

NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S NEW @

2020 GDG Ladies League and IDPA Matches



There will be a few changes to our Match Schedule in 2020. Beginning January 2020, our Competition Clinic, GDG Ladies League and IDPA Matches will all be held on the same weekend. The Competition Clinic will be held every other month on Saturday mornings, and GDG Ladies League will be held monthly on Saturday afternoons. Our regular monthly IDPA matches will still be held on Sunday afternoons following the GDG Matches. The change will allow more people to take advantage of our Competition Clinic, and reduce the set up and break down of the match stages.

The Match Dates for Q1 of 2020 are below.

January Dates:

- * Competition Clinic - Saturday, Jan. 11 - 8:30 AM
- * GDG Ladies League - Saturday, Jan. 11 - 12:30 PM
- * IDPA Match - Sunday, Jan. 12 - 12:30 PM

February Dates:

- * GDG Ladies League - Saturday, Feb. 15 - 12:30 PM
- * IDPA Match - Sunday, Feb. 16 - 12:30 PM

March Dates:

- * Competition Clinic - Saturday, March 14 - 8:30 AM
- * GDG Ladies League - Saturday, March 14 - 12:30 PM
- * IDPA Match - Sunday, March 15 - 12:30 PM



Get Sighted In For Deer Season!

If you are a Boondocks Alumni and like to hunt, take advantage of the rifle range to get sighted in for the season. The range is open Saturday 9AM to 5PM and Sunday 1PM to 5PM. If you can't make it out on the weekend, give us a call at 769-972-2382 to schedule a time to come sight in on a weekday during business hours. The range fee is just \$20.00.

Stay tuned for some exciting Alumni news in November!

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*

Protecting America from "Assault Weapons"

In the last Democratic Presidential debate, Beto O'Rourke finally admitted what many anti-gun politicians have been coy-fully covering up for years. He is proposing an outright ban on "Assault Weapons" including a mandatory buyback (confiscation) from those lawfully purchased by law abiding citizens.



On September 25th the House Judiciary Committee conducted a three and a half

hour long hearing entitled *Protecting America from Assault Weapons*. The hearing began with an opening statement from the chairman stating "Assault Weapons have been repeatedly used as deadly weapons of violence on our citizens." This statement suggests that semi-automatic rifles are frequently used in violent crimes or mass shootings against citizens. So this month, we thought we would give you some of facts and to see if and an "Assault Weapons" ban or high capacity magazine ban would actually reduce gun violence and mass shootings.

FBI Homicide Statistics by Weapon

This past week, the FBI released the facts in it's 2018 Crime Statistics which shows the total number of homicides by weapon for 2014-2018 (see table below).

Expanded Homicide Data Table 8					
Murder Victims by Weapon, 2014-2018					
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Weapons	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total	12,278	13,780	15,318	15,195	14,123
Total firearms:	7,803	9,103	10,372	11,006	10,265
Handguns	5,342	6,176	6,762	7,051	6,603
Rifles	235	215	300	390	297
Shotguns	238	247	247	264	235
Other guns	88	151	172	180	167
Firearms, type not stated	1,900	2,314	2,891	3,121	2,963
Knives or cutting instruments	1,545	1,525	1,558	1,609	1,515
Blunt objects (clubs, hammers, etc.)	431	436	464	472	443
Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) ¹	668	647	664	710	672

In 2018, there were 14,123 homicides in the United States reported to the FBI. Of those, 10,265 were committed with a firearm, including 6,603 (64%) with handguns, 297 (3%) with rifles, 235 (2%) with shotguns and 3,130 (30%) other guns/firearms not stated. Assuming some of the other guns/firearms not stated could be rifles and assuming they would be statistically similar to the 3% of the total that are known to be rifles, then the estimated total times a rifle was used in a homicide would be about 387 (4%). This number is still below the total number of homicides committed, without a firearm, including knives (1,515), blunt objects (443), hands/fists/feet (672). In fact, you are about 6 times more likely to be stabbed or bludgeoned to death than you are to be killed with a rifle of any type.

