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President's Message

by Tom Ki

When will it sink in

For a minimum of 10 years, I've been saying the only way to stop the assault on our rights and our way of life is to get out and vote.

Yet people still say to me: "What good will my vote do?" "I don't want to get on any lists," or "I don't want to serve on a jury." Where are the brave men and women who declare that they will have to pry my guns out of my cold dead hands?

When the NYSRPA is looking for plaintiffs for lawsuits why do so many members say: "No. They might retaliate against me." What would our Founding Fathers say if they heard answers like that? Where would we be today if the Founding Fathers said we were afraid of retaliation from England?

I think it's time to pull our heads out of the ground, stick our necks out, and stand up and be heard. It's time to tell the politicians that they work for us not the other way around.

I can hear it now, members saying: "I vote. I vote every year." Thank you for your votes, but it goes further than that. When you go into the voting booth and pull the curtain closed behind you the Democratic Party must cease to exist in your mind. Vote like a liberal, don't pay attention to the candidate's personality, vote for the party that supports your Second Amendment rights—the Republicans!

That's why the Democrats are successful in winning elections they vote for the party not the candidate. Joe Biden is a perfect example of this strategy. I could go on and name 15 other Democrats who fit in that same category as the president. How do they get elected? Simple, their supporters believe in the ideology of the party rather than the viability of the candidate and they know that republican/conservative voters will stay home, or not vote for a candidate with whom they don't agree.

Let's pull together and win this next presidential and statewide election.



When you go to the polls, please remember the crisis at our southern border, the ruin of our major cities, the illegal immigrants flooding our cities, inflation, the national debt—and above all the concerted effort to take your guns. Vote for your beliefs, not the party that wants to destroy America as we know it. ■



I'm Running for NYS Supreme Court to Bring Balance to the Bench

by Dana Salazar

My name is Dana Salazar and I'm running for the New York State Supreme Court's Third Judicial District to bring balance to the bench. I have been unanimously endorsed by the Republican and Conservative Parties. I am a strong supporter of the Constitution and our Bill of Rights. The Third Judicial District is a large area covering Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster counties. I thank the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association for this opportunity to share my professional qualifications and legal background.

Separation of powers dictates that judges should follow the law, not make it. It also goes without saying that they should act with fairness and impartiality to all who come before them. I deeply respect all our rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and its Amendments, including the Second Amendment. The Third Judicial District is a crucial one for sportsmen's groups, because it is where many actions are brought to challenge state law and regulation. As an attorney, I have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of New York, and I will continue to honor that oath while on the bench.

I'm a longtime Rensselaer County resident and I possess a wide range of legal experience in both state and federal courts. I have handled complex commercial disputes, personal-injury matters, and family law cases. I also served as a law clerk to Judge Susan



Dana Salazar
Republican-Conservative Endorsed Candidate
for N.Y.'s Third Judicial District

Read on the Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state.

I'm an Albany Law graduate and a leader in the legal community, serving as the past president of both the Capital District Women's Bar Association and Rensselaer County Bar Association. I am active in the Albany and Columbia County Bar

Associations, and a longtime member of the Rensselaer County Farm Bureau. Since 2014, I have served on the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Third Judicial District which evaluates the character of applicants for admission to the bar.

Last year, you helped elect Tom Marcelle to the Supreme Court, who became only the second GOP/Conservative endorsed judge out of 1 Supreme Court Justices in our Judicial District. He won because he had the legal skills and experience and was aided by voters who supported his candidacy. Together, we can do the same thing this year!

Electing me to the Supreme Court will help restore much-needed balance to our state judiciary. I respectfully ask for your support this November. Please spread the word to your friends and family as well.

This fall, your one vote can make the difference. Please vote Dana Salazar for State Supreme Court on Nov. 7. ■

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Ladies Are Choosing to Be Their Families' First Responders

by Charlie Bee

When asked to join in teaching over 1,000 freedom-exercising residents of Detroit how to shoot; I simply said yes. With support of family—and a fellow instructor friend in the passenger seat—we headed 600 miles west to the Motor City. Rick Ector is a fellow NRA board member who started a free women's shooting clinic 12 years ago. About an hour after we both joined the board; Rick solicited my help. Rick is a slender African American man about 12 years my senior. He has an electrifying smile, and a laugh that can be heard a good half-a-conference-venue away. Rick is a Detroit native and full-time firearms instructor who has grown and fostered this free-shooting clinic with donations of money, ammo, instructors, and range time.

To my amazement, instructors from 13 states staffed classrooms and one-on-one live-fire shooting instruction points at two different donated ranges this July. Our first night in town we

attended our first ever DC Project dinner. We met with like-minded folks who support and defend the Second Amendment with their daily living and volunteer hours. As I sat down to dinner, I was introduced to Rhonda Ezell who sat with a stack of patches emblazoned with "Chicago Guns Matter." The name was familiar, but not illuminating the story of this amazing woman. Spend an hour on the web someday, Rhonda's amazing story is proof that individuals matter. Rhonda stood against the City of Chicago's illegal gun prohibition and she was victorious in several lawsuits that opened the door to legalized firearms in the city of Chicago. I will never meet Rosa Parks, but I think Rhonda is cut from that same cloth of courage, strength, and warrior's spirit. Our first wake up in Michigan held an opportunity to meet instructors and head to our assigned range. I have taught groups of 40-50 people before, but I've never had larger

groups cycling through all day long in a constant flow of inquisitiveness. At one point, I spoke to three Polish immigrants who have legally been in the U.S. for 15 years. This mother and her two daughters waited in line for almost two hours just to get a spot in the classroom lecture. There were no complaints or criticisms, just a willingness to learn and grateful hearts. Men and women from Michigan, Arizona, California, Ohio and other states joined together to teach over 1,400 (mostly first-time) shooters in just two days. Every student was offered an opportunity to participate in live-fire instruction with their own gun or an event-provided 9 mm pistol. I saw no one turn down the opportunity to shoot.

