



# The Flyer

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### Time To Go Outside!!!

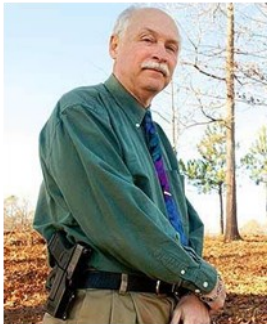


### ASC Member of the Quarter

### Board Elections

By The ASC Board of Directors

By Michael J. Lawler



Name: Phillip Van Cleave

Phillip has been a member of ASC since 2009. He joined the Virginia Citizens Defense League in 1995, a year after it was founded. In June 2004, he received the Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award from the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

Attention Members... ASC Elections are coming this July... Every year the ASC holds its Election Meeting and Breakfast. This is good opportunity to meet fellow members, address club matters and vote on a new ASC Board of Directors. Also have a nice breakfast catered by the Airfield Conference Center.

If you would like to help out at the club or partake in club business. We have positions for you. Please contact the Secretary for more info.  
([secretary@airfieldshootingclub.org](mailto:secretary@airfieldshootingclub.org))

Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2020. Location and RSVP information to follow.



### Hello Spring!

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## Letter from ASC President | COVID-19 Status

Dear Members,

As fellow shooters we recognize the enjoyment of shooting and the hardship that closing the range causes for our members. However, the COVID-19 virus has proven to be deadly and at this time there is still much which we do not know about it. Medical professionals have made it clear that they and their facilities will be quickly overwhelmed if we are not able to slow the spread of the virus. We have already had at least one situation where club members may have been exposed to the virus. Both are presently nearing the end of their 14 day post-exposure quarantine period and at present it appears that they were not infected. However, we cannot always count on such good fortune.

It appears that the virus can remain viable for relatively long periods of time on objects which we might come into contact with during routine use of the range. Many of our members are in the high-risk category. Even members who are not in the high-risk category may have family members who may be at higher risk. At this point we are hearing reports of people dying from the virus who were reported to be healthy and strong and NOT in a high-risk group.

The ASC Board has considered many factors and the many unknowns and thinks that the prudent thing to do is to close the range, at least until more is known about the virus and its spread. Rest assured that we too would like to reopen the range as soon as we can do so without undue concerns about contributing to the spread of COVID-19.

Membership renewals – we have received some emails saying that sending out our membership renewals at this time was in bad taste if we were going to close the range. The membership renewals are required per our by-laws to be sent out during this time. We regret the unfortunate coincidence. Again we recognize the challenges during this difficult time for everyone. We understand this decision is not popular. We are attempting to act in good faith and are thinking about the safety of our members, the welfare of our club and our responsibilities to the communities where we live. We will reopen as soon as it is safe and prudent.

Respectfully,

/Raymond Covington/  
Board President AirField Shooting Club



## Women On Target

By Scott Sampson



It's that time of year again!!!! WOT Sign Up is available!!!! Please don't wait spots are starting to fill up!!!! The date will be announced. The cost is \$55/person which includes use of all the guns, the ammo, access to world class instructors and LUNCH! To sign up you need to do two things: Go to the Airfield shooting club Web site and make a payment: <https://airfieldshootingclub.org/make-payment/>  
 Register for the event by going to the NRA web site: <https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=563485&seats=44&id=73>

You can find out more information by going to the ASC website at: <https://airfieldshootingclub.org/women-on-target/>  
 Sorry Guys – this is only for women, but please help us get the word out!!!!  
 Or you can contact Scott Sampson (757) 618-1525 (Please no calls after 9 PM) or via email at [instructor@airfieldshootingclub.org](mailto:instructor@airfieldshootingclub.org)

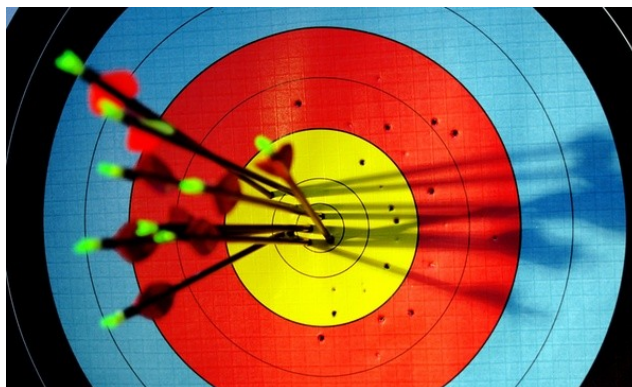
Instruction in pistol, rifle, shotgun, archery and lunch are all included! No guns, ammo or experience are required. We provide it all.

