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Greetings From the Folks At Austin's TN Firearms

You are viewing and reading Bullet Points, the ezine from Austin's Tennessee Firearms School and our newest division, or our "pro Shop" as it were, Austin's Tennessee Firearms.

This electronic publication will be coming to you twice a month with news and shooting tips that we are sure that you will find helpful.

Austin's Tennessee Firearms School Looking to Lease Land for a Range



Nothing is forever. Neither the good, nor the bad. Many people are anxious and uncomfortable with change, despite it being a driving issue in our society and our lives. It appears that no matter how much experience we have with it change doesn't seem to get any easier. We humans will be much less frustrated if we accept change and decide to manage it, rather than desperately try and cling onto the way things used to be.

What does all of this have to do with East Tennessee's premier firearms training academy? Well unfortunately (and fortunately) quite a bit. Due to circumstances beyond our direct control we are terminating the lease we had with the property owner where we had developed our schools firing range. We are now in the process of pulling all of the equipment out and have begun a search for other facilities. Due to activities taking place on the property with the land owner's knowledge and when our personnel were not present to provide oversight and range safety operations we had already begun to explore other arrangements. Our lease was due to expire up on this upcoming 10 November but this decision was forced upon us by the land owner's unwillingness and/or inability to properly deal with some land use issues which actually had nothing to do with our development of the firing range at all.

Until another property can be located and arrangements made, all training activities will be relocated to the public range on the Watershed in Norris, TN. We have trained there before and though it is a bit out of the way it is suitable for our needs on a short term basis.

If you know of anyone that would like to develop a fully functioning, fully maintained, PRIVATE firing range complete with covered firing points,

Contributors Wanted:

Bullet Points is dedicated to bringing you information on topics regarding firearms safety, self defense and sport. We are always seeking new input on these topics and welcome all intelligent correspondence regarding these matters. If you would like to share ideas with the shooting community please submit your article to:

admin@tngunshop.com

We'll review it and contact you if we think it is useful. Thank you for your time in reading our ezine.

When firearms go, all goes- we need them every hour.

-President George Washington

written range Standard Operating Procedures, managed by a staff of fully certified NRA Range Safety Officers headed up by two fully accredited NRA Chief Range Safety Officers backed by \$1 Million in personal and property liability insurance, please have them get in touch with us. Our requirements are simple; 100 yds. deep by 30 yds. wide, an impact area with a berm or backstop of dirt at least 16 feet high, use of the property 3 weekends per month primarily between the hours of 1:00 pm and 5:30 pm. As part of the compensation package we offer free classes to the landowner and immediate family as well as ½ price arrangements to all extended family members. Of course we expect to pay a monetary consideration as well.

If you or anyone you know is interested in such an arrangement please contact us at 865.483.1108 during regular business hours or send an email to admin@firearmsclasses.com.

Hunting and Outdoor News



In each issue we like to bring you news for the hunters in the group. This issue we are announcing the state-wide Quail Unlimited Banquet coming up this Thursday evening in Nashville.

Also we wanted to alert you to the Emmy Award winning Television show "Tennessee's Wild Side."

QUAIL UNLIMITED STATE BANQUET AUGUST 28

The Tennessee State Council of Quail Unlimited is hosting a fundraising banquet at the famous Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville on Thursday evening, Aug. 28. Proceeds from the event are dedicated to bobwhite quail habitat and management in Tennessee.

Along with a fabulous meal and hospitality, there will be many unique items on both live and silent auction, along with table prizes. Some of the live auction items include a South Dakota pheasant hunt, Helen Nash original quail painting, east Tennessee bear hunt, framed TWRA 50th Anniversary memorabilia, fishing trips, quail hunts, and much more. All banquet contributions are tax-deductible.

Dinner tickets include free valet parking and a year's membership to Quail Unlimited. Doors open at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm, with live and silent auctions to follow. Single tickets are \$125, Couples tickets \$250, and single tickets for current Tennessee QU members are \$100.

Banquet details and pictures and information on many of the auction items can be seen at www.tnqubanquet.com. For ticket orders and sponsorships, contact Tennessee QU Director Jon Calhoun at 423-240-9168 or JCalhoun@qu.org.

Tennessee's Wild Side

Be sure to gather the entire family and watch the next edition of the Emmy-award winning "Tennessee's Wild Side." You can learn more at their

Arms in the hands of citizens (may) be used at individual discretion ... in private self-defense.

-John Adams,
A defense of the
Constitutions of the
Government of the United
States of America (1778)

Oppressors can tyrannize only when they achieve a standing army, an enslaved press and a disarmed populace.

