



# Tactical Talk

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"...Virtually never are murderers the ordinary, law-abiding people against whom gun bans are aimed. Almost without exception, murderers are extreme aberrants with lifelong histories of crime, substance abuse, psychopathology, mental retardation and/or irrational violence against those around them, as well as other hazardous behavior, e.g., automobile and gun accidents."

— **Don B. Kates**,  
writing on statistical  
patterns in gun crime

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## Upcoming *Rangemaster* Classes!

### Vehicle Defense Course

at Rangemaster, June 25, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Car-jackings are common in Memphis, and a great deal of violence occurs around your car. Parking lots are prime locations for robberies and rapes. This one evening class is focused on remaining safe in these environments. Includes classroom and range time. You will need approximately 150 rounds of ammunition. Students should be prior graduates of at least Level II Handgun.

### Defensive Shotgun Match

at Rangemaster, June 28, Sunday, 6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

Very few of us get a chance to use our shotguns for practice under the conditions involved in defending one's home or business. Here's your chance! We'll shoot some standard exercises for warm-up, then some challenging tactical drills. You will need about 25 rounds of buckshot—no slugs. Entry fee is only \$20.00. To attend, you must be a prior graduate of one of our shotgun training courses.

### Dynamic Marksmanship Course

at Rangemaster, July 18-19, Saturday-Sunday

This course is intended to polish your handgun skills to an extremely high level. There is very little classroom time, but LOTS of shooting. The drills are designed to hone specific skills, making you both faster and more accurate under stressful conditions. We'll be on the range from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days, and each student will expend between 1,000 and 1,200 rounds of ammunition. Students must be prior graduates of at least Level II Handgun here, or Tactical Response's Fighting Pistol, Gunsite 250, Thunder Ranch Defensive Handgun I, or equivalent.



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# Tactical Conference 2009 Match Standings

Ninety-one of the attendees competed in a tactically oriented shooting match. The results were as follows:

Champion	90.97	Myrin Young	47	178.61	Brandon Bennett
Second Place	92.79	Randy Richardson	48	182.88	Glenn Meyer
Third Place	108.01	Mike Brown <i>High Lawman</i>	49	184.42	Karl Rehn
Fourth Place	111.26	John Hearne	50	184.86	Joy Birdsong
Fifth Place	112.74	Steve Moses	51	185.14	Dave Garren
Sixth Place	113.66	Thad Espy	52	188.85	Tim Marler
Seventh Place	114.10	Will Andrews	53	189.30	Jerry McKenzie
Eighth Place	114.19	Ryan Adams	54	189.71	Steven Cornell
Ninth Place	122.34	J.C. Faircloth	55	193.97	Bill Brollier
Tenth Place	122.48	Hany Mahmoud	56	198.34	David Burrows
11	124.78	Jim Darnell	57	203.20	Soren Lohmar
12	127.10	Michael Delaney	58	204.14	Craig Harper
13	129.56	Spencer Keepers	59	209.39	Dennis McCarthy
14	129.77	Chuck Chow	60	213.70	Keith Pridgen
15	129.90	John Parker	61	213.96	Goetz Stobbe
16	131.72	Marty Hayes	62	217.00	Jerry Land
17	131.73	Charles Cowden	63	219.14	Mark Meyer
18	131.91	Pat Birdsong	64	220.69	Michael Bane
19	139.27	William Aprill	65	221.06	Adios Jordan
20	139.31	Bill Achor	66	225.20	William O'Brian
21	139.83	Derek Jones	67	230.13	Vincent Shuck
22	140.39	Russell Staton	68	238.16	Jeff Tinsely
23	145.48	Chris Frantz	69	241.31	Steve Palmer
24	146.79	Massad Ayoob	70	247.85	David Barnes
25	148.23	Kenneth Steadman	71	249.24	Ryan McEachern
26	148.30	Bill Baker	72	256.83	Clint Ancker
27	151.31	Patrick Jones	73	323.02	Jim Hewins
28	153.45	Justin Galindo	74	347.05	Will Phillips
29	154.07	Steve Clay	75	354.25	Mitch McBroom
30	154.91	Nikki Leach	76	359.01	Paul White
31	155.62	James Hodgkin	77	364.39	Michele Kamp
32	156.22	David Hatch	78	375.20	Perry Breithaupt
33	157.27	Mike Seeklander	79	382.33	Bonnie Adams
34	158.01	Ron Winsett	80	385.93	Othello Rowland
35	158.68	Paul Winsett	81	409.51	Dave Chandler
36	160.04	Archie Kirchner	82	417.26	Lance Smith
37	160.30	Scott Sanford	83	433.14	Tom Champion
38	162.49	Mark Walters	84	433.74	John Farnam
39	165.50	Gail Pepin <i>High Lady</i>	85	453.73	Candy Land
40	165.82	J. Monkman	86	456.43	Doug Smith
41	166.03	M. Birdsong	87	473.70	William Beard
42	168.51	Dave Pyle	88	557.98	Wayne Roberts
43	171.49	Matt Fields	89	1254.72	Blake Berretta
44	173.54	Tom Hogel	90	1284.29	Sam Galvez
45	178.06	Lynn Givens	91	1333.30	Lee Wilson
46	178.44	Dan Kohr			

