

SAGA SNIPPETS

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SAGA Updates & Information

SAPS/CFR

Service Delivery Delays

SAGA has been collating complaints from members about SAPS/CFR service delivery delays and held a meeting with Brigadier Mabula from the CFR yesterday, Wednesday 29 September 2021, to discuss the delays.

Feedback will be provided to members in the next few days.

Shooting Events

Various shooting events have been held during September.



Gauteng:

Themba Kubheka of Tactical HQ ran a successful range day for women on Saturday 4 September in Gauteng. Twenty women had the opportunity to fire a gun for the first time, to learn about gun safety, and the legislation - and what it takes to be a firearm owner.

Glocktober Fest

SAGA is partnering with Bernhard Agencies, Glock and City Guns for the month of October to bring you a Glocktober Fest of note! More will be revealed in the days ahead so keep an eye on our social media and your emails for more announcements.



Be sure you are following us on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/GunLobbySAGA/

Those present got to shoot a Glock 43X, Glock 19, MP5, 12 gauge pump-action shotgun, a DM4 and an AK47! The ladies enjoyed it beyond their own expectations...

KwaZulu-Natal:

On Saturday 11 September a shoot was held at the KZN Arms and Ammo range in Verulam for various CPF and neighbourhood watch members.

SAGA was present at the shoot and was able to engage with many aspirant gun owners who had never fired firearms before.

Western Cape:

The Durbanville Shooting Club held a successful Festival on 18 September. There was plenty of shooting, stands to visit, talks and demonstrations, etc. SAGA had a strong presence and was represented by Lance Allam (below left) and Damian Enslin (below right).



Firearms in Common Use

Extracted from: <https://www.nrila.org/articles/20210927/firearms-in-common-use>

Monday, September 27, 2021

Think of the foremost applications of a firearm. Self-defense and protection have become the primary motivation for Americans' acquisition of firearms, but the prevalence of defensive gun use remains disputed.

New research, conducted in support of a brief for the Supreme Court, offers more evidence that a large number of Americans have used a firearm to defend themselves, their loved ones, or their property.

Professor William English offered this summary of his research in his brief:

"Based on a comprehensive online survey of 16,708 adult firearms owners – an unprecedented sample size in the area of scholarly firearms policy research – amicus English recently and reliably concluded that lawful carriage of firearms for self-defense and defensive gun use are statistically common phenomena. In fact, a majority of the over 80 million adult firearms owners in the United States carry a handgun for self-defense under at least some circumstances. More than a quarter of those owners carry handguns for self-defense under right-to-carry laws. And there are, conservatively, an average of 1.67 million defensive gun use incidents per year—an average of over 4,500 every single day—most of which do not occur inside the home."

English's technical paper offers more detail about both his methodology and his findings, including a key finding left out of the above summary: 31.1% of American gun owners have used a firearm to defend themselves or their property.

Think about that. Gun owners represent at least a third of American adults, and about a third of gun owners have used their firearm in self-defense. A majority of gun owners who engaged in defensive use – outside of military service, police work, or work as a security guard – have had to do so on two or more occasions.

It's important to note that firearms, the great equalizer, do not need to be fired or displayed to be effective. According to English's research, shots were fired in only about 18% of defensive gun usage. In nearly a third of cases, simply saying one was armed was enough to deter an attacker. In a majority of defensive use cases, the gun owner was confronted by two or more assailants. Nearly one in twenty gun owners involved in a defensive use were faced with five or more assailants.



SAGA MEMBERSHIP

Being a member of SAGA is essential if you want SAGA to continue to protect your firearm ownership rights.

Make sure you renew on time, sign up a new member, and let your firearm owning friends and colleagues know about SAGA.

New Member Rates for 2021:

Adult R250

Junior R150

Pensioner R150

Family:

1x Adult @R250 plus any number of family members @ R60 each

Renewal rates for most categories of membership are R50 less than the new rate. Enquire at the office.

Scan the QR code above for a quick link to the SAGA application form or join via our website at www.saga.org.za

Women Make up Nearly Half of New Gun Owners



by Garrett O'Leary
Friday, September 17, 2021

Nearly half of the millions of new gun owners since the start of 2019 are women, according to new data from the 2021 National Firearms Survey.

The survey, which polled more than 19,000 adults, found that an estimated 3.5 million women became the owner of a firearm for the very first time. Over the same period, approximately 4 million men did the same.

This trend comes over a time period in which Americans have been exercising their Second Amendment rights at rates that have never been seen before. Beginning in early 2020, the number of Americans purchasing firearms skyrocketed, and though the trend has somewhat slowed since the turn of the year, it is far from stopping, according to the most-recent data.

More than 21 million background checks were conducted for the purchase of a firearm last year, according to data from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), and many of these sales were reportedly first-time gun owners.

One NRA instructor, Rick Ector, holds an annual safety training event for women in Detroit that draws thousands. This past year marked the event's tenth anniversary, and afterwards, Ector told America's 1st Freedom: "This event could become a model for others, and I'm eager to see that happen."

Women gun owners can be found all over America and in every demographic; for example, we recently highlighted a little group called the Sunshine Shooting Club, which is comprised of women aged 32 to 76, all of whom practice advanced self-defense scenarios.

