



# The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



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## Member Meeting Recap

Terry Marksberry

**Annual Club Membership Dues:** \$20 to renew or join. This will be active with the new Reservation System with a 1 month prior notice. Joining or renewing will occur in a 6-8 week window. Watch your email for the notice and subsequent confirmation.

**Shooters World:** Initial release of membership ID cards, plus T-shirts and hats is underway. In parallel they are providing custom molded ear protection. These ear molds may take some time to get used to with proper insertion, but you may still need muffs. Finally, remember that your membership is covered at the Tampa range just by showing your driver's license if your SW ID card has not been delivered.

**Emeralda range** looks pretty good after a cleanup from storms. Huge thanks to Bob Powers, John Giunta, Bill Long, Marty Rower and always present Floyd Dunstan. This is the best the range has been in some time. Thanks guys!!!



## Up Front

### Table of Contents?

We always try to provide content and ease of reading, so we are going to make it easier for you. Since the newsletter can be 7-9 pages, you can continue to scroll, and scroll, scroll, scroll, ... or just click the link in the Table of Contents. At the end of each section, click the "Return to Top" to come back to the beginning. If you use an obscure PDF reader, it may have trouble with the hyperlinks, so you will have to continue to scroll. Your choice, scroll away or selectively tap and go to the most important topic to you at that point in time. ([Return to Top](#))

## News from the Front

**Race to Which State is Worse.** We generally think of CA and NY but alas New Jersey is trying harder. A Federal Court Upheld the N.J. Magazine Ban and lowered the maximum number of rounds from 15 to 10. Worse yet, owners of magazines > 10 rounds must forfeit possession

within 180 days! So when extreme gun controllers claim they don't mean confiscation, don't believe them. A similar law in OR is now in the courts as unconstitutional since they cannot confiscate something you legally purchased.

**Vermont:** Offered amnesty if bump stocks were turned in to the state police by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. To date, 2 have been turned in. The State is also pushing increased universal background checks, increasing the age to purchase, and ban high capacity magazines.

**New Hampshire** legislature *rejected* a bump stock ban, increased age provision, and a bill that prohibited guns on school grounds. They also expanded where you can legally carry.

**Florida:** the NRA is suing FL over 18-21 age restrictions with two 19 year old as plaintiffs. Initial fight is whether to release the names of those plaintiffs.

### **Oregon: 18 Year Old Girl Sues Walmart –**

**update:** Last month or two the Club presented that an Oregon 18 year old girl sued Walmart's policy of not selling guns to anyone under the age of 21. The basis for the lawsuit was it was unconstitutional (Oregon law) as age discrimination. Well, the OR Bureau of Labor and Industries ruled in her favor! She won the first round. A court date for final consideration is set for



November. [source: American Rifleman, November 2018, pg 82]

### **IL has a new sanctuary county, for gun**

**owners:** yes, you read this correctly. In highly gun controlled Illinois, Effingham County declared that it is a sanctuary county for gun owners after approval by the County Board vote of 8-1 (the vote against was by Democrat Karen Luchtefeld). It should have the same force of law as those "other" sanctuary cities and counties.

[source: Concealed Carry Magazine, October 2018, page 30] ([Return to Top](#))

## **Main Meeting Topic**



### **Congressman Daniel**

**Webster** highlighted some of the activities and problem resolutions he and his staff perform for the congressional district. He also took some questions from the audience.



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## **Election Report**

ALL the ballot amendments were reviewed and ALL the information resides on our Club website ([vssclub.org](http://vssclub.org) [LAC web page](#)). As mentioned last month, the Club's Legislative Action Committee has done a fantastic job making the information available. Even all 12 constitutional amendments were reviewed. Go to the [Member Presentation webpage](#) to download and/or view online.



We encourage you to READ the descriptions of each amendment since some actually have TWO completely unrelated changes per amendment that you have to vote on. ([Return to Top](#))



## Taurus Firearms

Forjas Taurus or Taurus Forge as we know it based in Porto Alegre, Brazil began with its first revolver in 1941. Smith & Wesson actually owned it in 1970 and continued with technology exchanges through 1977. Beretta though won the contract to produce arms for the Brazilian Army in 1974 until 1980 when the contract ended and Beretta sold the plant, drawings, tooling, machines AND people to Taurus.


