

The Bull Shooter

March 2014 Newsletter



To all the Business who donated door prizes to the Annual Meeting

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THANK YOU TO.....

- All members/public participating in the winter league.
- Dan Heaney, Barb Heaney, Gary Komorny and Chuck Fogg for scorekeeping with the league.
- Russell Roop, Rick Taullie, Robert Bosley, and Alvin Buffalo for RSO work for the leagues.
- Rick Sindeband/Debi Sanks for posting scores.
- Jeff Stuckey for his year long work as Treasurer. His skills will be missed although he will still be on the finance committee.
- Jeff Belanger for continuing as our newsletter publisher and info center editor.
- Chuck Fogg, Robert Bosley, Steve Worley, Leonard Jimenez, Debi Sanks Loretta Briggs, Christian Nordstrom, Rick Sindeband, and Linda Hill for their help with Membership enrollment in February.
- Special thanks to Linda Hill, Loretta Briggs, and Jeff Stuckey for help handling membership and NRA renewals.

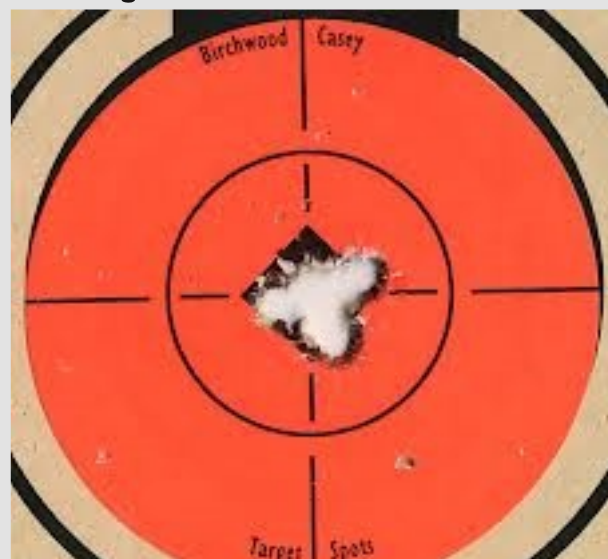
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MINI SEMINAR: IMPROVING YOUR SHOOTING ACCURACY

Rick Sindeband and Patrick Watts will be hosting the next in their series of mini-seminars on March 16th from 1 to 4 pm at the Pueblo Municipal Shooters range. Cost for Members is \$35 and \$45 for non-members. Students will receive one-on-one instruction, and be taught techniques and secrets used by top shooters. Shooting is fun, but hitting the target is more fun!!! Come and join us. Class size is limited please call Rick at 719-821-3958 or visit www.havegunwilltraincolorado.com/class-sign-up to register.

Do your targets look like this???
Would you like them to???
Come to our mini seminar and learn what you can do to improve your shooting!



Coming In March:

- March 3:** New Member Sign Up Night 5pm-7pm
- March 7:** NRA Basic Pistol Class -- 8am-5pm Linda Hill -- 568-2491
- March 8:** Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958
- March 10:** Monthly Board Meeting 7-9pm
- March 15:** Concealed Carry Training (in Canon City) Call Jeff at Double Tap for details 784-1920
- March 16:** Improving Accuracy Class \$35 for members 1pm-4pm See info box for details
- March 22:** Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958
- March 29:** NRA Range Safety Officer Course 8am-5pm National Certification Linda Hill -- 568-2491
- March 30:** Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958

Do you have suggestions or feedback for the Bullshooter? Email us at: [newsletter@puebloshooters.org](mailto:newsletter@pueblosshooters.org)
You should also visit our website at [www.puebloshooters.org](http://www.pueblosshooters.org) to be kept up to date on events affecting our range.

Training Tips

by Jeff Belanger- Instructor, Gunsmith, Double Tap, LLC

Last month we discussed the importance of trigger control as it relates to accurate shooting, and covered the ball and dummy drill to improve your trigger control. This month I'll talk a little bit about grip and how a good fundamentally sound grip will also enhance your handgun accuracy. During the course of this article I'll only be referring to semi automatic pistols, as the grip shape of revolvers warrants it's own separate conversation. As an instructor I tend to constantly evaluate shooters as they fire- whether they're part of one of my classes or not. I almost never offer unsolicited input unless I see someone doing something unsafe, but based solely on my observations at different area ranges, I notice very few shooters use a firing grip which actually benefits them or their shooting in any way whatsoever.