## Tactical Conference 2009, After Action Report

On April 24-26, Rangemaster conducted the annual Tactical Conference at the beautiful and spacious facilities of the United States Shooting Academy in Tulsa, OK. USSA has one of the largest and most modern shooting range complexes in the country, and it was a great venue for our event. About 150 defensive arts practitioners from all over the United States attended this year. We ran a very tactically oriented match, and at the same time, 18 well known trainers conducted instructional blocks at various locations throughout the complex. Attendees were free to take part in as many of these two-hour training blocks as time permitted. The trainers and their topics included:

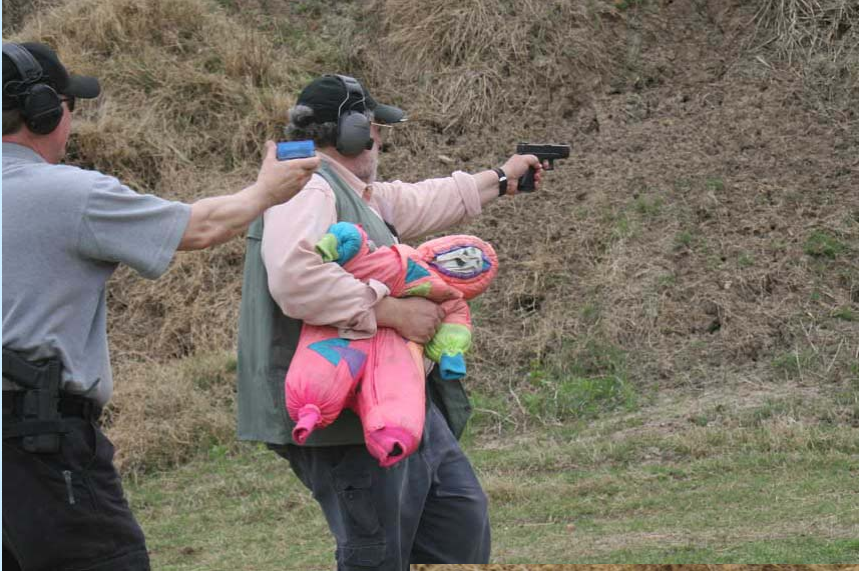
- ◆ Massad Ayoob, "Shooting Incidents, Managing the Aftermath"
- ◆ John Farnam, "Urban Rifle, the AR and its Alternatives"
- ◆ Rob Pincus and Paul White, "Combat Focus Shooting" (live fire)
- ◆ T.J. Pilling, "Defensive Shotgun" (live fire)
- ◆ Glenn Meyer, PhD, "Modern Psychology and Firearms Usage"
- ◆ John Hearne, "The Newhall Massacre and its Training Implications"
- ◆ Steve Moses, "The AK-47 as a Pick-Up Weapon", (live fire)
- ◆ Southnarc, "Managing Unknown Contacts" (hands on)
- ◆ William Aprill, "Violent Actors, Violent Acts, an Overview"
- ◆ Marty Hayes, JD, "Reducing Firearms Instructor Liability"
- ◆ Karl Rehn, "Force on Force Scenarios with Airsoft Munitions" (live)
- ◆ Mike Brown, "Weapon Access in a Clinch", (hands on)
- ◆ Skip Gochenour, "Criminal Psychology"
- ◆ Paul Gomez, "On Scene First-Aid for Traumatic Injuries"
- ◆ Hany Mahmoud, "Islamic Terror Groups"
- ◆ Will Andrews, "Shooting on the Move" (live fire)
- ◆ Mike Seeklander, "Wounded/Disabled Shooter Drills", (live fire).

Attendees were treated to extensive live-fire, hands-on, and classroom training opportunities, in addition to an exciting live fire match program. The match consisted of a very realistic problem in the Shoot-House, with reactive, 3D mannequin targets, bystanders, movement through a structure, distraction devices (loud explosions) and other stressors. The outdoor stages included Standard Exercises, a classic Dozier Drill, and a stage in which the shooter had to rescue a toddler. The child rescue stage involved rapid movement, carrying a fat, heavy three-year old (a dummy), engaging targets en route to cover, and engaging threats from cover without hitting bystander targets in the line of fire. Great stuff!

There were about 150 practitioners on hand, including our staff and the guest instructors. Many of the participants chose to attend more training blocks, rather than shoot the match, so only 91 shooters completed the match. Their scores are listed below. We also had a side match limited to Back-Up Guns. The BUG match was slugged out by 29 competitors, with Hany Mahmoud taking First Place, Myrin Young in Second, and Massad Ayoob coming in Third.

Twenty members of the Rangemaster staff traveled to Tulsa to run this event, and they did an outstanding job. The staff set up and shot the match on Friday, then spent all day Saturday and Sunday running attendees through the various stages. The event closed on time and with no problems, despite threatening weather. The USSA staff was also highly professional and helpful, making our job much easier. Our sincere thanks to all who worked this major event.

