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Welcome Winter 2018 issue of the Flyer

We are sorry that Greg will be leaving ASC.

Greg Metzgar had to resign as the ASC Chief Instructor due to a new job. Greg thank you for all your years of dedication and hard work you put into not only the Chief Instructor position, but into the Swamp Shooters, Service Rifle and the Zombie matches. We wish you all the best in your new job.



Happy Holliday's

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Meet Our New Chief Instructor

I would like to introduce myself to ASC. My name is Scott Sampson and I live in Chesapeake, VA. I am humbled and honored to have been selected as the next Chief Instructor for ASC. I want to thank Greg Metzger for his outstanding support of ASC and wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors in FL. There are some big shoes to fill and I will give it my all!



To give you a little background about myself, I grew up in very rural central NY hunting and fishing. I currently am a Naval Architect for the NAVY. I became certified as an instructor started formally teaching in 2007 and have been hitting it hard every since.

Currently I am a Training Counselor which means I can train and certify instructors. I am certified in Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Personal Protection In the Home, Personal Protection Outside the Home, Defensive Pistol and Refuse to be a Victim. I am a Competitive Pistol Coach and also a Practical Pistol Coach. I also am a Chief Range Safety Officer.

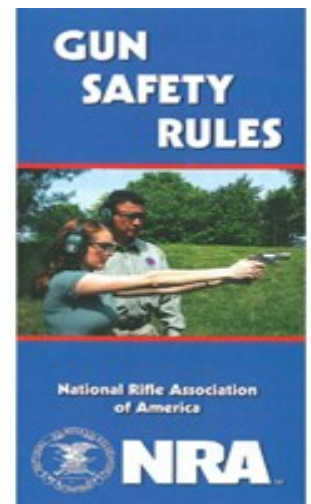
I have spent the last 11 years coaching juniors, working with 4-H shooting programs, acting as the lead instructor for NCCR, supporting Women on Target Events, Women's Wilderness Escape (an NRA women's program in Raton, NM), helping with Navy Pistol and Rifle Qualifications as well as many other items. My support to the shooting and 2nd amendment doesn't stop there as I am very active with Friends of NRA as the Chairman of Tidewater Friends of the NRA as well as sit on the State Committee for Friends. I also helped to establish the NRA State Youth Education Summit (YES) program.

Shooting education is my passion. I don't pretend to know everything and always strive to learn more. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments my door is always open! I look forward to meeting more of you and learning as we go! I will strive to live up to the confidence placed in me by the Board. See you on the firing line!

Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.



The official range rules are posted on the club website.

Please read and familiarize yourself with the updates.

[Airfield Shooting Club Range Rules](#)



Hanging your targets

When you hang the targets on the frames, the targets need to be at a height which ensures the rounds after they pass through the target will impact the middle to lower portion of the berm. Keep in mind that you should keep well clear of any support structure such as railroad ties. When you look at your target from where you are shooting, you should see the lower to middle part of the berm behind your target. The following pictures were taken with the same targets. One is from the standing position and the other is from the prone position. Please note how the target placement is affected by the height of the shooter. The prone position as shown in figure 2 can't be used with this target stand.



Figure 1 - **Standing position**

Be sure that when you place the targets on the cardboard that you understand where the target is in relationship to the frame cross members. If you look at the bottom target in either position, the target is very close to the bottom cross rail. If you recognize that you tend to push or flinch and your shots tend to go low, this is not a great position as your shots don't have to go too low to be in the frame.

Also note the clamp at the bottom of the cardboard holding it on to the bottom cross frame. This helps to keep the target steady if there is any wind. Clamps are pretty cheap. You can pick up 2" clamps from Lowes or Home Depot for \$2-3 and is well worth the investment to have in your range bag!

Article submitted by Scott Sampson Chief Instructor



This Target is too high.
Shots will go over the berm.

This Target is too high.
Shots will go over the berm.

This Target is too high.
Shots will go over the berm.

This Target is still too
high. Shots will go into
the top of the berm.
Note how close you are
to the bottom cross rail.

Figure 2 – **Prone Position** (Unusable)

Lets Us Know!

We are creating a list of members that are certified NRA Range Safety Officers and Instructors. If you have current certifications for being and NRA RSO or Instructor please send an email to the Chief Instructor.