Certainly, some of the most recent and deadly mass shootings have occurred with semi-auto rifles like the AR-15 and AK-47, but the handgun has been used far more often. In fact, of the [deadliest mass shootings dating back to 1949](#), handguns were used in 23 instances, while a rifle of any kind was used 13 times, and a shotgun was used 7 times. The AR-15 and AK-47 are indeed more powerful than

handguns, but they are far less powerful than a shotgun or the military rifles like the M1-Garand and M14 used in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Both of these rifles are capable of firing much larger and heavier bullets at greater velocity than both an AR-15 and AK-47.

Banning High Capacity Magazines

While the statistics clearly show rifles are used far less in homicides than other types of weapons, anti-gun groups still proclaim them as high power "weapons of war" and when combined with high capacity magazines, they become the weapon of choice for mass shooters. However, statistics show that the size of the magazine really doesn't come into factor in many of the mass shootings. In the book titled "[Countering The Mass Shooter](#)" written by Michael Martin with the USCCA, he studied the rates of fire in many of the mass shootings. He also summarizes this information in an article called "[The Truth About School Shootings](#)." The highest estimated rate of fire was 31 rounds per minute. The ugly truth is that in many of these mass killings, the shooter fires a few rounds before people begin to scatter and hide or barricade themselves in a room. The shooter then moves on to another area of the building looking for more victims and fires a few more rounds. This cycle continues until someone challenges him, so limiting the magazine capacity to 7 or 10 rounds would do very little in slowing the loss of life. Here are some examples of rates of fire with limited capacity magazines. Rangemaster Founder and Instructor, Tom Givens, uses an exercise called the [Casino Drill](#) in many of his classes. The drill is a 21 round course of fire with 3 magazines loaded with 7 rounds each. The student has to accurately hit 6 different targets with 21 rounds and has to perform 2 reloads. The goal is to complete the drill in under 21 seconds. The last time I participated in this drill my time was just over 16 seconds, which was about average for the group of 16 students that day. If you apply that rate of fire to a full minute, that is about 76 rounds per minute using 7 round magazines. Even in our monthly IDPA matches we have revolver shooters with higher rates of fire than most of the mass shootings.

Take a few minutes to watch this segment from [Amy Swearer with the Heritage Foundation](#) as she informs the committee on the facts!



The "Othering" of Gun Owners

"Othering" is defined as "treating people from another group as essentially different from and generally inferior to the group you belong to." This is not a new tactic. It has been used successfully to shame smokers during the 90's and 2000's. First they were ostracized to the "smoking sections", then banned from confined spaces such as planes and buses, and finally businesses and restaurants banned all smoking in their buildings. When faced with facts that gun violence is not an epidemic, anti-gun groups and politicians can and have resulted to this tactic. In 2008, rural Americans were labeled "bitter" and accused of "clinging to god and guns". In 2016, another subset of voters were called a "basket of deplorables" and more recently the City of San Francisco labeled the NRA a Domestic Terrorist Organization, and congressional members have even referred to NRA members as 'mass murderers' and 'white supremacists'. In the wake of the El Paso and Dayton shootings, Walmart, Kroger, Walgreens and others have banned open carry and Walmart has even decided to stop selling certain types of ammunition. Ironically, these companies still sell cigarettes.

A new "Assault Weapons" ban or magazine restriction will have little to no impact on crime or mass shootings. This was already proven in the 1994 assault weapons ban. Today, some legislatures believe the 1994 law had no effect because it didn't go far enough, and any new bill should include more restrictions, buybacks or other measures to remove AR-15s and AK-47s from legal gun owners. Then when the next mass shooting happens with a semi-auto pistol or shotgun, the anti-gun groups will claim the new law didn't go far enough and we need to ban/buyback all semi-auto firearms. Then when the next Santa Fe, Tx, School shooting happens with a revolver and pump-action shotgun we will once again face another round of bans and buybacks.

Towards the end of the "Protecting Americas from Assault Weapons" hearing, Dr. RaShall Brackney, Chief of the Charlottesville Police Department in Virginia, responded to a question about banning hunting rifles from Rep. Greg Steube (R-Fla). Her response was "I believe any weapon that can be used to hunt individuals should be banned." Law enforcement officers have an extremely difficult job, but in the event of home invasion when we are faced with multiple armed attackers or in the middle of a mass shooting, WE are the ones that call 911. The responding officers are going to bring the best options for defense with them including high

capacity semi-auto pistols, rifles(AR-15s) and shotguns. Shouldn't we, the citizens, who have to face the attackers until the Police arrive, have the same options to protect ourselves and our family that law enforcement would bring?

