



# The Flyer

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### Fall Shooting News



Welcome  
Fall

#### ASC Member of the Quarter

**Member: Kaven Melton #1261**

A great heart felt thank you goes out to Kaven Melton for locking up another members box of ammunition that was left behind by another ASC member. When the owner returned, he found his box locked up and was able to retrieve his possessions. It is great to be a part of a club that has members like Kaven Melton that look out for others! What a great story to share about the great members we have in our club.

Remember submitting a nomination for Member of the Quarter is a powerful way to acknowledge and celebrate exceptional contributions within our organization. It not only recognizes the outstanding efforts of individuals but also reinforces a culture of excellence, motivation, and camaraderie. These are the people we want to be around!

By carefully crafting a compelling nomination, you play a vital role in honoring the achievements of your colleagues and contributing to a positive and thriving work environment.

So, seize the opportunity to recognize and elevate the exceptional members of Airfield Shooting Club for the val-

uable contributions they make. Submit your nominee to any board member to recognize our outstanding members.

#### Firing Up Change: Encouraging all Club Members to Volunteer for the Betterment of Our Shooting Range

The Airfield Shooting Club in conjunction with the Airfield Conference Center shooting range stands as a testament to our shared passion for firearms and responsible shooting. Over the years, it has served as a sanctuary for marksmen, a hub for education for everyone, and a community cornerstone. To ensure its continued success, we must come together as a club and volunteer our time to improve and maintain this invaluable resource. Below is a compelling outline highlighting the reasons why club members should step forward and invest their time in enhancing our shooting range.

1. Preservation of a Valuable Asset: Our shooting range is more than just a place to practice; it's a treasure trove of knowledge and skill. By volunteering our time, we actively contribute to preserving this asset for future generations. In doing so, we honor the legacy of responsible shooting and ensure that it remains accessible to all who share our passion.

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2. **Building a Stronger Community:** Volunteering at the shooting range fosters a sense of community and camaraderie among club members. Working side by side on improvement projects, supporting events and becoming involved with club activities; we strengthen the bonds that tie us together. The range becomes not just a place to shoot but a shared space we've collectively improved and maintained for all to enjoy.

3. **Enhancing Safety and Quality:** Our commitment to safety is paramount. By volunteering, we have the opportunity to implement safety enhancements, conduct regular maintenance, and improve the overall quality of the range. This ensures that every member can shoot in a safe, clean, and enjoyable environment.

4. **Learning and Skill Development:** Volunteering at the range provides a unique opportunity for skill development and learning. Whether it's learning about range management, maintenance procedures, or firearms safety, our volunteers gain valuable knowledge that can be applied not only at the range but also in their everyday lives.

5. **A Voice in Decision-Making:** When we volunteer, we have a voice in shaping the future of the

shooting range. Our input matters, and our efforts directly influence the direction and policies of the range. By being actively involved, we can ensure that our needs and preferences are considered.

6. **Promoting the Shooting Sports:** Our non-profit shooting range is a powerful tool for promoting the shooting sports and educating the public about responsible firearm use. By volunteering, we actively contribute to the growth and positive image of shooting sports in our community.

In conclusion, our shooting range relies on the dedication and involvement of its club members to thrive. Volunteering our time to improve the range is not just a responsibility but also an opportunity to enrich our community, enhance our skills, and ensure the continued success of our range. Let us embrace this call to action, recognizing that our contributions, big or small, are essential in maintaining and improving this vital resource for generations of responsible shooters to come. Together, we can make our shooting range an even better place for all

## Range Safety

A friendly reminder to all members, visitors and guests - range safety is everyone's responsibility. We all must be involved to ensure our range operates in a safe manner.

Members are responsible for maintaining a thorough knowledge of, and complying with, all rules and regulations. Further, members are also required to ensure that their guests comply. Watch out for yourself and others. Members are expected to quickly and firmly act to correct unsafe practices and save someone from avoidable injury or death.



## Getting in contact with ASC Board Members:

By Scott Sampson

For some reason members use the Contact us link on the web when they want to ask questions. This delays getting you an answer. The Contact us page is for non-members who are asking general questions. For members we have all the board members emails listed on the ASC web page with their email address.

Some members claim the emails don't work. Please understand that the emails listed require modification. For example the email cited for the President is: president at airfieldshootingclub.org

This however email as written will not work. We write it this way to prevent spam bots from finding the emails and just filling it up. So you must replace the " at " with the "@" symbol.