Each class lecture was led by a female instructor who taught the basics of firearms safety and situational awareness from their own life experiences. When I didn't have range commitments, I sat through several lectures and picked up some new pointers myself. The first minutes with each student set the pace of the live-fire training. I had students who showed up ready to go with their own pistols, some who shook as they touched their first gun, and others who recalled traumatic life events and who needed to breathe and calm their nerves. I was most impressed with two women in their 20s who dragged out their mom, cousins, aunts and grandma. This was a family learning experience with the eventual goal of arming three households that have

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seen violence as their surroundings have deteriorated.

Once a thriving hub of American manufacturing, Detroit has seen its challenges—both economic and social. A detective showed me an area of Detroit (on a map) that I should avoid. However, if I did end up there, the detective encouraged me not to stop for stop signs. These warnings reminded me of some third-world corners of the globe I have visited.

The people we met, taught and shared stories with were amazing Americans.

These women spoke about property crimes, robbery, and some of the worst human assaults a person could imagine. Each person was sure of one truth—"the cops cannot get to me quick enough." The names, hairstyles and clothing were different than what I see at my home range, but as Americans we all have the same right to personal safety and freedom.

As an instructor, I left with lessons learned that exceeded my personal goals. I had the opportunity to work

with two deaf students, many non-native English and even a little person

It was great to think through solutions to unique challenges for defensive pistol selection and use. There was a sincerity, a need in each face, and something that made the trip what I hope will be the first of many.

Ladies who are choosing to be the first responder for themselves and their families. These are American values!



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Four Tips for Getting Your Family to the Range

by Becky Yack

If getting your family to the range is something that's been at the back of your mind, take steps to make it happen.

So you own a firearm, but don't use it often. You know that you—and your family—should spend more time on the range. You want to develop a sound family readiness plan. Range time is often part of this. Here are a few ideas for ways to get your family to the range.

No. 1: Ask for Help. If you have adult children, or a spouse who normally isn't big on "range day," consider asking them for help. Tell them that you want to make sure your family and home are safe and that you believe being able to use and manipulate the firearms you own is part of that. Ask them to help you get the rest of the family, or even just you, better prepared. This might mean asking them to help you by calling shots for each other to see where you are hitting distant steel, or it might mean helping because you don't know much about firearms and shooting them, but want to learn. Determine your goal, and find an "ask" that will help meet the goal of getting your family to the range.

A few suggested goals:

- Learn how to load and unload and accurately shoot the main firearms that your family owns for home defense.
- See where the firearms you own for home defense are zeroed. Know where the ammo you have

for them will hit at close distance (5-10 yards) and further distance (25-50 yards).

- Learn how to deal with common malfunctions. Purchasing some dummy rounds can help with this.

No. 2: Plan a Surprise. Maybe your family is busy with school and work, and nobody ever seems to have spare time. Plan an event to get your family to the range! Maybe there is a local class, or an admired instructor has an opening. If there is someone from whom your family or significant other would like to learn, reach out to set up some instruction time.

No. 3: Sign Up for a Match. Signing up for a match does not mean that you need to overload yourself with competition gear. Look for a steel match or steel challenge event that doesn't require much besides a firearm, magazines and ammo. You can take your .22-cal. (pistol or rifle) to compete in steel challenge and it doesn't even require a holster or belt; you simply place the firearm back in the case after each course of fire under the direction of the range officer.

No. 4: Practice your Home Defense Plan. If your home defense plan is that you retrieve your handgun from a small handgun vault, bring your vault to the range. Practice retrieving, loading and shooting your firearm. Determine how long it will take you to accomplish this. If your spouse or significant other is part of the plan,

do what you can safely to help them in practicing their roles (e.g., pretend to call 9-1-1 and stay on the line, take the children to the safe room or close etc.). A little time spent understanding how long it would actually take to do the necessary tasks will help you understand if your plan is good. If you have small children, this could also be a time to familiarize them with firearm safety rules and knowing not to touch the firearm, listen to the adults, and do as they are told. Kids like make-believe, so turn it into a game where you are going to pretend to do a certain task while the other parent is practicing accessing and loading the firearm. It doesn't have to be heavy, serious or scary, but training under simple pressure, like a race against the clock. Then go out for ice cream on the way home.

No matter how you have to do it, if getting your family to the range is something that's been at the back of your mind and your subconscious has been telling you to do, take steps to make it happen. Find a reason that your family will find enjoyable or fulfilling, even if that reason is just helping you. ■

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Fixing Fundamentals: Grip—for Any Firearm Platform

by Becky Yackl

Hold on just a minute ... or more!
Here's how to gain and maintain a proper grip on whichever firearm you're working.

In order to shoot a firearm well, you need to hold it. This is called grip. Here's a look at common fundamentals of grip, no matter the firearm platform.

Hold still!

First, it's important to address, minimize and remove the variables introduced by human error that affect how you shoot a firearm.

A gun will be completely still if you shoot it from a rest, like a Ransom Rest, which is commonly used for testing specific ammunition loads in a firearm. The rest keeps the gun so still it removes the variables of human error. There are also specialty fixtures or more portable devices, like the tripods used by PRS shooters, or a rest similar to what F-Class competitors use. The universal constant across these methods is that the firearm is held as still as possible and as many variables that *can* be removed, *are* removed so that consistent and repeatable results can be attained.