-James Madison

website, www.tnwildside.org.

Some stories you'll see in the next few weeks include jug fishing for big catfish on the Tennessee River and women learning how to fly-fish as part of the Becoming an Outdoors Woman program. "Tennessee's Wild Side" airs on your local public broadcasting television station. Check your local listings for the days and times.

Free Clinic Days

Hey, just because we are making other arrangements for a range, don't forget about our Free Clinic days at the range. They are always on the Sunday after the second Saturday of the month and until further notice will be held at the Watershed range in Norris, Tennessee. They are open to all students and are a good opportunity to get in a little practice with your firearms whether they be pistols, rifles or shotguns. Unless there is a weather problem such as lightning, torrential down-pour or severe cold and/or blowing snow we will be at the range at 1:00 pm and will remain open until 5:00 pm. If the weather is "iffy" and you are unsure, call the school line at 865.483.1108 to be sure. Remember you must stop by the Police Department in Norris and register for range use and pay the \$15 range fee. Call the school or the Norris PD for directions.

Stages of The Attack

If You Know What to Look For You May Save Yourself

From my personal experience (lessons learned at the college of hard knocks) and reinforced from training that I have undergone, I can tell you that the bad guys out there actually go through some specific stages prior to assaulting, robbing, raping or committing whatever brand of poor social behavior they intend to commit. They practice the procedure and are good at it. After all, their freedom and their lives depend on it. Sure, the stages may differ slightly depending upon the anti-social behavior de jour but they are pretty much recognizable just the same.

The Potential Victim is Cut from the Herd

First you get the look. The BG (bad guy) checks you out to determine a couple of very important things. The first of these is whether or not you have what the BG is wanting. Do you have the cash, car or some other physical or even mental "thing" that he or she desires? Do you fit his profile of a victim? If the answer to his number one question is an affirmative one then he moves on to question number two.

Could you be a threat to him or her? How alert are you to what is going on around you? Are you aware of the BG's presence? Do you look like you could be armed and injure or kill him while he is attempting to get what you have that he wants?

If the answer to either one of these questions, "Do you have what I want" and is it safe for me to take it from you is "NO" then he or she will leave you alone and look for someone that fits his needs and seems a much safer target for him. As a rule, most BG's aren't looking for a fight but rather an "easy mark" that will safely fulfill their needs. They want to get something

The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed.

-Alexander Hamilton, The Federalist Papers

Accuracy is the product of consistency.

(Unknown)

from the mark and get away unscathed and unrestrained.

I recall reading an article which described an experiment done by some psychology students a while back that I really need to track down so I can provide the source material for my Personal Protection classes. Their experiment and its outcome was really quite fascinating. They took photographs of regular, ordinary folks as they came and went from a downtown business area. They then went to a state prison in order to have access to a large number of criminals (who knew?) and showed these photographs to the felons who were brought into a room one at a time there and asked them to not only identify which of the people in the photos they would select as victims, but which people they would bypass and leave alone as well. Prior to the experiment they speculated that they expected to see about a 15% correlation among the "victim" and "non-victim" groups. The BG's would pick and choose their victims and the ones that they would bypass based solely on the photos they were shown.

At the termination of the experiment they found to their amazement that there was not a 15% correlation between the two groups but rather a 90% correlation. Surprisingly, ninety times out of a hundred, individual felons, with no communication between themselves and the others, picked pretty much the same people to be their victims, and which ones to leave alone. How in the world did this happen? How did these guys pick their victims? Body language. That's right, body language. The only information available to these felons regarding the folks in these photos was body language. That however was all it took for them to identify their intended victims as well as the people they would not risk confronting.

Surprisingly enough, when questioned about their choices, size, gender or age had really nothing to do with their selections. Their victims were folks who appeared to be shuffling along, head down, avoiding eye contact, or otherwise appeared unaware of their surroundings. In contrast, they avoided choosing people, including small females, who appeared alert, confident, walked with their head up, and looked like they knew what was going on around them. Don't forget, all they want is to get something from their mark and get away unscathed and unrestrained.

Relative Space

Once the BG selects a victim, he must place himself in a position from which an attack on the victim is possible. This is a key piece of information for you: to commit a crime against your person the BG has to be close enough to talk to you. The BG will attempt to maneuver into a striking position either by stealth (they may run ahead of you in order to set up an ambush, or by trickery or subterfuge. The BG may ask you for change, directions, the time or anything which may distract you and hopefully cause you to look away from him or her. Keep your eye on him and simply but firmly say, "No".