The 2010 conference will be back at USSA next Spring. Check [www.rangemaster.com](http://www.rangemaster.com) soon for details.



Here a practitioner carries a child while engaging kidnapers while on the move. This was a challenging drill.

Karl Rehn ran a series of realistic simulations involving Airsoft guns and gear. Here a man is confronted by a carjacking, and he has to react to a live opponent.



Several female shooters took part in the tactical handgun match. Here, Gail Pepin works her way toward her High Lady win.



There were a number of classroom presentations by nationally recognized trainers, including Massad Ayoob.

Tom Givens (left) presents a trophy to Mike Brown, a Sergeant with the Tulsa Police Dept and an instructor at USSA. Mike took Third Place overall honors as well as the High Lawman trophy.



The USSA complex includes a large meeting area and numerous ranges. This is a first class operation!

# Reading Targets, Spotting & Correcting Errors

By Tom Givens

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The following are the most common errors among new shooters. Learning to recognize, explain, and coach the shooter in correcting these deficiencies is an important skill for instructors. If you shoot on your own, you can use these tips to self diagnose your errors and work on correcting them. To better visualize these comments, imagine a clock face superimposed on the target. Twelve o'clock is at the top, six o'clock at the bottom, and so on.

**1. Hits low, at six o'clock-** This can be caused by several physical acts, but the underlying cause of all of them is anticipation of the gun firing. Most shooters are not really bothered by recoil, it is the blast (noise and flash) that shocks their nervous systems, causing a flinching reaction. This must be overcome by concentration and practice. Ball and dummy drills are helpful. (Ball and dummy drills consist of loading dummy rounds in among live rounds in the magazine or cylinder. When the dummy comes up, the flinch will be obvious.) The physical manifestations to watch for are:

- a. tightening the grip as the trigger is pressed
- b. canting the gun hand wrist downward as the trigger is pressed
- c. jerking the trigger.

**2. Hits at three o'clock or nine o'clock-** These are generally the result of sideways pressure on the trigger. If too little finger contacts the trigger, the gun will be pushed sideways as it fires. If too much finger is in the trigger guard, the muzzle will be pulled to the side as the gun fires. Shooter needs to place the pad of the finger on the trigger and press straight to the rear.

These are also often the result of combining a small hand and a large double-column grip frame. The first joint of the shooter's trigger finger, the joint that attaches the finger to the palm, is touching the frame. As the trigger finger flexes to pull the trigger, that part of the finger pushes against the frame. The fix is to bend the trigger finger, creating a gap between that joint and the pistol's frame. The trigger finger must only touch the pistol on the face of the trigger, not on the frame.

**3. Hits at five o'clock or seven o'clock-** This is almost always the result of jerking the trigger. The trigger is snatched too quickly, pulling the muzzle down and to the side. Be sure to take up the slack, then press the trigger straight to the rear smoothly.

**4. Hits at twelve o'clock-** This can be caused by two errors. By far the most common is looking over the sights at the target. As the gun is raised, the shooter fails to pull in his vision focus to meet the front sight. This leaves the shooter focused on the target, looking over the top of the gun. Most shooters hit high when they do this. This can also be caused by convulsively squeezing the gun just as it fires. This causes the heel of the hand to push the lower part of the backstrap forward, elevating the muzzle. Thus, this is called "heeling."

**5. Scattered hits all over the target-** Lack of consistency in grip, sight focus, trigger control, or some combination.

There are only four basics involved in 99% of combat shooting. They are:

***SIGHT ALIGNMENT, SIGHT PICTURE, TRIGGER CONTROL, FOLLOW THROUGH.***

The shooter simply must concentrate on these four critical elements for success!

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## **Two Day Combined Skills Course, Southnarc and Tom Givens**

There will be two iterations of this course in 2009:

- ◆ at Rangemaster, Memphis, TN, June 6-7, 2009 and
- ◆ at KR Training, near Austin, TX, Sept. 12-13, 2009.

This will be a very intensive weekend course, with students rotating back and forth between the two primary instructors. This is not a beginner's course. Students should have solid base skills, including the ability to safely draw from concealment and an understanding of the principles of marksmanship.



Southnarc will concentrate on his core curriculum of skills, combining elements of Managing Unknown Contacts, Practical Unarmed Combat, and In Extremis Knife. This is hands on training, with training blades and guns modified to fire marking cartridges. There is some physical exertion involved. Students will need a mouthpiece, a cup, soft shoes (tennis shoes, running shoes, etc) and loose work-out type clothing.

Tom Givens will concentrate on advanced handgun skills, designed to work with Southnarc's TTP's. Training will focus on gunhandling techniques designed to work under stress and getting solid hits at high speed. Students will need a primary handgun, an optional back-up gun, a tactical flashlight, and 800 rounds of ammunition. A detailed equipment checklist will be sent to students upon registration.

Tuition for this course is only \$400. This is comparable to the fees generally charged for a single instructor. This is like getting two courses for the price of one. There is no down time in this course—the entire weekend will be spent training.

To register, call Rangemaster at 901-370-5600. A 50% deposit will hold your space, balance due 15 days prior to class time.

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