The final email should have no spaces either. If you did this correct conversion the email for the President would be:

President@airfieldshootingclub.org

I hope this helps you get in contact with the correct person.

We now have emails for ALL the events we have at Airfield Shooting Club:

Guns Shows: Gary Wyse  
> pr@airfieldshootingclub.org

Bowling Pin matches: Steven Gordon  
> pinmatch@airfieldshootingclub.org

Service Rifle matches: Fletcher Dunton  
> servicerifle@airfieldshootingclub.org

Defensive Pistol matches: Taylor Strickland  
> idpa@airfieldshootingclub.org

Rimfire Challenge Matches: Tom Sanford  
> rimfire@airfieldshootingclub.org

Shotgun Completions: Jon Lester  
> shotguncompetition@airfieldshootingclub.org

Swamp Shooters: Dale Mullin  
> swampshooters@airfieldshootingclub.org

## BYLAWS Update

By Scott Sampson

The Bylaws recently went through an update in June of 2023. You can find the most recent copy on the ASC Website. A quick highlight of changes are:

- Page 11&12 – Article VII, Section 3 modified verbiage to describe when additional fees are assessed for failing to pay membership fees on time.
- Page 12 – Article VII, Section 4 modified the Shotgun director's budget to \$250per month and the secretary to \$1000 per year.
- Page 13 – Article VIII, Section 3 added verbiage to set a time limit on fines and restitution assessments.
- Page 14 – Article IX, Section 4 – Modified verbiage of quorum to spell out greater than 50% and added equal to.
- Page 12,19 – Changed the name of the Executive Officer to Maintenance Officer to make it clearer as to what they do.
- Page 18 – Article XII, Section 3 - Added renewals and billing to the Secretary's position.
- Page 18, 20 – Article XII 10 – Clarified the RFID card responsibility in the Shotgun Director's position.
- Page 20 – Article XII, Section 12 – Removed responsibility from Provost to assist with New Member Orientation.
- Page 20 – Article XII, Section 12 added new Orientation Director and assigned duties



## BILLING FOR SKEET/TRAP CLAYS USAGE

Billing for the birds you shoot on the shotgun range is normally done quarterly. We have been busy with so many things that 2nd quarter usage was not billed. With turn over and learning the billing process, as the new Shotgun Director, I have not sent bills out yet for the 2nd quarter. 3rd quarter billing is now due to be sent out. I will be sending out a combined 2nd and 3rd quarter billing soon via email.

Please process your payment quickly by our portal by credit or debit card or by sending a check to the address in the email. **DO NOT SEND MONEY OR PAY ONLINE UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A BILL.**

The email will have instructions on how to pay and how much to pay for each quarter. You will also see any past due amounts if you did not pay for previous quarters.

If you need more birds on your card you can always send an email to [shotgun@airfieldshootingclub.org](mailto:shotgun@airfieldshootingclub.org) and I will meet up with you to add birds to your card or you can mail it in which is normally a painful and slow process.

Brenda Norton  
ASC Shotgun Director

## Did You Know

Shotgun sports have a rich history and tradition that spans centuries, with skeet and trap being two of the most popular disciplines. While both involve shooting clay targets with shotguns, they differ significantly in terms of target flight paths, rules, and shooting techniques. This essay aims to provide a comprehensive comparison of skeet and trap, highlighting their differences in terms of game structure, target presentation, equipment, shooting techniques, and the unique challenges they offer to participants.

Skeet and trap shooting are two distinct shotgun sports that share the common goal of breaking clay targets, yet they differ significantly in terms of game structure, target presentation, equipment, shooting techniques, and the unique challenges they pose to participants. Both disciplines offer rewarding experiences for shotgun enthusiasts, catering to a wide range of skills and preferences.

Whether one prefers the precision and variety of skeet or the unpredictable challenges of trap, both sports contribute to the rich tapestry of shooting sports worldwide, showcasing the versatility and skill of shotgun enthusiasts.

Skeet shooting consists of a circular field with two trap houses, traditionally labeled as High House and Low House. Each trap house launches targets at various angles, and there are eight shooting stations positioned in a semi-circle between them. In skeet, the shooter moves through these stations in a predetermined sequence, taking two shots at each station, for a total of 25 targets per round.

Skeet shooting includes two main variants: American Skeet and International Skeet. The latter has different rules and target presentations, making it an Olympic discipline.

Trap shooting typically takes place on a single shooting platform, known as a trap field. There is one trap house situated in front of the shooting stations.

In trap shooting, the targets (clay pigeons) are launched away from the shooter at varying angles, including straightaway, left, right, and diagonally. The shooter stands at one of five positions arranged in an arc behind the trap house.

