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OVEMBER! We are rapidly approaching the end of 2019 and the beginning of a new decade. Can you believe it? This second decade at Ferry Brook Range has seen a multitude of changes. For you folks who have been a long-time member, you know just how much the Range has changed.

Our membership has increased over last year with lots of new members—new talents, interests and energy to carry us into another year of training, plinking and competitions.

For the past three months, you have read about the Annual General Membership Meeting on November 9th. While the membership waited some 4 years for this, there were only 43 who showed up for that meeting barely representing half of our requisite quorum. We enjoyed good food, conversation, a presentation of our 2020 budget, along with some discussion of the future of the Range and indoor shooting range. Our lack of a quorum meant that we could not have the necessary vote. Now we must schedule another meeting for **November 20th**, **2019**, **6:30 PM at the Ferry Brook Range Clubhouse.** The Board of Directors ask that all of the membership attend this meeting. This is where you help determine who does what with your membership dues. What direction would YOU, the membership, like to see the Range take? Your vote is very important, so please, mark your schedules to be at the Range for this meeting. Cont'd on page 8

View from the ... GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK

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WRITING from Nashville, Tennessee and I am enjoying an extension of the Fall season. Soon this will end and it's back to the chilling north country. There are some great ranges down here, hmmm...

I was pleased to see some excellent pictures from the past weekend of the Women on Target (WOT) event. You can see them on the Ferry Brook Range Facebook group. If you have not joined the group, please connect. It's a great place for notices and general information. Just go on Facebook, look up the group Ferry Brook Range, and click on the "JOIN" button just under the picture. [https://www.facebook.com/groups/2270467373213241/]

This WOT was the second of the year and it was fully subscribed as was the one in the spring. That adds up to sixty women, mostly new and modestly experienced shooters having some fun at our great range, getting some excellent one-on-one instruction, and positioning themselves for a possible next step into the shooting sports, self defense training, or whatever they would like to pursue.

Here at the range we try to help our members find opportunities to join in all of our many possible activities. In preparation for our recently held annual members meeting, an interesting bit of data was discovered. This year we will deliver over 20,000 hours of instruction. This is an estimate based on all of the various programs, trainings, and regular organized shooting sessions that occur, their average duration, and attendance. The estimates were conservative to avoid overstatement and yet we still came up with the 20,000 hour figure.

As I have said before, all members are welcome to come over and shoot anytime (with some restrictions based on safe use of all of the ranges). However, attaching yourself to some of our organized activities can bring great benefits in skill growth, knowledge of your guns and their care, and a chance to try things you may not have thought of to improve your skills. And... to have more fun!

Don't forget we also have a complete archery range and the archery team shoots all winter at the Rec Center in Keene. So if snowy bow shooting is not your thing, if you are thinking about getting involved in archery in general or bow hunting, go to the CCSSEF website > shooting activities > archery for more information and for the winter schedule. Remember, you can retrieve your arrows, they don't have to be reloaded or bought new each time you head to the range. Just saying... See you at the range,



November 2019 — Event Calendar

Saturday, November2 RSO

Open Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM practice open to the public

Tuesday, November 5 BOD meeting 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 6 **Open Trap** Noon — open to the public.

Junior Rifle Practice 4 PM

Thursday, November 7 High-power 600 yd Practice 8 Am to noon & 4 to 8 Pm

Range open to all shooters 12 то 4 рм

<u>Saturday, November 9</u> RSO Otto Busher III

Women's Introduction to **Defensive Handgun** 9 AM - 5 PM

Open Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM practice open to the public

Sunday, November 10 **FUNDAMENTALS OF ARMED HOME DEFENSE** 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday, November 12

Junior Rifle Team G & S Practice 4 PM

Wednesday, November 13 **Open Trap Noon** open to the public. Junior Rifle 4 PM

Thursday, November 14 High-power 600 yd Practice 8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

Range open 12 to 4 pm

Friday, November 15 Law Enforcement Training Org 6 12 рм – 7 рм Carbine Bay (the carbine bay will be unavailable during this time.)

