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OCTOBER, THE SEASON OF CHANGING COLORS AND CHANGING ACTIVITIES. For those who have actively competed in matches all summer long, now most of the matches are coming to an end. Cooler temperatures are upon us and fair weather shooters are taking their clothes out of mothballs and putting their firearms into storage for the winter. But, not all see this as a time to stop shooting altogether. Ferry Brook Range does not close down for the season. With the exception of the 600 yard range, all of the ranges continue to be used all winter long. Snow is removed from the driveway and it can be removed from any of the ranges so people can continue to practice. Trap has a winter league with a few winter matches. Believe me, cold weather doesn't faze these cold-hardy shooters. I have seen it down into

the single-digits and windy yet there are people who will shoot no matter what. If you are in doubt, throw a snow shovel in with your gear and clear a firing line. Aside from cold fingers, with proper apparel, you can continue to enjoy your sport throughout the winter. The Clubhouse has hot coffee and cocoa and provides a place to warm up. Pistol bay 1 does have a heater available for events. So keep up your training and have fun at Ferry Brook Range. The web site and newsletter will continue to keep you current on the things that are happening on the Range.

Don't forget, we will be sponsoring the NRA Women On Target at the end of the month (October 27th). It is a great way to introduce women to pistol, rifle and shotgun so if you know of anybody who

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View from the ... **GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK**

It's Getting Cold

It seems to me that, at my age, the world should spin more slowly. As others in my age bracket will confirm, just the opposite is true. Changing seasons are nice, especially winter into spring as the trees begin to burst forth with their new leaves. Now all those baby leaves have had their run and are packing it in creating quite the colorful mess in the yard.

The persistence of some warmer days has kept shooters at the Ferry Brook Range mostly in shirtsleeves, but that will soon change.



Remember the Peanuts cartoons when the characters would bundle up for the winter?

Now imagine a winter day with single digit temperatures and it's time for the Winter Trap League to shoot. No cancellations, they do it. And, yes, some look like Snoopy here.

Yes, the Ferry Brook Range continues to operate all winter long. Some, the archery folks, even go indoors at the Rec Center in Keene. The Junior Rifle Team heads to the indoor range at the Peterborough gun club.

Not being a hunter, for years I cleaned and oiled up the guns and they and I hibernated for the winter. Until last winter, when the 22 LR shoots caught my attention. Pistol Bay One is enclosed and with a couple of propane heaters running a merry band of shooters will alternate weekends and rifles and pistols throughout these coming cold days. We will also have weekly, non competitive, 22 LR shoots at the indoor range in Troy.

Be sure to check out the calendar or give me a call and I will get you matched up with some way to exercise your guns and bows throughout the winter.

Don't forget some key dates coming up:

- The annual meeting is October 9th at the Elks Lodge in Keene
- WOT will hold its second event of the year October 27th
- Ferry Brook Range will collaborate with the Casino in Keene in a fundraiser for the range—more info will be emailed and posted on the website and Facebook Group (on Facebook, search for Ferry Brook Range group and get connected).

Don't hibernate as I did for all those years. Come on up to the range.

Peter

OCTOBER 2019 — EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 1

BOD Meeting 6:30–8:30

Junior Rifle Team

G & S Practice 4 PM

Law Enforcement Night Session 5 PM

Wednesday, October 2

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice

3:30 to 7:30 PM

Walt (603) 499-0057

Junior Trap Practice 6 PM

Security Team Training

2 PM

Thursday, October 3

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN 12 to 4 PM

Friday, October 4

Law Enforcement Training

Org 6 Carbine bay

8 AM to 4 PM

Saturday, October 5

RSO Edith Allyn-Page

Membership Konrad Sypko

Women's Shooting League

8:30 AM to 2 PM contact Sharon

at wsl@ccssecf.org

Open Trap & 5 Stand

10 AM practice open to the public

Junior Trap Practice 2 PM

Junior Rifle Team Practice

8:30 AM TO 1 PM

Women's Introduction to Defensive Handgun*

2 TO 5 PM

Sunday, October 6

RSO Pete DeSantis

600 Yard Match

9 AM to 3 PM

Tuesday, October 8

Junior Rifle Team

G & S Practice 4 PM

Security Team Training

2 TO 8 PM

50/100/200 yard ranges will be closed during this training.

