

Good Day

This Newsletter is being sent to all students who were in either my WI-CCL classes or my UT-CFP classes. If you do not wish to receive further Newsletters, please ask to be removed from my email lists.

Dickeys BBQ Pit on Stewart Ave in Wausau has a very pro-gun/carry owner and manager. He offers a 15% discount to anyone who is carrying a handgun. If you're open carrying, it's obvious. If you're carrying concealed, simply show your WI-CCL. You will need to ask for the discount. He also owns and manages a Dickeys in Eau Claire and the same offer applies. Once and a while a few of us meet at the Wausau Dickeys as a group. If you want to be notified of these meets, let me know.

A couple of my former students have taken up making holsters. If you are looking for a good leather holster at a reasonable price, look at Adark Holsters. (<http://www.adarkholsters.com/>)

If you live in the general Wausau area, Thursday evenings are reserved for handgun shooters at the Marathon Trap & Sportsman's Club (1558 Cty N, Marathon 54448). Non-member cost is \$5 for the evening (4:30 to sunset). There are silhouette targets for all different hand calibers and an area for defensive shooting at paper and steel targets. Coaching is available to help you become a better shooter.

Summer is a good time to get out to maintain and develop your shooting and fighting skills. Try to focus on the fundamentals of shooting - grip, stance, trigger control, sight alignment, breathing, and follow through, while at the same time, learn new tactics and techniques. Target shooting is not defensive shooting. If you stand in one place and fire three rounds, you have just made yourself an easy target. Learn how to move and shoot, shoot from behind cover (cover protects you from incoming bullets, while concealment does not protect you.) Shoot from various positions and distances (at least from 3 ft to 20 ft). Shoot not only with two hands, but also one handed, and not only with your strong, but also your weak hand. Learn how to point shoot or shoot instinctively. Reload during the string. Use the ball and dummy technique. If possible, have a partner observe while you are shooting. Try to increase your speed without decreasing your accuracy. Shoot with your sights, w/o your sights, but at closer the distances. Defensive shooting is a blend of speed and precision. A large group on target which is shot fast is better than a small group which takes a long time. Shoot at multiple targets, making multiple hits on each target. Shoot from behind cover. Evaluate your success and spend more time practicing those skills that need improvement. And finally, run through your mind some scenarios of how you expect to use your handgun and then see if you can practice the scenario. Always maintain good muzzle control and keep your finger off the trigger until you have made the decision to shoot and the muzzle is aligned with the target. If you need coaching on these skills, just contact me. These skills should be learned without endangering yourself and others.

A few other things to pass the along. The ACNOW webpage (www.acnow.us) is frequently updated. More links have been added to useful information and organizations. If you are looking to improve your knowledge and skills, just click and read on. Make it a goal to stay informed about any legislative changes - at the local, state, and national level. ACNOW also has a presence on Facebook and a link is provided. If you want to be a member of the ACNOW Facebook group, you may put in a request for processing.

We are also approaching state and local elections. Candidates will be vying for your vote. Become

active, if not proactive. Your vote counts especially when it comes to preserving our Second Amendment Rights. Concealed Carry and the current background check system are working well, despite what is often portrayed by the media. Candidates who don't support those rights will work to undo the gains made over the last several years. The bottom line is to identify and support those candidates who support us, and then vote for them.

Feel free to pass along any information to your family and friends concerning the upcoming classes. The schedule is listed on www.acnow.us. If you are interested in the UT-CFP course, I am offering the class on August 9th at the Wood Co. Rifle and Pistol Club in Wisconsin Rapids.

Keep practicing your shooting, gun-handling, and awareness skills. You never know when you will need them. "It is better to have a gun and not need it, than to need a gun and not have it." Likewise, it is better to have the skills and not need them, than it is to need the skills and not have them.

Take care, stay safe, enjoy summer.

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