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# THE POWDER KEG

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## February 4th - Meeting

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### From the President

#### Range Hours

**It is vital that we follow our hours of operation for the range!** The range operation hours are 0800 to Official Sunset seven days a week, 365 days a year. These hours are established as rules for the range to show respect for our neighbors. Unfortunately, we have recently had more than one reported occurrence of after hour shooting. **This cannot continue!** Please respect our neighbors. Angry neighbors can cause us more problems that few understand. Clubs have been closed for extended periods of time over such things, real or manufactured. Please do not make a neighbor mad!

Official sunset is not sundown, it is not dusk, it is not twilight. Our neighbors know the difference, do you? It is very easy to find. Here is one example: <https://sunrise-sunset.org/search?location=76502>.

Before you take the first shot or the last shot, look at your watch or your phone and make absolutely sure you are on the right side of the time line.

#### Range Maintenance

**Are you proud of the way your range looks?** Policing the range is the responsibility of the club members. Maintaining it is also our responsibility. Please help your club maintain a clean operational facility. You do this in two ways:

First: police the range you use. In other words, leave that part of range you used better than when you arrived. Take away your and any trash left by others.

And second, formal range maintenance is scheduled the last Saturday of every month at 8:00 am. We will be pleased to have you join in and help. No particular skills are necessary, only a desire to keep the range well-manicured, neat and tidy. Come and only as long as you would like.

be prepared to stay

If we all do the first part, the second will not take long. I've been asked, I have a bad back can I still help? The answer is an emphatic yes. We'll find something for you to do. Just tell us of your limitations.

Thank you all who joined us 1/26.

The February range maintenance will be on 2/23/19. We will continue mowing, knocking down weeds, working on signage and hauling off junk. Please bring what you have that can help in those tasks. A truck and/or trailer for the junk would be great.

### Meeting Location & Time Reminder

Our meetings are at the Belton Goodwill Learning Center, 2601 Commerce St (the corner of Commerce and Sparta Rd about half way between HEB & Belton High), Belton TX. The meeting times are:

- 6:00 pm New member applications and NRA membership.
- 6:30 to 6:50 pm Range Orientation. *Come in January to check out the new range orientation.*
- 7:00 pm Club meeting.

### Monthly Membership

Membership prorated schedule is:

August	\$100	December	\$80	April	\$40
September	\$100	January	\$70	May	\$30
October	\$100	February	\$60	June	\$20
November	\$90	March	\$50	July	\$10

The initiation fee remains at \$25 and NRA membership is required. Applications will be accepted from 6:00 pm to 6:30. Contact your friends and acquaintances who are responsible gun owners about joining our club and bring or send them early to the meetings.

- February – Board election
- March – GunCraft Academy - See the Defensive Handgun training program for May 2019 in this issue of The Powder Keg.
- April - ??????????

We can sure use your input for April and beyond. If you have suggestions &/or recommendations, please contact me at 254-698-0085 or [dick@dwinellonline.com](mailto:dick@dwinellonline.com).

God Bless



Dick



Defensive Handgun I – May 4-5, 2019  
Defensive Handgun II – May 18-19, 2019  
Handgun Skill Builder – May 17 2019

The Temple Gun Club will once again host a top-tier handgun training course by Guncraft Training Academy. As part of the agreement with the Temple Gun Club, their Defensive Handgun I and II courses are open for enrollment exclusively to club members through the end of March. The course will accommodate ten (10) students and beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> the course will be open to the public. Attendance of Defensive Handgun II will require completion of Defensive Handgun I or the two or four-day Defensive Handgun course at Front Sight NV. The individual cost of each course is \$500.

Handgun Skill Builder is a separate offering for a little extra training (3 hours) in preparation for Defensive Handgun II for those who want it. The individual cost is \$60.

Club members only may sign up at the following websites:

Defensive Handgun I: <https://store.guncrafttraining.com/pd/309?code=b1BlsgTDWK>

Defensive Handgun II: <https://store.guncrafttraining.com/pd/310?code=oiQUe1ykRp>

Skill Builder: <https://store.guncrafttraining.com/pd/311?code=pBke8sZCd5>



This course will give you the full range of skills you need to use your handgun effectively for concealed carry, home defense, and personal protection. It gives you a level of ability and comfort with your handgun that surpasses average law enforcement and military training, even if you have never fired a gun before. By the end of this course, you will be able to quickly, safely, and efficiently present your weapon from a concealed holster and consistently make hits on your target (both body and head shots) at ranges from arm's length to 25 yards. And that's just for starters.



You'll also be able to perform a wide range of defensive techniques, including reflexive malfunction clearances, reloads, escalation of force, handling multiple attackers, avoiding an incoming attack, and assessing your surroundings. Lessons on mindset, mental awareness, moral considerations, legal issues, interacting with the police, physiology and psychology, and more, will ensure that you are prepared for every aspect of self-defense shooting.