When you hold a gun with just your hands, or hands and shoulder, as you would with a rifle or shotgun, you want to do everything to make the process as repeatable as possible. That starts with not letting the gun move around while you hold it.

Be consistent

Consistency is the next key to gripping a firearm well. We grip, stand and



line up the sights, place the sights on target, and pull the trigger the same way each time we shoot—all for consistency.

Be strong

The fact that shooting a firearm produces recoil means that to stay consistent, we must control it. A physical rest (like the rests discussed above), or our bodies, can be moved by recoil. If we allow movement from shot-to-shot, we lose consistency. But strong grip doesn't mean gorilla-level strength!

A subtle facet of strong grip involves surface tension and pliable materials. For example, if we were to lock a pistol with metal grips into a fixture that was not made for it, the abrupt action of

recoil would likely move the firearm in the fixture. Or if we were to lock rubber-coated grips into a fixture contoured specifically to fit them, the firearm could be basically immovable. Your hands can be thought of the same way.

Try this with a friend: Stiffen your hands and try to make them "hard as a rock," and then have your friend put their hand inside yours (like a handshake with two hands). Ask the person to abruptly yank their hand away and out of your grip. Next, do this same thing, but keep your hands more pliable—grip firmly, but don't make your hands "hard." Experiencing this helps a person understand that we don't grip a firearm like we're trying to break it; we grip it firmly and allow

as much surface tension to be built as possible.

Some people prefer silicon carbide, skateboard grip tape, while others prefer stippling as a means of increasing surface tension—all are great tools! They facilitate more surface tension by creating more and smaller interfaces between the person's body and the firearm. Compare that to a slick-feeling, hard polymer pistol grip on a hot day where your hands might feel sweaty, and you might have knees of spaghetti at the prospect of holding that gun tightly!

Here's how to apply these concepts to gripping your firearm:

Holding still can be looked at in two ways: holding yourself still; and holding the firearm still. Holding the firearm still without being still yourself is tricky. So, start with getting yourself still.

Holding yourself still

Establish a proper stance and find your natural point of aim, or index, on the target. Sometimes determining how far out you place your support hand on a rifle or shotgun can be made simpler by taking aim at the target. How you grip can be influenced by whether you set your body up properly. As a beginner, establish what your target is, face it and get an understanding for where you will be shooting and where your body needs to be so that you are able to grip the firearm properly and consistently.

You will see experienced competitive shooters hold their empty shotgun and set up for a clay target—they are

thinking about their swing and where they want to engage the clay. Pistol shooters set up by considering what target they draw to and what direction they will shoot. Rifle shooters will often dry fire and check their natural point of aim. So, holding still while shooting requires that you set up properly before you shoot.

The goal is to hold the firearm without you or it moving around. Even pistol shooters transitioning from target-to-target strive for few variables—they eliminate hunching shoulders, dropping their torso lower or tipping their body as they reload.

Holding the firearm still

This is accomplished by building your grip properly and maintaining the necessary tensions. Whether it's pistol, rifle or shotgun, gripping the gun firmly as required for each platform will help you to hold the gun still (or swing, in the case of a shotgun).

Consistency

Every time you grip your firearm, place your hands in the same place. You can look at pictures of exactly how to do this. What matters is that you do it correctly and consistently each time you shoot. Establish a solid cheek weld on the stock of a rifle or shotgun.

Place the buttstock in the same place in your shoulder. Pull the stock back into your body with your hands. For pistols, we don't have other physical markers (like shoulder pocket or cheek weld), but we build our grip with our hands properly placed and bring it up to eye level the same way each time.

Be strong

When you think about gripping a gun with strength, think about not being limp noodle. Grip the gun firmly and hold your body firmly against recoil.

For some new firearm owners, strength holding a firearm can require some training. That's OK; it's a great excuse to dry fire and hit the gym. Pistols especially can trouble some people, but there are specific exercises to help you build strength. Don't feel like you cannot use a firearm well if it's heavy or it feels awkward. Strength and skill come with work. But on the opposite end of the spectrum, don't expect to wield a heavy rifle or shotgun the same as someone bigger and stronger. Perhaps opt for buying your own gun suited for you!

Working to understand grip, with the knowledge that if we set up to properly grip and hold firearms, we can wield almost any with skill. So do some reading and dry fire, hit the range and gym if needed, but get out there! ■

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Gun Proofing Our Kids: Teaching a Gun Safety Mindset

by B. Gil Horm



Here are a few tips for teaching youth responsible behavior with and around firearms.

There's an old chestnut of shooting sports wisdom that crops up from time to time that goes something like this: The only gun safety mechanism you can rely on to work properly is the one installed between your ears. Before safe gun operations can happen in our hands, they have to happen in our minds. I bring this up here because I believe that at the root of "gun proofing" our children is providing information and instructions that give them both the desire and the means

to behave safely with and around firearms.

Each family is unique. Some parents were raised with shooting sports and traditions that have been handed down for generations. Others are just now learning about firearms safety as they make use of their Second Amendment rights. Kids are different as well. They mature at different rates and vary in temperament. Some require a strong emotional appeal for important principles to sink in while others need to delve into the details to gain a more logical understanding.

I am not here to tell you how to parent when kids should start shooting or how to go about motivating them to follow safe gun-handling practices. That's your job. Instead, I want to share some practices and principles my wife and I have found useful while raising our family around various shooting endeavors. Think of this as a handful of tools to add to the toolbox. Some of them might not be the best fit depending on where your family is along its shooting sports journey while others just might come in handy.

