



SAGA Snippets

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What's Happening at SAGA?

Women's Month Events

SAGA is going to be involved in a number of Woman's Month events. Some of the events still have spaces available so if you are interested please make contact with the organisers soon.

Gauteng

30 July

SAGA representative, Themba Khubeka, is holding a Ladies Morning at Tactical HQ at Fourways. The ladies will get to experience shooting a handgun, shotgun and rifle, and learn about firearm safety and the legal side of firearms ownership. Starts at 10am. There are still a few places available. Contact Themba on 073-316-7374.

Western Cape

CHS Guns and Strand Guns: 6 August

A Woman's Day Firearm Introduction. Whether you're new to firearms or just need a fun refresher – join us for a morning of fun! 10am – 2pm at Somerset West Pistol Club. Eyes and ears provided. R450 per lady. Contact Aziza at aziza@chsguns.co.za

Bellville Pistol Club: 9 August

This will be an Armed and Informed Ladies Day event which will be exclusively for ladies. Participants will enjoy a light breakfast leading into a theoretical session followed by a practical session which will have a handgun, rifle and shotgun component, followed by a delicious lunch. Contact Hamish Deal on 082-320-3309.



KwaZulu-Natal

SA Tactical Institute: 20 August

My Mom the Bodyguard. A ladies only awareness and self-protection symposium followed by a firearm safety and shooting class. Refreshments provided. Co-sponsored by East Coast Arms. Only 20 places available, R200 per lady. Contact Nicole on 071-398-7914 or info@satactical.co.za

Broadway Gun Club: 20 August

Ladies High Tea on the Range. Get the opportunity to shoot a hunting rifle, shotgun, pistol and revolver - and an AK47! There will be talks on knowing when to use a firearm, and about the mindset behind owning a firearm. Goody bags and refreshments for all participants. 12 – 3pm at Broadway Gun Club. R300 per lady. Contact Trish 082-930-1884 or sales@dragonprotection.co.za

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Special points of interest:

- Women's Month Events
- SAAACA Arms Collectors Fair 13-14 August
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SAAACA Arms Collectors Fair 2022 13 - 14 August 2022

After a 3 year gap, the Southern Africa Arms and Ammunition Collectors Association (Gauteng) Arms Fair will again be held at the Military History Museum in Saxonwold on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 August 2022. Times are: Saturday 09:00 to 16:00 and Sunday 09:00 to 14:00.

SAGA will have a table and our representatives will be there to meet you, discuss firearm issues and assist with SAGA membership.

The normal entrance fee to the Museum will apply:

R50 for adults

R20 for Pensioner

R30 for Children/Students

ARMS COLLECTORS FAIR 2022
"Collecting all things militaria"

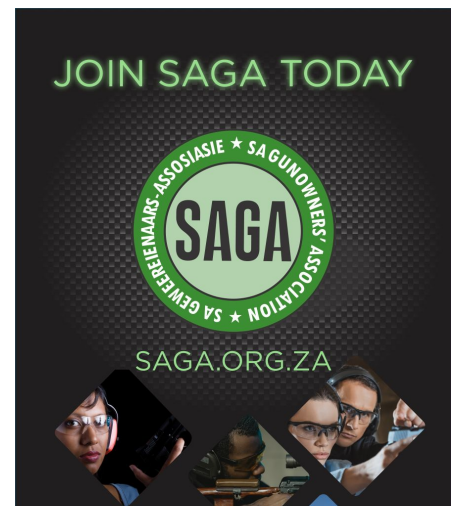
DITSONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY
SAXONWOLD

DATE: SAT 13 & SUN 14 AUG
TIME: 9am
CHARGE: MUSEUM ENTRANCE FEE

Photo Tables
Classic Arms Auction of Arms and Militaria
Military Restaurants
Member Collection Displays
Foods stalls and kids Entertainment

...AND MORE!