If you're an experienced shooter, you can expect to dramatically improve the speed and consistency of your shooting. This course gives you the tools you need to reach the high standards of performance necessary to ensure success in defensive shooting, including learning to present from a concealed holster and fire two accurate shots in under two seconds. You'll also learn to bring the weapon on target from a ready position, while moving off the line of attack, and deliver hits in one second.

Our hands-on course format gives you lots of time practicing, which allows you to reach an extraordinary level of skill in just four days of training. Our instructors will provide you with expert coaching, pro tips, and encouragement throughout, ensuring that you reach your own personal potential. You will also learn how to maximize the benefit of your own practice, so you can continue to improve after you complete the course.



You'll also spend time in the simulator, which will place you into realistic training situations that put the skills you've built on the range to the test and will give you the confidence of knowing that you are prepared to prevail against a criminal attack.

Finally, you'll take a measure of your abilities with the Guncraft Standard Handgun Skills Test. The skills test is a challenging yet fun exercise that provides you a metric of your skill set, allowing you to track your progress over time and set goals to challenge yourself and reach the level of proficiency that you desire with your handgun.

"Will I really learn that much?", you ask. **GUNCRAFT Academy guarantees it.**

### Course Contents

The Defensive Handgun Course is taught in two 2-day sessions, designated Defensive Handgun I and Defensive Handgun II. It is recommended (but not required) that you attend both sessions consecutively. You must complete Defensive Handgun I (or an equivalent course) before taking Defensive Handgun II.

#### **Defensive Handgun I**

##### **Training Mindset**

- The five levels of competence
- Effective dry practice to improve your skills

##### **Firearms Safety**

- The Four Universal Firearms Safety Rules
- Trigger finger discipline and muzzle consciousness
- Dry practice safety rules

##### **Weapons Handling**

- Controls and nomenclature
- Manipulation of magazines

##### **Defensive Techniques**

- Presentation from the holster
- Search and assess
- Clearing type 1, type 2, and type 3 malfunctions
- Reloading during and after a gunfight
- Realistic targets
- Failures to stop and head shots

##### **Mental Preparation**

- Color code of mental awareness
- Combat mindset

##### **Moral, ethical, and legal considerations**

- Justification for deadly force

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- Chamber check and magazine check
- Stance and grip
- Pointed in and ready positions
- Loading and unloading
- Moral aspects of using deadly force
- Aftermath of the gunfight
- Legal liability

### **Marksmanship**

- Fundamentals of defensive marksmanship
- Diagnostic trigger drills
- Balancing speed and accuracy

### **Dynamic Training**

- Escalation of force
- Home invasion simulation

## **Defensive Handgun II**

### **Skills Review**

- Weapon handling and marksmanship review
- Presentation from the holster review
- Malfunctions review

### **Defensive Techniques and Marksmanship**

- Flash sight picture
- Presentation from concealment
- Movement while presenting
- Extended-range shooting

### **Shooting Strategies**

- Multiple attackers
- Hostage rescue shots
- Alternative targets

### **Alternative Shooting Positions**

- Braced kneeling
- Speed kneeling
- Close contact

### **Psychology and Physiology**

- Pre-assault indicators
- Effects of life-threatening stress

### **Dynamic Training**

- Timed shooting and malfunction drills
- Malfunction shoot/no-shoot drills
- Multiple Adversary Simulation
- Competitive events
- Guncraft Standard Handgun Skills Test

**Course Equipment Required:** (<http://www.guncrafttraining.com/faqs.html> for more information)

- Handgun suitable for defensive use
- 1100 rounds of ammunition (450 for Defensive Handgun I, 650 for Defensive Handgun II)
- 2 magazines or speed loaders (3 or more recommended)
- Holster worn on the firing (dominant-side) hip
- Magazine or speed loader pouch
- Eye and ear protection (electronic ear protection recommended)
- Hat with a brim
- Concealment garment, such as a jacket, vest, or sweatshirt (required for Defensive Handgun II only)

### **Course Cost:**

Defensive Handgun I: \$500

Defensive Handgun II: \$500

Complete Defensive Handgun Course: \$1,000

## **Skill Builders**

### **Practice, Refine, Improve**



Skill Builders are 3-hour training and practice sessions that focus on solidifying your existing skills in one type of weapon (handgun, rifle, or shotgun). They provide you a great opportunity to practice regularly, continually improve, and reach the next level. If you're a little rusty, they are also a great way to refresh your memory and tune up in preparation for your next course.

You'll receive ample amounts of individual feedback and coaching from the instructors, allowing you to zero in on specific issues and goals. Specialized drills and exercises will help you fine-tune your technique and bring you to new heights in your speed and consistency. Skill builders also provide the opportunity to take a skills test to check your progress and to satisfy the prerequisites to attend higher level courses.

