

# The Flyer

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## Airfield Shooting Club

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### Winter Shooting News



Happy  
Winter

#### ASC Member of the Quarter

By The ASC Board of Directors

Name: Tom Hulehan (ASC #320)



The Airfield Shoot Club board of directors selected Tom Hulehan as the member of the quarter. Tom was a National Rifle Association rifle and pistol instructor and qualified range safety officer.

Additionally, Tom was an assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster for Troop 364. He was instrumental in organizing Troop 364 Scouts when they attended the 2013 National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia.

For additional information on the accomplishments of Tom Hulehan, please see page 3.

#### Range Work Party

We will be holding a range clean up/maintenance work party starting at 9:30am on Saturday, 24 Apr 2021. We will need chain saws, a trailer, etc to do clean up and cut down small trees.

If you have some free time this is a great opportunity to help out the club and make a few service hours.

If you have any questions... Please contact the XO ...  
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### Swamp Shooter Leading the Way

Jon Lester

Brock Lester joined Swamp Shooters in the Fall of 2018, shortly after his family moved to Southampton County. He got a 20 Ga shotgun and clay target thrower for Christmas that year and immediately was hooked on shooting those flying orange targets. He inquired about shooting shotgun on Sundays, and we approached Dale Mullin. As you all know, Dale – he instantly took him under his wing and showed him the proper way to shoot a clay target. He continued practicing shooting shotgun each practice and was ready to shoot in the district match in June, with the club’s Beretta 303 Semi-Auto. There he only shot Trap but did well and placed. This was the start of his competition circuit. Proof positive he was hooked, he asked for an over/under shotgun for his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. He also agreed that if his dad joined the club, he would try Skeet and shot both at the State match in September. Two weeks after that, he placed third in the state for the Juniors division overall with a score of 71 out of 100. He also improved his equipment, by asking for a Browning Cynergy Wicked Wing 12 Ga shotgun for Christmas that year. He and his dad routinely travel to fun shoots, sporting clay ranges, and Brock will often accompany his dad on Monday mornings to shoot with that group, more so now that school is virtual only.

In the 2020 State Shotgun Championship held at brushy Mountain Club, he shot a 24 out of 25 in Trap, a 20 out of 25 in Skeet, and a 34 out of 50 in Sporting Clays for an overall score of 78. He won first place in Trap outright, tied for first in Skeet, and tied for second in Sporting Clays.



Trap Shooting February 2019



After Christmas Ammo Sale 2019



Appoxmatox 2020



Walking away with 1st



## In Fond Remembrance

### Thomas Hulehan

Mr. Hulehan began his career in Scouting with Pack 364 in 2007, working with the youth of the Jolly Rogers den. He exited the pack as a decorated Webelos leader, and then joined Troop 364 as an Assistant Scoutmaster in March 2009.

During his time with Troop 364, Mr. Hulehan served as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, and instructor for Bayside District Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, led Map and Compass Merit Badge courses at Pipsico Scout Reservation, and initiated Troop 364's new format for Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops.

Mr. Hulehan was a Certified National Rifle Association Rifle and Pistol instructor, as well as a qualified Range Safety Officer. He attained these qualifications to assist the troop in staffing its annual Shooting Sports weekend.

He was instrumental in organizing Troop 364 Scouts when they attended the 2013 National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia.

Mr. Hulehan also attended the 2013 National Scout Jamboree as a firearms instructor on the High Power Rifle Range. He served as the Rangemaster on several of Pipsico Scout Reservation's shooting sports weekends.

In March 2013, he stepped up as the Scoutmaster, holding this position for two years until March of 2015. Mr. Hulehan's favorite Scout saying was: "Behind every Eagle Scout, lies a ... 'Dedicated and Patient Parent.'"



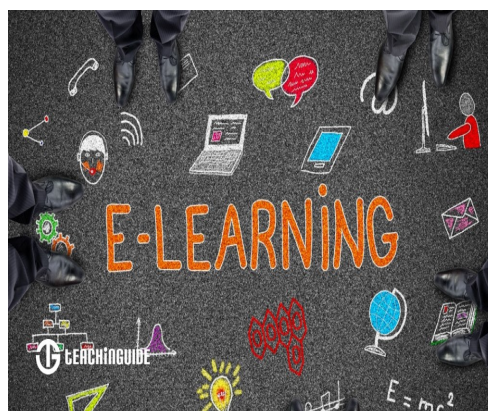
## Online Learning

Scott Sampson

Hey folks it looks like COVID is going to be around for a little while longer and that means the restrictions on gatherings and in particular classes. I would like to hold some online classes that people could log into from home. I posted a quick survey on our Facebook page and got a pretty positive response but there are only about 50 members on the page. Some of the options I put out there were:

- Gun storage options
- Holster types (pros and cons)
- Active Shooter response
- Situational Awareness levels
- Ammo types / selecting self defense ammo for your gun
- Dryfire practice – no ammo, no problem Other????

Please let the Chief Instructor Scott Sampson know if you have a topic you would like to see.