ENQUIRIES: 011 4651311 saaac@iafrica.com



SAGA Membership

By being a member you keep us in 'business' and we are able to continue working for fair and just firearm rights for responsible firearm owners in South Africa.

Do you know someone who supports the right to own a firearm for lawful purposes? Refer them to SAGA today!

Rates for New Members for 2022:

Adult R260

Junior R160

Pensioner R160

Family:

1x Adult @R260 plus any number of family members @ R70 each

Join via our website at www.saga.org.za

The SAGA office is now available on WhatsApp on our cellphone number **066 003 9226**.

If you would like to send us a query or message by WhatsApp, please remember to include your Name and Membership Number (if applicable).

The Hero Who Stopped a Mass Murderer in Indiana

<https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/content/the-hero-who-stopped-a-mass-murderer-in-indiana/>

by Mark Chesnut
20 July 2022

When a 20-year-old killer came out of a bathroom in an Indiana mall at about 6 p.m. on July 17 and began shooting at people, an armed citizen acted. The violent criminal managed to kill three people, and to wound two others, but his murder spree was stopped when 22-year-old Elisjshta Dicken, of Seymour, Ind., drew a handgun he was legally carrying and shot the murderer.

Greenwood Police Department Chief Jim Ison called Dicken a "good Samaritan with a gun."

"The real hero of the day is the citizen that was lawfully carrying a firearm in that food court and was able to stop the shooter almost as soon as he began," Ison said.

This tragedy occurred in the Greenwood Park Mall. Greenwood is a city of about 60,000 people, and lies just south of Indianapolis.

According to gun-control advocates, this isn't supposed to happen. For example, after Jack Wilson killed a mass murderer with one shot to the head in a Texas church in 2019, anti-gun billionaire Michael Bloomberg, former mayor of New York City and the founder and primary funding source of the gun-control group Everytown for Gun Safety, said, "It may be true, I wasn't there, I don't know the facts, that somebody in the congregation had their own gun and killed the person who murdered two other people. But it's the job of law enforcement to, uh, have guns and to decide when to shoot. You just do not want the average citizen carrying a gun in a crowded place."

The people in the Greenwood Park Mall are probably happy a good guy with a gun was there to stop this murderer. The local police chief is as well.



Armed citizens often thwart crimes. According to the most-recent data—the 2021 National Firearms Survey, conducted under the supervision of Georgetown professor William English—armed citizens use their guns about 1.67 million annually to stop criminals, almost always without firing a shot.

Nevertheless, some on the anti-gun side of the equation are finding plenty of reasons to be critical; for example, a story by Emma Mayer in *Newsweek* said, "The good Samaritan who shot and killed the gunman who opened fire in the Greenwood Park Mall in Indiana on Sunday afternoon reportedly broke the property's policy against weapons."

In the story, Mayer detailed Simon Property Group's no-weapons policy and concluded by saying that "it is unclear if the Samaritan will face any repercussions for breaking property policy by carrying a gun"

Mayer's speculation notwithstanding, it seems unlikely there will be any "repercussions for breaking property policy," as Greenwood Park Mall issued a statement that referred to "the heroic actions of the Good Samaritan who stopped the suspect." Such sentiments were echoed by numerous local and state officials and politicians.

Meanwhile, Shannon Watts, head of Moms Demand, also chose to focus on the fact that the hero armed citizen was carrying his gun in an area that had a no-gun policy → →



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without noting that mass murderers nearly always choose such areas to commit their atrocities.

"I don't know who needs to hear this but when a 22-year-old illegally brings a loaded gun into a mall and kills a mass shooter armed with an AR-15 after he already killed three people and wounded others is not a ringing endorsement of our implementation of the Second Amendment," tweeted Watts.

If stopping a mass murderer in his tracks isn't a "ringing endorsement" of the Second Amendment, it is hard to say what is. Lives were saved. Watts later removed the tweet.