Taking the fun out of forbidden fruit

There is nothing like “forbidden fruit” to inspire youngsters to sneak around, act deceptively and take risks by shimmying up to high shelves to sate their curiosity regarding that mysterious taboo something they’ve been told to never, ever touch! Whether it’s a book, an unmarked box or some long and heavy object wrapped in an old blanket, it must be something truly wonderful if Mom or Dad are so intent on keeping it out of reach. Some inquisitive youths will try to discover the secret on their own while others will tackle the problem by forming a Mission Impossible team with siblings or friends.

A crucial part of protecting curious children from themselves is employing safe gun-storage practices. The subject is covered in this Kid Proof Your Guns article. The other facet, which is just as important, if not more so, is inspiring kids to avoid unauthorized access of firearms in the home.

A strategy that has worked well for us has been the “Familiarity Breeds Boredom” approach. It goes something like this: Hey kiddo, what’s up? You want to look at one of the guns? Sure, I’ve got some time so let’s take one out of the safe for a closer look.

But before we do that, let’s agree on a safe direction for the muzzle. That basement wall, which is backed by several yards of earth, will do the trick. Why do we need a safe direction? Because we always treat a gun as if it is loaded even when we know it isn’t. That means keeping it pointed in a safe direction, and for now it’s that wall

right over there. The gun is going to point that way the whole time we are looking at it. Now step out into the hall for a minute while I open the safe (close the door and retrieve the gun). OK, you can come back in.

Now, I’m going to hold this gun while you and I verify that it is completely unloaded and there is no ammunition in it at all (the parent already conducted a chamber check as the gun was coming out of the safe, so this is a repeat of the procedure). Let’s open up the action and verify the chamber is clear by looking and touching. Do you agree this gun is unloaded? Yep, I do too. Let’s talk about its parts and what they do (time passes).

Oh, you want to hold it now? Well, let’s hold it together. Remember, keep it pointed at that wall and do not touch the trigger at all. We are not at the range and we’re not shooting today so there’s no reason to touch the trigger, right? Got it shouldered? How does that feel? It’s kind of heavy, isn’t it? OK, it’s my turn to hold it by myself again.

So, do you remember what kind of rifle action this is? It’s a lever-action. And do you remember what caliber it is? It’s chambered for .22 Long Rifle. And how do you use the sights? That’s right, the front sight must line up with the rear sight. That’s called forming a sight picture. In fact, I really like the sights on this gun because that green fiber-optic up front is nice and bright in natural light. And even on cloudy days ... what’s that kiddo? You’re ready to be done for now? Really, so soon? You want to go play? OK, that’s fine. I’ll see you later then (and the rifle goes back into the safe).

In short, action movies with actors jumping out of helicopters with guns a-blazing are exciting. Going to the shooting range to punch holes in targets, or out to the farm to knock over soup cans, is a fun family activity. But guns at home are, well, just kind of boring. There’s nothing mysterious about them because they can be looked at and discussed with appropriate adult supervision. But listening to Dad drone on about the differences between single-stage and two-stage triggers is a real yawn fest. And helping Mom to scrub out the bore of a .22 rifle after a plinking session is about as thrilling as washing dishes.

Thus, the enticing forbidden fruit has turned out to be nothing more than another head of broccoli. So, the kids would rather exercise their curiosity in some other pursuit. Some day they will appreciate that the shooting sport broccoli Mom and Dad served up was good for them. But by then they’ll be old enough to purchase rifles of their own.

Team mentoring

For reasons I don’t fully understand (and my parents didn’t either) there are some subjects of conversation that are more readily received when the mentor disseminating the information is someone other than Mom or Dad. When I was growing up, that mentor was my father’s brother, Uncle Jerry. When the extended family gathered for a few days of deer hunting together Jerry rounded up the younger cousins, sat us down and laid down the law regarding gun safety and shooting practices when in camp. He was stern, firm, but fair, so we listened to what he had to say.



As my siblings and I have had families of our own, we've taken turns being "Uncle Jerry" for each other. Many of the cousins are adults now. But when they were younger, we used to come together on Thanksgiving weekends for a family target shooting behind my brother's property. We took turns working with each other's kids. Having an Auntie, an Uncle or a favorite family friend spend time with them, teaching safety rules and giving pointers is more enjoyable and interesting than just another lecture from the parents.

Formal training programs & organized shooting activities

In addition to parents and family mentors, organized instruction and activities can be a great way to teach the basics, learn techniques, answer

questions and make new friends in the shooting sports community. These programs help kids to know that there's nothing weird or strange about being a gun owner in the United States. Many people choose to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights and do so responsibly.

The NRA supports a variety of youth-oriented programs, including the Eddie Eagle program, which teaches younger children what to do in case they find an unsecured firearm. Local shooting ranges often offer in-house instruction while providing facilities for state required hunter's safety training, Boy Scouts of America and National 4-H Shooting Sports endeavors. These programs can provide youth with a much-needed sense of accomplishment. It feels great to see

them smile when they bring home a merit badge, certificate or license that they earned for themselves.

The rules

Let's wrap up this conversation with the NRA's three Gun Safety Rules. Everyone who handles a firearm should know by heart and be able to repeat them from memory. Remember the most reliable safety measures are located between our ears:

- 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 ■

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Women and Firearms

Creating Good Concealed-Carry Habits

by Becky Yackley

Carrying a firearm is like any other skill or tool. The more we practice and know the subject and use of the tool, the better prepared we are to use it.

Women who carry a firearm do so for different reasons. For some, it's a well-established habit; others are new [to the procedure] and still need ideas on how to best implement the practice into their daily lives. Here are a few ways to make carrying a habit that happens easily.