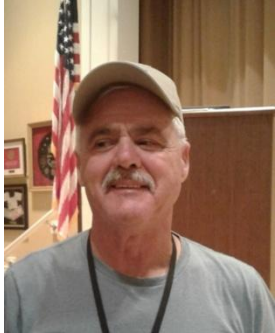
In 1984 they were the first to offer “lifetime repair” policy. Their PT-99 was the first attempt to copy the Beretta pistols. Handguns were the only firearms they produced. Models spanned the spectrum until the Spectrum .380 with 480 color combinations was released (pun intended). For example, the .44 Magnum revolver, the “Curve” (made to fit your hip), “The Judge” (.45 & .410), and the Poly .22LR with a tilt-up barrel just like the Beretta produced an eclectic product line. [\(Return to Top\)](#)



## Donor Appreciation Awards



The October award was a FN 509 9mm.

Savannah Meeting	Eisenhower Meeting
Will Muhleman	Daniel Opel
	

***Congratulations to Will and Daniel!***

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## Next Member Meeting & Award

The **November** meeting topics will be Gifts for Gun Nuts & Shooters World Opening.

**PLEASE NOTE:** due to the size of the Club (~2,800 members), there is no single place in The Villages to hold even two meetings per month. Thus, we request that those living North of Route 466A (aka Cleveland or Miller Blvd), please consider going to the Savannah meeting where there is considerably more seating. Conversely, those living South of 466A, please go to the Eisenhower meeting.

**Savannah: Tue. Nov 20<sup>th</sup>**, 6:35 – 8:15 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

**Eisenhower: Mon. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30-8:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

The November meeting awards will be the Ruger Mark IV Target

.22LR. Specs:  
Barrel length 5.5”  
Overall length 9.75”  
Height 5.5”  
Width 1.2”  
Weight 35.6 oz. [\(Return to Top\)](#)



## **INSTRUCTOR'S CORNER**

**By Stephen Mosel**

*(These articles are the opinions of the writer only and in no way reflect official positions of the Village Straight Shooters - or anyone with good sense for that matter - SM)*



**“HUH?”**



A little more than two years ago, I wrote an article on hearing protection. But Steve Gianelos, Maestro of “The Reticle”, suggested that since Shooter’s World was currently offering free ear-bud molding for new members, it might be a good subject to re-visit. Never being one to enjoy having to put in the effort to come up with ideas of my own, I enthusiastically agreed.

Having gotten Tinnitus back in the 1960’s-era military – when we didn’t have any real hearing

protection - I am keenly aware of the importance of a proper defense against the louder things in



life, shooting being number one on my list. The current offer by Shooter's World is a nice perk, but it's doubtful

it would prove effective in all situations. I wear ear buds that were "custom" molded for me a while back, but not by an audiologist. I had to do some surgery on them to make the fit optimal. Once fiddled with, I now use them for all my rifle and shotgun shooting in order to avoid my headphones coming into contact with the buttstock of my long guns. Although effective, they cut out just about all sound and make it very hard to hold a conversation. I never wanted to spring for very pricey electronic ear gear, thus the compromise. The good news is that you needn't let price be an issue when it comes to hearing protection. There are very effective and reasonably priced alternatives that allow for perfectly clear conversation, while protecting the shooter from the explosive sounds of firearm discharge.

You can always tell the folks who went the cheap route and wore the non-electronic muffs. They're the ones being hollered at by the instructors. And it's not because we're angry. We simply can't be heard well and it leads to all sorts of dangerous behavior like pulling the muffs away from your ears on the range. My wife did that before I could stop her several years ago and lost her hearing in one ear for six months! I swear, the primary criteria for new instructors needs to be powerful lungs. As an opera singer, I was loud for a living and still find my voice shredded at the end of a range session with a student wearing non-electronic muffs. Although I normally stay away from endorsing particular products, I will say that the Howard Leight model that sells at Club meetings are a really good combination of reasonable price and effective sound attenuation. You can check out their website for more options and, of course, do some research on other brands

as well. What some of my more cautious shooting brethren do is wear inexpensive foam buds under their headphones. This enables them to take the earmuffs off with at least a little protection while conversing. It has the added benefit of even more protection when wearing both.