In the end, a murderer came into a so-called "gun-free zone" with the intent to kill as many people as possible. He was stopped because an armed citizen was there and acted to save lives. This investigation is ongoing.



Perfect Practice

Practice Matters!

<https://www.shootingillustrated.com/content/perfect-practice/>

By Sheriff Jim Wilson

15 July 2022

Improving your shooting starts with understanding that you have room to improvement.

A friend of mine attended Gunsite several years ago. He was pretty excited about going and had been practicing a lot. At the end of the first day he had a nice, tight little group of bullet holes, all perfectly centered in the vital zone of the target. Col. Cooper came down the line, examining the targets. Glancing at my friend's target, Cooper never slowed down..."You're not shooting fast enough!"

Too often, we wind up spending too much time practicing on the things that we are really good at when the time would be better spent on stuff that we are not so good at. I suppose our ego is partially responsible, especially when we are shooting with friends or at a public range where others can see our targets. Here are some ideas that might help you get the most out of your practice sessions and create good defensive shooting habits.

Be honest with yourself and identify the shooting techniques that need the most improvement. Then, dedicate a practice session to work on only one or two of those problems. I like to keep my practice sessions short and really concentrate on getting it right. And the sort of concentration I am talking about can be fatiguing.

Another good practice idea is to make videos of your shooting sessions. Quite often we may not be aware of the mistakes that we are making, mistakes that are costing us time or making less-than-perfect center hits. A good afternoon would be spent with a friend, videoing each other's shooting and discussing ways to improve.

The thing to keep in mind is that every time we practice we are creating habits. Habits are what the less informed like to call muscle memory. You can create good habits or you can create bad habits. And, hopefully, we have good habits that take over when we are forced to respond to a violent criminal attack.

Bill Jordan told the story about several Border Patrolmen in a hot little gunfight down on the Rio Grande. When it was over, someone noticed the bulge in one of the officer's uniform pockets. In the midst of that gunfight, as he emptied and reloaded his revolver, he had been dumping his empty cartridges into his pants pockets. Why? Because their firearms training officer required them to do that when shooting on the range. It seems that training officer reloaded the cartridges and didn't want them to get dirty by being dumped on the ground. Habits.

What kind of habits are you creating on your trips to the shooting range? Are your practice sessions really designed to improve your defensive shooting skills?



4 Steps to a Safer First Shooting Experience

by Becky Yackley
21 July 2022

When you introduce someone to shooting, safety is paramount—but so is enjoyment!

If you have ever brought someone who has never fired a gun before to the range, you know it can be intimidating. It is a big responsibility, both for the person shooting and the person helping them learn. I want to share a few ways to ensure enjoyment, and most of all, safety!

1. Dry fire before you shoot.

Even after you have gone over all the principles of marksmanship and shown the new shooter how to stand, hold the gun, manage recoil, etc., you still want to let the person dry fire. This allows him or her to work the action and understand how much force is needed to pull the trigger. That seems simple to someone who has fired a gun before, but to someone who has not, it's a helpful step.

You can also teach them what the reset feels like on a pistol or rifle so they know how far they have to let their finger off the trigger in order to shoot again. This is really simple, but a good way to help them understand what will be happening in their hands as they shoot. It's also a time for you as a mentor to check their grip and how tightly they are holding the gun. This is especially important with pistols. You can also watch them manipulate the gun and make sure they know not to turn with it or point the muzzle any direction but downrange. A common issue new pistol shooters have is turning the gun sideways while they try to manipulate the slide. Dry-fire can help sort that out without introducing ammo.

2. Choose a small caliber.

It might be someone's dream to shoot your Desert Eagle or M1 Garand, but that is not where you start a first timer! You should grab the trusty .22, with its almost non-existent recoil, and let them start there. This way, they can learn the fundamentals of marksmanship without a lot of recoil to control. Then ease them into the skills they need to manage centerfire rounds like 9mm.

