



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018



Christmas Specials

November 23rd (Black Friday) through December 24th, all Guns, Gear and Gift Certificates will be 10% off at Boondocks. This includes all firearms, gear and gift cards purchased in our Pro Shop, as well as, [online gift certificates](#)

through our website. Online class registrations are also discounted 10% during this special, simply use the Coupon Code **MERRY2018** during registration. Visit our [website](#) for all the details.



Rangemaster Certification

Four BFTA instructors, along with 13 other candidates, from 8 states, spent 3 days in the classroom and shot 1,000 rounds on the range trying to get the coveted Rangemaster certification. Tom Givens has been working in firearms instruction for nearly forty years. He has trained security officers; law enforcement officers at the local, state, and federal level; as well as foreign government agents. Tom's work has been cited and used by a variety of other instructors across the country and a [Rangemaster](#) certification is much harder to obtain than some of the other nationally known organizations. The range exercises are great, but it's his experience and knowledge of crime statistics that really drive home the importance of training, and being prepared protect yourself and your family at all times! Congratulations to the BFTA instructors who continue to strive to provide the best training to our students!





Mark Condon



John Roberts



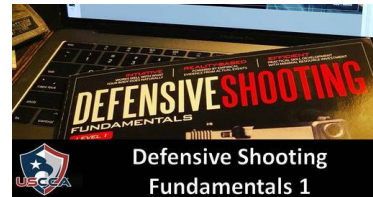
Jeff Williamson



Chad Winkler

Defensive Shooting Fundamentals Course

Defensive Shooting Fundamentals Level 1 (DSF-L1) is a new course offering at Boondocks FTA™. The course is a collaboration between Rob Pincus and the United States Concealed Carry Association. It focuses on using intuitive teaching methods designed to provide you with efficient training for the most probable types of self-defense situations. The blended learning approach includes an on-line module that you can take from the comfort of your home, and a full day of range exercises. It is a great program for those busy individuals that find it hard to dedicate two full days of training and is a logical next step for those that have completed their concealed carry course. The first class date is February 2nd.



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

A set back for gun rights?

As we prepare to usher in a new year and a new congress, what results will the mid-term election have on our gun rights? After the 2016 election, many Pro Gun groups had high hopes of passing the [Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act](#) and the [Hearing Protection Act](#). However, mass shooting events such as Parkland and Sutherland Springs put those changes on the back burner, as we have to switch from offense to defense. Many Pro 2nd Amendment states such as Vermont and Florida have enacted stricter gun laws, and the public and private sector continues to push back against the industry slowly increasing the difficulty for businesses to sell or market their products. It would not be surprising to see a plethora of gun control legislation come out of the House, and unfortunately there are some Senators that may be easily convinced to side with some measure of "common sense gun control" If that happens, it will be a long two years. Hopefully, we will be able to hold par until 2020 when once again we will need all the Pro 2nd Amendment support we can get at the polls. In the meantime, you need to read [Motivation and Commitment](#) by our friend Tom Gresham at [Guntalk](#). Then you need to act by [Joining the NRA](#) and the [2nd Amendment Foundation](#). When the new legislative sessions begin next year, we need to "show up" by writing our legislatures and showing up at the State Capital to show our support for the 2nd Amendment!



Mass shootings in PA

and CA

In a span of less than two weeks, two mass shootings have once again shocked the nation. The October 27th Synagogue shooting targeted elderly worshipers



ranging in age from 54 to 97. The more recent shooting in California, targeted a bar frequented by college students. While the shootings may have occurred on opposite sides of the country and targeted completely different demographic groups, one thing remains constant. WE MUST BECOME OUR OWN FIRST RESPONDERS! In the PA shooting, the gunman was on his way out when he was confronted by Law Enforcement. In CA, law enforcement arrived on the scene quickly. Officer Helus, a highly trained 29 year veteran of the force and former SWAT team member, led two other CHP officers into the scene. Unfortunately, Officer Helus was shot by the gunman and later died of his injuries. After the Columbine school shooting in 1999, Law Enforcement realized waiting for the SWAT team to arrive to engage an Active Shooter took too long. Slowly agencies have been shifting tactics that include having 2 or 4 man teams go in. More recently, agencies have even shifted to the first officer on scene goes in to engage the shooter. Engaging an Active Shooter is extremely dangerous even for well trained officers.

As private citizens, just "having a gun" is not enough! If you are part of a [Church Security](#) team or just an average everyday Concealed Carry Permit holder, you should have advanced firearms, [Active Shooter](#) and [First Aid training](#). If you are able to carry a firearm with you, then carry it every day and everywhere you can legally carry. If you can't, then you need to look into Active Shooter Training. Boondocks FTATM is now offering [FREE Active Shooter Training for Young Adults] 16-College age.

This FREE class is in conjunction with our BFTA Educational Foundation, and relies totally on the donations of private citizens and companies to help educate our youth. You can help by [donating](#) here.

Prayers go out to all the victims and their families



Girls, Gifts & Guns!

