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## December 2019 Rangemaster Newsletter

### Drill of the Month

Throughout 2019 we will be running a Drill of the Month in each edition of the newsletter. The goal is help motivate folks to get to the range and actually shoot their defensive weapons, and to have some fun in the process.

Each month we'll post a drill or a short course of fire. You are encouraged to go to the range, shoot the drill, and then post your thoughts and a photo of your target on the Rangemaster Facebook page. Go shooting!

#### Rangemaster Bullseye Course

Fired on NRA B-8, scored as printed, except beyond 7 ring counts zero

FBI-IP-1 bullseye target, as printed; LTT-1 target, scored as printed

All strings begin at the Ready

25 yards 5 rds 1 minute

15 yards 5 rds 15 seconds

10 yards 5 rds 10 seconds

7 yards 10 rds 15 seconds Start with 5 rds in the gun. Fire 5 rds, reload, fire 5 more rds, all in 15 seconds.

5 yards 5 rds 5 seconds

30 rounds total 300 points possible 270 to pass at Instructor level

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## **Beretta 1301 is the New Hotness!**

I grew up on the 870 Police and have a fair bit of trigger time with it. Until recently my “go to gun” at home was an 870P worked over by Hans Vang. For the past couple of years, I had been seeing more and more 1301’s in my classes, and they worked and shot remarkably well. I recently taught a three-day Defensive Shotgun Instructor Development Course in Dallas, in which we had six 1301’s in a class of eighteen students.

About a year and a half ago I purchased a 1301 Tactical and it has been my main shotgun ever since. Mine has a MagPul stock, an Aridus Industries CROM all steel rear sight, a Nordic one shot magazine extension, and the Aridus bolt release.

The factory butt stock is one of the best I’ve seen, with an excellent shape, good texturing, and a reasonable length of pull. All my other shotguns have MagPul stocks on them, though, so I put one on my Beretta for the sake of consistency. The Nordic short magazine extension gives me a six round magazine capacity, for seven rounds fully loaded. If it’s a problem I can’t fix with seven rounds of buckshot, it may not be a solvable problem for one man. I am not a fan of the factory rear sight assembly on the Beretta, so I replaced mine with an all steel unit from Aridus Industries, which is still fully adjustable but more robust and lower profile.

The Beretta’s chrome lined barrel shoots extremely well with Federal Tactical Low Recoil 8 pellet 00 buck, and patterns acceptably with every buckshot load I’ve tried in it. Winchester Ranger Low Recoil slugs and Fiocchi Exacta slugs will put five rounds in the same ragged hole offhand at 25 yards, which is as accurate as I need to be. My example has been 100% reliable with everything I’ve fed it. I’ve loaned it to students in shotgun classes, and they have put all sorts of ammo through it with no issues.



If your handguns and carbines are semiautomatic, you might want to consider having a semiautomatic serious social shotgun, as well. This consistency can simplify training and skill retention. In semiauto's, my vote goes to the 1301.



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## **Recommended Reading**

The following links direct you to articles written by trusted associates of mine, with solid information. I encourage you to read them.

<https://www.activeresponsetraining.net/k-and-l-frame-snub-revolvers>

<https://www.activeresponsetraining.net/insults-and-challenges-5-tips-for-effective-verbalization-during-a-violent-encounter>

<https://www.swatmag.com/article/standoff-handgun-drills-accuracy-at-situational-speed/>

<https://www.swatmag.com/article/mental-toughness-fighting-edge-for-women/>

<https://www.backwoodshome.com/blogs/MassadAyoob/lessons-from-the-fort-worth-tragedy/>

[https://www.activeresponsetraining.net/best-9mm-carry-ammo?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+ActiveResponseTraining+%28Active+Response+Training%29](https://www.activeresponsetraining.net/best-9mm-carry-ammo?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+ActiveResponseTraining+%28Active+Response+Training%29)

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## **2020 Rangemaster Class Schedule (Open Enrollment Courses)**

Jan 10-12      EDP, The Royal Range, Nashville, TN      **full**

Jan 22-23      Advanced Instructor Development Course, Homestead, FL

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advanced-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-59583791725>

Jan 24-26      Master Pistol Instructor Development, Homestead, FL **full**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/master-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-59533530392>

Feb 22-23      Combative Pistol, Bandera, Texas

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/combative-pistol-course-tickets-71192084441>

Mar 6-8      Defensive Shotgun Instructor Development, Leesburg, FL

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/defensive-shotgun-instructor-course-tickets-62172961000>

March 27-29      Tactical Conference, Dallas, TX

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tactical-conference-2020-dallas-tickets-60665750894>

April 3      Defensive Shotgun, one day format, KRT, Austin, TX

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-defensive-shotgun-one-day-format-tickets-65073741312>

Apr 4-5      Combative Pistol, KR Training, Austin, TX

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/combative-pistol-lincoln-texas-tickets-65073991059>

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## **Defensive Shotgun Instructor Development Courses, 2020**

There is a resurgent interest in the serious social shotgun these days, as citizens become more concerned about violent home invasions and the prospect of heavy regulation or even banning of AR-15 type carbines. The defensive use of the shotgun is quite different from its sporting applications, and we can teach you to select, modify, feed, and use your scattergun for optimum effectiveness.

### **Defensive Shotgun Instructor Course**

The shotgun is one of the most effective and versatile weapons available to the average private citizen or police officer. It is also the least understood and most under-utilized weapon system. Learn how to teach students to properly select, modify, feed and operate the defensive shotgun for maximum effectiveness. This intensive course will teach you efficient techniques for handling and shooting the shotgun under stressful conditions.