Women come to these events to learn about shooting and try it. Many are unsure about shooting, some have some experience shooting but it may have been many moons ago. Whatever the background and experience I am sure you will meet many women that are similar and share the same reasons for attending.

Learn the joy of shooting with world class instructors and share it with your friends! Sign up early we have limited spots.

## ARCHERY INSTRUCTOR WANTED!

By Scott Sampson



Archery Instructor Wanted!!!!

As a club we have archery equipment and would like to offer an archery component to the Swamp Shooters and other events like the Women On Target event. If you like archery we would love for someone to help coordinate it and take it where you would like it to go (Club recreational or league shooting?) The world is your oyster! Let us know today! Please contact Scott Sampson if interested. You can reach him at [instructor@airfieldshootingclub.org](mailto:instructor@airfieldshootingclub.org).

Scott







## Getting Your Kids Into Shooting

By Scott Sampson, Chief Instructor,  
#762



Getting your kids/Grandkids into shooting is an awesome experience that the child will never forget. Some of the most cherished memories are out target shooting or hunting.

As a 4-H instructor, an NRA Pistol Coach and a past Juniors Program Chairman, I have been around a lot of young people that have been interested in starting to shoot. Nothing warms my heart more because it hopefully means that they will become responsible gun owners in the future and be second amendment supporters.

Probably the easiest and best way to start a youth in shooting is some sort of organized shooting program. Boy Scouts, 4-H have some of the largest shooting programs in America, but there are also many clubs and organizations that offer junior program. Typically, kids start as young as 9 years old, but is very dependent on maturity and attitude.

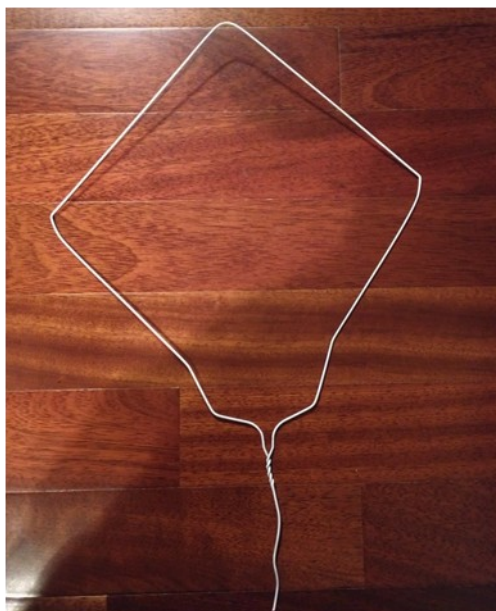
If a program is not available to you, a good way to start off I think (and it has been recommended by many others) is to have them clean guns with you. You get to see that they know the safety rules (point in a safe direction, finger off the trigger, check to see that it is unloaded - etc). This can be some good quality time. It is safe because there is no live ammunition and you can evaluate how they handle the guns before being on a firing line. Sometimes they get turned off by the smell and grime, but I can tell you that was some of my fa-

vorite memories as a kid and even today, the smell of Hoppes No 9 brings back memories of my Dad and I.

Do you have a Pellet pistol or BB gun? The pellet guns are some of the most accurate guns in the world. It is again a great way to introduce kids to the principals of safety and shooting while reducing (not eliminating) the risk. Granted being shot with a BB gun is not without consequences, but it sure beats a real gun if that happened. You can also start working on the fundamentals besides safety. If you have the space in your back yard to set up a target stand (you can use a coat hanger stuck in the ground with a piece of paper taped or stapled around it – see picture). Pellet guns are also single shot so it is very controlled and safe. I would start them out on the NRA marksmanship program. There is a BB gun qualification in the NRA Marksmanship Program you could have them complete. This is a great way to practice with a purpose.

