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May 6th - Meeting

From the President

Fire Wood, Come and Get it.

We have copious amounts of wood at the range for your fire place or fire pit. It is yours for the hauling off. Check behind the covered pistol bays and take your pick.

Heads Up Defensive Handgun Shooters

Time is short! The first class of the GunCraft Training Academy courses starts May 4th. Check this issue of the Powder Keg. Been there, done that, fantastic training! Sign up **now**.

Coming Soon

Shh, it's a secret so don't tell anyone. An announcement will be coming shortly on the new configuration of our range to accommodate more activities at the same time and make better use of our land. The formal announcement will be made at a future club meeting.

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 HELP!

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

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 4/28.

The May range maintenance will be on 5/25/19. We have dead tree cutting that need to take place and will continue mowing, knocking down weeds, working on signage and hauling off junk. Please bring chain saws, weed eaters or 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. No applications accepted after 6:30.
- 6:30 to 6:50 pm 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.

- May – Black Powder Shooting Disciplines. Bob Garibay 521-917-7271
- June - ?

We can sure use your input for beyond May. If you have suggestions &/or recommendations, please contact me at 254-698-0085 or dick@dwinellonline.com.

God Bless



Dick

From the Desk of Ken Gaby

Here is a good resource for gun bill updates on the TX legislative session. Rachel Malone, TX representative for Gun Owners of America <http://www.facebook.com/rachael.malone.tx>



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 1st 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
- Chamber check and magazine check
- Stance and grip
- Pointed in and ready positions
- Loading and unloading

Marksmanship

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

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
- Moral aspects of using deadly force
- Aftermath of the gunfight
- Legal liability

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