Saturday, November 16 RSO Dave Gaillardetz

10 AM Open Trap & **5 Stand Sporting Clays** Trap practice open to the public

Tuesday, November 19 Junior Rifle Team G & S Practice 4 PM

Wednesday, November 20 **Open Trap Noon** open to the public.

Junior Trap Practice 6 PM

Thursday, November 21 High-power 600 yd Practice 8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

Range open 12 to 4 pm

Saturday, November 23 RSO Mike Hagan

Junior Rifle Practice 8:30 AM

Open Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM open to the public.

Wednesday, November 30 **Open Trap** Noon open to the public.

Thursday, November 28 Happy Thanksgiving

High-power 600 yd Practice 8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM **Range open** 12 to 4 pm

Saturday, November 30 RSO Bob Bergevin

Junior Rifle Practice 8:30 AM

Open Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM open to the public.

Tuesday, December 3 BOD meeting 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 4 **Open Trap** Noon — open to the public.

Junior Rifle Practice 4 PM

Saturday, December 7 RSO Ron Avery

Open Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM practice open to the public

Wednesday, December 11 **Open Trap** Noon — open to the public.

Junior Rifle Practice 4 PM

Saturday, December 14 RSO Dave Webb

Open Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM practice open to the public

Wednesday, December 18 **Open Trap** Noon — open to the public. Junior Rifle Practice 4 PM

Saturday, December 21 RSO Konrad Sypko

Open Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM practice open to the public

Wednesday, December 18 **Open Trap** Noon — open to the public.

Junior Rifle Practice 4 PM

Saturday, December 28 **RSO Bob Bergevin**

Open Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM practice open to the public Wednesday, January 1 RSOs on duty

New Year's Day Celebration Starting at 10 AM we will have FREE coffee and refreshments in the Clubhouse.

An open trap shoot will commence at 10 AM as will a 22 LR pistol/rifle shoot in a heated pistol bay one (the enclosed firing line pistol bay).

This is a great opportunity to come over, shoot, eat, and renew your membership.

> Saturday, January 4 **RSO** Jenifer Marchesi

Open Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM practice open to the public

General Manager Peter Crowell 603-352-8563 gm@ccfandg.org Hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 AM to 3 PM

Clubhouse Café Saturdays 8 AM to 1 PM Breakfast & Lunch. *Come on by* and get to know fellow shooters.

Membership Saturdays 10 AM to 1 PM at the Clubhouse

EVENT NEWS

Upcoming Courses at Ferry Brook Range

*Women's Introduction to Defensive Handgun <u>November 9</u>

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/

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Fundamentals of Armed Home Defense

November 10

This class is designed to educate the student about Home Defense Tactics, the best firearms for Home Defense and how to use them efficiently in the context of an imminent home invasion or other threatening situation. You will learn the necessary skills and tactics to defend yourself and your loved ones from an invader in the home.

The recommended handguns, ammunition, staging vs storage will all be presented. We will also cover the 5 Fundamentals of Home Defense and the aftermath of a defensive shooting.

The context of the course is the imminent threat of a Home Invasion with the po-

tential of a lethal threat beyond two arms length or more.

The shooting portion of this class is based on the concepts and principles of the Combat Focus Shooting program & tactics taught by I.C.E. Training Company. This is an intuitive shooting program that works well with what the body does naturally.

The course will start with roughly 2 hrs of class and will move to the live fire and defensive drills shortly after. On the range we will cover Critical Incident Reloads, Kinesthetically Aligned Defensive Shooting, proper use of sights, The Balance of Speed and Precision and much more.

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AIM4NH would like to thank Women On Target at Ferry Brook Range, for inviting Edie , Hailey and I to attend the event on October 27^{th.} It was our pleasure to introduce the ladies in the class to Trapshooting and the use of shotguns. All the ladies did an amazing job and had some real talent.

