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The Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms Shall Not Be Infringed

MRC NEWS

2020 MRC Election

The New Year presents an opportunity for us to elect new officers who will lead the Marysville Rifle Club in 2020. We need officers who will conduct club business according to MRC's Standard Operating Procedures, support legal, sensible and practical proposals by our members that improve and maintain our range facilities and our members' shooting experience. Please nominate candidates or put your name on the list of candidates. You'll have an opportunity to make a positive impact and continue the legacy of the Marysville Rifle Club.

The Current line up for positions are as follows:

President:

Both candidates have withdrawn their names for this position after the ballot was frozen at the February Membership meeting. As per Bylaw 4.2.1, Don Jones will remain the acting President of the MRC Executive Board for the next year.

Vice Pres:

Keith Karlick, #341

Treasure:

Dean Hammond #215

Randy Fong #355

Secretary:

Nick Mingzhor #321

3 Yr Trustee:

Robert Neilson #210

Daniel Nordstrom #480

Pistol Range Update, dates, status:

The Pistol Range is Currently open to members. Please be respectful of the range and other shooters when on the Pistol Range.

DATES AND HOURS FOR 2020 MRC RENEWAL

- Monday March 9th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Lower Range House
- Wednesday March 11th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Lower Range House
- Saturday March 14th 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
• Lower Range House
- Wednesday March 18th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Lower Range House
- Wednesday March 25th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Lower Range House
- Saturday March 28th 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Lower Range House

We Need a Web Master

If your interested in maintaining and managing the clubs website, please contact:

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Pistol Range RSO Proposal:

To have RSO supervision on the pistol range to ensure safe operation, eliminate unsafe shooting practices, and keep ranges open during hours stipulated by MRC Standard Operating Procedures (SPOs). See last page for partial proposal.

Getting Past The Obstacles In Gun Training

STORY AND PHOTOS BY BRAD FITZPATRICK

Bill Ruger would have turned 104 years old in 2020, and even though he is gone I believe that he would have been quite impressed with the innovative firearm designs that continue to appear on pages of his namesake company's annual catalog. Unlike Colt, Smith & Wesson, Remington and Winchester, which were all operating in the 1800s, the Ruger brand is relatively new. But in just over 60 years, Ruger guns have earned a spot near the top of all American gun manufacturers. In firearms manufacturing terms that's a meteoric rise, and it doesn't seem to be slowing.



The pistol is a polymer-framed, striker-fired semiauto, and is available in 9mm (shown here) and .45.

The American Compact enters the most competitive arena in gundom, and is the most recent combatant in the fierce battle for carry-gun supremacy. And while Glock may have brought life to the polymer frame/striker-fire gun category, they are hardly the only game in town anymore. Virtually every major handgun manufacturer has some sort of gun that fits this mold, and more are coming.

For the past few years, Ruger has launched several products under the American name (which is fitting, since these guns are made in the U.S.), most recently adding the American Pistol to round out their

patriotically themed rimfire and centerfire rifle families. The Ruger American is a polymer-framed, striker-fired semiauto available in 9mm and .45. It offers many of the same features you'll find on competing guns, such as interchangeable grips, a bladed trigger, and an accessory rail tucked under the gun's muzzle. The price is one that any hard-working American can afford: \$579 MSRP, with lower prices around for bargain shoppers.

The author tested the model version with an ambidextrous manual safety.

The standard American has a 4.2-inch barrel in 9mm and a 4.5-inch pipe in .45. With a full magazine, the 9mm version offers an impressive 17+1-round capacity, and while the gun is great fun at the range, it's a bit big to break into the main channel of the concealed carry market.

It's not as though Ruger needed another compact gun, truthfully. This is, after all, the brand that brought us the LCP and LCP II, LC380, LC9s, SR9/SR40C, and they also now offer a 1911 Commander as well. But the concealed carry market continues to grow, and having a full portfolio never hurts, so they have added the American Pistol Compact to that mix.

THE 9MM COMPACT VERSION of the American (the full-sized model is called the Duty) sports a 3.55-inch barrel (3.75inch in .45) with a length of just 6.65 inches. Designing a carry gun is always a give and take with regard to overall size; small guns are easy to hide and carry, but they aren't as comfortable to shoot or as accurate (in most cases) as larger, longer-barreled guns. The American Duty pistol is a very comfortable gun to shoot at the range, with great sights and an excellent trigger that mate well with its grip geometry and control layout. But it's big; too big for most people to carry.

