



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018



New for Father's Day

Save 10% now through June 17th on [Gift Certificates](#)! They are good for any of our Training Classes or Pro Shop items. Use promo code **DADS2018** at checkout!

New Website!

We have recently revamped our [website](#) to improve the look and make it easier to navigate and view the many classes we have to offer.

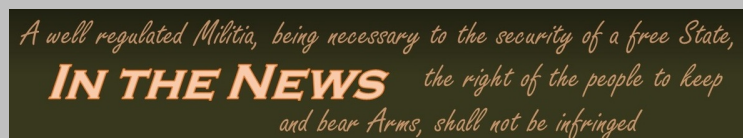
New Newsletter Topics!

In addition to a revamped website, we are also revamping our newsletter. Starting July 2018 we will have recurring sections written by our staff and instructors. These new sections will include

- **What's New @ Boondocks** - Updates on the happenings here at Boondocks Firearms Training Academy
- **In the News** - Information on the news and current events impacting our 2nd Amendment
- **Girl Talk** - A section devoted specifically to ladies including topics on personal protection and the concealed carry lifestyle.
- **Training Tips** - Tips from the pros on how to improve your shooting and how to encourage others to take up the shooting sports
- **Featured Firearm** - Information on some of the great gun deals in our Pro Shop
- **Spotlight on Training** - Highlighting special courses that are on the calendar that you won't want to miss
- **On the Hunt** - A section dedicated to sportsman and shooters who are always looking for the latest information on Guns, Gear and Gadgets

New Course Offering

Weapons of Opportunity - Starting August 11, 2018, we are offering our follow up course to the Hand to Hand Combatives class. This course is designed to give the student the mindset to be in the moment and to use the environment to prevail in a combative situation. Due to the nature of the conflict and other variables, there is no "one answer" to every situation. Weapons of Opportunity is designed for quick thinking problem solving to give the student the right reaction to a given situation. Visit our [Hand to Hand Self Defense Courses](#) webpage for all the details and to get registered.



Texas and Indiana School Shooting

In this edition of "**In The News**" we look at the two tragic incidents; in Texas on May 18th and Indiana on May 25th. While both shootings started in a classroom, they ended in very different ways. In Texas, the shooting started at about 7:40 AM in an art class. Even though there was a school resource officer on the campus that engaged the shooter, it took 25 minutes to get the shooter into custody. In the aftermath, 10 people were killed and another 10 injured.

In Indiana, the shooting started in a classroom at 9:06 AM. According to reports, the entire school had been trained in [ALICE Active Shooter](#) protocols and conducted about 6 drills a year. The teacher/coach had been involved in the training and was able to use what he learned to quickly end the threat. He used a basketball as a distraction device, rushed the shooter and was able to take control and disarm the shooter. The School Resource Officer took him into custody, and the entire event was over in about 90 seconds.

Both of these school shootings faded from the news cycle shortly after the incident. In Texas, the 17 year old shooter used a Shotgun and a Revolver, neither of which fit the narrative of "Assault Rifles" and age restrictions, so no currently proposed gun control law would have stopped this shooting. In Indiana, the story of a well trained pro-active teacher simply doesn't draw ratings.

Did you know? Boondocks FTA™ is currently the only training facility in the nation that is able to offer ALICE Active Shooter Training to individuals?

Mississippi Supreme Court rules in favor of Enhanced

Carry Permit Holders

Just this week, the Mississippi Supreme Court ruled that **judges CAN NOT restrict Enhanced Carry Permit holders** from carrying a concealed firearm into a courthouse. According to the law passed in 2011, enhanced carry permit holders can carry a concealed firearm into the courthouse, but they are restricted from carrying into a courtroom during judicial proceedings. Since the law went into effect, some judges have tried to expand this restriction beyond the courtroom and into other areas of the courthouse. Justice Mike Randolph stated in the majority opinion, "the chancellors may have good and noble intentions, and their concerns are well-founded, however, their personal fears and opinions do not trump, and cannot negate, constitutional guarantees."

For more information about the difference on Constitutional Carry, Concealed Carry, and Enhanced Concealed Carry in Mississippi, visit our [MS Concealed Carry](#) page.