IWB, OWB, Off-Body— All the Acronyms

How you carry depends on certain variables. Those variables might change from day-to-day and person-to-person. Are you doing errands? Do you have to go into buildings where you cannot bring your firearm? Are you going on a long trip through several states with different laws? Are you heading out camping, boating or backpacking? Whatever your adventures are, you might want to carry a firearm. The method that you choose for carrying has a term: IWB means Inside Waistband; OWB means Outside Waistband; and EDC means Every Day Carry. A list of these acronyms can be helpful, but the act of carrying doesn't mean you have to turn yourself into a walking dictionary of terms. What you *do* need is a basic understanding of your options.

The law

In order to figure out your options, start with knowing the laws governing how and where you carry. You need a basic understanding of what is required where you live. Depending on where you work or the places that you frequent, reading up on your local and state laws can be very important.

Choices

The way that you eventually choose to carry is often very personal. But it can be determined by outside forces—like the weather. If it's very hot and you're wearing a tank top and running tights, the OWB holster someone would wear under a light jacket is not going to work. Maybe you carry off-body in something like a fanny pack.

Personally, I don't always have a bag in which I have my gun; most days, I wear it on my body. But when it's hot, it can be easier to have an off-body

carry. I often use a bag with a hook-and-loop system that holds the holster with my firearm in place.

Driving? Hiking? Kayaking? Maybe you just have to go to the grocery store ... whatever it is, work toward developing simple habits and a plan that you can execute and will use versus acquiring the "perfect" set up. This means work on developing a method and gear that you can and *will* use instead of chasing after what a social media influencer suggests about the latest holster they are being paid to advertise. That's because even though you might discover some perfect items, but you're wasting time focusing on that instead of developing good skills. A spendy gadget is never better than time and money spent perfecting skill. I'd rather dry-fire and work on a draw from my current pants and IWB holster and perhaps work on a little live fire at the range than buy a trendy item.

Driving?

If you get into the habit of carrying in your vehicle, whether that's in a bag, or in an appropriate receptacle in your vehicle (based on your state and local laws), it can be a sure way to always have some form of personal protection near at hand. If you are allowed by law to carry in a console or glove box, then ensure you still have a holster or some mechanism to secure the gun so it's not moving or jostled while you travel.

It's also a good idea to keep your firearm separate from where you keep your license and registration. Should you be pulled over by a police officer, you don't want to open a glove box and have the officer see a firearm and make the wrong assumptions about what you are reaching for. A study of your local laws is a good place to begin building habits for carrying in your vehicle.

Understand whether your firearm can be loaded or if it must be unloaded and locked in your trunk. Spare magazines should be kept in a secure place as well, safe from potentially becoming a receptacle for the inevitable piece of dash compartment debris.

Bags and purses

If you carry a bag or a purse, think about something less cumbersome, so you aren't apt to forget it and be without your firearm if needed. Lugging around a giant bag isn't fun—between fanny packs and cross body bags there are plenty of options. Practice your draw (using an empty gun of course!) with any bag that you use and make sure that your ability to access your firearm, draw and reload is not hampered by the configuration, zippers, straps, etc.

Recreational vehicles

Maybe your recreational vehicle is the baby jogger that you are pushing around the block, maybe it's a side-by-side as you work on a farm, or maybe it's a boat ... whatever your recreational style, look for a couple things as you prepare to carry:

- Clear access to firearm.
- No risk of flagging others, especially when drawing.
- Failproof method of securing the firearm during movement so it cannot fall out of your rec vehicle. This could be a dash-mounted holster with locking mechanism, a gun rack or a bag you would use in your car.
- Clear understanding of laws governing transporting firearm in your rec vehicle (e.g., a side-by-side on a paved road might be subject to the same rules as a car and a boat might have its own set of restrictions).



On your body

The simplest and surest way to have your firearm handy is to wear it on your body. If you build your wardrobe thinking about just the basics (a shirt and pants), you will very likely tend toward inside the waistband as a method of carrying. If you're driving or in a recreational vehicle, on-body carry solves the concerns about where the firearm is secured. If you're hiking, running, shopping ... basically, anywhere you and your firearm can legally be—the way to ensure you have it is to have it on you.

Tips to make on-body carry work:

- Choose pants, shorts or a skirt with a waistband that will

support a firearm and allow you to draw safely.

- Select shirts that allow you to access the firearm easily. If you want to conceal, this tends to mean a looser, non-restrictive shirt. However, keep in mind that anything with too much material can potentially end up in the way of your firearm as you re-holster or try to change mags.
- Find a lightweight holster that doesn't add a lot of bulk to your firearm ... look for one with fabric that protects your firearm from sweat, but still stays put.
- Consider carry leggings or shorts that have a method for securing your firearm built-in. A corset

might also be a great option, since some clothes have no pockets.

- Being comfortable and confident with your firearm and the use of it is the best accessory to carrying one.

In the end, carrying a firearm is like any other skill or tool. The more we practice and know the subject and use of the tool, the better prepared we are to use it. ■

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2023 Camp Perry National Pistol Matches

by Bob Henschel

This year, the Civilian Marksmanship Program National Pistol Matches were held at Camp Perry on the shores of Lake Erie from July 9-16, 2023.

Through the combined efforts of Bob Henschel, Jim Hitt and Bruce Martindale, NYSRPA was able to field three 4-man teams for the 2700 Aggregate match, and two 4-man teams for the National Trophy Team (Hardball) matches. Shooters from all over New York state—from Brooklyn to Buffalo—traveled to the historic Camp Perry facility in Port Clinton, Ohio to compete on the New York state team.