Wednesday, October 9

Open Trap

Noon — open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice

3:30 to 7:30 PM

Junior Trap Practice 6 PM

Security Team Training

10 AM TO 8 PM

50/100/200 yard ranges will be closed during this training.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Elks Lodge, Roxbury St., Keene

Social 5 PM Meeting 6:30 PM

PLEASE RSVP 603-352-8563
gm@ccfandg.org

Thursday, October 10

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM to noon & 4 to 8 PM

Range open to all shooters

12 TO 4 PM

Friday, October 11

Law Enforcement Training

Org 6 Pistol Bay 3

8 AM to 4 PM

Saturday, October 12

RSO

Action Pistol Match

7:30 AM TO 1 PM

Open Trap & 5 Stand

10 AM practice open to the public

Junior Rifle Team Practice

8:30 AM TO 1 PM

Junior Trap Practice 2 PM

Sunday, October 13

***Fundamentals of Concealed Carry**

9 AM TO 5 PM

Running Deer

11 AM TO 3 PM

Tuesday, October 14

Junior Rifle Team

G & S Practice 4 PM

Wednesday, October 16

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Junior Trap Practice 6 PM

Thursday, October 17

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN 12 to 4 PM

Saturday, October 19

RSO John Wilbarger

Membership Lori Cook

10 AM Open Trap & 5 Stand Sporting Clays

Trap practice open to the public

Junior Rifle Team Practice

8:30 AM TO 1 PM

***Dynamic Defensive Handgun**

9 AM TO 5 PM PISTOL BAY 3

Junior Trap Practice 2 PM

Sunday, October 20

***Dynamic Defensive Handgun**

9 AM TO 5 PM PISTOL BAY 3

Cowboy Long Range

9 AM TO 12:30 PM

Tuesday, October 22

Junior Rifle Team

G & S Practice 4 PM

Wednesday, October 23

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Junior Trap Practice 6 PM

Thursday, October 24

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN 12 to 4 PM

Saturday, October 26

RSO Ron Avery

Membership Ron Hitchings

Junior Rifle Practice 8:30 AM

Open Trap & 5 Stand

10 AM open to the public.

Junior Trap Practice 2 PM

***Runenation Carbine Bay** 9–5

Sunday, October 27

RSO All Hands on deck

Women On Target

8 AM to NOON *Preregistration required*

Wednesday, October 30

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Junior Trap Practice 6 PM

Thursday, October 31

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN 12 to 4 PM

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at the Clubhouse

EVENT NEWS

Upcoming Courses at Ferry Brook Range

*Women's Introduction to Defensive Handgun

October 5

An entry level Defensive Pistol course for the student who wishes to learn the Concepts and Fundamentals of Defensive Shooting and Handgun Manipulation.

What you will learn: Safety as a Concept; How to choose the best defensive handgun; The Plausibility Principle and how it dictates our training; Skill Development Cycle; How Target Shooting differs from Combat Accuracy; Multiple Defensive Shooting Drills to increase your Efficiency with your Defensive Firearm; How to use the body's Natural Reaction during a Dynamic Critical Incident. shamrockpersonaldefense.com/introduction-to-defensive-handgun/

Chris Sullivan 603 209-4095
Pistol Bay 3

*Fundamentals of Concealed Carry

This course is designed to educate the student on the handguns best for concealed carry, how to carry them safely and how to deploy and use them efficiently in the context of a Dynamic Critical Incident. This is a beginner to experienced level defensive shooting class based on the concepts and principles of Intuitive Defensive Shooting. The course context is a lethal threat at 2 arms reach or more in a public environment.

What You Will Learn: Realistic Defensive Skills; Kinesthetically Aligned Defensive Shooting; Balance of Speed and Precision; Warrior Expert Theory; Plausibility Principle and how it dictates training; Critical Incident Reload; Lateral Movement; Counter Ambush Methodology; Presentation from the holster; Realistic Multiple Target Engagement; Deviation Control; Aftermath of

a defensive shooting; Awareness, Avoidance & De-escalation. <http://shamrockpersonaldefense.com/event/fundamentals-of-concealed-carry-2/>

Chris Sullivan 603 209-4095 Pistol Bay 3

*Dynamic Defensive Handgun

2-Day Course October 19 & 20
9:00 AM TO 5 PM \$400.00 PISTOL BAY 3

Dynamic Defensive Handgun is an Intuitive shooting course designed to help the student be more Efficient with a defensive firearm in the context of a Dynamic Critical Incident.