As for myself : as a guide for one of the groups of ladies, it was very interesting to see the ladies walk onto a range, timid and unsure of themselves— and to walk out of the same range with knowledge and confidence. I highly recommended this program to any ladies that might be interested in learning Gun safety.



Thank you for your many fabulous photos. We treasure our records of each clinic as it furthers our commitment to this great program. Just seeing the faces of all the women as they learn something new and develop some unique skills is a delight. So thank you for all that you and your daughter Hailey, do for this clinic and also for the AIM4NH program. May you continue to help the junior shooters to develop throught this exciting new program at Ferry Brook Range.

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Ferry Brook Junior Shooters

by Larry Parker

I HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED by this year's group of new shooters both in abilities and participation. We've had 13 new participants sign up in September. Of those, 11 have continued with the indoor program that just started on October 29th at Peterborough.

At our October Membership Meeting, I was encouraged by Mike Hagan's plans for a functional 7 point indoor range connected to the existing clubhouse. Mike has roughed out a workable plan and has committed himself to completing this project provided he gets the backing of the Board of Directors and Members. I believe if this fails, the organization will see major changes in how it is administrated. Think about this...had we taken out a mortgage 25 years ago when the plans for an indoor range were first considered, the range would have been completed and paid off by now. This is something the club can afford and quite frankly will be necessary for the junior program to continue as it is now. The Peterborough folks have been most generous and kind to our junior program, but it's time that WE (our Board of Directors AND Members) stepped up.

As I start my 35th season running the Junior Rifle Program for CCF&G/CCSSEF, I'm looking towards being able to retire / step back from the twice a week presence with the team. We really need to develop assistant coaches that are capable of running practices and training. I would administer the program for as long as the new coach/coaches wanted me to.

The Team has lots of events coming up very soon. From Peterborough we will again host a NH Indoor Prone Match in December and a CMP 3 Position Air Rifle NH State Championship in January. We will also participate in the CMP's annual 3 Position Air Rifle Postal Match. We hope to again qualify for the CMP's Regional Championships at Camp Perry in March. Our Gold & Silver Team Members will compete in NRA Junior Sectional Matches in February. These Sectional Matches are what is used to show our Team ranking. For 2019, we are ranked #7 in the country. We'll report on these events over the next few months.

Larry



Gun Reviews





PISTOL REVIEW

XD 45 Mod. 2 versus S&W M&P 45 2.0

OK, now for some fun. You see a few posts back my review of the S&W 45 2.0 vs. the Remington RP45. No contest. And, if you go back several posts more and read my review of the XD9 Mod 2 vs, the Sig 320 and Glock 19x you will see that though the Smith came out on top I LOVED the XD. It is a battle piece for sure. So when I published the review of the 45s (the Remington and the Smith) it was not long before I got word from one of those pesky Sheriff's deputies that an XD 45 mod 2 was on the way to battle it out with my Smith. Uh oh...Remember the Croatian blood I discovered I had? THIS will be fun. And in it came, pictured below.

Springfield Armory XD Series 4" full-size model .45ACP handgun.



Specifications Chambering:. 45 ACP Barrel: 4 inches OA Length: 7.3 inches Weight: 30 ounces Grips: Integral polymer Sights: Fiber optic front Action: Striker fired Finish: Matte black Capacity: 13+1 MSRP: \$593