The Situationally Aware Mindset!

Mindset is defined as "the established set of attitudes". Whenever I leave my house, I establish a mindset that includes telling myself that

- 1). I am in charge of taking care of myself and my loved ones.
- 2). I am in "condition yellow" – I am alert and situationally aware of what is going on around me. I will carry myself proudly and confidently.
- 3). I will make it a point to know where exit doors, escape routes and cover are for any building I enter.
- 4). I will remain calm in all situations. I won't get mad or over react to the actions of others. I will just take a deep breath and let it go. Over-reacting or getting mad is the worst thing you can do in any potentially confrontational situation, especially if you're carrying a handgun.

Situational awareness is defined as "the ability to scan the environment and sense danger, challenges and opportunities, while maintaining the ability to conduct normal activities." Whether you carry a handgun or not, you should always be acutely aware of what's going on around you. If you see someone suspicious coming towards you, stare back at them and remain calm. By doing this, you'll accomplish two things – he'll know you've seen him AND he'll no longer see you as any easy target. Predators look for those who are weak, vulnerable and totally

oblivious to what's going on around them (i.e. someone texting while walking).

The best way to learn the skill of situational awareness is through daily practice. Learn how to clear your mind so that you're not distracted by the things happening in your life. Test your observation skills. What store or building are you close to? How tall is that person? Are they male or female? What color hair do they have? What are they wearing? What's the weather like? Pretty soon, being situationally aware will become second nature to you and you'll become empowered.

By [Jan A. Allinder](#)



Visit our Pro Shop page for all of our Featured Firearms

The Savage 116 LW (light weight) Hunter in 6.5 Creedmoor features a 20" matte stainless barrel and KUIU VIAS Camo stock. A short lightweight rifle that is perfect for still hunting or maneuvering in tight spaces and still capable of taking that long shot.

SAVAGE

Savage 116 LW Hunter 6.5 Creedmoor
\$499.99
Limited Quantities

Savage 11 DOA Hunter XP
\$399.99
Limited Quantities

Includes 3-9x40 Scope
Available Calibers:
6.5 Creedmoor, .308 Win, or .243 Win

The advertisement features two rifles against a dark background. The top rifle is the Savage 116 LW Hunter 6.5 Creedmoor, shown in a camouflage pattern. The bottom rifle is the Savage 11 DOA Hunter XP, shown in a dark finish. The Savage logo is in the top left corner. Text to the right of each rifle provides the model name, price, and availability. A note at the bottom right specifies that the DOA Hunter XP includes a 3-9x40 scope and is available in three calibers.

The Savage 11 DOA Hunter XP. This combo package features a factory-mounted and bore-sighted Bushnell Trophy scope with DOA reticle on a model 11 rifle. Trophy riflescopes have been heralded by hunters as the ideal scope for deer in heavily wooded areas. The specialized, drop-compensating Bushnell DOA reticle can be utilized with different ballistics. The rifle package is built to provide a lifetime of reliable performance thanks to its legendary Savage 110 action, floating bolt head, and thread-in, zero-tolerance headspace system. The rifle also features a button-rifled barrel, detachable box magazine and user-adjustable AccuTrigger.

TRAINING TIP

DEVELOPING IN ONESELF OR OTHERS, ANY SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT RELATE TO SPECIFIC USEFUL COMPETENCIES

Introducing Youth to Shooting Sports

School is officially out for Summer, and it is a great time to take a kid to the range. Here are some tips to keep in mind as you introduce the next generation to the shooting sports.

1) Start off with low recoil rifles such as .22LR or air rifles for those 8 years of age and under. The reduced recoil and noise will help them to better concentrate on learning to shoot instead of worrying about how hard it will kick or how loud it will be. This will also help them avoid developing bad habits that will be harder to break later on.

2) Use short lightweight rifles that are designed for youth, but keep in mind, youth rifles are typically designed for children 12 and up! Most youth rifles feature a shorter length of pull (about 1.5") and a shorter barrel (about 2") than standard sized rifles. That means a youth rifle in .243 Winchester or 7mm08 with the shorter lighter frame can have more felt recoil than a standard .308 Winchester rifle.