Chad J. Winkler



Getting The Most From Your Instructor!

Earlier this year, I took Vicki Farnam's "Teaching Women, For Women" class. She helped me understand just how differently women learn than men. During the class Vicki asked two male instructors in our Pro Shop to come into the classroom and set up several chairs. They proceeded to line the chairs up in a neat order. Neither one asked a single question. They just set the chairs up in two rows and went back to the Pro Shop. No big deal, short and sweet.

But for the women, it isn't that easy! We want to know every single little detail. Which direction do you want the chairs to face? Do you want a straight row or a curved row? How many chairs? were just a few of the questions asked.

Defensive Pistol I – Women Only gives you the opportunity to learn and ask questions on topics you may have never thought about. How to draw from your holster, how to reload quickly and how to clear malfunctions are just some of the topics covered in this two-day class. But the biggest benefit for the ladies in this class is that the answers will be coming from Female Instructors that can better relate to YOU!

Even if you've taken the Defensive Pistol I class before, sign up again. You will definitely have a different, and likely more relatable learning experience from Kristi

and Lacey.

Boondocks' next Defensive Pistol I – Women Only class is scheduled for October 19th & 20th. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Jan A. Allinder



Automaticity - au-to-ma-tic-i-ty - the ability to do things without occupying the mind with the low-level details required, allowing it to become an automatic response pattern or habit. It is usually the result of learning, repetition, and practice.

Recently I have been reading a book by Karl Rehn and John Daub entitled, "Strategies and Standards for Defensive Handgun Training." In the book I came across the graphic below. It originates from John Hearn's book "Straight Talk on Armed Defense" and tries to indicate the important factors of prevailing in a gun fight. As you can tell from the diagram, the most important factors are the ability to control your emotions and your level of automaticity. The other two factors on the "What You Can Control Side" are Fitness and Gear, with gear being the smallest factor. Another interesting fact in Karl and John's book is the very low percentage of gun owners that train on a regular basis. He estimates that only about 1% of gun owners who have taken a Basic Permit class ever go on to take a more advanced class or shoot in a match. Instead, gun owners are spending their resources on purchasing new guns. According to the [FBI NICS data](#), the number of background checks for gun purchases have tripled from 8 million in 2000 to over 26 million last year. The actual number of gun purchases is likely much higher, since the 17 million Permit Holders in the United States would not have to go through a NICS background check when purchasing a gun. So, it appears as if gun owners and permit holders are investing their money in gear instead of training, the exact opposite of what the graphs suggests. Now, don't get me wrong, I like buying new guns as much as anyone, but buying new guns and not actually training with them is probably the worst case scenario for those serious about carrying a firearm for personal defense.

Beware of the man that only owns one gun, he probably knows how to use it

The only way to build automaticity with a particular gun is to train/practice with THAT gun. If you're buying new and different guns on a regular basis then you are probably not going to be able to increase your automaticity with any one gun. If you have to rely on your brain to remember that the gun you are carrying today has a safety, or that you need to chamber a round before you fire, your already behind

the "emotional control" curve. During a gunfight, your body should be able to automatically draw and fire without ever having to "think" about it. That is automaticity, and when you have reached that level in your training, then your brain is free to focus on emotional control.

Gaining emotional control

Once you have gained automaticity, the next step is to work on emotional control. One of the best ways to do that is through experience. In an article called *Training vs. Experience*, Greg Ellifritz with *Active Response Training* talks about some of the best ways to gain experience. He also highlights an FBI study that talks about the experience level of your potential attacker. The results of the study are staggering.

- "Nearly 40% of the criminal attackers in this study had received FORMAL firearms training"
- "More than 80% of the criminal attackers regularly practiced with their firearms, with an average number of 23 Practice Sessions Per Year!"
- "More than

40%
of
the
criminals
identified
in
the
study
had
at
least
one
gunfight
experience
before
attacking
the
officer"

- "25%
of
the
attackers
had
been
involved
in
more
than
five
gunfights!"