Skill builders are more informal than a standard class, and you may arrive and depart as you wish. You are also free to participate in as many or as few of the drills as you see fit.

**Course Prerequisite:**

Completion of any Guncraft course (or equivalent course)

**Course Cost:**

\$60

## From the Desk of Ken Gaby

The Texas Legislature convened in Austin for its 86th Regular Session on **Tuesday, January 8**. Pre-filing of legislation began in mid-November. Since then, several pro-Second Amendment measures have already been introduced and received bill numbers, including but not limited to:

**Senate Bill 117** by Sen. Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) clarifies the definition of "school-sponsored activity" in the Texas Penal Code to avoid the establishment of roving gun-free zones in buildings or areas that are not owned by or under the control of a school or postsecondary educational institution.

**House Bill 302** by Rep. Dennis Paul (R-Houston) protects the rights of tenants to lawfully possess firearms in their residential or commercial rental properties and to transport their guns between their personal vehicles and those locations.

**House Bill 357** by Rep. Jonathan Stickland (R-Bedford) allows individuals who are legally-eligible to possess a firearm to carry a handgun for personal protection without a state-issued license.

**House Bill 516** by Rep. Drew Springer (R-Muenster) provides immunity to property or business owners who elect not to post their premises off-limits to License To Carry holders with 30.06 or 30.07 signs.

New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg and his national gun control groups Everytown for Gun Safety/Moms Demand Action, along with their policy partners at Texas Gun Sense, have been working with anti-gun lawmakers to introduce misguided proposals that restrict your Second Amendment rights. Don't be fooled by attempts to package these bills as "sensible public safety measures" or "common-sense solutions to gun violence" – they are part of Bloomberg's radical agenda that targets law-abiding gun owners. Those measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

**House Bill 38** by Rep. Terry Canales (D-Edinburg) makes it illegal for an individual to manufacture and possess a firearm without obtaining an individualized serial number from, and registering the gun with, the Texas Department of Public Safety. This bill is nothing more than a California-style solution in search of a problem: there are no reports of criminals using 3D printing to manufacture firearms, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) has never received a trace request for a 3D-printed gun, and there has never been a case of such a firearm being used in a crime. Furthermore, the 1968 Gun Control Act, the 1988 Undetectable Firearms Act and other federal laws govern firearms produced by a 3D printing process, just as they do to guns manufactured through conventional processes.

**House Bill 131** by Rep. Joe Moody (D-El Paso) & **Senate Bill 158** by Sen. Jose Rodriguez (D-El Paso) allow for the issuance of so-called "red flag" protective orders that could lead to suspension of an individual's Second Amendment rights without due process and surrender of his or her firearms to law enforcement.

**House Bill 172** by Rep. Diego Bernal (D-San Antonio) reduces the minimum size, lettering and the language specifications for 30.06 signs that have been in effect for more than two decades and requires them to be available for download on the Texas Department of Public Safety's website – providing less effective notice for License To Carry holders and leading to more locations being posted off-limits to them. (The same requirements would apply to 30.07 signs as well.)

**House Bill 195** by Rep. Ron Reynolds (D-Missouri City) restricts the private transfer of firearms at gun shows – a favorite target of the gun control crowd – by requiring every transaction to be conducted through a licensed dealer involving extensive paperwork and payment of an undetermined fee.

**House Bill 316** by Rep. Donna Howard (D-Austin) directs the Texas Department of Public Safety to create a firearms safety "public awareness" campaign, establishing a platform for gun control groups to attempt to deliver their slanted message to a broader audience. Existing federal and state laws, current state agency efforts and private sector initiatives already address the topic and delivery of firearms safety programs.

**House Bill 349** by Rep. Cesar Blanco (D-El Paso) bans the manufacture, sale and possession of devices designed to increase the rate of fire of a semi-automatic rifle and includes common modifications done to firearms by law-abiding citizens to make them more suitable for self-defense, hunting or competition.

Kenneth Gaby

No freeman shall be debarred the use of arms  
The Government is best that governs least Thomas Jefferson

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Please make plans to attend the TGC meeting on February 4, 2019, as it is election night and we need attendance by enough members to have a quorum for voting. Thanks for your support.

Kenneth Gaby

### **Submission for Board Membership**

I, Arthur Chaput, would like to submit my name for consideration of a Board Member. I am a pharmacist working for a Long Term Nursing home provider as well as a business consultant for a pharmacy consultant group on the East Coast. I have been living in Texas for the last 5 years and my wife and I have been TGC Members since arriving. My wife, Dawn, and I held membership at the Mid-Carolina Gun Club in Orangeburg, SC for 4 years prior to coming to Texas. We have both been to the Front Sight training center for the last 3 years. My interest in becoming a member is to help facilitate the future of the Club and provide whatever business development and analysis that may be needed going forward.

In appreciation for your consideration and your vote.  
Arthur Chaput