3) Make it FUN! The most important aspect of introducing a youth to the shooting sports is to make it fun. If they don't enjoy it, they won't want to do it again. Come up with some fun targets and keep the shooting session short. The idea is for them to leave the range still wanting to shoot. If they do enjoy shooting.....

4) Consider getting them involved in 4H, Scouting or our [Youth Firearms Safety Summer Camp](#) where they can learn the shooting sports in a structured program. Kids, especially teens, tend to listen and learn more from these structured programs.

By [Chad J. Winkler](#)

COURSE SPOTLIGHT

Mark your Calendar for these upcoming Courses/Special Instructor Events.

[Youth Firearms Safety Summer Camp](#) - June 22nd - 23rd and July 6th-7th
A two-day course designed for kids 12 to 16 years of age that focuses on Firearms

Marksmanship and Safety. The course is taught by certified firearms instructors who regularly work with youth to teach safe gun handling techniques and the fundamentals of shooting pistols, rifles and shotguns. Students learn the different actions and shooting positions for bench rest, prone, sitting, kneeling and standing.

Young Adults Personal Protection Course - July 13th - 14th

This two-day course is designed for young adults 16 years of age and up. Students will learn how to incorporate situational awareness into their everyday routine, how to respond to active shooter scenarios, and engage in discussions about real life threats and life saving techniques. Students will also learn about non-lethal defensive tools and get an introduction to handgun safety and the fundamentals of shooting; including live fire exercises with both pistols and revolvers on the range. Students will then get the chance to try out these new skills in Boondocks' Lethal Force Simulator.

Defensive Pistol II - July 20th-22nd

This three-day comprehensive course is designed to take your knowledge and skills of defensive firearm shooting to the next level. Students will learn advanced shooting techniques, including multiple shooting positions, how to use cover and concealment and shooting on the move. Day two includes retention shooting, advanced drills designed to simulate high stress scenarios with multiple attackers, one handed handgun manipulation drills and a night shoot using multiple flashlight techniques. Day three is conducted in our Shoot Houses and includes multiple scenario reenactments using force-on-force training with non-lethal munitions.



6.5 Creedmoor

One of the hottest new rifle cartridges to hit the market is the 6.5 Creedmoor. While you may have heard about this new caliber, you may not know why or how it became so popular. Shortly after WWII the military began transitioning from the M1 Garand chambered in 30-06 to the M14 chambered in 7.62 NATO or .308 Winchester. While the short action .308 may have an edge when it comes to accuracy and lower recoil, the long action 30-06 has more stopping power due to the higher velocities generated from the larger case capacity. In 2007 Thompson Center Arms teamed up with Hornaday to create a .308 length short action .30 caliber round that would perform as well as the long action 30-06. And it worked! The .30 TC is a short action case that delivers the energy and speed of the .30-06. However, consumer acceptance was low, and the round has remained on the sidelines.

Enter the [6.5 Creedmoor](#). The round was developed in 2005 by Dave Emary, senior ballistician at Hornady, for long range shooting, by necking down the soon to be released 30 T/C. In 2007, the 6.5 Creedmoor was officially launched by Hornady at the SHOT Show and has carved out an ever increasing slice of both the long range shooting and hunting markets. The ballistics on the 6.5 Creedmoor are so impressive that the military decided to take a look at incorporating it into service rifle.

In October 2017, U.S. Special Operations tested the 7.62 NATO (.308 Win), The .260 Remington which is the .308 Win necked down to 6.5 MM, and the 6.5 Creedmoor. They found that 6.5 Creedmoor performed the best, doubling hit probability at 1,000 meters, increasing effective range by nearly half, reducing wind drift by a third and had less recoil than .308. There are now plans by Special Forces to adopt and field the 6.5 Creedmoor for special operations snipers in their semi-automatic sniper rifles. The Department of Homeland Security also decided to adopt the round.

Check out the 6.5 Creedmoor rifles we have in our [Featured Firearms](#) Section

For more information on all the training options at Boondocks Firearms Training Academy™, visit our website www.boondocksfta.com, like us on [Facebook](#) or call our ProShop at 769-972-2382



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