A round of trap consists of 25 targets, with each shooter taking five shots from each of the five positions.

Come out and visit ASC Skeet and Trap Ranges and give it a try!



### Medical – The missing component

By Scott Sampson

I would argue that most people when asked to think about carrying concealed, think about learning to shoot fast and accurate, doing mag reloads, malfunctions, and how to draw the gun from concealment. I would challenge that limited perspective asking you to consider other items such as legal aspects, use of other non-firearm defense tactics, how to conduct yourself during a critical incident, how to stay out of a confrontation to begin with, and Medical.

The last one Medical is an important subject even beyond self defense. We should never assume that we won't be shot or hurt in a defensive shooting incident. If shot in the right place, we can bleed out in 3 min. We must make sure that we understand what we should do and consider carrying medical equipment that will allow us to save a life.

Training! This is critical to understanding what to do. There are a lot of new medical procedures that in the past we considered bad (using a tourniquet for example). I recommend getting the following training if possible.

Red Cross First Aid – <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/first-aid/first-aid-training>

These are great classes that cover general emergency medical procedures to include CPR, using an AED, etc. This will give you a better capability to handle from the simple to the more severe incidents.

Stop The Bleed – Find an Online Course or an in person course; <https://www.stopthebleed.org/training/online-course/>

This course is designed to handle significant blood loss. It focuses on packing wounds and the use of tourniquets to stop the bleeding.

Emergency Medicine – Find a class here <https://academy.usconcealedcarry.com/>

This is a USCCA course that covers a little bit of both of the Red Cross and the Stop the Bleed courses.

After you have taken the courses you will be in a much better position to help yourself and others. Once you have the training consider picking up an Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK) or a larger medical kit. The IFAK is something you would carry on you (they can range in size depending on what you have in them) and a larger medical kit, might be something you carry in a range bag, your car or your bug out bag.

When purchasing medical equipment, I urge caution as there are a lot of bad actors out there, that are making cheap knock offs. You find these a lot on Amazon believe it or not. I would recommend purchasing from reputable stores like (there are others, but these are my go to):

- North American Rescue
- Rescue Essentials
- Dark Angel Medical
- Chinook Medical Gear Supply

In the end surviving an emergency is the goal. Be prepared.

See ya on the firing line!





## Things to consider before deer hunting season

Before heading into deer hunting season, it's essential to plan and prepare thoroughly to ensure a safe, ethical, and successful hunting experience. Here are five crucial things to consider:

### 1. Safety First:

**Hunter Education:** Ensure you have completed a certified hunter education course if required in your area. Even if not required, it's a good idea to take one for safety and ethics education.

**Firearm Safety:** Review firearm safety rules and practices. Always treat every firearm as if it's loaded, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot, and be sure of your target and what's beyond it.

**Personal Safety Gear:** Wear appropriate clothing, including blaze orange or fluorescent materials for visibility to other hunters. Additionally, pack essential safety gear such as a first-aid kit, a map, and a communication device.

### 2. Know the Regulations:

**Hunting Season Dates:** Familiarize yourself with the specific deer hunting season dates in your area. Seasons can vary significantly by region and type of deer (e.g., whitetail, mule deer).

**Tag and Licensing:** Ensure you have the necessary licenses, permits, and tags required for your hunt. Know the bag limits and any specific regulations related to the type of deer you're hunting.

**Weapons Regulations:** If using firearms, be aware of firearm type, caliber, and ammunition regulations for deer hunting. Some areas may have restrictions.

### 3. Scouting and Habitat:

**Scouting:** Scout your hunting area before the season to understand deer movements, feeding patterns, and bedding areas. This knowledge will help you choose the right spots for your hunt.

**Habitat Conditions:** Assess the habitat conditions, including food sources, water sources, and cover,

as these factors can significantly influence deer activity.

### 4. Firearm and Equipment Preparation:

**Sight in Your Firearm:** Ensure your firearm is properly sighted in and zeroed. Practice shooting at the range to maintain accuracy and proficiency.

**Equipment Inspection:** Check your hunting gear, including clothing, boots, optics, and any additional accessories. Make sure everything is in good working order.

**Ammunition and Supplies:** Stock up on ammunition, arrows, and other supplies. Carry enough for your hunt, plus extra in case of emergencies or missed shots.

### 5. Ethical Hunting Practices:

**Ethical Shots:** Only take shots that you are confident will result in a quick and humane kill. Avoid taking shots at running or obscured deer.