One felon in the study had been shot in 10 different gunfights, before being killed by a homeowner during a home invasion. Do you think he had more experience and emotional control than the average gun owner? Greg does a great job in his article giving you some options to help you gain experience, which includes force-on-force training. Greg states "the best type of this training is conducted at professional shooting schools and uses tightly-scripted professional role players. It is costly, but worth the expense. You will learn more in one day of this type of training than you will learn in weeks of practicing by yourself."

To test your equipment, you have to stress your equipment

While the gear you use in a gunfight is not as important as your emotional control and automaticity, it does need to work. Simply taking your gun to a range and punching holes in paper a couple times a year is not truly testing your gear. In order to be confident your gear will work when you need it to, you need to be stress testing that gear. That means drawing and shooting under some type of stress like a timed course of fire, shooting from retention or compromised positions. These types of drills can't be covered in a one-day Basic Permit class, your going to have to look into at least a 2-day class where you are putting hundreds of rounds down

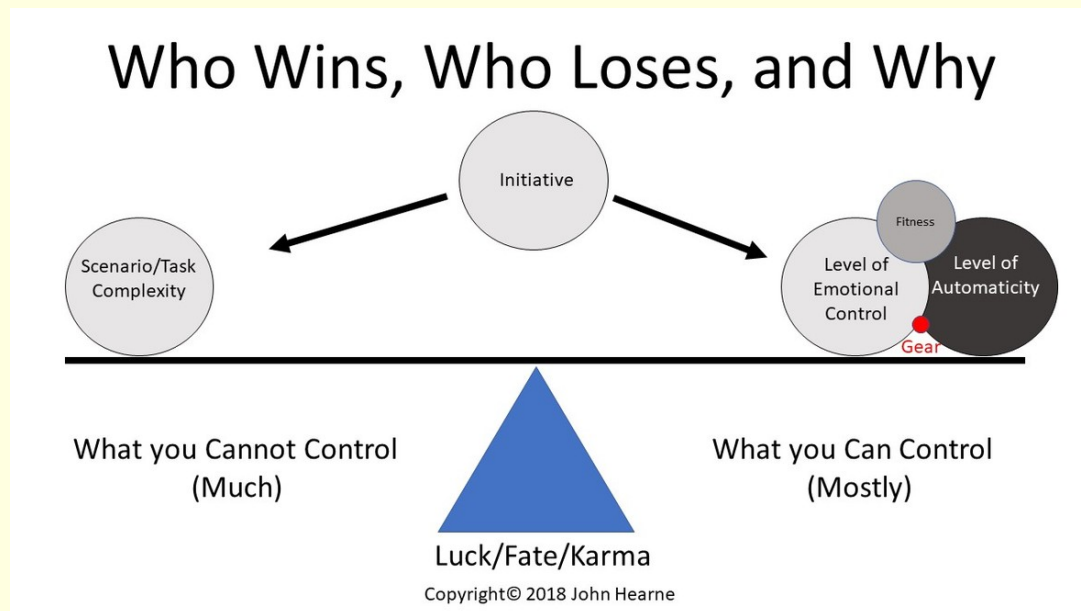
range in a variety of drills. I can't tell you how many times we have seen sub-par gear or heavily modified guns fail during these types of training classes or during a shooting match. In fact, almost every single nationally known trainer will tell you to bring a SPARE GUN to their class.

Are you fit enough??

One of the final aspects of "What You Can Control" is fitness. While fitness is definitely important in being able to survive a gunfight, it may be more important in a whole host of situations. Our friend, Dave Spaulding, does an excellent job in this video on the importance of fitness and being able to be an active participant in your own rescue. I encourage you to take a few minutes to watch it.

The bottom line is to "invest in yourself." You will likely fair much better both physically and financially if you spend your resources on training, rather than chasing the latest, greatest gun or gadget to try and improve your shooting. Believe it or not, the money spent on training will likely guide you to the best gun for you long before you find it on your own.