It's an even better idea to start with a .22 that easily fits a bipod or off a rest or bag at a

table. This will help the shooter keep the gun pointed in a safe direction, mitigate recoil and allow them to easily set the gun down after she or he shoots, which might be necessary for an excited person who wants to celebrate.

3. Use a suppressor.

One of the biggest obstacles to overcome when shooting a firearm is our body's reaction to noise. There's a tiny explosion happening in our hands—it's safe and controlled, but no matter how much we shoot, we cannot turn off our body's reaction to concussive pressure and noise. Using a suppressor allows the new person to learn safely. They can hear better; they have less of a reaction; and it's just less intimidating.

4. Load only one round.

The first time shooting a gun is a big deal! It's a lot of fun. Some people want to keep the piece of brass from the first round they fired. Maybe they are really nervous. If you only load one round, a shooter can't turn with a loaded gun, and he or she can't bump-fire during recoil. It's one and done. This can put people at ease and help you understand if they are going to need more help. Sometimes people can seem confident and safe, but when they shoot, they get excited or surprised. Using only one round for the first shot can help you and them feel more confident.

The act of shooting a firearm requires respect and control. It introduces them to the experience without worry about what to do next. You can even do this a few times, and have them dry fire after the first shot so they understand trigger reset and re-acquiring their sight picture. This will also help you, and them, discover if they are flinching.

If you follow these steps, you can ensure a great experience. Set reasonable expectations for someone's first time shooting a firearm. And set some limits. Focus on safety and accuracy, and the rest will come with time. This will help not only that person come to enjoy the shooting sports, but all those with which they share their story.

<https://www.nrawomen.com/content/4-steps-to-a-safer-first-shooting-experience/>

Lending A Helping Hand



An extract from:
<https://www.shootingillustrated.com/content/lending-a-helping-hand/>

by Sheriff Jim Wilson
22 July 2022

Newcomers to the world of concealed carry need the best possible information, which can be hard to find at times.

We've all seen it happen, either in person or on social media... the concerned citizen comments that maybe it is time that he/she bought a defensive gun. Then, like a flash from some superhero, a firearm aficionado jumps in with a one hour (minimum) dissertation on all things that go bang. You can just see the concerned citizen's eyes glaze over as they search for the nearest exit.

Now, being a firearm hobbyist is great even if our sharing sometimes becomes a little bit over enthusiastic. But, the fact is that this citizen is seeking ways to make his life safer; he is not necessarily seeking a degree in Trigonometry, nor does he need one.

One of the ways that I can help my friend is in the selection of the personal defense gun. Instead of pushing him towards a certain type of handgun, coincidentally the type that I happen to prefer, I should let him choose for himself. My role is to make sure that he has a good variety of guns to choose from and that the guns are all well-made, good quality pieces. He should also understand that, as his knowledge and training grows, he may change his mind and go with another type of handgun that is more suited to his needs. We've all done it and he probably will, too.

Another way that we can help the new shooter is to stress the importance of good defensive training. The first response is often remarking on how expensive good training is. So, instead, they settle for going out to the local gravel pit with the next door neighbor whose dad used to be a reserve policeman back in the '60s. They need to understand that good training is worth every penny that they spend. It will give them the benefit of the experience of actual gunfighters and lead them to shortcuts in skill development. The student who successfully completes a week-long professional training school is generally better trained than the average police officer.

Most of us are happy to help the new defensive shooter. We just need to keep in mind that he or she probably won't benefit all that much from our dazzling and amazing knowledge of firearms and gunfighting. We need to remind ourselves to put all of that aside and focus helping our friend get the live-saving tools and skills needed to make him or her a harder target in the eyes of the criminals. Then maybe one day, they will become a firearms hobbyist and aficionado and bore of all of their new friends as well!

Y'all stay safe!

SAGA Corporate Membership

What are SAGA Corporate members?

SAGA Corporate Members are clubs, associations and businesses who actively endorse the work being done by SAGA to protect firearm ownership rights in South Africa.

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