Smith & Wesson M&P 45 Mod 2.0



Specifications SKU: 11523 Model: M&P[®]45 M2.0[™] Caliber: 45 AUTO Capacity: 10+1 Barrel Length: 4.6" / 11.7 cm Overall Length: 7.9" Front Sight: Steel - White Dot Rear Sight: Steel - White Two Dot Action: Striker Fire Grip: Polymer Weight: 27.0 oz / 765.4g Barrel Material: Stainless Steel - Armornite® Finish Slide Material: Stainless Steel - Armornite® Finish Frame Material: Polymer Purpose: Home Protection, Personal Protection About \$500.00 with the extra 2 14 round magazines. Now, let begin with some of the finer points here. The XD comes with three magazines as any battle pistol should. The Smiths sticks you with two. Advantage XD. Also the mag capacity of the XD is 13 rather than 10, but the the grip on the XD is longer making printing under clothing much

a red pipe front, whereas the Smith had the Glock like white dots. Point to the XD, though if I were to keep either of these

more pronounced. Stand-off. Factory sights go to XD, with

pistols, Tru-Glo TFO sights would go on either. Far superior to both. But as factory guns, point to XD.

Dimensions of these guns are remarkably the same. The Smith has a longer barrel, but that does not hinder concealment like a longer grip, and does give better velocity. Point to Smith. The Smith has the grip inserts, and the XD does not. The XD is about a 1/4 inch longer in the grip, front to back. Feels much bulkier than the Smith. As you hold these pistols the XD feels much thicker and smoother (I am talking grip texture) in the hand. It seems that Smith has nailed this as far as ergonomics go. The Smith has a hinged trigger, effortless at about 6 lbs. The XD has a

press-able trigger safety at 6.25 lbs., and no problem to depress as the Remington is. Both are completely acceptable in dry fire mode.

So, as before, with the Smith 9c 2.0 vs the XD9 mod 2, the Smith feels better in the hand, but the XD holds more rounds. Let's see how they shoot.

OK, we are at the range. We have over 350 hundred rounds per pistol to shoot. Here is the array.

Black Hills 230 grain JHP

Remington 185 FMJ

Fiocci 230 grain FMJ

Fiocci 200 grain JHP

Winchester 230 grain FMJ Service Grade

Winchester 230 grain Ranger T-Series

Silver Bear 230 grain FMJ

MagTech 230 grain FMJ.

These are the first rounds I shot with these two pistols...Just wanted to see

what POI they each had, and to get the triggers down, S&W on top, XD on bottom. These were shot at 12 yards. Both guns about right on. Both



accurate. Below, is the next accuracy test with the Dot torture test. Remember, this had strong and weak hand shooting, multiple target, multiple hit, drawing and firing, and reloading drills built into it. If you only have a box of 50 rounds, use it on this exercise. I usually shoot it at 5 yards, but these being 45's I shot it at 3 yards, the standard. The results are unremarkable excepting I did not complete the last exercise with the S&W (thanks Woody), but actual performance is about equal. The only advantage here, is to the Smith. Note the lower left hand dot. That is the 5 round weak hand shooting exercise. The Smith cleaned it, and the XD was pretty off. I guarantee the ONLY reason for this is the grip stippling on the M&P. As usual, it simply cannot move in your hand while shooting. The XD was slippery in comparison.(as a side note, at the end of 350 rounds or so with each pistol, my hand was a bit sore from the Smith)



The target below is at 12 yards and I did a few rapid fire chest head drills

with each pistol. Excellent results with both. The 1 & 3 dots on the left are cadence fire with the XD. S&W on the 3& 4 side. These pistols are shooters.



I moved these next two targets 2 yards closer and did 2x2 drills with each, as fast as I could fire.

The XD is the tighter winner here. The lite pipe front sight is faster to acquire than the boring white dot on the Smith.

As you see, I have misses here with the Smith. I don't like that. Tru-Glow TFO's

go on either pistol I decide I like best. I am loving them both at this point.. The XD timed average for this was 2.99 seconds and the Smith a mite quicker at 2.55 seconds.



The next target below is cadence fire at 25 yards with both pistols. This is with the excellent Black Hills 230 grain JHP round. Both pistols do well, but I prefer the Smith group. Again, I cannot fault the XD in any way relative to

it's accuracy, but it tends to move in your hand a lot more. Incidentally I could tell no difference in the recoil impulses from these pistols.



