

THE POWDER KEG

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RANGE MAINTENANCE – Aug 27, 2022 –

Hint ---Check the TGC calender on the website

Next Club Meeting – Aug. 1, 2022 Harris Community Center

Message from the President

Hello Everyone!

It is so hot that I am getting an extra 1,000 FPS from every round I shoot!!! Never knew a 9mm would be classified as a flat shooter 😊

We have Mr. Buckley setup as our guest speaker for the Aug meeting and he will be addressing some 2A issues and other legislation we might be interested in. If you have questions for him, this is a good opportunity!

There is also the Dove Season Tune-up event on Aug 16th (6PM) for all the shotgunners out there. Mr. Watt Taggart is the POC and you can contact him at 254-760-4900 if you have any questions.

August TGC Meeting- Make Plans

The next club meeting is Aug 1, 2022 at the **Belton Harris Community Center**. Prospective new members need to be there by 6:00 pm and no applications are accepted after 6:30 pm. A range orientation seminar precedes the club meeting. The club meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The key fobs to operate the range gate are distributed after the membership meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

Aug 2022 – Guest Speaker, Area 54 Representative – Brad Buckley

Sep 2022 – Rifle Cartridge reloading demonstration & discussion

Oct 2022 - I would like to hear a suggestion!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Maybe I will powder coat some bullets???

And beyond – Suggestions and recommendations for speakers are always welcomed.

Please contact TGC President, Stephen Hammonds, at sphammonds@gmail.com

Membership

Membership is recorded annually starting with the month you join. Your membership will start the month you join and will be effective for 12 months. Renewal notices will be generated automatically 30 days prior to the expiration date of your membership. Renewal may be online via credit or debit card, by mail, or hand delivered at a meeting.

Please Join an Organization that Supports the 2d Amendment

Being a member of a pro Second Amendment organization is highly recommended. Here are some choices: Gun Owners of America (GOA), Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC), Second Amendment Foundation (SAF), and National Rifle Association (NRA).

As noted in the Power Keg, the Texas GOA did the heavy-lifting when it came to herding the wandering cats at the legislature during the 2021 legislative session. The persistence paid-off with the passing of the constitution carry legislation.

For your reference and consideration, the Texas GOA has provided a list of recommended candidates for the upcoming election in March 2022.

Long Range 300-500 Yard Qualification

You are a safety officer.

The Board wants to insure those wishing to shoot from the 500 yd firing line can safely keep shots on target/inside the range. There have been instances when shooters could not hit a 12X18" target from 200 yards. Knowing the proper come ups on scopes or iron sights from 500 yds is imperative to keep bullets from striking the ground 100 yds in front of the impact berm and causing a ricochet that leaves the range.

Once members have qualified, your membership card will be annotated to show 300-500 yard qualified. When the membership card is annotated, members can print another copy of the card to show qualification. **You are a safety officer.**

Shooting Straight with Winsome Sears **Lieutenant Governor - Virginia**

Criminals Hate This One Weird Trick: Having pre-planned responses ready-to-go when you're out and about.

One of the greatest advantages criminals have is the element of surprise. They get to choose when and where we encounter them, and that advantage manifests in multiple ways. They've already decided what's happening, while we're mentally behind and trying to figure things out and catch up. Pre-planned, automatic responses can help close that reactionary gap substantially and get us back on more or less equal footing.

At the outset of an encounter, criminals know what is happening and we do not. You think you're just pumping gas on a routine day, and notice a guy with a bottle of tire and wheel cleaner going from pump to pump apparently trying to sell his wares. Mundane, right? Well, tire cleaner guy knows he's looking for the right combo of nice vehicle and unsuspecting target that will let him get close enough to execute a car jacking. If you have no pre-made decisions available and have to see, recognize, and process everything happening during an interaction with such a bad guy, how much of an advantage is that to a bad guy who knows the score when you don't?

Developing decisions ahead of time about how we react to specific stimuli in public can radically reduce mental processing "lag-time" in the face of a criminal assault, and those pre-determined decisive actions might actually interrupt the thought processes of a criminal and make them wonder if they really know the score or not. If you create enough ambiguity and doubt in their minds, that alone might be enough to convince them to abandon their effort, and go look for an easier target.

As an example from my own life, let's take the truck stop where I typically stop for gas or snacks coming back from town. Statistically speaking, this is probably the most likely place someone will try to rob or carjack me because I go there most frequently and convenience stores and truck stops are "human watering holes" where criminals lurk looking for targets of opportunity. I've tried to look at myself through a criminal's eyes and make choices on how to respond to possible contingencies in advance of needing them.

First off, if I ever see anything that strikes me as "off" I don't hesitate to drive right on through the parking lot and go to another truck stop or gas station. You can't lose the fight you're not in. I also have pre-determined pumps and parking spaces I prefer to use based on lighting and proximity to the doors and other vehicles. I've pre-determined how close I will allow strangers who purposefully approach me get before I verbally stop them, and have a "script" for doing so that won't escalate things if they are just selling tire cleaner or panhandling.

When I pump gas I typically have my small POM pepper spray surreptitiously palmed in my hand in case someone closes too quickly for me to access it from my pocket when it's needed. I also position myself in a deliberate manner relative to the pump, hose, and truck so as to make myself a harder target.