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COURSE SPOTLIGHT



Defensive Shooting Fundamentals

As almost every instructor will tell you, a Basic Permit class does not adequately prepare you to defend yourself with a firearm. Still, of the estimated 17 million Concealed Carry Permit holders in the United States, very few (only about 1%) ever take the next step in their training. The Defensive Shooting Fundamentals Level 1 (DSF-L1) course was designed to be that next step.

In July 2018, I traveled to West Bend, WI to be part of the inaugural DSF-L1 Instructor course. After 2 days and 26+ hours on the range, I completed the Instructor requirements. At the end of the class, it was clear that DSF-L1 is designed to prepare you for the most likely self defense scenarios. It uses intuitive teaching methods designed to provide you with an efficient training program that maximizes the time and resources for the students. The course is what we call a "blended" learning course, which includes online training, the excellent DSF-L1 book, and a full day of live fire exercises on the range.

Shortly after completing the Instructor class, I brought in about 10 of our Boondocks FTA™ instructors to evaluate the curriculum. All agreed, that this course fits perfectly between our Basic Pistol and our 2-Day intermediate Defensive Carry and Defensive Pistol classes.

The cost of the course is \$200.00, plus a \$30.00 fee payable to the USCCA for the eLearning module. Upon registration, the student will receive information on how to obtain access to the eLearning module and will be shipped the DSF-L1 book. The student can then complete the eLearning at home and at their own pace prior to the live fire exercises.

If you are looking to take that next step after your Permit Class, the DSF-L1 course is great choice. Our next class date is October 26th. You can learn more about the class and register online by clicking [HERE!](#)

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The Sig Sauer P365 SAS (Sig Anti Snag)

Earlier this year, Gun Talk Media along with Sig Sauer representatives Phill Strader and Daniel Horner arrived at Boondocks FTA™ to film a segment of Season 11 of the Guns and Gear Television Show. As always, they had a variety of Sig firearms with them. While Sig has been turning out some amazing guns lately, most of them have had traditional features, but when they unboxed the **P365 SAS** everyone around the table had a confused look on their face. Even though I understand the advantages of a "Red Dot" type sight, I was thinking this new sighting system seemed a little "gimmecky" as Phil Strader began explaining it. I patiently waited my turn as everyone passed the gun around to get a closer look at the sights. When I finally got the gun in my hand, it was pretty intuitive. Before long, we got to see the gun in action on the range and it was plenty accurate for a concealed carry pistol. Additionally, the SAS model has a ported barrel and a flush slide stop and take-down lever. There is literally nothing to snag on your clothes during the draw. Check out the new **SIG P365 SAS** from this seasons episode of Guns and Gear.





Nikon Buckmasters II

Rifle Scopes

We are officially into Deer Hunting Season here in Mississippi, and while it is not quite rifle season yet, hunters across the state are gearing up for gun season. One of the most important pieces of equipment for hunting is your optics. A scope can make or break a hunt, and I have seen hunters who spend thousands of dollars on guns and other gear, only to skimp on optics. Fortunately, today we have a selection of great optics that won't break the bank. One such option is the Nikon Buckmaster II. The MSRP on this scope starts off at about \$129.99 for the 3x9x40 with the bullet drop compensator (BDC) reticle. Additional features listed on Nikon's website include:

- Multiple layers of anti-reflective compounds

on
every
glass
surface
provide
bright,
vivid
pictures
and
optimum
light
transmission
from
dawn
to
dusk.

- Positive-click reticle adjustments get you zeroed in quicker and maintain your setting, even with heavy recoil.

- Nikon Spot On™ Ballistic Match Technology. Spot On allows you to discover all of the exact aiming points

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scope's
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your
specific
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■ Generous,
Consistent
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keep
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recoiling
cartridges,
lightweight
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and
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■ Nitrogen
purged
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sealed
for
complete
waterproof,
fogproof
and
shockproof
performance.

The Buckmaster II is also available in a 3x9x50 and a 4x12x40 configuration which will give you a larger field of view and a little more magnification, respectfully.

While I do have more expensive and task specific scopes on other guns, for the majority of hunting situations here in Mississippi (and the Southeast) the Nikon Buckmaster II, when combined with a quality set of bases and rings, is a good choice at a great price.

Stop by our Pro Shop to get a look at the Nikon Buckmaster II before your next hunting trip!

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