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COMPETITION

Competition is a fundamental aspect of human interaction and a key function in social development. Competition drives innovation, growth, and progress. Competition can be found in every aspect of our society.

We see companies compete for market share, customer loyalty and higher profit margins. We see competition in academics. Students compete for the best grades, scholarships, or admissions to higher more prestigious institutions of higher learning.

We see animals compete for resources like food, territory, or mates. We see competitions in politics for votes or more power to define how policies are defined and countries are governed.

Most importantly we see competition in sports and games to win titles trophies and recognition. Sometimes we compete as a team and sometimes we are driven to compete alone.

THE 2024 WORLD SPEED SHOOT IS COMPLETE

I was fortunate enough to attend the Ruger World Speed Shoot last week and I saw competition at it's best. Some of these guys and girls are wicked fast shooters. The good thing is the competition is more about self-improvement than beating down the competition. I went to that tournament a C class shooter. I was never made to feel inferior, a little intimidated maybe, but all the competitors wanted to see you improve. I made B class by the way, even with several gun malfunctions. The shooting sport is well worth looking into to fulfill those competitive juices.

Natural Right Firearms Range is like a football field, a baseball field, or a basketball court. It is where you go to compete. Fortunately, we have many places in the area where matches are hosted each week. Also shooting sports are fun for the whole family. I was amazed at how many women and youth were shooting at the world speed shoot last week. And those youth are super-fast. That is surprising considering shooting has a reputation for being a male dominated sport.

Speaking of competition, I want to give a shout out to one of our range members. Last week when I was shooting at the world speed shoot Brayden Herrington went to shoot the 2024 Alabama State USPSA Championship. He placed 13th overall, 5th in Open and Top Junior shooter. He has recently been sponsored by Masterpiece Arms. Congratulations Brayden, all the hard work is paying off.

One thing I have always told students in my classes, if you are going to carry a weapon for self-defense you should train with a firearm

regularly. Shooting sports is an excellent way to achieve that training. There are ample venues and opportunities to satisfy the competitive itch and to train to be a responsibly armed citizen.

SPONSORSHIPS

Last month I mentioned NRF was going to be hosting a Tier II Steel Challenge match in Early November. I want to thank some initial Sponsors for their commitment to support our match. I have created a Facebook page [Magnolia State Steel Challenge Championship](#) to give them recognition leading up to the match. We are still looking for match sponsors to help build the shooting industry in this area and to support prizes for match participants. I want to thank the initial sponsors for their commitment to support our match this year. Please give your support to these companies.



Hunters HD Gold
 Match Tracker
 Mantis X
 Shooters Connection
 Vortex Optics
 Volquartsen Firearms
 RangeStore.net/Steel Target Panit
 Maxt Sportswear
 Make Ready Shooters Tables
 Computer Brilliance



Charity Stage to support
 Homes of Hope to Children in Crisis



Follow the Facebook page for more details of the match. The goal is to have Practiscore registration up on July 1. If you would be willing to serve as a range officer, please send me an email with your first gun choice which will be free and I will register it for you, also your shirt size so I can provide match Jersey for RO's. Lunch will be provided each day you RO also.

TRAINING

Squib loads are frequently seen in competitive shooting. They can be extremely dangerous, so we need to be aware of the potential each time we make ready to shoot. So, what is a squib and what causes them. A squib round is a round fired that does not have enough force behind it to exit the barrel. What makes them dangerous is not that round it is the next round

fired that has nowhere to go giving the weapon the potential to catastrophically fail. Either a weak weapon will burst the barrel, or a stronger one will just pile up projectiles one behind the other, usually damaging the barrel beyond repair.

Everyone probably has recalled instances where squibs are detected. I had a friend who I won't mention by his real name but let's call him wood chuck since he shoots my stage props, a lot. He was shooting a PCC and the chamber gasses were coming back toward him, nothing coming out the other end and yet his finger still kept touching the trigger. Looks like about 6 times stacked up in the barrel. Needless to say, it was ruined. Luckily it was a well-built gun and did not explode.



So, what do we do when a potential squib is noticed. Unlike my friend, STOP. Empty the chamber and rod the barrel to determine if there is a projectile in there. In shooting sports, we reload most of our own ammunition. We are human and make mistakes. We miss a powder charge and pop there is enough power from the primer to get the bullet out of the cartridge but not down the barrel. The next round could be dangerous. Many people remember the actor Brandon Lee was killed on the set of *The Crow*. What they don't know it was a squib round left in the gun from a previous shot and the dummy round forced the squib out that hit and fatally wounded him. Be careful out there. Have fun but be safe.

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