## Federal Gun Laws That Might Get Enacted This Year

Richard Vaught

As a wise person once said, all elections have consequences and the last one will definitely have consequences for the millions of gun owners in America. In the House is HR127 sponsored by Rep Jackson Lee (D) of Texas that would establish a federal/national gun registry ran by the Attorney General; mandate psychological evaluations so hope your neighbours like you; mandate firearm training for everyone over 21 as anyone under 21 could not own a gun; have a detailed database of ALL gun owners in American that anyone could look up; anyone who has been hospitalised or had mental illness, PTSD, drug or alcohol abuse, homicidal or suicidal thoughts/actions or brain disease would not be allowed to own a gun; only police could have 50 caliber guns/ammo; and then to add insult to injury, good old Nancy, the Speaker of the House, wants to outlaw all SKS/AK/AR platform "assault" weapons and establish a 50% tax on the purchase of all guns and a 30% federal tax on all ammo. She always wants the requirements for concealed weapon permits to be so restrictive that very few would ever be able to obtain them; members of Congress are exempted of course.

Needless to say, anyone who does not register and give up their scary "assault" weapon will be classified a felony and persecuted under federal law, not state law with a nice federal fine starting at \$50,000 per gun and years in prison. As one lawyer told me, if any of these bills pass and there is a better than even chance they will, at least 75 million Americans will become felons within three months of the passage of the bills and it will be very interesting to see what will happen when either the local or state or federal police/agents come for the "outlawed" weapons. And how this national registry will be implemented I wonder? Nancy and Jackson Lee also want mandatory "buy back" programs and we all know how successful those programs are. I wonder just how many newly minted felons will comply with this insanity?

Meanwhile, our great President is also pushing Congress to eliminate the immunity clause for all

gun manufacturers so they can be sued into bankruptcy so no guns will be manufactured; wants to ban ALL scary "assault" weapons and high capacity magazines; mandatory registration of all semi-automatic rifles/shotguns; and establish a mandatory federal buy back for all "assault" weapons. And regrettably, that is only the start of what is coming out of the New Democratic controlled Congress.

Personally, have seen various forms of these absurd laws put into place around the world and none work; murder and crime rates continue to climb and all it does is create a black market for "forbidden" guns and a disrespect of the rule of law by the populace. I can think of none of the 100 plus countries I have been in that within 3 days I could not have a gun and a box of ammo. So what are we to do about this insanity as law abiding American gun owners?

First, call or write and continue to do so your state senator and representative and tell them no more gun laws, then do the same at the federal level and yes I know we have two worthless Senators in Kane and Warner but we have to, the same for the various House of Representatives, and yes I know some are totally tone deaf but we have too. Second, we have to get everyone out to vote at every level whether it is county, state, federal; it does not matter as all of them count. I know people are still irritated about the "voting irregularities" in the last national elections but we have to continue to fight. To do otherwise, it will be the death by a thousand political cuts with one law here, then another, then another, etc until we have lost the 2nd Amendment entirely, then we will be sheep, and do not look to the courts to help us as I have no faith in them anymore after the last federal election. And give what you can to the NRA, VCDL, GOA as they are fighting for us, but lawsuits and such are expensive as Hell and the big tech companies have a lot of money to throw around and they do.

In closing, it appears that the Chinese curse is upon us, "may you live in interesting times" and we are. Will publish more information as it becomes available. Until then, keep your power dry as they use to say and stay safe.



## Cross Dominance

Scott Sampson

So you have determined that your cross dominant (left eye dominant, right handed or vice versa) . Now what? There are a ton of theories out there and there is no right or wrong answer. Here are some of things for you to consider to help you make your decision on what to do.

In pistol shooting the Holy Grail is having the axis of the barrel in line with your arm and eye so that your wrist is not bent left or right. This provides several benefits:

1. This allows for a solid foundation for the recoil. When shooting a semi-automatic the action needs a solid foundation to work against. Not having a solid foundation can lead to malfunctions.
2. Rapid acquisition of target. When the dominant eye and dominant hand are on the same side, it allows for quick alignment on a target because it is a straight line.

Besides losing those benefits above, the challenge with shooting with a bent wrist can be exacerbated if the shooter has weak wrists; shooting a larger caliber with more recoil could be painful.

So do you switch to your non-dominant hand or do you try to make things work? The answer is it depends. Lets take a look at some thoughts.

Again there is no right or wrong answer, each person is unique and you have to consider the options and figure out which is best for you.

- Target shooting/competitive shooting games like Bullseye (no drawing from a holster but shooting for accuracy) then I would recommend that you switch to the hand your dominant eye is on.
- Self Defense / action competitive shooting games like International Defensive pistol

shooting which require drawing from a holster and reloading etc will require more finer motor skills under stress. It might be better to stick with shooting with your dominant hand.

- Shooting experience is another factor to consider if you have been shooting cross dominant or carrying a gun for years, then I would not recommend that you switch.

