

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

### WHAT'S NEW @ **BOONDOCKS** FTACADEMY

#### Competition Clinic!

One of the best ways to keep your shooting skills sharp is to participate in a competition match like IDPA, USPSA, Steel Challenge or other organized matches. However, it can be a little intimidating to sign up for that first match without any insight into how they run. Starting this month, Boondocks FTA™ will be offering a monthly Competition Clinic. The half-day clinic will cover gear requirements, divisions and classifications, match and safety rules, range commands, and a couple of stages of live fire shooting. The cost is \$60.00, which includes a \$20.00 voucher that you can use towards your first official match. The first clinic is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th from 8:30 AM to noon. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about our Competition Clinic.



#### Boondocks FTA™ Ladies League

For the past 4 years, Boondocks™ has hosted a monthly TAWW Shooting Chapter with amazing attendance. In an effort to grow our female shooters, Boondocks™ is now shifting gears. Several years ago, we became a sanctioned range for IDPA and have seen growth in our shooters because of it. With that, we have decided to offer an IDPA Ladies Only Shooting League. (<https://www.boondocksfta.com/idpa---ladies-league.html>). This monthly event will utilize IDPA, USPSA, Steel Challenge and other similar shooting sports in a ladies only environment. This new format will

allow ladies to continue to learn, grow and apply their shooting skills. If you have been interested in joining a ladies only monthly shooting activity here at Boondocks, now is your chance to get involved. Our first event will be Sunday, May 19th from 1PM to 4PM. You must pre-register through [www.Practiscore.com](http://www.Practiscore.com) and choose GDG Ladies League. We will also be offering a monthly Competition Clinic, which is held the morning of the Ladies League Matches to make it even easier to get involved. The Competition Clinic is \$60.00 and is open for both Men and Women, so please email Kim to sign up for this clinic - [kimcondon1965@gmail.com](mailto:kimcondon1965@gmail.com)

*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*

## NRA in the News

Last week the NRA annual meetings wrapped up in Indianapolis, IN. This is a meeting that won't soon be forgotten. Both the sitting President, Oliver North, and Vice President, Richard Childress were not nominated to remain in their positions. In addition, there were calls for CEO Wayne LaPierre to resign amid talks of exorbitant salaries, misuse of funds. I have been trying to follow this as close as I can and read all the information being reported, but there is a HUGE lack of transparency, which has only contributed to the turmoil. All of this seems to stem from an anticipated investigation from the New York State Attorney General. The AG of New York has ordered the NRA to "preserve documents." The actions by the NY AG appear to have caused NRA to file suit against it's Public Relations agency Ackerman McQueen in an effort to find out the details of the firms spending of \$40 million dollars annually, which includes payments to Oliver North. At this point in time, it is still very confusing on exactly what is going on inside the NRA. I am not sure anyone inside or outside the organization has a complete grasp of who or what is the root cause of the problems.



While this is not the first time there has been turmoil inside the NRA or unusual events at the annual meeting, it does come at a very concerning time. In an era where our gun rights are under an increasing attack from very well funded anti-gun groups and local and state legislatures, WE NEED A STRONG NRA!

We are facing increased political pressure from law makers when it comes to anti-gun legislation. Red Flag laws and the Bumpstock Ban are prime examples of laws that most likely would have passed on a federal level. As of today there is no Federal Red Flag law, and the Bumpstock Ban is a federal guideline, not a federal law like the Assault Weapons Ban that passed in 1994.

There has been a lot of talk about current members not renewing their memberships. In my opinion, that would be a mistake! While there needs to be a lot of reform in the NRA, and some current leaders probably need to be FIRED, we still need numbers. An [annual membership](#) through an affiliate such as Boondocks FTA™ is just \$35.00 a year, and that includes a monthly subscription to one of 4 NRA magazines. If you still have additional discretionary funds to support other organizations then I would funnel those funds to The 2nd Amendment Foundation, the [NRA-ILA](#), (a separate, and arguably more important wing of the NRA when it comes to gun laws) your State Gun Rights organization, or Gun Owners of America. But make no mistake, there is NO OTHER gun rights organization that can step up and fill the gap if the NRA fails.

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## **Taking our Schools and Churches back!**

In the last 2 weeks we have had a church shooting in California, and school shootings in North Carolina and Colorado. In each of these events, heroic actions by individuals saved countless lives. In a recent article [11 days. 3 mass shootings. 3 heroes.](#), USA Today is asking "What makes some risk their lives for others?" In the most recent school shootings, students rushed the shooter and unfortunately two of them were killed. But in comparison to events at Columbine, Parkland, Santa Fe and Sutherlands Springs, Texas, these events, while tragic, were brought to a quick end by students dedicated to trying to save their own lives and the lives of others in the room.