One tip: Although the vinyl ear pads are sometimes replaceable, the Florida humidity will wreak havoc on them and stowing them with the pads touching will lead to sticking and pulling the material asunder. Get yourself a small cork drink coaster and store them with the coaster placed in between the pads. It will extend their life dramatically and you'll spend less money. Even a piece of cardboard will do in a pinch, but the coaster is superior as it can then serve double duty in case your hot range session is followed by a beer or two!

Hearing loss is serious business. As of now, you won't get back what you have lost and – as we age – things certainly don't improve. So be sure to heed the range command: "Eyes & Ears"



immediately. Do it before you do anything else while setting up to go bang. I look forward to speaking – and listening – to you at the range. ([Return to Top](#))

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## Submissions

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### Cowboy Fast Draw Has Come to The Villages!

Shooters compete against each other in a timed event. Each shooter fires a single action .45 caliber revolver firing a wax bullet. The shooter reacts to a lighted target at fifteen feet, then draw and fire a single shot in an attempt to be faster than their opponent.



Those interested in the sport are encouraged to come and try their hand at being a gunfighter!

There is no requirement to bring your own gun since the Club will provide all required equipment.

Potential gunfighters must wear shoe/boots and jean/trousers. No sandals or shorts allowed on the firing line.

- Location: First Baptist Church of Lady Lake, 432 Highway 466, First Baptist Church of Lady Lake.
- Time: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- Further information: Kevin at 605\*999\*7687 or [kyeo45@yahoo.com](mailto:kyeo45@yahoo.com) . ([Return to Top](#))



## Seminar Review & Schedule

This was a fantastic seminar presentation on self-defense ammo.

Many misconceptions abound about what is the best caliber or type of ammo. This presentation looks at two studies to put focus on what is the best caliber for self defense.

The main sections discussed were:

### 1. Use of Force.

1 shot stop is an elusive and overused statement. You have to be aware that there is physiological AND psychological (ends with seeing a gun pointed at them) stopping power.

### 2. Best Caliber

Two studies: Ellifritz and the Marshall & Sanow Studies. Both are produced by ex-Police Officers with real world experience. Both are large databases though Marshall and Sanow is much larger. Ellifritz was published around 2011.

Marshall & Sanow began this discussion around 2002 and the last known update was about 2013.

One point the Ellifritz study mentions is that the 9 mm data was mostly FMJ, and the 9 mm results may have been even better if JHP was more commonly used.

Slide presentation graphics:

		
Fatality – head or torso shots	Head or Torso 1 shot	Failure rate

### 3. Best Ammo

All of the ballistic tests used a 4” barrel gun to eliminate variables other than those purely related to the ammo. With this in mind, the presentation evaluated a variety of ammo loads. The results shown below are the best all-around selections for self-defense.

Brand (Stnd Load)	Depth	Diam	V <sub>fps</sub>
Corbon 115 DPX	13.9”	.69”	1123
Federal 124 HST	<b>18.3”</b>	<b>.61”</b>	1135
Hornady 115 Critical Defense FTX	13.1”	.50”	1143
Inceptor/ARX 65 <b>NovX 65</b>	N/A <b>16.7”</b>	N/A	1540 <b>1730</b>
Sig Sauer 124 V-Crown	17.3”	.52”	1072
Speer 115 Gold Dot	<b>16.4”</b>	<b>.55”</b>	1143

## Best Ammo – 9mm



Brand (+P Load)	E <sub>K</sub>	V <sub>fps</sub>
Barnes 115 TAC-XPD	<b>277</b>	<b>1043</b>
<b>Corbon 115 JHP</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>1221</b>
<b>Inceptor/ARX 65</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>1620</b>
<b>NovX 65</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>1800</b>
Magtech 115 Guardian Gold	<b>352</b>	<b>1175</b>
Remington 115 HTP	<b>350</b>	<b>1171</b>
Speer 124 Gold Dot	<b>358</b>	<b>1141</b>
Speer 124 Gold Dot Short Barrel	<b>370</b>	<b>1160</b>