As I always say, any pistol I shoot must pass muster with duty ammunition, and below you can see that both pistols at rapid fire, 10 yards are spot on with this. I feel safe. There was virtually no difference. The round is the excellent Winchester 230 grain JHP Ranger T-Series.

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hould have taken a

picture of the 5x5 drill targets I did, don't know why I did not. But because these guns are both shooters, I shot them at 6 yards rather than 5. I time with a Pro-Timer and the average for ten completions for the XD was 2.95 seconds. The Smith averaged 2.38

At this point, I was unable to shoot more paper because of a lack of population control at this spot. I do know this. I can live with either pistol, so it is off to the steel. I do note at this point the right side of my trigger finger is VERY sore from dragging on the inside of the XD trigger guard as I pull the trigger. That would probably have happened on the Smith if I used the large grip insert to match the big grip on the XD, but the Smith has the interchangeable back straps to better fit your hand. Point to Smith.

So far, and as I expected, both pistols have functioned perfectly. The only glitch was a single light primer strike on the Service Grade rounds by the XD. I re-fed this round and it fired fine the second hit. It did not re-occur, and it does not concern me in the least. This is a brand new pistol. If it had happened two or three times, I would have been done writing this review an hour ago.

On the metal range now. Shooting plates at about 12 yards. Mixed ammo. I find that with both these pistols one must place the sight on the very bottom of each plate to hit. These 45's recoil more than the 9mm and so before the bullet has left the bore, the muzzle is rising. Like a shotgun slug, remember we aimed those shotguns at the groin to take them in the chest? Nice to know. These ARE light pistols. In any case, once I figured out how to orient these pistols I shot the six plates 10 times with each pistol. Even with some misses both did very well with the XD 45 averaging 2.77 seconds, and the Smith averaging 2.52 seconds. I call this a draw.

On to the 25-yard man size steel plate. Both pistols under rapid fire were boringly regular in hammering this target. And the 45 ACP makes a clear twang when it hits. The next steel plate is a 12 incher, and it was no problem connecting with it under cadence fire with either pistol. The last target is a 3 incher at 25 yards, and I fired a ton of rounds with both pistols on this one. With both I had to really concentrate, and most of the time walk my rounds onto it by watching where the misses went. I expected nothing less. With a 10mm target 1911, you can hit every time. But remember, these are combat pieces.



Notes:

There are shortfalls with each pistol of course. The Smith only comes with two magazines, and as I have said repeatedly, any battle ready pistol should come out of the box with three. The XD does.

The XD does not have grip inserts, which made the gun grip a bit long for me. Because of this, my tripper finger was quite sore after several hundred rounds from dragging on the trigger guard. The grip on the XD is also quite smooth like the Remington, and if your hand is damp, the pistol WILL move inside your grip. The Smith stippling is the best of any pistol I have ever shot, and the grip inserts made it very comfortable to shoot and a bit more practically accurate. In a bench vice I'll bet the accuracy from the XD is as good as any.

Sights. The front sight on the XD is superior to the white dot on the Smith. On the bright days I shot, both were quick to acquire. Under dimmer conditions, point to XD. In even dimmer conditions, both would be rather useless. Put on the TRu-Glow TFO's for either.

Capacity. Point to XD. This does come with a longer grip and grip width cost though. I had as you know purchased two 14-round mags for the Smith, but would not carry one in the gun if I was carrying concealed.

Equal on the reliability fix. I always limp wrist, and do any manner of things to see if I can make a pistol fail. Did not accomplish that with these two. They are John Deere reliable. I shot a lot of different makes, loads and bullets through both pistols. All were accurate, and in a practical sense all hit to the same point of aim. Practice with whatever you want, and then carry the best stuff.

Both these pistols are superior to the 1911 platform for serious social assignment. Trust them.

Conclusion

I will keep the Smith, and if anyone asked me for a recommendation I would recommend the Smith over the XD. Not because it is a better pistol. They are both stellar.