After the Aurora, Colorado theater shooting, the federal government adopted the Run, Hide, Fight message and shortly after that the U.S. Department of Education stated "A Lockdown Only response to an Active Shooter no longer meets Government Recommendations" What we have learned since Columbine is that most of the Active Shooter situations are over before Law Enforcement can arrive, and running from or countering an active shooter results in fewer deaths than hiding under a desk or pew waiting to get shot.

The message is starting to get out. Ultimately, YOU ARE YOUR OWN FIRST RESPONDER, and having proper attitude, ability and awareness gained through [active shooter training](#) can and will save lives. If you would like us to come talk with your Church, School, Healthcare facility or business, please [contact us](#).





## Post PowWow Girl Talk!

Seven Days, 100 Ladies from 14 States and about 3 inches of Rain wrapped up the 2019 PowWow. This year we had a full week of training including Teaching

Women, For Women - by DTI Instructor Vicki Farnam, Inside & Outside the Home Scenario Based Training with Donna Anthony from Point Blank, a full day of training with Boondocks Lethal Force Simulator, and break out shooting sessions from SASS & Cowboy Action Shooting, Sporting clays session with Syren Shotguns, Handgun session with Glock and Sinterfire and a Defensive Shotgun Shooting session. The ladies are still talking about it. Here is what they had to say!

Ronda M. - Kentucky - "What fun we had!!! We saw so many "light bulb moments!"

Norma L. - Mississippi - "I can't believe I got to be a part of this again!!!! Great training with awesome women."

Tess W. - Tennessee - "One of the best weekends ever!! Thank you too ALL of you ladies! You all contributed to such an amazing weekend, that I won't soon forget."

Dee A - California - "After traveling 2,147 miles to attend, I so appreciate all the sponsors and the staff. I have made many lifelong friends, learned so much."

Connie C. - Ohio "Thanks everyone from Bookdocks who organized & trained at this year's Pow Wow. I bought my first shotgun - the Mossberg SA20 tactical . What fun it was to use it last night for my 1st 3 gun event! "

Julie Z. - Louisiana "I just want to say that I think this will be the Pow Wow I remember best. They say it's so much easier to go through storms( in life included) with friends and family and I found out that is so true! Rain didn't get us down - we stuck together through thick and thin just like a sisterhood should!"

Stephanie G - Nebraska - "I want to thank you ladies for pouring your time and energy into making this event absolutely FANTASTIC. This was my 2nd year and I'm hooked. I don't care that the weather was crazy. I had the best time. I thoroughly enjoyed every session."

Deb H. - Mississippi "I've been thinking about Purple Pow Wow all week. Never in a million years would I have thought turning 70 could be so much dang fun!"

Patti B. - Looking forward to next year! Already miss you all! You have put together such an amazing event! Thank you for creating this opportunity to gather with old friends and new!"

Stay tuned for more information about PowWow 2020!

## TRAINING TIP

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



### Be a 1 Percenter!

I have been shooting guns for over 4 decades, I know this because my very first gun was a gift to me from my Dad and Uncle on my 6th birthday. For the next 25 years, we hunted, shot skeet, trap and sporting clays and even shot some competitive rimfire pistol and rifle matches. I was very capable shooter.

Around the same time I got that first rifle and started learning how to shoot, Col. Jeff Cooper opened Gunsite. Located just outside of Paulden, AZ, it was the first formal civilian firearms training academy dedicated to teaching modern techniques in the use of a handgun for self-defense. It was only when I started to dabble in the concealed carry and defensive shooting that I realized much of what I learned from my Dad and Uncle didn't really apply. Over the last 40 years civilian defensive firearms training has grown exponentially, and in many cases, has surpassed the training our Law Enforcement and Military personnel receive.

Lately I have been thumbing through the pages of a book by Karl Rehn and John Daub called "Strategies and Standards for Defensive Handgun Training." In his book he states that 93% of gun owners do not train, and only about 4% take a mandatory basic handgun permit class. Furthermore only 1% ever take an additional class or shoot a competitive match after completing their permit course. Rehn estimates there are about 55 Million adult gun owners in the United States. Therefore, by Rehn's formula, only about 550,000 U.S. gun owners have taken another class or shot in a competitive match after completing their permit course. At last check [gunstocarry.com](http://gunstocarry.com) listed the number of active concealed carry permits in the United States at 17.25 million. That means that of the estimated 17 million permit holders, only half a million have gone beyond a basic concealed carry permit class.

Completing a single minimum state required permit course simply confirms you are capable of firing a handgun, it DOES NOT make you competent. Additionally, if your initial training was from a relative in your family some 30 years ago, you're probably not up to date on the latest defensive tactics and techniques. If you simply set a goal to take an intermediate or advanced training class once a year, or spend \$20.00 and sign up for just one of our IDPA matches in 2019 you become a 1%er. If your unsure about signing up for a match, then look into our new Competition Clinic.