**Leave No Trace:** Practice responsible hunting by packing out all trash and following Leave No Trace principles. Respect the environment and wildlife.

**Hunter Ethics:** Uphold ethical hunting principles, including sportsmanship, fair chase, and respect for the animal. Follow ethical practices in the field, such as tagging and field dressing.

In addition to these considerations, it's essential to be patient and adaptable during your hunt. Deer hunting often requires persistence, as deer can be elusive and unpredictable. Be prepared for various weather conditions, and always prioritize safety and ethical conduct while in the field. By taking

these factors into account, you can increase your chances of a successful and enjoyable deer hunting season while contributing to the conservation and



management of deer populations.



If you have thoughts on training opportunities or want to become part of the Instructor Cadre, please let me know at [Instructor@airfieldshootingclub.org](mailto:Instructor@airfieldshootingclub.org).

### Combative Pistol Training Review By Scott Sampson

On a very WET weekend as tropical storm Ophelia hit Wakefield, Airfield Shooting club hosted Dave Jenkins and Matt Underwood from Rochester Personal Defense to teach a Handgun Combative Course. This course was created by Dave Spaulding and recommends only two instructors to teach his class, Dave Jenkins, and Richard Nance. Luckily Scott Sampson knows Dave Jenkins and was able to get him to come to the club.

### TRAINING CORNER

By Scott Sampson

As the Chief Instructor for the club, I have been working on putting on different training classes, but it is just tough as one person. In the last newsletter I discussed the creation of an Instructor Cadre. This is a group of volunteers that are instructors in different disciplines. I am trying to lead this group to create more and different training opportunities than I could alone.

The response to my call, I have had about 29 members volunteer to help coordinate the training. We have divided the volunteers into several groups to try to focus training. Those groups are:

Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Safety, Events, and Range Safety Officers

We have picked leads for most of the groups and have generated a list of classes that each group think are a benefit to offer at the club. The next step is to start trying to schedule the events in the calendar. We were thinking about trying to offer one class each month. We are concerned that we would be taking time away from members shooting if we reserve a range to conduct training, so we will be working with the Board on how many classes we can offer.

Fifteen Students dressed in raincoats and boots with a bunch of magazines and ammo stormed the range while Ophelia stormed us. The weather tested our gear and our skills as Dave and Matt taught us how to perfect grip, trigger press, and sight pictures. We progressed to drawing from the holster with concealment, reloads, malfunction clearing and more.

As the sun appeared slightly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day our smiles started to come out. Those smiles quickly went away as Dave brought out the timer to start testing and baselining our skills. Despite the evil timer, we all finished the class hard and with smiles. Everyone had a great time, learned a lot about tactics and their gear.





# Combative Defensive Pistol Training: Empowerment through Preparedness

By Tom Sanford

Here are some key takeaways from the ASC September Combative Defensive Pistol Training course I recently attended at ASC. Aside from being wet and tired at the end of the course it was very informative and I am very happy that I was able to attend.

Before we even thought about handling weapons the course materials focused on being aware of one's surroundings is the first line of defense. Participants are taught to maintain situational awareness and identify potential threats before they escalate.

The training emphasizes that the best confrontation is the one avoided. Participants learn strategies for avoiding conflict and de-escalating potentially dangerous situations. Reinforcing that owning and carrying a firearm is a grave responsibility. It is very important to understand the legal and ethical ramifications of using lethal force and act accordingly



Of course we handled the weapons, learning new techniques and drills throughout the entire weekend, in less than ideal conditions on Saturday. The instruction, skills and drills we learned helped to develop accuracy and precision with shot placement. If you know me I am not pistol guy, I soon realized that the only way to get comfortable is to continue to train and retrain all the fundamentals that was taught over the two day class.

We all practiced proper grip, stance, sight alignment, and trigger control to consistently place shots on target. Training included learning how to efficiently draw the pistol from a holster and present it on target.





## Carbon Fiber Rifle Barrel vs. Steel Rifle Barrel: A Comparative Analysis

By Tom Sanford

In my research and experience I have been trying to determine which is better. I have several rifles with carbon fiber barrels and I still cannot answer which is better. I think they both have place in the shooting sports. I have put some notes together based on my quest to find the answer. Take a read and share your insights with me next time you see me on range.

Rifle barrels are a crucial component of firearms, influencing accuracy, durability, and overall performance. Traditionally, steel and stainless steel have been the materials of choice for rifle barrels due to their robustness and reliability. However, in recent years, carbon fiber rifle barrels have gained popularity, offering unique advantages over their metal counterparts.