This course is two full days of intense training. The course will cover the following topics:

Fundamentals of Defensive Shooting & Intuitive Skill Development; Defensive Accuracy; Lateral Motion; The Balance of Speed & Precision; The Critical Incident Reload; Volume of Fire; Realistic Training for Multiple Target Engagement; Understanding the Body's Natural Reactions during a Dynamic Critical Incident.; The Skill Development Cycle; One Handed & Weak Handed Shooting; Non-Diagnostic Linear Malfunction Clearing.

Students will fire a minimum of 800 rounds. Students are welcomed to bring more ammunition, there are specific drills that round count may be increased.

COWBOY LONG-RANGE SHOOT

OCTOBER 20 AM TO 12:30 PM

This event will be held on our 200 and 100 Yard rifle ranges.

Come and get your Quigley Down Under going...

You may not have a beautiful Sharps Rifle like Mathew Quigley had, but you can bring any number of different types of guns to this event, anything with an exposed hammer. For the qualifying guns and rules of the match contact Scott Dunn.

The match will require a minimum of 25 rounds, but you might want to load up a few extra. No jacketed bullets. Lead bullets ONLY.

No, you don't have to dress in period clothing, but if you've got some, why not?

Contact: Scott Dunn, jammer5632@yahoo.com

*Runenation Functional Carbine

Saturday October 26

Carbine Bay 9-5

One-day course that will expose the student to all the core principles and fundamentals of a defensive carbine; teach the student how to utilize a defensive carbine in the context of a worst case scenario if staged for home defense or in your vehicle. The course will cover the following topics: mindset; carbine set up; basic points of contact with the carbine and the essentials of defensive shooting; defensive accuracy; integrating movement with shooting; the gas & the brake: applying speed when necessary; primary & secondary aiming techniques; the emergency reload and manipulations with a carbine; shooting in varied positions; Multiple threat engagement; shooting in/around cover & from varied unorthodox positions; essentials of malfunction clearing; when and how to transition to a pistol; stress shoot.

Carbine needs to be zeroed prior to class due to time constraints. Students will need to bring: proper attitude; semi-automatic carbine or pistol caliber carbine (AK or AR/calibers either .223/5.56 or 5.45/7.62; 3 or more rifle magazines; rifle sling (either 1 or 2 point. 600 rounds of quality ammo; rain gear; appropriate clothing; eye & ear protection; pen & paper.

Register here: runenationllc.com/new-products/functional-carbine-applications



FERRY BROOK JUNIOR SHOOTERS

News from AIM//ATA (Youth Trap Shooting)

As the father of two boys, I really connected with another Dad's excitement and pride in his boy as he shot in the range's, new this year, youth trap program.

The American Trapshooting Association (ATA) has an affiliated youth program, Academics, Integrity, Marksmanship (AIM). This year The Ferry Brook Range became the home range for the New Hampshire AIM/ATA.

The basic Trap Round is shot on a field from five different positions. There is a trap "house" from which clay pigeons are thrown by a fancy machine. The shooter shoots five shots from each position for a round of 25. Top shooters, and, yes, we have a few, will pretty consistently shoot 25 out of 25.

Holden Perron is one of our new youth trap shooters. Holden is thirteen years old and in the eighth grade. This spring while he and his dad were taking the Hunter Safety Course at the range, Hunter, who had never shot trap, was presented with the idea that he could in the new youth group.



Holden Perron

Holden had shot some clay pigeons in a friend's back yard with a small manual launcher so the idea of shooting trap intrigued him. This spring he joined the range's new youth group. In very short order he entered the NH and ME ATA State Championships and shot a round of 23.

Then came the big day. He shot his first round of 25, then back to back 25's for 50 straight. He went on to

shoot 65 straight on the way to a three round total of 74. Was he happy? Check out this photo.

Holden likes all things hunting, fishing and shooting. The family has joined the Ferry Brook Range and they will be continuing with trap and have also picked up archery (Holden saved up and bought his own bow) and will hone their skills on our great archery range.

Way to go Holden! And... yes, you too Mom and Dad.