## ***COURSE SPOTLIGHT***



### **Spotlight on Low Light!**

If you have never had the opportunity to take a low light class, it truly can be an eye opening experience. We offer low light shooting in our

Defensive Pistol II course about 3 times a year.

However, if you are unable to fit DP II into your upcoming schedule, below is a list of low light shooting classes scheduled for this year!

Upcoming Low Light Classes include:

- \* Boondocks FTA™ Defensive Pistol II - July 5th-7th
- \* Defensive Handgun with John Farnam - Sept 13th -15th
- \* Dave Spaulding Advanced Cover Pistol - October 12th - 13th
- \* Boondocks FTA™ Defensive Pistol II - November 15th-17th
- \* GoRuck Night Fire Advanced Pistol - December 14th

Visit the Course Calendar or Special Events page on our website to get signed up!



### **A New 32H&R Mag**

In today's world of polymer pistols, revolvers are often seen as sub-par carry and self defense guns. The most popular



recent revolver releases have been the Ruger LCR, in 2009, the Kimber KS6, and the re-introduced Colt Cobra in 2016. Ruger also released the LCR in 327 Federal Mag in 2016, a cartridge based on the 32H&R Mag.



Recently Charter Arms and the USCCA announced the Charter Arms Professional. A steel framed, 7 shot revolver chambered in 32H&R Mag. It is equipped with a 3" full underlug barrel, wood grips, a fiber optic front sight and weighs in at 22 ounces. But why? Why would anyone want an "old school" steel revolver in an obscure caliber like 32 H&R? Well here are several reasons.

A lightweight, low recoiling, 7 shooter !

The 32H&R Mag was developed in 1984 by elongating the 32S&W Long. Ballistically, it falls in-between the .380 ACP and the 9MM, and is on par with lighter 38 Special rounds. However, you have the option to fire the soft shooting 32S&W and 32 S&W Long for practice and load the more powerful 32H&R Mag for self defense. The ability to get an extra round in the cylinder when compared to similar sized 38 / 357 wheel guns, is an additional bonus.

Revolvers require less maintenance

The first question I ask when a customer inquires about which gun to buy, is how often are they willing and able to practice. While modern pistols are extremely reliable, most handgun owners seldom fire a full box of ammo through their handgun. They buy the gun, a box of ammo, test fire it a few times and store it in the closet, night stand or glove box. A revolver and ammunition that are stored in a cool dry place, will function just fine decades later. However, a pistol requires a little more maintenance and a solid grip to function properly. If the user does not practice with the pistol and does not periodically test the pistol, magazine and ammo combinations, they could be in for a big surprise if they need to defend themselves from an attacker.

Pistol Packing Moms like to Pack Heat in their Purse

Probably the easiest way for ladies to carry a firearm is in their purse. While comfortable and convenient, it can be much harder to draw quickly from this mode of carry. A revolver carried in a purse can be fired multiple times through the purse if needed. A pistol fired through a purse will likely malfunction after the first round. This will require her to remove the pistol from the purse and clear the malfunction, which not only takes time, but may be impossible to do if they are in a close quarter

tussle.

The best option for anyone looking to incorporate a firearm into their personal protection plan is to find a gun that is adequate for self defense, balances size, weight, and capacity, and is fun to shoot. Once a gun owner finds this combination, they are far more likely to train and practice with it. The Professionals at Charter Arms and USCCA were probably thinking along the same line when they developed this new revolver. And based on the popularity of the 32 caliber Ruger LCR in our gun fittings, the Professional might just get more gun owners to the range more often, which is what all gun owners should be doing !

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## EDC Light

If you have ever taken a low light shooting class (or plan to take one in the future) you quickly realize how easy it is to become a flashlight nerd. So on our last trip to SHOT we stopped by the Streamlight booth to nerd out on some of the latest releases. While there, Mark and I both walked away with a FREE Microstream USB lights. We were quickly impressed by how bright and small these new lights were. They are capable of 250 lumens and at 3.87" long and 1.2 ounces it slips into a pocket and you will never know it is there. The light comes in several different colors including Black, Red, Blue and Coyote and have a high and low output mode. The Coyote color starts in high lumens mode and switches to low lumens with a secondary push of the tail caps switch. All other colors start in the low lumens mode. All come with a pocket/hat clip, a lanyard and a USB charging cord. I have been carrying this light for the past 4 months and have not had any issues. I charge it about once a week and a complete charge takes less than an hour. MSRP is right at \$40.00. Stop by our Pro Shop to check out the new Microstream USB from Streamlight.





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