Only after they have proven they can handle the BB/Pellet gun responsibly, would I take them to the range. I would have them shoot ONLY .22s in the beginning. They might not be able to handle the recoil of the larger caliber yet and you don't want them dropping the gun so stick with the .22.

You might ask what .22 would you start them with? I would suggest a bolt action .22 rifle. It is easier for an adult to control the muzzle of a rifle, a child can sweep someone with a handgun much easier due to size. Also a rifle will give them a longer sight radius and as such they will be more accurate. I would make sure you start them off with a bench rest or prone position as well. Once confident, then they can shoot semi-auto.





## Getting Your Kids Into Shooting

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If you are going try a handgun, I would recommend a revolver .22 and shoot it Single action mode. They might not have the finger strength to pull double action and that is OK. Kids can get into trouble with a semi-auto if they have poor finger control. When first starting to shoot a semi-auto 22 (handgun or rifle) you might want to consider putting just one shot in the magazine at a time until you gain confidence. Then try two shots then three shots etc until you know things are safe.

It is best to talk to your kids about firearms and safety early. If they are not ready to shoot then just tell them the NRA Eddie Eagle rules if they see a gun: “Stop, Don’t Touch, Leave the Area and Tell an Adult. There are some really good videos on the web as well.

See ya on the firing line!

*Scott Sampson is the lead instructor at Airfield Shooting Club and is a certified instructor for Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun and Personal Protection in and Outside the Home, Defensive Handgun, and CCW. He is also a certified Competitive Pistol and Practical Pistol Coach and a NRA Safety Officer.*





## Review: S&W M&P 2.0 –9mm

By Scott Sampson, Chief Instructor, #762



I will admit that I have been a S&W fan for a long time. Mostly because of my love of revolvers. I naturally just transitioned over to the semi-autos and have shot them. Above is my S&W M&P 2.0. It has several modifications to it that I should tell you about.

**Trigger upgrade.** While the stock trigger on the 2.0 version is much better than the original S&W M&P, I am a trigger snob and have a passion for the 1911 style short sweet triggers. I replaced my trigger with an Apex trigger. I have it set for 5.5 pounds and I love it. I am really impressed with the Apex triggers and they have a great reputation and are easily adjusted if you have a little mechanical prowess.

**Sights upgrade.** I have been using the Trijicon HD night sights. They have tritium in the front and then two dots in the rear sight. The front sight is easy for my aging eyes to see.

**Base plates.** I upgraded the base plates on my magazines to Vickers base plates which provide a larger gripping area and tapered ridged edges to make it easier to grab than the original.

I have probably about 5000 rounds easily through this gun and have used it in many shooting classes and have never had a failure (that weren't induced by me). It has been, by all accounts, a great fire arm.

### 1. Controls:

A. The slide release is ambidextrous so



it works with either hand. For those interested in carrying a gun for self defense never assume you will have both hands or just your strong hand to shoot. Be able to work it with your off hand. The slide release is easy to hit with my thumb (no I don't have super long thumbs either). The release has a little bump on the top to help your thumb get a placement on it. It is also ribbed to get a better grip on it.

B. The magazine release is just part of the frame. This allows me to easily reach it with my thumb for reloads. However, it doesn't stick out far enough that I release the magazine by accident. In all my shooting with it, I haven't had this happen. It is reversible as well.

C. Grip. The back strap and sides of the gun are interchangeable like normal, however, the grip texture is VERY aggressive. Think about a sheet of 60 grit sandpaper. When I first got the gun I did a significant amount of shooting with it (probably about 1500 rounds in 4 days). I found that my pinky, in particular, from my grip pressure was starting to get a little raw. I eventually took a little sandpaper and smoothed it off just a little in that area, and I haven't had a problem since. While it is not the greatest for concealed carry due to snagging on clothing; from a shooting perspective, it is great. It doesn't matter if my hands are wet, I have positive control over that gun. This would be excellent for people whose palms sweat a lot.





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2. Sights. I will admit that I have my biases when it comes to sights. With my aging eyes I have been using some of the Trijicon HD with the orange front dot. They help to acquire the target quickly, and works well day or night. The rear sight has a vertical front edge to allow it to capture a belt or holster to facilitate one hand racking. I found that these sights work very well for me.
3. Magazine loading and stripping. The M&P



does not have a magazine feed well, but it is just as easy to emergency reload as any other regular firearm. The bottom of the magazine well has a very slight indent in the side of the grip to help grab the magazine in the event of a double feed. This alone is marginal so I added the Vickers base plates, and between the two it gives me significant purpose to rip the magazine out of the gun if needed.