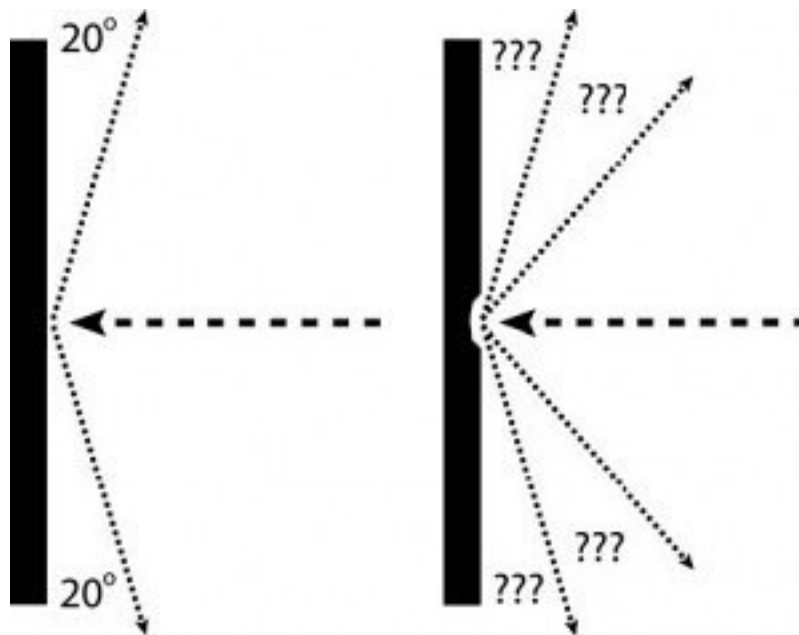
If you don't have current NRA RSO or Instructor ratings and are interested send the Chief Instructor and email and let him know as well.

Article submitted by Scott Sampson Chief Instructor



Steel Targets

Steel targets may be used but have to be at least 500 on the Brinell hardness scale.



[Left] Hard steel with a flat surface will create a predictable splatter pattern. [Right] Soft steel with an uneven surface will cause unpredictable and unsafe ricochet and splatter. The hardness of the steel is critical because only a smooth surface will generate predictable splatter patterns. Steel that is not sufficiently hard can develop pits, craters, dimples, and other hazardous deformations. When a bullet hits one of these deformations, it is impossible to predict where the splatter will go, thereby creating an unacceptable environment.

The steel plates have to be hung by **TWO** chains (from each corner). The steel can not be hung by a single hook, a single chain or by rope. The steel needs to be able to deflect the bullet down so there will be no ricochets and if the steel is not impacted the round needs to go into the berm. The target cannot spin or swing side to side. Tanks cannot be used.

These have all ready been voted on and will be updated on the ASC web page.

PLEASE DO NOT SHOOT THE RED ARROW on the far left side of the 50 yd. range. It is not a target.

Article submitted by Steve Bennett



Calendar Events

January 12th Service Rifle/Zombie Match 8:30-12:00 100M Range
13th Swamp Shooters 1:30-4:30 50 Yd Range
19th ASC Board Meeting 9:30-12:00
27th Swamp Shooters 1:30-4:30 50 Yd Range

February 9th Service Rifle/Zombie Match 8:30-12:00 100M Range
10th Swamp Shooters 1:30-4:30 50 Yd Range
16th ASC Board Meeting 9:30-12:00
24th Swamp Shooters 1:30-4:30 50 Yd Range

March 9th Service Rifle/Zombie Match 8:30-12:00 100M Range
10th Service Rifle/Zombie Match 8:30-12:00 100M Range
16th ASC Board Meeting 9:30-12:00
24th Swamp Shooters 1:30-4:30 50 Yd Range
25th NSSA Skeet Match 8:30-6:30 Skeet Range

Don't Forget to check the Calendar before going to the range to make sure there hasn't been any Events added.



In The Know

Check the Airfield Web page to see the revised By Laws. It is good practice to look through them periodically.; also have a current copy when going to the range so you can find answers to questions that come up.

We are still looking for someone to run the Defensive Pistol Match. If you or you know someone that has experience and would be interested in running it please contact:

chiefinstructor@airfieldshootingclub.org

If you would like to submit an article for the next newsletter please send to:

editor@airfieldshootingclub.org

The next newsletter will be published in March 2019.

From your ASC Board of Directors Have a Great Holiday Season!