The 2700 Aggregate Teams consisted of:

NYSRPA RICH: Jim Hitt (C), Rick Powers, Mike Colwell and Bruce Martindale

NYSRPA CASSIDY: Bob Henschel (C), Dennis Sekuterski, Tim Sekuterski, Dennis Bennett and Jim Okiec

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As in the past, shooting conditions at Camp Perry were extremely variable. Participants had to contend with 30



2023 NYS PISTOL TEAM

Front Row (L-R): Jim Hitt, Rick Powers, Tim Sekuterski, Jim Okiec, Bob Henschel, Mike Cowell, Dennis Sekuterski, Konstatin Pitsoulis and Bruce Martindale.

Back Row (L-R) Dennis Bennett, Yoketing Eng, Dennis Dittrich and Bill Woodworth.
Steve Kravak for Camp Perry

to 40 mph gusty winds; sunny, calm 80-degree days; and range evacuations due to heavy, severe thunderstorms. Further, a Coast Guard search-and-rescue mission in Lake Erie (in the vicinity of the camp) resulted in the .22 INDIVIDUAL/TEAM matches being canceled.

In addition to the Team events, two of the team members excelled in their individual matches. Konstatin Pitsoulis finished 8th overall in the National Trophy Individual (Hardball) match with an outstanding score of 286 – 8X, in a field of 338 competitors. Additionally, Bruce Martindale finished as Overall First Senior for the .22 Aggregate Match with a score of 1683 – 49X. Congratulations to both.

Continuing the traditions from previous years, a team dinner was held at the “Que” restaurant, and it was attended by all 13 team members and four wives. The food and service were both excellent and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and opportunity to relax from the hectic shooting schedule.

In spite of the adversities, all the team members indicated they had a great time, and we are making plans for attending next year's competitions. The results for all the teams and individual scores can be found at <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&tab=results&match=24489>. ■

Eight Great Backcountry Defense Guns

by Brad Fitzpatrick



A few years ago, I read an article similar to this one that listed the greatest risks to hunters, anglers and hikers in the remote backcountry regions in North America. Grizzly bears were on the list, which isn't surprising considering the uptick in bear encounters in states like Montana and Wyoming. Falls were a significant threat, and so were drowning and hypothermia. But the number one risk facing anyone who heads into the wilderness is actually one of the characteristics that draws most of us to these areas in the first place—their remoteness.

If you're going to play in the backcountry that means you have to survive in the backcountry, and

sometimes that takes resilience. You need to be able to find shelter, navigate, locate water and food, and defend yourself. The latter usually requires a firearm regardless of whether you need to protect yourself against two- or four-legged predators.

The closest call I've had was on a family hike where a careless dog owner and his ill-mannered, free-ranging dogs nearly ended in tragedy, and since then I don't go into the wilderness without a firearm close at hand. I've carried several guns through the years, some that I liked and some that I didn't. But the guns listed here are ones with which I've had personal experience and I'm a fan of them all. Here are my picks for eight great backcountry backup guns.

1. Marlin 1895 Trapper



Why I Love It: Compact and easy to carry, the Marlin is suitable for stopping even the largest predator in its tracks.

When Ruger purchased Marlin in 2005, there were high hopes that the latter would return to prominence, and that's exactly what happened. Today's Marlin rifles are better than any to come before them, and the new 1895 Trapper is their best backcountry defense weapon in the company's history. It's chambered in the formidable .45-70

and comes with a threaded 16.17-inch barrel, laminate stock and satin stainless finish on the metalwork. Length is just over 34 inches, so you can slide it in a saddlebag or boot on your ATV, and at just 7 pounds, you can even pack this gun into the great beyond without much discomfort. The Skinner adjustable peep/blade sight setup is rugged and allows you to get on target in a hurry. It's also surprisingly precise, and with a bit of practice a group of writers I was with managed to smack a deer-sized steel target at 200 yards with those sights on a fairly regular basis offhand. I like handguns in the backcountry, but if I had my druthers, I'd much sooner have this .45-70 loaded with hot hard-

cast bullets between me and a charging bear than any handgun.

MSRP: \$1,449; marlinfirearms.com

2. Ruger Redhawk/Super Redhawk



Why I Love It: Ruger's robust double-action wheelgun offers enough options that you can choose the big bore revolver that's perfect for you.

Bill Ruger was an exceptionally talented gun designer, and his double-action .44 Magnum Redhawk helped set the standard for big bore revolvers. Originally offered in .44 Magnum, the Redhawk is also available today in .357 Magnum and .45 Auto. Step up to the Super Redhawk and in addition to .44 Magnum offerings there are also .454 Casull and .480 Ruger options. These guns are built with high-quality steel and the durable finishes can withstand the worst weather conditions, and they have proven to be exceptionally reliable for generations. My personal choice would be the relatively new .357 Magnum 8-shot 4.2-inch barrel model, but if I were headed into bear country, a .454 Casull Super Redhawk Alaska

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would be my choice. With its 2.5-inch barrel the Super Redhawk Alaskan measures just 7.62-inches long, about an inch shorter than my 10mm 1911. The Super Redhawk Alaskan isn't exactly light at 44 ounces, but it rides very comfortably in a chest holster—and you'll rest comfortably knowing that it's close at hand. The chest holster is ideal because it supports the gun's weight comfortably and keeps it out of the way when wearing waders. The .454 Casull is a wrecking ball, but I've shot this revolver with .45 Colt ammunition and it's actually very pleasant.

MSRP: \$1,509 (Super Redhawk Alaskan); ruger.com

3. 1911 10mms



Why I Love Them: A Trim 10mm 1911 rides close to the body and offers plenty of power on tap.