Peter

This September, the Junior rifle team started a new season and welcomed 13 new shooters to our team. They are all progressing fast and are shooting extremely well. The new



Isacc Hobbs and Natalie Davidson shooting prone.

shooters have recently moved from resting the rifles on stands to a sling. It is definitely tough at first, but I know they can all do it! Every week they improve with the help

of their coach and a member of the gold and silver Junior team. The gold and silver team loves to help new shooters as it teaches everyone how to become a better shooter. Good luck to all the new shooters this year, the gold and silver team awaits you. Moving onto the gold and silver team means that you get to travel to matches. On September 29, six of our team members, and Mr. Parker, traveled up to Holderness, NH to shoot in the 2019 Plymouth International Smallbore Rifle Match. This was a 60 shot prone match in which we competed against shooters in Plymouth, England. Mr. Parker, of course, came in first place, while the rest of us did very well and were almost all in the top 12. Good job to everyone who shot in that very windy match! I'm excited to see what this season holds for us and I look forward to an amazing rest of my last season shooting!

Natalie Davidson



Pictured (left to right): Mr. Parker, Shea Wilkins-Fleck, Isacc Hobbs, Natalie Davidson, Lillian Prigge, Isabel Prigge, Mr. Dutton

ACTION PISTOL

BY WALT LEWANDOWSKI



SEPTEMBER WAS PROBABLY THE LAST ACTION PISTOL match for the year. There is an October match scheduled but the weather becomes unpredictable so watch the CCSSEF.ORG web site and the CCSSEF calendar for any last minute changes.

I had a lot of fun this year. Running the program was interesting. I learned a lot and I hope you all had fun. Trying to invent stages, not only each month but for Wednesday night practices was challenging. It had to be interesting enough for the experienced shooter but not too difficult for the new shooter.

We have had Hamsters from Space, Vampires and Zombies, disgruntled employees from Applebees, dog nappers at doggie day care and a host of other scenarios. Some seem silly but they all teach you to be prepared for all situations and be aware of your surroundings.



Fluffy made his last appearance in September. Poor little guy! He has been thru a lot but emerged totally unscathed.

The monthly steel challenge stage taught a lot of us humility. The USPSA stages allowed

you to engage targets while on the move while carrying as much ammo as you could!



We will continue to have Wednesday night practice as long as the weather and light hold up.

Thank you all who have supported the program. I hope you all had fun. Please let me know how I can improve the program. I can say I am in need of some volunteers because some nights we have a lot of shooters and if we break up into several groups, we can work on individual skills more easily.

Thanks again.

Walt





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Gun Reviews

by Jack Zeller

A DEPUTY RECENTLY ACQUIRED THIS **XD-9 Mod 2** and tossed it in my direction...I now know what THAT means! Minimum 500 rounds, and some three trips to the range to see how it shoots, and mostly, check first impressions. I'll shoot it with the Smith 9c 2.0 as I feel that came out on top after the last review. This Croatian manufactured pistol appears to be of as high a quality as any striker fired. The machining is first rate, the melonite finish seems tough, and it has a decent trigger. In fact, out of the box the trigger pull measured 5 1/4 lbs. exactly the same as the S&W. This could be interesting. Now, I will say, I have never been moved to buy an XD. I always found them to be blocky and ugly, and never saw the value in a grip safety with a safe trigger. Be that as it is, the mod 2 is much improved in several ways. First, the Croats have slimmed and trimmed it down to the point where it is equally adept at EDC or full duty. With a 16 round magazine (it comes with three as ALL defensive pistols should) it is capable of sustained fire. This, a four inch barrel, and a width of 1.20 inches make it a worthy comparison to the 320, 9c and 19. It is substantially heavier than the other three at 28 oz, but this hopefully will help mitigate recoil. (It didn't with the 320) I have now handled it, dry fired it about 100 times, and cleaned and slobbered it with my beloved Slick 2000. Let's get on with it. MSRP \$565.00 but if you cannot find it for 350.00 you haven't looked very hard.

Comes with this rugged soft case. I prefer the hard plastic ones, but the owner of this gun prefers this so I defer to him. Also, since this case is made in China, this leaves Springfield Armory a few more bucks to put into their actual pistols. Bonus. I also never knew that this firm was established in 1784.

Inside we have the velcro strap retention system, and the three magazines.

Clear to see here is the grip safety. Also you see the 'Grip Zone'. I like to think this is to guide an idiot's hand to the right place, but it isn't. It is to emphasize that there are three different grip textures on the grip to enhance control under fire. Grip Zone. I kind of like that. You'd find it on the side of a piece of workout equipment in a gym somewhere. Or on a piece of equipment some people buy in those weird catalogs you've heard of, but of course never seen...