But I find the Smith faster on target, more comfortable to shoot, and the hinged trigger is much more comfortable than the pressed type trigger safeties. That said, both triggers were very good with the takeup on the XD a bit smoother than the Smith. So to me, with subjective experience here, prefer the Smith and I will begin to shoot it a lot. With that said, if I could dump my Glock for the XD as a duty piece I would do it in a New York second. Both to me are ergonomically superior to the popular Glock rocks. Carry it in good health Lieutenant!

. Jack

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.

- Voting for the Board of Directors
- Indoor range update
- Vote on changes to the By Laws

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.

Given the concern for having a quorum (which currently would be about 88 people), the BOD has decided to implement the use of proxy voting. This means that by completing a signed Proxy Form, you can select a person that you trust, who you know will be attending this meeting, to vote in your stead. The Proxy will be counted as part of the quorum. That would be one membership will have one vote. Why not have absentee voting? Our By Laws currently do not permit absentee votting. So, we are left with one option at this time, either rely on getting more people out to vote on November 20th or we use proxy voting. It is up to you to find someone to vote for you. I will include a list of the current Board of Directors and their contact information for you to contact or you can use <u>any member who will be attending</u>, to vote for you. Naturally, the BOD would prefer that we get a full quorum without the need for proxy, so please try to come if possible.

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Again, any member may represent you for proxy voting as long as they are in attendance at the meeting on November 20th, and you give them a signed copy of your proxy voting permission. This form will be made available on the CCSSEF. org web site.

Our second Women On Target shooting clinic was held on October 27th and was a huge success thanks to all of the volunteers. The class was filled and the 8 women who couldn't get in this clinic have signed up for the next one which is scheduled for May 9th, 2020. Many thanks go out to Lascia Hodgkins, my co-leader for the WOT clinics, our guides who direct the ladies to each of the ranges: Joanna Zambella, Marilyn Huston, Melissa Foley-Riley and Sarah Commerford! Yay! Thank you ladies! Thanks to our Pistol Coaches: Jenifer Marchesi, lead; Chris and Jenny Sullivan; Ron Hitchins; Richard Bryant; Walt Lewandowski; Dave Gailardetz; Ken Cook and Dan Shepardson. Our Rifle team led by Al Giles include: Ashley Sprague (Ferry Brook Junior Rifle Team member); Otto Bussher, III; Ron Avery; konrad Sypko; Tarina Bergeron; Cathie Russell; Pete DeSantis; Don Huntington; and Raf Rivera. And our Shotgun team led by Edie Allyn-Page include: Stephen Vincent; Hailey Riley (shotgun junior shooter from AIM4NH); and Josh and Jessica Green. And last but not least, thank you Rich Anderson for picking up the food from DeAngelos and helping to set up and to Ginger DeAngelis for making the event seem extra special with her Autumn-themed gift baskets, and Dave Gailardetz for getting donations for us.

We also want to thank our sponsors whose generosity make these valuable clinics possible. It goes without saying that the NRA Women On Target program is one of the best.





They supply the materials used and gifts given to each woman shooter. Gomarlo's Super Market and Angie's Pizza in Swanzey and Trader John's in Winchester have shown us much generosity in their contributions to the program. We hope that you will buy locally and support our donors.

Here are some of the highlights of the day. Enjoy the lovely photography by Melissa Foley-Riley in the pages that follow.

I especially want to share one of the comments received from a woman who enjoyed the clinic.



"Patrice...I have to tell you I was a little hesitant when Doug signed me up. I am SO glad I attended. Not only was the day a BLAST but it BLEW me away (no pun intended). The knowledge, the understanding, and the patience of everyone was amazing! If any one had told me I would not only be able to shoot a rifle, but enjoy it, I would have thought they were crazy. Really, can't wait to try again. Please tell all the 'instructors' how awesome they are and my great gratitude for being able to participate. Thank you, Jayma"

Patrice









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