If you want to hold the gun with your dominant hand, there are several solutions that are out there and you need to figure out what is right for you. The solutions typically boil down to doing something with your eyes or doing something with your hands. Either approach has its challenges.

Let's take a look at some of the **eye/head options**. Some approaches are:

- A. *Close the dominant eye* – This works well, but it has a couple things to consider. It minimizes your peripheral vision which if in a personal defense situation could be detrimental. If shooting at the range, it makes your face tired. Some options for the range to minimize face muscle fatigue are:
  - a. Piece of tape over the dominant eye – semi-translucent scotch tape is the best but any will do.
  - b. An occluder - This is a flip down eye patch that clips on to your safety glasses. These are used in shooting competitions quite frequently.
  - c. Squint – sometimes just squinting or partially closing your dominant eye is enough to allow your non-dominant eye to take over.



## Cross Dominance (Continued)

Scott Sampson

B. *Move the head* – Here you are moving your head so that the dominant eye is line with the sights. This is done typically through two methods.

a. Rotating the head – If you are right handed and left eye dominate, rotate your head to the right about 15 degrees (ie move your chin towards your right shoulder) so that your left eye is in align with the sights when your right arm/hand are extended straight out.

This reduces your peripheral vision to one side of the target.

b. Titling the head – The famous Jeff Cooper used this method of tilting your head slightly to the side. If right handed and left eye dominant you would tilt your head so as to align the left eye with the gun in the right hand. Here you are actually tilting your head to the side so that your right ear is closer to your right shoulder.

Now let's take a look at the **gun options**.

A. Rotate the gun – Leave the gun in your dominant hand but rotate the gun about 30 degrees to align the sights to your dominant eye. For a right handed - left eye dominant shooter, the top of the gun would be rotated to the left (counter clockwise) to align the sights in front of the left eye. This allows the wrist to remain straight reasonably straight.

B. Move the gun – move the gun so it is in front of the dominant eye. This will cause the wrist to be bent and possibly lead to several issues. Users of this method should have strong wrists.

C. Center Axis Relock (CAR) method – This is a change in stance which allows the gun to be rotated with bent arms to align easily with either eye.

Another option is to **Shoot with your weak hand** – This has pros and cons and is highly debated. If you are going to target shoot only, switching hands is a reasonable alternative. You especially may want to consider it if you are left handed. Many guns, especially revolvers are built for right handed people. If you are left handed and not going to carry a gun for self-defense, then switching hands is a very reasonable option.

If however you are going to be carrying a gun for personal defense, most people in a crisis situation will react without thinking. If you are naturally right handed then that is what you typically are going to want to use to shoot unless you do a lot of practicing. The last thing you want to do is have to stop and think about shooting with your left hand. Keep in mind however that in a crisis situation however, your weak hand is still doing a lot of things (reload, racking the slide, supporting the strong hand, operating a flashlight, etc). It isn't like you aren't counting on it. It really is a matter of practice.

You may want to consider how long you have been shooting. If you haven't really started then you haven't gotten use to shooting so it might not be that bad as you don't have much muscle memory. If you have been shooting a long time, then switching hands may not be the best answer for you.



## ASC NSSA Competition

Richard Sutton

On March 20 through March 22 the Airfield Shooting Club will be holding a NSSA registered skeet shooting competition. The competition will have four (4) categories (guns):

- 12 gauge
- 20 gauge
- 24 gauge
- 410 gauge
- Doubles

There will be a cash prize for first place in each category.

The cost is \$25 per gun.

In order to participate you must pre-register and be a member of NSSA.

On the day of the shoot you will need

1. Cash or check for \$25 for each gun. Checks are to be payable to Airfield Shooting Club
  2. NSSA membership card. You may join the NSSA at the shoot, the yearly membership is \$30.00
  3. Classification Sheet.
- The competition will allow mixed guns each day so you may compete on any of the 3 days.

Ties for Gun Championships will be determined by a Shoot-Off Monday afternoon. If shooter is unable to attend the Monday Shoot-Off then the champion will be decided by long runs from the front or back whichever is longer.

Covid-19 rules apply

Mask are to be worn except when shooting.

Squads will be ask to maintain Social Distancing in the field

There will be a non-competing individual to pull to minimize handling of the controller

Email day(s) and gun(s) to compete, NSSA number and address to:

[richardsutton@charter.net](mailto:richardsutton@charter.net)

## NRA Grassroots

Scott Sampson

As many of you are aware, we continue to be in a fight for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights. While NRA, VSSA, VCDL continue to help battle those that would restrict our rights, it is up to us as individuals to help ensure that our politicians hear our voice. The Institute for Legislative Action portion of NRA has set up a free workshop that you can attend online. I attended the first workshop which provided helpful links to their web site and discussed how to deal with social media. The email below from Lexy Higgins (NRA) describes the second event and its content. Again it is free. You can ask questions (due to number of folks and time, not all questions get answered while online, but they do promise to get back to you). I was very impressed with how the first session went. And no they didn't ask for money or donations. I hope you will join this online workshop.

Respectfully,  
Scott Sampson  
ASC Chief Instructor