The front and rear Novak sights provide good target acquisition, even in dim light or for those with poor eyesight.

The Ruger trigger has a good deal of take-up and breaks at six pounds, but the reset is positive and short, so you can deliver fast follow-ups.

The Compact, on the other hand, does a great job balancing on that middle ground that makes it just the right size for everyday concealment. It weighs right around 29 ounces (a little more or less depending upon whether or not you opt for a manual safety) and measures – again depending on your safety option – just under or over an inch and a half wide at the controls. It utilizes a double-stack magazine that gives you 12 shots in 9mm, unless you live some place that forbids that amount of firepower, in which case you'll be deducted a couple shots.

Concealed carry is indeed a numbers game, and the American Compact has the data required to be a serious player.

Sig P365 Pocket Holster

The P365 pistol is one of the best micro 9mm out on the market. A popular way to concealed carry is with an IWB (Inside the Waist Band) holster. The P365 can also be carried with a special inside pocket holster. One of the best one on the market is made by CCW Breakaways. Called Skintight holster. Specially developed for compact pistol with single and double stack mags.



The Skintight holster main purpose is to prevent “accidental discharge”.

This inside-the-pocket holster uses a hard

inner core thermo formed Kydex with a soft tacky outer skin. The inner core covers the trigger guard entirety and holds it shape, allowing you to smoothly draw (& reholster) the pistol.

This keeps the finger on the frame as the gun is removed from the Skintight and clears the pants pocket. The tacky outer skin keeps the 1-ounce Skintight in the pouch during the draw. The shape of this special holster reduces printing.

The wearing of the Skintight holster provides deep concealment, easy access and comfort. The Sig P365 pistol does not slip out of the holster when shifted to the down grip position. With the outer tacky material this prevents the pistol from jumbling around.

Wear & Tear

If you take your personal defense serious, then you probably will practice drawing your pistol. So a quick word on wear and tear. As of this writing no timeline has been determine when the holster deteriorate. Even if you wear the top of the line Shapeshifter IWB.

Multi-Purpose Carry

The Skintight holster can be rigged to carry not just in your pant pocket but also in your jacket, fanny pack, inside the vehicle and even rig it into your “get out & dodge bag”.

Big Horn's Lever-Action Jurassic Thumper



Story and photographs by Dave Campbell

Ever since the .500 Smith & Wesson Magnum came on the scene in 2003, there have been a bunch of folks trying to figure out how to cram this über-powered revolver cartridge into a rifle – especially a lever-action rifle. It's been an American obsession ever since the cowboy days: A guy “needs” to have a lever-action rifle chambered for his handgun cartridge. Whether that need is real or not can be debated elsewhere, but the perception remains steadfast. Most of the popular revolver cartridges – from the .32-20 to the .45 Colt – have been made in a lever-action rifle. But there's another advantage with the .500 S&W Magnum. In a rifle the .500 S&W begins to crowd the .458 Winchester Magnum in performance. Problem is, the .500 S&W Mag has a few dimensional issues to fit it into an established platform.

Frank Ehrenford, owner of Big Horn Armory, was one of those who dreamed of a lever gun in .500 S&W Magnum. In 2008 he partnered with Greg Buchel, master machinist and engineer, to see the project come to fruition. They tested a variety of lever-action rifles from the Marlin 336 to the Model 1895, but none were deemed suitable. So a year later they decided to build their own rifle from the ground up.

As a starting point they chose the Winchester Model 1886, the Browning-designed lever gun that features dual-opposing locking lugs to contain powerful cartridges. The Model 1892 is the same action scaled down to handle pistol-caliber cartridges. Unfortunately, the Model 1892 is too small for the .500 S&W Magnum.

Ehrenford, Buchel and Dan Brown, their machinist, decided to upsize the Model 92 to harness the new chambering. One regular complaint about the Model 92 is the dinky loading gate. Especially with larger

cartridges like the .44-40, .44 Special/Mag and .45 Colt, it can become downright painful to load the magazine more than a couple of times a day. To address that issue, the team decided to adapt the loading gate design on the Model 86 to the new action. Loading the Model 89 is not as challenging as it can be with a Model 92..

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AS PRESENTLY WRITTEN IN THE BYLAWS:

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CHANGE SOP's TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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HIGHLIGHTED TEXT IS NEW WORDING

DELETED TEXT IS IN RED LETTERS

This is how the new SOP would read without highlights & deletions:

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