4. Shooting! As I have stated, I have a lot of rounds with this gun down range and have let a lot of people using it during some training classes. I have settled up on CCI 124 gr ball ammo and have great success with this brand. The recoil is easily controlled for fast follow up shots. Due to the grip texture, the gun isn't moving in my hand during those grip it and drip it sessions.

The sights are easy for my eyes to see and allow for easy alignment and fast transitions. I have

done a lot of mag reloads and have never had issues with a magazine hanging up or causing issues. I enjoy the straight trigger blade, and provides less travel than the original trigger as well. This provides less movement, and allows me to get a second shot off. Over all, it is just a pleasure to shoot.

I picked up a Garret Industries Holster (Silent Thunder 2.0) with its matching double magazine holder. I LOVE this holster. The outside of the waist band holster has inside lining with leather so there isn't the scratchy plastic sound when you draw. Neither does it mark up the finish on the gun. Additionally, it allows for adjustable tension. What I love about the holster itself is the unique belt loop attachments. The method used seems to hold the gun tight against my body better than any other outside the waist holster I own (and I own a LOT). I was in a Gun Site class with it, and the instructor asked me about it. Luckily, I had another holstering gun set up which I loaned it to him to wear for the day because he complained that his was just uncomfortable. My set up was so comfortable he forgot he had it on by the end of the day. You can adjust the cant but not the height. I did have to grind just a little bit of the holster away from behind the trigger guard to allow my fat fingers to get easily around the grip.



The twin mag holder is excellent. While the pouches that hold the magazines are the same, the feature that really sets this one off is the belt clips. They are solid and comfortable. All of the belt loops are sized to your belt so there is no vertical movement of the holster or mag pouch on the belt which supports positive control.



## Handgun Ammo Jargon

By Scott Sampson, Chief Instructor, #762

Handgun Ammunition jargon is very confusing to new shooters. In part because of all the different options and abbreviations. To help de-mystify the words and such the following document is provided. This article is not designed to include all options and abbreviations.

Bullet Weights. The weight of a bullet is typically on the box. It is measured in “Grains” or “Gr”. You typically find several different bullet weights for a given caliber. Typically, the heavier bullet weight provides a little bit more recoil. Personal defense rounds are typically found in the heavier bullet category.

Your gun should work with either bullet weight. Some semi-automatics may work better with a lighter or heavier bullet. If you run into problems pay attention to what bullet weight you are using and always check your owner’s manual. Sometimes different recoil springs are needed for different bullet weights.

Speed. Many times, the speed of the bullet is on the box. Unfortunately, the industry has not standardized the way in which speed is tested. One ammo manufacture may use a 6” barrel and another may use a 4” barrel. It may vary by caliber with the same manufacturer. If speed is important to you pay close attention to the details. Most manufacturers have great resources online that provide all kinds of detail.

Where speed is critical to most of us is in the use of hollow points (a type of bullet used for personal defense). Typically, a good rule of thumb is that a hollow point needs about 800 feet/sec to perform well. If you have a short barrel handgun, you really want to pay attention to the speed and how they measure it. Remember with a shorter barrel gun your velocity will be less than a longer barrel gun.

Bullet Types. Bullets come in all kinds of shapes and material. Below is a quick overview of the most common.

Round Nose. This is the shape of the bullet. It is the simplest and most common. You may see “Lead Round Nose” or “Copper Plated” Round Nose. Many times, these get abbreviated to LRN or CPRN. This bullet type is typically used for target shooting. It is a poor defense round as it goes through your target and can cause collateral damage to whatever is behind the target.

Flat Point. This is like the shape of the round nose but the tip is flattened. Typically, it is abbreviated as “FP” or “TC” for truncated cone. These typically have a copper coating.

Hollow Point. This a personal defense round that has a “hollow” in the center of it. The purpose of the round is to expand to a little less than twice it’s original size. These rounds typically have a copper coating on them. They are abbreviated HP.