This pistol comes apart (field strips, Becky) like most modern striker fired do. But one twist (no pun intended) is that the take down lever turns up, not down. Disingenuous, and it took me five minutes to figure it out because I did not have the manual (the deputy's way of testing my mettle I suppose)

I am no professional photographer but you can see that there is a good front sight. Red fiber optic, large and bright. White dot rears, which is OK, but I am disappointed in the shape of the rear sight. You'll not recycle your pistol against your gun belt under stress with this one...

Right side view. Right side grip zone. And note...one of the smartest changes they made with this mod 2 was to round off the silly squared off trigger guard the mod 1 has. Good move! In addition the rail is understated for IWB carry. I have long wondered why pistol manufacturers do not offer models with AND without rails.



Here below you are looking at the front of the trigger guard with the three grip grooves on it for those that like to rest the off hand pinky there. But to do so is to have a lesser grip than is correct. And if, in the heat of training or battle you ram your pistol against a rest with your finger on the guard you will be wincing, and looking for your pistol on the ground or floor. Think about this.

On the range today, for break-in. 50 degrees, no wind, so pleasant. Break-in to me is not serious work. It is to test for function, become familiar with trigger, recoil impulse, and to find out where this piece shoots. No pictures at this point.

I found the magazines exceedingly hard to load by hand, and unable to load 16 for the first few cycles. Then I suppose the springs set somewhat because while it never became easy to load these mags, it became possible.

The first fifty rounds fired were Winchester white box NATO. High pressure if you will. I shot these in a 5x5 5 drill at 6 yards rather than five, and it was a no brainer. 5 shots in a 5 inch circle at 6 yards. Goal is less than 5 seconds. This pistol accomplished it easily in 3.40 seconds. These are absolutely the first shots out of this pistol, and I consider this outstanding. The red front sight is easily and quickly acquired, and the trigger is as effortless as the Smith. Recoil as mitigated as the Smith. Nice.

Next were 50 rounds of Blazer Brass, 115 grain loads. Like the NATO, flawless in operation. Everything spot on including any lock backs. For this fifty rounds I used the KPD sniper head target at seven yards. I shot rapid fire and all three magazines were right in there. One graze. This appears to be an easy pistol to learn and shoot.

Next up are 50 rounds of Fiocchi. I moved another head target out to 25 yards and took my time firing the three magazines. At this distance the pistol is shooting a bit left, but 90 % of the rounds ARE in the head. Excellent results.

Last exercise is to put 50 rounds of Winchester 147 grain T-Series through this pistol. It is our duty round, and a good one. Any pistol that cannot shoot it well and reliably gets the toss. This box of ammunition was expended during a modified FBI pistol course, self timed. 25, 15, 10, 7, 5, and 3 yard stations. If seriously scored, a 98% would be the result.

So, we have 200 rounds through this XD. Not a single malfunction. Very good trigger. Grip safety irrelevant. Sights quite good (I'd rather the TFO's, they are decidedly better). It is clear that this XD will shoot about any brand and type of 9mm ammo. The duty rounds (ouch, the cost!) ran fine, and were very accurate.

The down side so far. I like this pistol a lot, especially because I never liked the XD's, go figure! But I do NOT like the trigger guard configuration. They have made the same goof as so many others. If you shoot this gun in a serious manner, for a serious amount of ammunition, the middle knuckle on your middle finger of your trigger hand is going to take a beating. Just like the Glock. The trigger point is better but a serious dremel session on the right side of the guard is desired. I will say, if you shoot recreationally, and in a relaxed way, you know, just for fun, a hundred rounds here and there, forget this caveat. But if you are going to use this as a duty piece, or an every day carry piece and want to seriously train with it, then you are going to GRIP this pistol when you shoot. And a serious 500 round day at Sig Academy will have you in Band-Aids. Next stop, CCF&G with the Smith 9c 2.0 and this new piece. Camera. 300 rounds each.