The choice of rifle barrel material is a critical decision for some shooters, as it directly impacts factors such as accuracy, weight, and durability. Each material has its own set of characteristics, advantages, and disadvantages. The main differences and advantages of a carbon fiber rifle barrel versus a steel or stainless-steel rifle barrel, allowing shooters to make informed decisions when selecting the ideal barrel for their needs is outlined below.

### I. Material Composition

Carbon fiber barrels, on the other hand, are constructed using a combination of carbon fiber and epoxy resin wrapped around a smaller diameter tube. The composite material is renowned for its lightweight and high-strength properties. These materials are lightweight and exceptionally strong.

Steel barrels are typically made from high-quality steel alloys, such as chrome-moly or stainless steel. These materials are known for their strength and durability. While stainless steel barrels are made from a corrosion-resistant alloy.

### II. Weight

Carbon fiber is renowned for its lightweight properties. Carbon fiber rifle barrels are significantly lighter than their steel counterparts. Carbon fiber barrels are significantly lighter, making the firearm easier to carry and handle. This reduced weight can be advantageous in hunting and competitive shooting scenarios. This reduced weight can be advantageous for shooters who need to carry their rifles for extended periods or require quick maneuverability during hunting or competition.

Whereas steel barrels tend to be heavier due to the density of the metal. The weight of the barrel can affect the overall balance of the firearm. While this extra weight can provide stability and reduce recoil, it may be a drawback for shooters who prioritize portability.

### III. Accuracy

Steel barrels have been the traditional choice for accuracy. They offer good stability, especially in high-velocity cartridges. Stainless steel barrels are corrosion-resistant, making them suitable for adverse environmental conditions.

Carbon fiber barrels are known for their consistency and stiffness, which can contribute to improved accuracy. They have minimal thermal expansion and are less susceptible to temperature-induced point of impact shifts.

### IV. Heat Dissipation

Carbon fiber has excellent heat dissipation properties, which helps maintain consistent barrel temperature during rapid firing. This can result in sustained accuracy over extended shooting sessions.

Steel has excellent heat dispersion capabilities, allowing it to withstand prolonged firing without overheating. This makes steel barrels suitable for rapid and continuous shooting but may heat up more quickly during continuous fire. This can lead to accuracy degradation when shooting rapidly or in high-volume scenarios.



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### V. Durability

Carbon fiber barrels are durable and can withstand a considerable amount of abuse. They are resistant to corrosion and have a longer lifespan compared to traditional steel barrels.

Steel and stainless-steel barrels are rugged and durable, although they can be susceptible to corrosion in certain conditions. Proper maintenance is essential to ensure longevity.

### Advantages of Carbon Fiber Rifle Barrels

#### Weight Reduction:

Carbon fiber rifle barrels offer a substantial weight reduction compared to steel barrels. This weight reduction can lead to improved maneuverability and reduced fatigue during extended use, making them particularly advantageous for hunters who need to carry their rifles for long distances.

#### Increased Accuracy:

Carbon fiber's stiffness and dampening properties can contribute to enhanced accuracy. The reduced barrel vibration and harmonics result in better shot-to-shot consistency and improved precision, making carbon fiber barrels popular among precision shooters and long-range marksmen.

#### Resistance to Corrosion:

Unlike steel or stainless steel barrels, carbon fiber barrels are highly resistant to corrosion. This resistance makes them ideal for use in challenging environmental conditions, including rain, humidity, and saltwater environments.

#### Reduced Recoil:

The lightweight nature of carbon fiber barrels can lead to reduced recoil, resulting in more manageable and comfortable shooting experiences. This is especially beneficial for shooters looking to mini-

mize the effects of recoil on their accuracy.

#### Customization:

Carbon fiber barrels can be easily customized in terms of length, contour, and caliber. This flexibility allows shooters to tailor their firearms to specific purposes, such as long-range shooting, competition, or hunting.

In conclusion, the choice between a carbon fiber rifle barrel and a steel or stainless-steel rifle barrel depends on individual preferences and shooting requirements. Carbon fiber barrels offer distinct advantages in terms of weight, accuracy, heat dissipation, and durability. They are particularly suitable for shooters who value lightweight firearms and precision accuracy. On the other hand, steel and stainless-steel barrels provide stability, durability, and corrosion resistance, making them a reliable choice for various shooting scenarios. Ultimately, the decision should be based on the shooter's intended use and priorities, as both carbon fiber and steel have their unique strengths and weaknesses.