## Best Ammo – 9mm +P

## Best Ammo – 380 ACP

Brand	Depth	Diam	V <sub>fps</sub>
Hornady 90 FTX Critical Defense	<b>13.2”</b>	<b>.52”</b>	<b>910</b>
Inceptor/ARX 56	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1250</b>
NovX – Coming Soon	---	---	---

Brand	E <sub>K</sub>	V <sub>fps</sub>
Hornady 90 FTX Critical Defense	<b>165</b>	<b>910</b>
Inceptor/ARX 56	<b>194</b>	<b>1250</b>
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Reviewing slides 37 – 42 and 45-49 show ballistics of 9 mm +P, 9 mm, and .380 ammo brands. Ammo results falling into the green oval are the best and reflected in the above charts. As a reminder, ammo listed as +P is also presented, BUT make sure your gun can handle +P before even considering trying it.

In the end, even the FBI has concluded that 9mm is the best caliber. Review their results [here](#).

Unfortunately it all comes down to “it depends”. You have to learn a lot to decide what to carry OR you carry different guns or ammo depending on where you are going. You also have to practice with the defensive ammo which could be expensive. Perhaps you should consider less

expensive FMJ for practice that has the SAME ballistic characteristics as the defensive round. This practice FMJ should have the same velocity and recoil properties to best match the defensive round.

Now what about the gun? Do you buy a gun and then find the best ammo? Or do you decide on a caliber and ammo performance and then buy a gun to match it? To finish the discussion, you have to go to the next seminar which is what gun to buy.

The **next seminar** is **Wed., Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 2-3:30 pm, at the Eisenhower Rec Center**. The topic will be **Buying the Right Gun – the First Time!** Register via the Activity Signup sheet. ([Return to Top](#))

## Winchester/NRA Achievements

Let’s take a look at those moving up through Winchester levels and their advancement.



Here are September’s advancements:

- **Expert:** Dave Suban
- **Distinguished Expert:** Steve Hendryx

Follow the current standings on the website at **Events | Winchester QP | WMP standings**. **A well earned Congratulations to All!!**

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## Upcoming Club Activities

All shoots are scheduled by registering on the Club website via RegPack. **Consult the website for availability and current dates and times.**

### Excursions

ReLoad on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign up for the last trip before Shooters World opens. It still has the best simulator to test your skills. Also spend a couple of hours shooting, shopping and trying out a .50 caliber sniper rifle during lunch. ([Return to Top](#))

## Shooting Events

### Emeralda (Outdoor)

- **Open** Shoots are on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.
- **Beginners** Shoot the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 8:30 am. Limited to 8 shooters for more time with an instructor.
- **Bullseye Shooting League** shoots are held at the **Emeralda Outdoor Range** for both Rimfire and Centerfire, and now **Rimfire Rifle**. If anyone is interested in participating please contact Floyd Dunstan, email [dunsail2c@gmail.com](mailto:dunsail2c@gmail.com), for the details.

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### Shooters World Open Shoot

November 14<sup>th</sup> is likely the last of the ½ day trips since “our” Shooters World range will open in December. [\(Return to Top\)](#)

### Ocala Sportsman’s (Outdoor)



**WINNERS!** Shooter(s) of the Month for October at the Ocala Sportsman Association were:

Session I	Session II
Robert Powers	Sherrie Aly
	

***Congratulations Robert and Sherrie.***

**OSA** is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at the outdoor **Ocala Sportsman’s Assoc.** The Ocala range held is at 8:45 and 11 am. Each session has a **handgun** and separate **rifle** range.

**NOTE: November OSA shoots CANCELLED due to Thanksgiving.**

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### Education Classes

***Basic Pistol Safety.*** Wow! Lots of demand! We have gone from sometimes 1/month to multiple classes due to demand which is a good problem to have. However, they fill up just as quick as we can post one. Most are already filled BUT put your name on the waitlist in case of a cancellation.



***Personal Security I*** – In the Home: scheduled dates are 9 and 15 Nov.

***Personal Security II*** – Outside the Home: scheduled for 13 Dec.

These are worth the expense. You will learn more about yourself – what you do well and what you NEED to change. The Outside the Home includes drawing from a holster. If you carry, you must learn how to draw and practice. [\(Return to Top\)](#)

***“The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms.” – Samuel Adams***

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