Positioning prior to the assault is vital to him, as he relies almost totally on your surprise for his success. If you avoid attempts that he may make to properly position himself, you shut down or put off the attack.

The Assault

The assault stage can only come after the cutting and the relative space stages are completed. It's not possible to assault the victim until the first two stages have been completed. The very best defense, therefore, is to

God is not on the side of the big battalions, but on the side of those who shoot best.

-Voltaire

circumvent the assault by not allowing the Culling stage and/or the Relative Space or positioning stage(s) to be completed by the BG. Being alert and using your head will generally ensure that you will be safe and less likely to be seen as a victim.

There you have it. The three stages of determining whether or not a BG has a successful day and you have a bad one.

Otherwise harmless pan-handlers will approach you no matter what your body language says. They are either too hungry or “jonesing” from lack of their favorite drug and they see pan-handling as being similar to the field of sales - it’s simply a numbers game. They operate on the SW principle. Some Will, Some Won’t, So What. Careful though. There may be a BG lurking among those relentless pan-handlers. Remember, distance is your friend. Keep a good arms length distance between yourself and those that approach you and “Just say NO” firmly and finally. Remember, your mind, eyes and ears protect your “six” whether you’re in the city ...or in the sticks.

TRAINING NOTES



Here is a simple handgun drill for you called the **Three Target Test**

Materials needed:

- Handgun
- 18 rounds of target grade ammunition
- Three 9" paper plates
- Timing device such as a digital kitchen timer with an alarm

Austin’s Tennessee Firearms has a simple test that we run when checking new trainees. We place three 9 inch paper plates up at 10 yards and ask the student to fire six rounds at the first target (paper plate) slow fire, about 1 to 2.5 minutes normally. We use the 9 inch paper plates rather than “bulls eye” targets because we want to see groups rather than hitting dead center on the targets. Plus, it has been our experience that threats almost never wear bulls eyes attached to their clothing. Next we ask them to fire six rounds at the second target in 10 seconds, and finally six rounds at the third in five seconds.

Each of these strings of fire starts with the handgun in hand, at the ready with a two handed grip and is fired from whatever stance the student prefers. If the student cannot shoot a good slow fire group on the first target, with plenty of time for using good sight alignment and precise trigger control the second and third targets are pretty sad looking.

The point here is that if you cannot fire an accurate group at 10 yards taking your time, you will be in deep pooh-pooh if you ever expect to shoot well under stress. Simply put, you had better learn the basics before you plan on doing anything serious with a handgun.

A Little Humor to Knock the Edge Off

No More Snoring

This group of guys goes hunting every year, they stay in a cabin. They always put Fred in a room by himself because he snores so loud. One year there is a new guy with the group, but the only room they have for the new guy to sleep is in the room with Fred. The next morning Fred comes out of his room, eyes bloodshot, irritable, clearly a lack of sleep. The new guy comes out looking like he's had the best rest in his whole life. Now the group of guys is confused! This has never happened before. It's usually the other way around! This continues all weekend. Finally one of the guys works up the nerve, and asks Fred what's going on? "Well" he said. "I am asleep for a little while, when suddenly I wake up to the new guy blowing in my ear and patting me on the ass. Then he goes and lays down and starts sleeping. There is no way I can sleep the rest of the night in the same room with that guy."

Not Quite the Same in Arkansas

A taxidermist from Connecticut decides to take a vacation to Arkansas. After arriving, he decides to visit the local watering hole. As he enters the bar he notices all eyes are on him and there is an uncomfortable feeling in the air. The taxidermist approaches the bar and asks the bartender for a beer. After handing the beer to him the barkeep says, "don't think I've seen you around here before, where you from and what do you do?" The taxidermist answers, "I'm from Connecticut and I mount animals." "Oh," the bartender says, "its ok boys, he's one of us!"

Distress Call

Two guys were out hunting and they got lost.

The first guy says to the second guy, "What do you think we should do?"

The second guy says, "Let's fire three shots into the air. It's the international distress code."

They fire three shots into the air, wait an hour, and nobody comes. The first guy says to the second guy, "What do you think we should do now?"


The second guy says, "Let's fire three more shots into the air."

They fire three more shots into the air, wait an hour, and nobody comes. The first guy says, "What do you think we should do now?"

The second guy says, "Let's fire three more shots into the air."

The first guy says, "Well I sure hope someone comes soon, these are my last three arrows!"

In Closing



We hope that you have enjoyed this issue of **Bullet Points**. The next issue will appear in your inbox in the third week of August. We'll be back in the first week and the third week of every month with helpful shooting tips, news you can use and a joke or two. Until then, stay safe.

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