When I started scribbling a list of my favorite backcountry guns, several were 1911 10mms, and that list includes guns from Kimber, Rock Island Armory, Colt, Springfield Armory and

others. So long as the 1911 10mm you choose is well-built and you practice with it, I feel any of them will work. The 10mm was famously snubbed by the FBI because recoil was simply too great for some employees, but for experienced shooters, the 10mm is manageable. A recent survey of Alaskan bear attack victims clearly shows that the 10mm works (every respondent lived and killed the bear both black and grizzly—with the 10mm), and the 1911 fits close against the body and is safe to carry cocked and locked. My go-to Alaska rig is a Rock Island TAC FS 10mm in a Kenai chest holster and loaded with full-power hard cast bullets, although RIA's new Rock Ultra HC double-



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stack 10mm 1911 might be a better option simply because it offers 16 rounds of 10mm ammunition. If I had to choose just one 10mm backcountry gun that would be the winner.

MSRP: \$849 (RIA Rock Ultra HC 10mm); armcor.com

4. Smith & Wesson 69 Combat Magnum



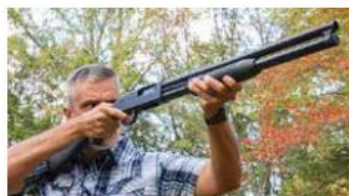
Why I Love It: Relatively light and easy to carry, the five-shot .44 Magnum is suitable griz stopper.

Unlike most Smith & Wesson .44s, which are built on the company's large N-Frame, the 69 Combat Magnum is built on the slightly smaller L-Frame. It's still sturdy enough to handle full-house .44 Magnum loads, but capacity is reduced to five rounds. The major payoff for the gun's smaller size is reduced weight; at around 34-ounces, this is one of the lightest .44 Magnums you can carry and one of the only ones you can effectively conceal. With hot .44 Mag. defensive loads, the 69 Combat magnum is certainly a handful, but it's manageable. Load it down with lighter .44 Special defense loads when you're not in bear country, and it's one of the sweetest-shooting carry revolvers available today. If

I were going to spend every day in grizzly country, I'd probably opt for Smith & Wesson's Model 29/629 or Ruger's Redhawk/Blackhawk revolvers, but the Model 69 Combat Magnum will get the job done and it makes more sense for those of us who only occasionally drift into big bear territory.

MSRP: \$979; smith-wesson.com

5. Maverick 88 Security 12-Gauge



Why I Love It: This \$200 workaday pump is a backpacker's best friend.

A few years ago, I tested Maverick's 88 Security pump-action shotgun, and I was so impressed that I kept it. I put a lot of shells through the gun during testing and found out that I would wear out way before the Maverick. At 6½ pounds and just over 40-inches long, it's the perfect firearm to slide under the seat of a pickup or place in the rack of a side-by-side, and with eight rounds of 12-gauge magnum loads on tap, the Maverick makes a trustworthy companion in bear country. What's more, you load it up with No. 8 target loads, and it's great for potting grouse and rabbits for the campfire or dispatching venomous snakes. The Maverick 88 Security is an austere shotgun that comes with

a basic black polymer stock, bead sight and blued finish, but the steel-to-steel lockup, dual extractors and twin action bars all but guarantee that this gun will keep running under any circumstances. And nothing says "see right there" to a large predator quite like a 12-gauge slug at close range.

MSRP: \$262; mossberg.com

6. Striker-Fired 9mm Carry Pistol



Why I Love It: Familiarity breeds contempt? Nah. Familiarity means you'll have a gun when you need it and know how to use it.

A lot of "best guns for the backcountry"-style articles focus exclusively on the wilderness, but there are dangers that lurk on the state park trails and bike paths around your home, too. A few years ago, I wrote a piece on the dangers of running unarmed, and during my research I was alarmed to learn just how many instances of assault and attempted abduction occur on the same paved and manicured trails where so many suburbanites put in miles in anticipation of their next

10K race. Additionally, my collection of friends who bike, hike, hunt, fish and generally spend time in nature also have more collected scars from attacks by domestic dogs than wild animals, so it's not just bears and cougars that might attack you, and while I myself am a dog owner, I'm not going to let someone's 90-pound rescue mongrel chew my calf muscle into kibble while the owner tries to placate their hellhound. We tend to view natural areas as "safer" because there are more trees and fewer people, but let this serve as a reminder that when you need a firearm you need it badly. You're more likely to carry that 9mm semiauto pistol that rides in an IWB holster on your belt every day than your Ruger .454 Casull in a chest rig, so even if what takes you outside is more an escape to the edge of the 'burbs than a wilderness adventure you should still be able to defend yourself.

7. TNW Aero Survival Rifle



Why I Love It: This pistol caliber carbine is easy to carry and it's an ideal defensive weapon in the most remote areas.

Pistol caliber carbines, or PCCs, have become popular in recent years. Of all these guns perhaps TNW's Aero Survival Rifle is most sensible because it allows you to not only disassemble the gun for carry but you can also

swap calibers and use your favorite Glock pistol magazines. It's available in common calibers like the 10mm Auto and 9mm Luger, but you can also have one in more oddball flavors like .460 Rowland. The barrel is threaded for suppression and the top rail has plenty of space for mounting optics. Personally, I'd add a pair of flip-up iron backup sights that are co-witnessed with a reflex sight, and I'd choose the 10mm Auto version. Disassembled length is 17.25 inches, and the unloaded and unscoped weight of the gun is about 5½ pounds. Its AR-style stock is adjustable, there are a variety of color options, and the blowback design is well thought-out and functions reliably. The TNW Aero Survival rifle is light enough and compact enough for day trips, but if I were venturing deep in the wilderness in a fixed-wing plane, boat, UTV or truck, you can bet I'd have one of these in a bag with a box or two of ammunition.

MSRP: \$919; tnwfirearms.com

8. Savage Model 42 Takedown



Why I Love It: A defensive gun that'll help you procure food in the wilderness.