Okay, so how do you even determine if your grip needs work? I mean, you mostly hit the target, and your gun doesn't go sliding across the floor after you fire. So your grip can't be that bad, right? Not necessarily. Do you notice yourself readjusting your hands after a shot or two or three? Do you find yourself struggling to reacquire the sights for follow up shots? Have you ever felt the gun shift in your hand when you've fired a shot? If you answered yes to any of these questions, your grip could probably be improved.

Believe it or not, just about everything you do with your body from the waist up has an effect on your grip and how your body behaves under recoil. Ladies, pay attention here-

because of your body shape and upper body strength differences from male shooters, you are particularly susceptible to improper form. Alright, so let's get started with focusing on achieving the proper form and grip for accurate shooting.

Starting at the waist, we want to lean slightly forward, just enough so that your shoulders are in a vertical line above your toes is plenty. This is the area where female shooters tend to have the most difficulty, most women shooters naturally want to lean back instead. Usually somewhere in the neighborhood of their elbows aligning over their toes instead of their shoulders. This naturally puts you off balance and hinders your ability to handle recoil. Your shoulders should be slightly forward as if you're stretching your upper back or trying to reach something about an inch too far away. This helps to ensure your arms stay straight and fully extended. You'll want your wrists tense, but not straining in preparation to absorb the recoil of your firearm.

As to the grip itself, you want to grasp the firearm with your strong hand as high on the backstrap as possible. Extend your trigger finger along the frame outside the triggerguard and look at how your hand encircles the pistol's grip. Assuming you're right handed you'll notice you can see very little of the pistol's frame on the right side, and a big gap between the meaty part of your thumb and your fingertips on the left side. (This is one reason the "cup and saucer" method of gripping a pistol works so poorly. Under recoil the firearm will always take the path of least resistance. For a right handed shooter this almost always means the firearm jumping completely out of the grasp of your support hand as it recoils up and towards your left shoulder.) Your goal now is to use your support hand to fill in that gap on the left side of the grip. Wrap your fingers firmly around the fingers of your shooting hand and lay your thumb along the frame on the left side of the pistol (never wrap it behind the slide). Your

"With guns in the hands of the public, there will surely be tragedies; but without them, there will be genocides"

Note to members:

Thank you all for renewing your membership with us. As stated in your renewal confirmation email, we are no longer sending out door-code cards as part of the renewal process. Your current card is your permanent card. Your Photo ID/Door access card has been renewed for the current year (for all those that renewed). By not sending out separate door code cards this year, we estimate a savings of over \$450 in card, envelope, and mailing expenses (based on the year-end total of 658 primary members), as well as several hours of labor. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact Jennifer Iler, Membership@pueblosshooters.org.

January 31, 2014 Financials:

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| Income: | \$30,665.70 |
| Expenses: | \$10,485.22 |
| Net Income: | \$20,180.48 |
| Assets: | |
| Checking | \$18,116.34 |
| Savings | \$87,368.36 |
| Range Improvement | \$3,689.31 |
| Purchasing Acct | \$1,052.46 |
| Purchase- Savings | \$50.06 |
| ING | \$41,152.49 |
| Gaming- checking | \$750.68 |
| Gaming - savings | \$25.19 |
| Total Assets | \$152,204.89 |

Please contact our Treasurer, Linda Hill 547-1934 with any questions regarding the financial report.

shooting thumb will rest along the top of your non-shooting thumb. When you look at your grip now you'll notice that your thumb supports the frame on the left about as much as your trigger finger is doing on the right. The grip of the firearm should be completely encircled by your shooting and support hands, Your grasp doesn't need to be white knuckled, but neither should it be just enough to keep gravity at bay. About what you'd use for a firm handshake is a good place to start.

With the firearm supported on all sides in this manner, under recoil the firearm really can't move in any direction except straight back. Because your arms are fully extended and you're leaning slightly forward into the pistol that recoil is now forced to try and move about half of your body mass instead of just working against the muscles of a particular joint.

What you'll realize when using this technique properly is that recoil really becomes a non-event. The gun goes bang and your sights end up right back on the target where they started. You won't be rearranging your grip after each shot, you'll simply be back on target and ready to take the next shot almost as fast as the pistol cycles. Because of this consistency, you'll further minimize minor errors in sight alignment and trigger control and THAT will help you to shrink those groups! Bring your newsletter along to the range next time and give it a try. It will certainly take some practice time before it doesn't feel weird to you, but it *will* help improve your accuracy. Be Safe and Have Fun!!!

Women on Target will be coming back soon! The spring session is tentatively planned for May 17th from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Cactus Flats Shooting Range. Watch for more details coming soon, and contact Linda or Cheri if you'd like to help out!
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