. The big questions is why would Glock create a whole other gun that does not interchange magazines with the G19 or the G43 and does not have the size to capacity ratio of the smaller P365?

Flash back to the December newsletter when we highlighted the New Jersey Magazine capacity ban that just went into effect. Then consider that currently 1/5 of

the states, and many other cities, in the US have some sort of magazine capacity law. Now the G48 starts to make sense. If you are limited to 10 round magazines, would you rather carry a full sized Glock 19 with a blocked magazine, or something virtually the same size, just a little slimmer and easier to get into that IWB holster? Shorten the barrel by 3/4" of an inch and BAM you have the Glock 43X. Look for these to be on our shelves soon!



Safe and Comfortable Carry Options

If you were really good last year, Santa may have brought you a new gun for Christmas. If so, then you may be on the hunt for a safe and comfortable way to carry it. While carrying a firearm can make us safer, we also need to make sure we carry it safely, and it must be comfortable to carry all day long.

The number one rule for carrying a firearm safely is that **YOU MUST HAVE A HOLSTER**. Even if you decide to pocket carry or purse carry, you must cover the trigger guard with a good quality holster. Failure to do so **is not only unsafe, but may have legal repercussions**. When selecting a holster, make sure that is the right size for your gun, is made of high quality materials and is not some "one size fits all" nylon holster that you found at your local Wal Mart or other retailer that does not specialize in firearms accessories. My personal favorite is the Lighttuck IWB holster from **Vedder Holsters**, I will simply not purchase a new carry gun, unless Vedder makes a holster for that particular model.

If you have decided to carry on your person, and you have selected a good holster, it is important that you also get a good quality gun belt. Many new CC Permit Holders start off with good intentions to carry everyday, but soon realize that it is not comfortable for them, even if they have purchased a good holster. Many times the root cause of the problem is they didn't invest in a good belt. Now leather gun belts can get expensive, and it can be hard to get a good fit when ordering a belt online, but a new option that I started wearing last year is the **Nexbelt EDC**. They are sturdy enough for me to securely carry a full sized handgun, and they are adjustable to waist sizes up to 50 inches. In addition, they have a unique ratchet type belt buckle that lets you adjust the belt in 1/4" increments so that you get a comfortable fit no matter what size gun you decide to wear, or if you just happen to have had a little more Christmas candy this past year. The belts start out at about \$50.00 and I have been wearing mine daily for over a year with no complaints.

Finally, if you decide that off body or purse carry is the best option for you, consider

looking into purchasing a true concealed carry purse. A great example is purses from [Gun Tote'n Mamas](#). They have a dedicated quick access pocket for a firearm and also come with a holster and velcro attachments to ensure your firearm stays securely in place. The most important aspect of off body or purse carry is that once you put that firearm in your purse, it must become a part of you and [you can not leave it unattended even for a second!](#)

One of the biggest mistakes new CC permit holders make after getting a carry gun, is not investing in quality gear and [secure storage](#) (as mentioned in our Dec. 2018 Newsletter). When we [fail to secure our firearm](#) properly we not only endanger ourselves but others around us, and every single time a tragedy happens such as those linked in this article, we offer up another opportunity for the anti-gun groups to attack us. All of these products listed here are available in our Pro Shop, and we invite you to come try them out and talk with our staff about how to safely and comfortably carry your firearm.

Stay Safe and Carry On!

[Chad J. Winkler](#)



Gun Tote'n Mamas Purse



Nexbelt EDC Belts



*Vedder Lighttuck
Holster*

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