The Savage Model 42 is an over/under combo gun that offers a rimfire (.22 LR or .22 WMR) barrel on top and a .410 shotgun barrel on bottom. The gun is hammer-fired, easy to operate and disassemble, and it weighs 6 pounds. At less than 3 feet in length it's easy to pack, and while the .22/.410 combo isn't ideal for stopping big bears, this gun is certainly suitable for defense against most threats you encounter in the wild. Plus, it offers diverse load selection. You could carry a Punch .22 (either WMR or LR depending how the gun is chambered) round in the top barrel and one of the various .410 defensive loads in the bottom. You could then switch to plinking ammunition or light .410 shells to secure some food in the backcountry. The rugged design means this gun will stand up to the abuse of backcountry adventure and its simple-to-operate design won't get fouled up by dust and debris. It's admittedly a gun that's more about practicality than personal defense, but it serves both roles in the most remote corners of the country.

MSRP: \$559; savagearms.com

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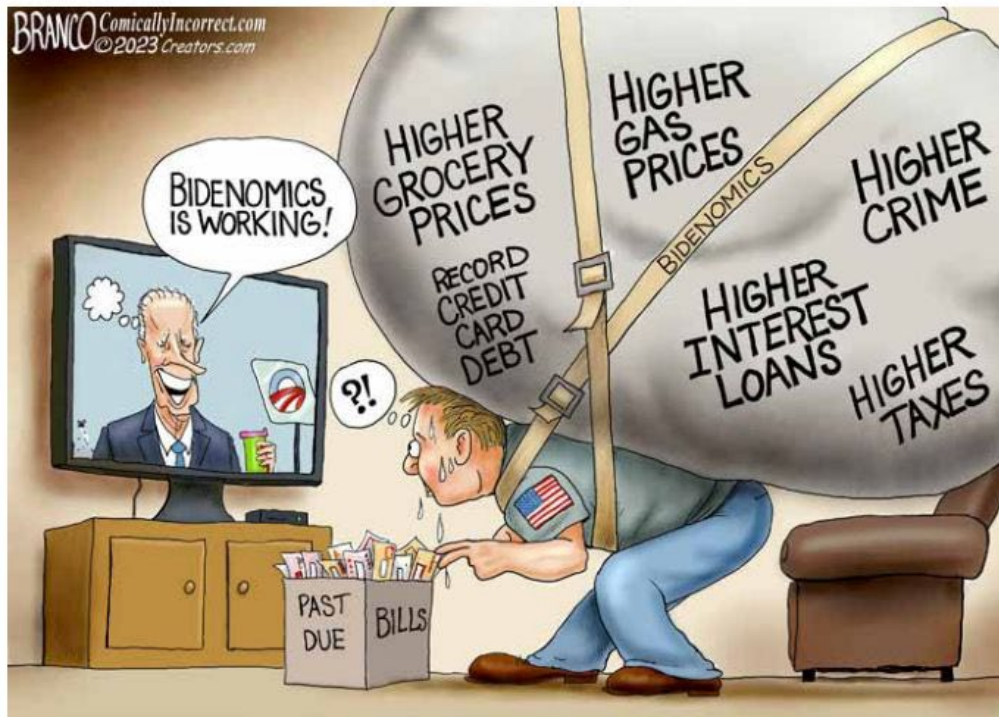
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My Little Cousin Jacob LaPell is At It Again

by Nancy Lewandus

A little refresher on Jacob. He is a 13-year-old boy born and raised in Pottersville, N.Y. Jacob is an avid shooter who also enjoys fishing, car shows, aviation courses, and now he will be participating in the 4H Archery program this fall. Jacob started competitive shooting in July 2020—after several years of shooting. Jacob enjoys shooting several different muzzle loaders and he has much success.

In August 2023, Jacob competed at the Old Saratoga Muzzle Loading Club, during which he won first place in the Sub Junior Rifle match for 13 and under using his dad's Zouave Musket.

If your child is active in children's shooting sports and you would like them featured in our magazine, please email at info@nysrpa.org. ■



Jacob LaPell with the medal he won participating in sub junior Rifle 13 and under match.

Here Jacob stands with a Matchlock—Jacob hasn't competed with this gun yet, but he enjoys shooting it.

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Nancy's Corner

by Nancy Lewanduski

Get out and vote

It's that time of year again. You got it—time to get out there and VOTE! When we don't vote, we let them win. You may be asking who they are. Well, I would describe that as those who want to take our rights away. That would be those who look at our Constitution and spit on it. Our country was built on protecting the people. We immigrated here to protect our freedoms, and when we don't practice our constitutional right to vote we give up our freedoms!

When our country was founded, it was on the basis of freedom—freedom from the Motherland. The Declaration of Independence was written to establish the government's structure and to continue to secure the rights of American citizens. We the people

employ the government. We need to let them know that we know that *we* are in charge, and we will no longer sit and watch them infringe on every single right we have.

Voting these people out of office is our only chance! If we could get every gun owner out there to vote this upcoming election, we could actually change things. Do you know a gun owner who doesn't vote? I bet we all know a few. Talk to them. Get them out there this November.

Our government wants to address everything, except the problem we really have—*crime* and *criminals*!

Passing gun-safety laws effect no one except law-abiding citizens. We are the ones who have always followed the law. We did what we needed to do to assure that we kept our rights—only to be



told there's more regulation and more rules. Yet, we sit here and watch the tragedy unfold before us: The tragedy of those who choose to break the law get away with it, while our government continuously makes laws to help those who commit crimes and makes laws against those who don't. Take a stand this November, show them we will no longer stand for it! ■

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