Second session with the XD-9 2 today, paired with the S&W M&P9c 2.0. First statement - these two pistols are a joy to

shoot and work with. I shot 150 rounds each on the exercises below, then planning to time steel plates with each. The steel plates never did free up from other shooters so that is another day. Below you see two Dot Torture test targets posted, and unmarked. This is perhaps my favorite exercise for shooting (pistol) discipline. Various requirements are two handed shooting, strong hand only, off hand only, multiple shots on multiple targets, re-loading drills, etc. If you do this exercise, start at 3 yards. These below are done at 5 yards.

With the XD I scored a 48, which is very good. It was so effortless, that I began to worry that I may leave the Smith camp behind. I honestly did. This pistol is a shooter, and already leagues beyond the shootability of the Glock and Sig I reviewed a few weeks ago. A pistol I had not known. Right out of no where. BAM! I suddenly thought, 'I have to have one'. Check this target, and realize there are 5 rounds on each dot. Check out dot number 5. That is a strong hand only dot, and you'd hardly know it from the group. Effortless. Number 8 is the off hand only dot, and two jumped off. (so I did with the Smith also as you will see). In any event, I must have some Croatia blood in me, no? I love this pistol.

As I stated, it was with some trepidation that I picked up my 9c to shoot this exercise. My nervousness was not warranted however. The better sight on the Smith, and the better grip surface (you'll hear more about this) got me right on. It was so easy that I began to rush (there is no time on this exercise) and blew a couple off the off hand dot. Tie game. It is without

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doubt that a disciplined shooter can make one hole groups at five yards with either of these pistols.

OK, now for some speed drills. This is where trigger, grip stippling and ergonomics really come into play (along with a dashing front sight). This is called the 5x5x5 drill. Five shots in a five inch circle at five yards. Just to make these pistols show a little more courage, I did the drill at 6 yards, and timed each five shot string with a Pro timer. I shot from the low ready because I do not have a holster for the XD. Below you see the results of ten 5 shot strings. These are all rapid fire. And I do mean rapid. The XD gave a short time of 2.47 seconds and an average time for the ten sets of 2.94. No misses. I am pleased to say the least.

Below is the same exercise performed with the Smith. Shortest time of 2.41 seconds, and an average for the ten sets of 2.54. I did have a miss here, but no complaints. It was easy with this pistol. Both targets have a large ragged hole, and this, as fast as I can pull the trigger.

OK, now back to the street... This next exercise is at a real sized human head at 10 yards. This exercise is also fired 'rapid fire' as opposed to cadence fire. As fast as you can acquire the front sight and squeeze. Nine sets of five shots each, also timed with the Pro timer. Thirty feet is the length of a small house. With the XD it was again easy. Low time of 2.88 (missed two, and total misses four). Average time 3.32 seconds. Nothing to cry about here.

Next is the same exercise with the 9c 2.0. Not only easy, but effortless. Low time 2.72 and one miss. Average time 3.00 secs. I feel safe.

There are several conclusions to be drawn from this review. I had intended to draw this out for another two hundred rounds but it is unnecessary. A waste of good ammunition if you will. First conclusion. Both these pistols are a league ahead of the Glock and the Sig 320 we reviewed a while ago. That is bound to fire up the Sig folks, but be soothed by my saying that these two pistols are three leagues ahead of the Glock, and only one league ahead of the Sig. So there. If you like the XD-9 2 go ahead and buy it. It is a bargain. It is slim, safe, great for EDC, high cap, and shoots like crazy. It feeds anything. I spent twenty minutes with each pistol trying various methods to get them to fail. Neither did, neither will. They just plain work. Another interesting fact is that both pistols shot all bullets weights, velocities, and types to the same point of aim. Pick your cheapest practice ammo, and your favorite carry ammo, and don't worry if they'll shoot the same. They will. In addition, the XD can be purchased for less money than the Smith, about fifty bucks less. Now, I have not explored the XD warranty or service program but I am intimately familiar with S&W. Call it in, get a mailing label via email, have it picked up from, and delivered back to your door. The XD could use a little dremel tool work on the right side of the trigger guard. That said, for a pistol without interchangeable grips, this little piece fit my hand like a glove. It was almost completely intuitive for shooting. I never was conscious of the grip safety. The front red pipe sight is adequate to the purpose. You can slide in a green pipe for 10 cents, and it will be better. There are dozens and dozens of holsters made for it. What is NOT to like about this pistol other than the above mentioned trigger guard? Nothing. The magazines, while tough to load compared to the Smith are doable once broken in. They also hold one more round. The trigger is a good one, breaking at 5 .25 pounds before and after this review. Smooth take up and decent let off. You'll never complain. OK, so how about the Smith& Wesson? I'll keep it, and doubt I'll add the XD to my collection. The advantages to me are that it is definitely quicker on target. This is not only due to the front sight, but also to the remarkable grip stippling that initially in a previous review I complained about. Somehow it broke in, or I simply got used to it, not sure which. But I do know this. Get a decent grip on this Smith, and it simply stays put in your hand during any length of rapid fire. Far superior to about anything I have shot. No sore finger knuckles, trigger finger or anything else. Four grip inserts for sizing. 5.25 pound trigger pull, now as smooth as the mid-July Ashuelot. When something better comes along, I WANT it. Hasn't happened yet. But with the Sheriff's deputies that I work with, you NEVER know what may come through the door. For now, buy either of these pistols, and stand by! 🍀