Wad Cutter (WC) – A wad cutter is a bullet that is flat on the end. It is typically used for competition shooting because it creates a very nice circular hole in a target (like a hole punch). Wad cutters were used for a long time as a personal defense round as well.

Wad cutters have a couple styles to them, the one you may see the most is a Semi-wad cutter which has a slight taper to the sides, but still has a flat end. These are typically used in semi-automatics to ensure a smooth feed from the magazine into the chamber.





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Bullet Coatings. Bullets themselves are typically made of lead. Ammo manufactures will coat the lead typically with copper or other materials to try and minimize the fouling of a barrel with lead. The amount of lead covered in copper coating varies and is described as follows:

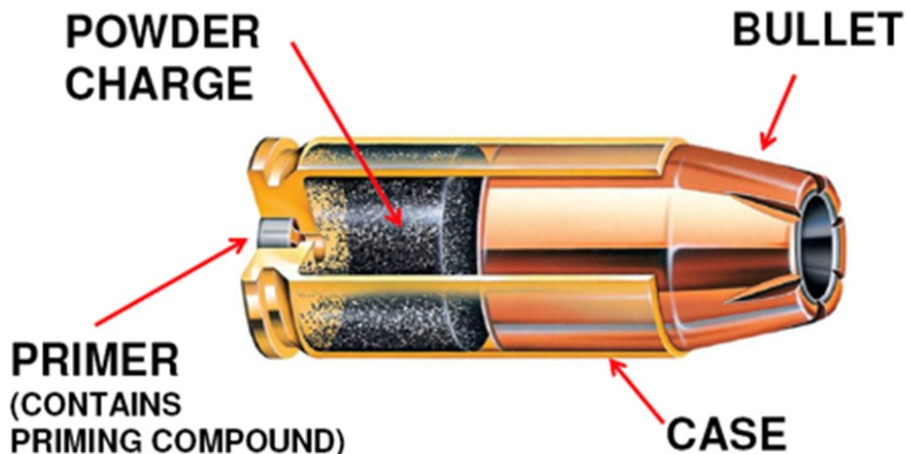
Full Metal Jacket (FMJ) – This means that all of the lead is covered by the copper except the bottom of the bullet (the portion closest to the powder when in the cartridge)

Total Metal Jacket (TMJ) – This means that the entire bullet is covered in copper including the bottom.

Semi-jacketed (SJ) – This means that part of the bullet is covered in copper. Typically this designation is found on hollow point type bullets where the lower portion is copper coated and the upper portion is exposed lead.

The last thing I will cover is terminology, a cartridge is made up of parts which includes a “bullet”. The bullet is just one part of the cartridge. Many people incorrectly say bullet when they mean cartridge. Feel free to educate your friends.

See ya on the firing line!





## Shooter Tune Up Sessions!

By Scott Sampson, Chief Instructor, #762

We should all strive to continue our shooting education. Even as an instructor I seek at least one major educational class a year. You have the opportunity to get a bunch of little classes for free! We are holding Shooter Tune Up sessions on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of those months that have 5 Saturdays. Each session has a topic assigned to it. Currently we have scheduled the following:

29 Feb - Rifle (Session 1) – *Completed*

TBD – Pistol (Session 1) – *Introduction to drawing from a holster*

29 Aug – Rifle (Session 2) – *More advanced rifle techniques*

31 Oct – Pistol (Session 2) – *Handling malfunctions and reloads*

*(Check website for any changes)*

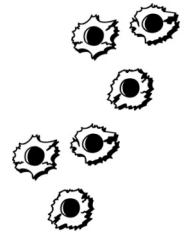
You may notice that we do not have listed trap or skeet. I am waiting on our instructors to give me a date. They will be at least one of those dates listed above, just not sure which ones yet.

The sessions are short (2 hours) and are for whoever shows up regardless of your experience. Here are a couple pictures from the Rifle Shooter Tune up that Fletcher Dunton did. He did a FANTASTIC JOB – A big Thank you to him!

See ya on the firing line!



# April

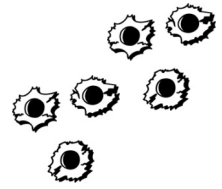


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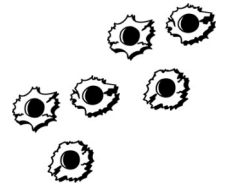
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