

# NATURAL RIGHT

## FIREARMS

### NEWSLETTER

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#### TO BRACE OR NOT TO BRACE

Gun laws are so hard to follow. I'm speaking of the pistol brace laws. I had a guy ask if he could shoot his SBR (Short Barrel Rifle) in a match recently. He said it had a pistol brace on it. I said it would be fine if he had the registration stamp. He said he did not so I told him he probably should not since it was not legal. I was wrong. I had not done my diligence in keeping up with the Pistol brace Bruhaha as Lt Gormley would say.

Where has common sense gone. It is definitely not common anymore. The reason for pistol brace rule is to prevent someone from having a SBR that could be shouldered for better accuracy. Let's ask the commonsense question, if you are planning to shoot people will you follow the law on having a gun with a pistol brace that is able to be shouldered?

#### PISTOL BRACES

Are pistol braces legal again? Apparently so. It is so hard to keep up with this. As of November 8, 2023, the January 31, 2023, ATF ban was ruled unlawful and overreaching. So, we can sell and use pistol braces again without having the NFA regulatory power attached while the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals injunction is in place. Obviously, this can be reversed by the supreme court but who knows when this will be.

This back and forth has been going on for 12 years since the brace was initially approved by the ATF in 2012. Just like any shooting sports people started gaming the system and started using them to shoulder an SBR. The original design was just to be able to stabilize a short barrel rifle and shoot one handed. Now that millions of them have been sold the ATF started to become aware people were intentionally or unintentionally using them to shoulder these guns. Now we have this back and forth about whether they are legal or not.



So, in January of 2023 everyone who had these had to jump through hoops to register their guns in fear of becoming a felon. Lawsuits were filed for and against them and the real felons are none the wiser. I just

want to be a law-abiding citizen but excuse me for saying we have a bunch of morons drafting legislation that will do absolutely nothing to prevent someone who wants to break the law and go on a killing spree from doing so. That's just my two cents on something you haven't even considered an issue.

#### RANGE COOKOUT



We are doing something a little different in April. No, it's not an April fool match. I will be running a five-stage Hit Factor match and at the same time a five-stage steel challenge match. There will be two separate matches run concurrently, (for some of you south MS guys that means at the same time). You will be able to shoot in one or both matches. After the morning shoots we will be having a range cookout. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips and a slice of Belinda's delicious cakes.

People who want to shoot both matches will shoot hit factor match in the morning and steel challenge after the cookout. If just participating in the hit factor match only you will shoot in the morning. Also, if you plan to shoot in only the steel challenge you

will shoot only in morning squad. Go to the cookout then home to do honey dos. Or bring the whole family to the cookout. There will be a signon on Practiscore for the cookout, \$10 per plate, current range members eat free. We will have cornhole toss, horseshoes, and just a time of relaxation after the match.

## THE RANGE

I shared a good bit last month talking about range membership, so I won't go over that again. I would like to share that we will handle range memberships on Practiscore going forward. Range dues will be due on March 1<sup>st</sup> every year and new memberships will be prorated to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Active members will renew when their membership is due, and it will be prorated to March 1. Remember there are other benefits to club/range membership, like match fee discounts, gun shop discounts, and in April a free cookout.

The new bay expansion is going well. I want to thank my neighbor and his crew for all their hard work building the new bays. This will allow us to keep at least 4 Steel challenge stages always set up for practice by range members. Also, we can offer the range for the State Steel Challenge match. We will be sharing more on that in upcoming months. We will be holding a super level 1 USPSA match this year. We are looking at early October or possibly the regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday match but a 10-stage match with some winner and drawing prizes for participants.

## TRAINING

What is imminent danger?

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*Executive Editor of Concealed Carry Magazine* gives three essential elements that give you justification to shoot. A weapon, Intent, and a Delivery System

He says A weapon does not have to be a gun. It can be any instrument that when used in an attack is likely to cause death or great bodily harm. Knives and impact weapons can certainly become weapons when used in an assault, but so can fists and feet.

As of 2014, the last year for which statistics were published, more than 600 murders were committed by "unarmed" persons. A disparity of force, whether it be the size of the attacker, the number of attackers or the training and experience the attacker brings to the fight, can be the "weapon." Basically, if you reasonably believe that person attacking you can cause death or great bodily harm you may use an appropriate level of force to stop the assault.

Intent can be declared, or it can be implied. Declared intent is simple. Someone may clearly declare intent by saying, "I'm going to kill you." Implied intent includes actions that show the potential victim that the attacker is likely to use the weapon (as described above) in the assault. If you have clearly ordered a person to stay away from you and that person keeps coming, you can, considering the totality of the circumstances, reasonably assume that person intends to do you harm. Again, this is based on the totality of the circumstances and the prosecutor will conduct a thorough investigation to insure your version of events meets the standard for justifiable use of force.

Delivery System simply means that the attacker has the means to carry out the threat; to use that weapon as part of a deadly assault. The classic example is a man across the street, in a wheelchair, waving a knife, screaming that he will kill you. Because of the distance, his limited mobility and style of weapon he is using, this threat is not imminent. The same man, in the same wheelchair, 15 feet away from you with a gun is an imminent deadly threat and you should act accordingly to protect your life.

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