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We have been talking about our Annual Membership meeting for a few issues now and I will endeavor to provide a little more insight into what will be presented, to ask questions about and finally, to vote on at this meeting. For details pertaining to the rights and privileges of the members, please refer to the By Laws, Section IV, which you can find on the CCSSEF.org web site.

- The mission of the organization
- Operational and financial reviews
- Voting for the Board of Directors
- Indoor range update
- Vote on changes to the By Laws
- Other items of interest

The Cheshire County Shooting Sports and Education Foundation [CCSSEF] is governed by a Board of Directors who are elected by the membership. This is the meeting where YOU get to decide who you think should hold a seat on the Board of Directors. The BOD exists to serve you, the membership, for your good and safety and the long-term good of the CCSSEF. (For a list of current Directors, please see page 9.)

• The mission of the organization: In Art. II, of our By Laws it states that *CCSSEF is an independent, non-profit organization established to raise and distribute private funds to promote safe, responsible shooting education activities at all levels of experience and expertise, to foster amateur shooting sports competition on both the national and international level, and to foster and promote programs designed to educate the general community in the importance of the Second Amendment. The CCSSEF is governed by a community-based Board of Directors.*

Are we fulfilling our stated mission and goals to the satisfaction of the membership. What do you see as our successes and failures and how can you offer your services to help us better achieve what we have determined should be our mission? This is a volunteer organization and so if things are to be done, you need to help as you are able.

• Vote on changes to the By Laws: The By-Laws Committee has been reviewing our current set of By Laws to ascertain their relation to how this organization actually functions and recommend some changes or alterations to be made. These are matters that directly relate to the membership and therefore, you need to understand and vote on these recommended changes.

Section 14.1 Amendment by Board

(a) Membership Rights Limitation: Subject to the rights of members under Section 14.2 of these By Laws and the lim-

itations set forth below, **the Board may adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws unless the action would materially and adversely affect the members' rights as to voting or transfer.** The Board may not extend the term of a director beyond that for which the director was elected.

(b) Changes to Number of Directors: Once members have been admitted to the corporation, the Board may not, without the approval of the members, specify or change any bylaws provision that would:

- (i) Fix or change the authorized number of directors,
- (ii) Fix or change the minimum or maximum number of directors, or
- (iii) Change from a fixed number of directors to a variable number of directors or vice versa.

(c) High Vote Requirement: If any provision of these bylaws requires the vote of a larger proportion of the Board than is otherwise required by law, that provision may not be altered, amended, or repealed except by that greater vote.

(d) Members' Approval Required: Without the approval of the members, the Board may not adopt, amend or repeal any bylaws that would:

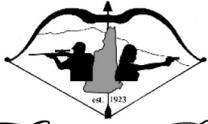
- (i) Increase or extend the terms of directors:
- (ii) **Allow any director to hold office by designation or selection rather than by election by the members; sole item to be voted on at membership meeting by members.**
- (iii) Increase the quorum for members' meetings; or
- (iv) Repeal, restrict, create, expand, or otherwise change proxy rights. **Change "proxy" to "absentee rights". Needs to be voted on at membership meeting.**

Section 14.2 Amendment by Members

New by laws may be adopted, or these bylaws may be amended or repealed, by approval of the members. Any provision of these bylaws that requires the vote of a larger proportion of the members than otherwise is required by law may not be altered, amended, or repealed except by the vote of that greater number. No amendment may extend the term of a director beyond that for which the director was elected.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and also out on the Range!

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