Ok Ladies, usually this section is written by ladies for ladies, but this month is going to be a little different. Every year about this time we get an influx of men strolling into our Pro Shop trying to find the perfect personal protection gift for the ladies they love. These well meaning men, love you and care deeply about your safety, but most of the time they have absolutely no idea what the perfect gun would be for YOU! Firearms are very personal items, and to have someone else pick one out for you is like letting someone pick out your next pair of shoes. As a Husband and a Father, nothing more precious to me than my family, and I harp on my Spouse more than she would like about taking personal protection seriously. This year, give a gift to yourself and the men in your life, by taking an active role in your own personal protection. Taking the next step to be

better prepared, will not only give us men a little more peace of mind, but it will also keep us from spending money on gifts you probably won't like.

BOONDOCKS FEATURED FIREARM

Visit our Pro Shop page for all of our Featured Firearms

Weatherby Vanguard Rifles

My very first hunting rifle was a Weatherby Vanguard VGL .243 Win that I got when I was about 13 years old. Thirty plus years later, it is as accurate and dependable as ever and still holds a special spot in the safe. Recently we were able to acquire some Vanguard rifles at discounted prices from our distributor, and we are passing the savings on you our customers. The select group of rifles includes a Youth model .223 Remington, stainless .243 Winchester and compact .308 with a threaded heavy barrel. These are wonderful rifles that will last a lifetime.



VANGUARD 308WIN BL/SYN 20"
HEAVY BARREL | THREADED
308 Win

\$499.99



VANGUARD SELECT
243WIN SS 24"
STAINLESS/SYNTHETIC

\$499.99



VANGUARD S2 YOUTH
223REM 20" BBL/STOCK
SPACERS INCLUDED

\$399.99

TRAINING TIP

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

Get out of the BOX!

A few weeks ago, I got to participate in a Vehicle Combatives course. The course was great and there are lots of things to learn about shooting in, around and through vehicles. However, the most important lesson learned was not about shooting in, around and through cars!

The most important lesson was the importance of "getting out of the box." And, yes while I struggled more than once to exit the car quickly, that is not what I mean by "getting out of the box." What I mean is exposing yourself to as many different types of training, as you can. When you get



out of your comfort zone, you are quickly reminded how much your skills drop off while your mentally trying to solve a new challenge. Skills that are easily repeatable on a square range are not quite as easy to conjure up when your laying on the ground shooting under a car, or trying to hit a target through small "windows" of opportunity. The more we are able to expose our mind to different circumstances, the less likely your shooting skills will drop off during a stressful life or death situation. As we get ready to embark on a new year, consider setting 2019 training goals now. Plan a trip to the range at least every other month, and include at least 1 to 2 formal training classes next year.

COURSE SPOTLIGHT

Home Defense Fundamentals

As we move into the Holiday Season, [home burglaries](#) become a bigger concern. There are a lot of myths when it comes to home defense, and without the proper training you may be exposing yourself to increased physical or financial ramifications.

However, there are specific steps you can take to

drastically increase the odds of successfully defending your home and protect yourself from legal issues. This course will give you the information you need to develop a plan, give you the best options for self-defense, and help protect you from potential legal issues.

All Firearms and Ammunition necessary for the course are provided by BFTA. You will also receive a copy of the USCCA Concealed Carry and Home Defense Course Manual (a \$27.95 value) A 245-page book packed with great information and high quality illustrations to reinforce this course, plus provides more information to educate you and to better prepare you for more advanced training.

Topics Include:

- Developing a home protection plan
- Home security options
- Fundamentals of home defense
- The legal use of force
- Violent encounters and their aftermath
- Defensive firearms options

Pre-requisite: None

Cost: \$125 per person

Ages: 16 and up welcome, Minors under 18 must be accompanied by an adult



[Click here to learn more!](#)



Gifts that Go BANG!

Black Friday 2017 was the NICS background checks busiest day ever. Black Friday 2016 and 2015 were 2nd and 3rd, respectfully, on the list of most firearm background checks. With the exception of one day in March 2014, the rest of the top 10 days were all Black Friday days or just a few days before Christmas. So, I guess it is safe to say, Guns are popular Christmas gifts. But are there any legal issues with giving guns as gifts? The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) has a great guide on [Giving a Firearm as a Gift](#) that you should read before you purchase a firearm. One of the suggestions from the NSSF and the ATF is to give a gift card in the amount of the gun.



The ATF recommends that if you want to give someone a new firearm, rather than going to a gun store, buying it on your own and giving it to your father, for example, consider instead purchasing a gift certificate from that retailer and giving it to Dad as his present. That way he'll get the exact gun he wants, and there's no question about who is "the actual buyer of the firearm," which is a question any purchaser must certify on the Federal Form 4473 at the time of purchase.

Here at Boondocks FTA™ we also believe a gift card is a great option. It is very common to have first time shooter tell us the gun they brought to class was a gift, and then quickly find out they really don't like that particular gun. A firearm is a very personal item and many times what may work great for you may not be the right fit for the intended person. Hand size, grip strength, caliber, and recoil all play a part in the enjoyment of the shooting sports. As a general rule, if you wouldn't buy a pair of shoes for that person, then you probably shouldn't buy them a firearm either. A gift card allows them to find the perfect gun for their hand, and at places like Boondocks, they can even test fire several models before they settle on the gun they want. Gift cards are available through our Pro Shop or you can even purchase [gift certificates](#) online through our website.

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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