I've pre-made the decision that, in this location, if I look up and someone in street clothes moving purposefully toward me with a handgun in hand that there's no plausible, peaceful reason for them to do so. Therefore, if I see that, I'm immediately beginning my draw-stroke as I verbally challenge them (IF there's time and it makes sense to do so). I'm not gonna waste precious seconds deliberating,

“Hey, that’s weird. Why’s that guy coming this way with a pistol in his hand?” At this location there’s no good reason to have a gun in hand striding towards me in a parking lot, so I’ve pre-determined to treat it as what it clearly is rather than stammer in disbelief and lose precious time and distance.

If I see a person moving purposefully toward me with a knife in hand I will be a bit more circumspect because people do use pocketknives around gas pumps for various purposes, but if their movement towards me is rapid and aggressive in a way that clearly communicates a lethal threat, then at a *minimum* I’m grasping the grip of my handgun (assuming there is sufficient distance to do so), and creating distance of my own.

Even with these mental options sitting on a shelf in my brain, I’m still at a disadvantage because I don’t know who or when a criminal might target me, and no scenario plays out exactly like we expect. However, having a pre-planned response we can access and flexing off of that is still *far* superior to starting from scratch and trying to develop a response in what can be a rapidly developing violent encounter.

So what pre-planned responses do you have in your hip pocket for when you go about your daily routines?

By Chris Cypert

Citizen Defense Research <https://www.citizensdefenseresearch.com/>

Reloading Rifle Cartridges September Meeting

Are you interested in reloading those cases that come flying out of your Rifle? We will talk about reloading those cases at the Sep club meeting.

Doing so will do 1 of 3 things...

- 1 – Reduce the cost of shooting (IF, you don’t count your time. To me, it is just an expansion of the hobby.)
- 2 – Allow you to shoot more for the same amount of money.
- 3 – Allow you to shoot CUSTOM Loads that you cannot buy.

Stephen (I) will be demonstrating the reloading procedures for rifle calibers at the July club meeting. If you want to learn more be there. If you already reload, be there to help share your experience/tips. Guarantee you I don’t know everything!!

I will have a single stage press and a Dillon (almost a progressive). We will have discussions about the reloading manuals, measuring devices, presses, dies and the reloading process. Then I will load a few rounds.

Range Rules

On the website on the “Range” tab, the drop-down menu in the “blue” bar includes a link to the updated rules covering the use of **steel targets** and a link to the PowerPoint file “**Use of Steel Targets Small**.” It is strongly suggested that members download and familiarize themselves with the updated guidelines. Periodically, check the “Range” tab which includes **Usage, News, and Rules**.

You are a safety officer.

Range Maintenance

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 be prepared to stay only as long as you would like.

Keeping the range looking great and tidy and no trash in sight is every CLUB member’s responsibility. If you can’t make the Saturday maintenance days, you are welcome to work other days. Below is a list of areas that usually need attention.

Trim weeds:

- Around all concrete
- On the sides of the berms up as high as the trimmer will reach
- Around all buildings
- In the park [area behind the covered pistol bays]
- Around all ground mounted signs. Please be careful of the wood posts.
- In the ditches along the road on either side of the entrance

Replace/Repair target backers as needed. Remove trash.

The above tasks can also be accomplished before the 8 am, shoot start and after the official sunset, shoot stop. *This posting is in addition to the normal range maintenance day which is the last Saturday of the month. **Please do not interrupt others shooting to perform any of these tasks.**

Clay Thrower Donation by David Webb Jr.

Mr. Webb donated a clay thrower and it is now permanently install in the shotgun/clay shooting area. Please read and understand the rules for shooting clays before shooting in this area. Have fun shooting clays and thank Mr. Webb when you see him!

*** Remember to limit shot size to 7 ½ or smaller!!!!!!



Tigertown 4-H Club provides a Shooting Sports activity for the youth from 3rd-12th grades. The club's activities and venues are as follows:



- **Archery** practices alternating Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. at the CWUWCD in Belton;
- **Rifle** practices alternating Sundays at 2:00 p.m., and the opposite Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Temple Gun Club;
- **Shotgun** practices Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at Webers in Troy; and
- **Muzzle loading** practices usually precede the Sunday rifle practices, weather permitting.

The activities are posted on FaceBook < <https://www.facebook.com/tigertown4h/> > and on Bell County's FaceBook page < <https://www.facebook.com/BellCounty4H/> > Barbara Wood can provide more detailed information (woodbtwice@gmail.com or text at 254-624-6507) *Barbara has a day job, so the return call may be in the evening.*

Articles and Suggestions for the Powder Keg

The editor always welcomes contributions and suggestions for topics. Please do not worry about typing skills or things like that. Those details can be handled in the editing process.

Hard Copy of the Powder Keg

Over the past, several months the circulation of the Powder Keg has also included a hard copy for a small group of members who do not have email addresses. The circulation to 34 individuals really has a small subgroup of seven (7) members who do not have email addresses in the TGC member profile. In terms of good financial stewardship, the circulation to the 34 individuals costs about \$100 per month. The club is striving to be responsible stewards of the membership dues and communicate effectively. **Please check you member profile and update the email address.**