- Topics covered include:
- Firearms safety, including considerations specific to shotguns
- Selection of the fighting shotgun
- Modifications and Accessories
- Ammunition selection and capabilities
- Patterning for optimum performance
- Nomenclature and mechanical operation
- Shooting technique
- Loading/reloading techniques
- Safe storage and ready conditions, including cruiser ready
- Care and maintenance
- Adult teaching methods
- Training aids

Instructor candidates will receive an extensive training manual and an over two hour long instructional DVD as part of the training package.

Students will need 300 rounds of birdshot, 150 rounds of buckshot, and 30 slugs. We will have some properly set up loaner shotguns available.

To graduate from this course, student instructors will have to pass a shooting qualification and a written test on the material covered in the course.

We have two of these courses coming up in the near future in Leesburg, Florida (Orlando area) and in Shawnee, Oklahoma. See these links for more information or to register:

Mar 6-8            Defensive Shotgun Instructor Development, Leesburg, FL

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/defensive-shotgun-instructor-course-tickets-62172961000>

June 12-14        Defensive Shotgun Instructor, McLoud, OK

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/defensive-shotgun-instructor-development-course-tickets-52852914490>

We also have a one day Defensive Shotgun Course, in which we cover the basics and do enough shooting to give you a solid foundation. See

April 3            Defensive Shotgun, one day format, KRT, Austin, TX

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-defensive-shotgun-one-day-format-tickets-65073741312>

April 26           Defensive Shotgun, one day format, Dahlonaga, GA

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-defensive-shotgun-dahlonaga-ga-tickets-65073796477>

May 13            Defensive Shotgun, One Day Format, Xenia, Ohio

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/defensive-shotgun-course-one-day-tickets-76141622643>

May 17            Defensive Shotgun, one day format, Garrettsville, Ohio

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/defensive-shotgun-one-day-format-ohio-tickets-65074108410>

Oct 18            Defensive Shotgun, one day format, Florence, SC

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-defensive-shotgun-one-day-south-carolina-tickets-65073901792>

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## **JM Custom Kydex, Quality Holsters Made By a Real Shooter**

Lynn and I both wear holsters from JM Custom Kydex. JM's IWB #3 has been my daily wear holster for several years, and it is the most comfortable, concealable and fast IWB I've ever used.

One reason JMCK holsters work so well is that the owner, Tony Mayer, is a well trained and highly skilled shooter, which is rare among holster makers. He knows what is needed in the design of a good EDC rig, and this comes from experience. In November we held an excellent Intensive Pistol Skills Course in Arizona, attended by 16 students from as far away as Texas and Minnesota, plus New Mexico, Nevada and California. This was a pretty high speed bunch. Tony won the Casino Drill coin with a clean run in 15.01 seconds, using a Glock 17 carried IWB behind the hip in one of his holsters, under a buttoned shirt. Impressive performance. Congratulations, Tony!

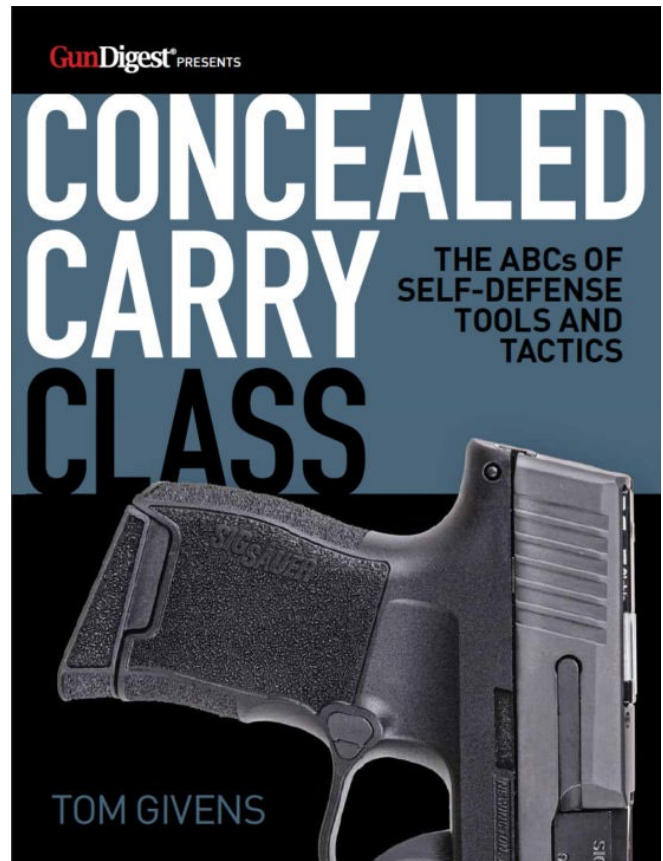


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## **Concealed Carry Class, by Tom Givens**

*My new book is available for pre-order on Amazon. The official release date is March 3, 2020, but the publisher assures me it will be out before Christmas. This is an updated and revised work based on previous editions of Fighting Smarter. This version is heavily illustrated with professional photography and contains new information.*

*Concealed Carry Class: The ABCs of Self-Defense Tools & Tactics* is a comprehensive guide to recognizing, avoiding and surviving violent confrontations. It covers everything from situational-awareness skills that can be honed to help keep you and your loved ones out of potentially dangerous scenarios; to the mental discipline it takes to carry a concealed weapon every day; to evaluating and selecting concealed-carry hardware, including handguns and calibers, holsters and clothing; to training drills you can use to become proficient with a handgun, and remain proficient through regular practice.



<https://www.gundigeststore.com/product/concealed-carry-class-the-abcs-of-self-defense-tools-and-tactics/>

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**All of us at Rangemaster wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. We hope to see you on the range in 2020.**