Nearly a quarter of all women today own at least one firearm, according to recent statistics. Besides the numerous standard training programs for gun owners, the NRA also has a multitude of programs designed specifically for women, including the Refuse To Be A Victim program, the Women's Wilderness Escape, the Women On Target shooting clinics, and much more.

Also check out NRAWomen.com. "NRA Women is a fantastic (and addictive) resource for women shooters, whether they're interested in hunting, personal safety or competition, and whether they're already very knowledgeable or are brand-new gun owners," wrote Mel Dixon, managing editor of America's 1st Freedom.

<https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2021/9/17/women-make-up-nearly-half-of-new-gun-owners>

Watch this space ...for more interesting firearm snippets

Gun Safety: How Passive Safety Systems Work

<https://www.nrafamily.org/articles/2021/9/27/gun-safety-how-passive-safety-systems-work>

by NRA Staff

Monday, September 27, 2021

In contrast to active safety systems, which are voluntarily engaged or disengaged by the shooter, passive safety systems function more or less automatically. These safeties take many forms. This article will explore what those passive safety systems are and how they work, to help you make informed decisions about the firearms you own or are considering owning.

A grip safety is an auxiliary device on the grip of some handguns (as well as some long guns) intended to prevent firing until it is depressed by your hands when it is depressed. This occurs when you grip the gun naturally. The Browning .32 Auto and .380 Auto semi-automatic pistols and the Springfield Armory XD pistols, for example, all incorporate grip safeties.

Firing pin blocks, such as the mechanism on later-production Colt Government Model pistols, block forward firing pin travel unless the trigger is depressed, and also qualify as passive safety systems. Inertia firing pins, in which the forward movement is restrained until it receives the energy from a hammer blow, serve as safety devices in that they help prevent the gun from discharging if it is dropped muzzle-down onto a hard surface.

Most semi-automatic rifles and shotguns are designed such that the hammer cannot contact the tail of the firing pin unless the bolt is securely locked into the receiver or barrel extension. Also, many older bolt-action designs possess



an interlock that blocks full forward movement of the firing pin until the action is closed.

Several pistols, such as those produced by Glock, incorporate a pivoting lever in the trigger face which prevents trigger movement unless it is depressed by the trigger finger. Finally, some firearms, such as the Browning Hi-Power, have a magazine disconnect safety, which prevents the firing of a live round in the chamber if the magazine is removed.

Many modern firearms, particularly revolvers, incorporate transfer bars or hammer blocks that are activated by the trigger mechanism. In firearms that use transfer bars, such as Ruger revolvers, the hammer at rest contacts the frame, but sits back slightly from the frame-mounted firing pin. When the trigger is pulled, the transfer bar rises to fill that gap and transfers the blow of the hammer to the firing pin to discharge the gun. This prevents a heavy blow on the hammer from igniting the primer. The safety connector of Colt revolver mechanisms functions in a similar way.

In contrast, the hammer block typical of Smith & Wesson revolvers works the opposite way: The

hammer block sits between the hammer and frame when the hammer is at rest, preventing contact of the hammer nose with the cartridge primer even if the gun is dropped on the hammer spur. (A small tab on the rebound slide also serves to limit forward hammer travel at rest.) When the trigger is pulled, the hammer block drops to allow the descending hammer to hit and ignite the primer.

Passive safety systems are built-in safeguards, but you as a user should never rely on them solely for safety. So:

ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. This means that even if the gun were to fire, it would not cause injury or damage. Common sense will dictate the safest direction, depending upon the circumstances.

ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot. When holding a gun, rest your trigger finger outside the trigger guard alongside the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. Unless the firearm is being kept in a state of readiness for personal protection, it should be unloaded. That said, never assume a firearm is unloaded, even if you unloaded it yourself. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.

Adaptive Defensive Shooting Summit 2021

by A1F Staff
Sunday, September 12, 2021

The Second Amendment is for everybody, but not everyone has the same physical ability to access the shooting sports. Enter adaptive shooting, a wide variety of programs designed to make shooting more accessible.

Perhaps one of the most fun adaptive shooting events is soon to be held at the SIG Sauer Academy in Epping, N.H. The Adaptive Defensive Shooting Summit, to be held Sept. 10 and 11, 2021, will treat participants to thorough instruction from the SIG Academy instructors, including first aid, hand-to-hand self-defense techniques, and, of course, gun safety and handling. A demo bay will be set up to allow participants to try out a wide variety of firearms and related gear from sponsors SIG Sauer, Ruger, SCCY and others; check out hunts and other adaptive events from Camp Freedom; and view specialized chairs, prosthetics and other adaptive tools.

Then the real fun begins. Competitors will shoot a world-class, 10-stage defensive pistol match designed for both accessibility and realism. The match will be both indoor and outdoor, including low-light and vehicle scenarios, and will be wheelchair-friendly. The scenarios are designed by match director Chad Barber, former firearms program director for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and chief safety officer for the Smith & Wesson International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) Indoor Nationals.

"The level of detail [Barber] brings into the stages he designs would blow peoples' minds," said Trevor Baucom, event founder.

The experience will be capped with an IDPA 5x5 classifier, and new participants are eligible to receive an IDPA membership to encourage them to continue competitive shooting.

"It was great to have an event like this geared toward adaptive shooters," said last year's winner, Nick Fairall. "Shooting was always one of my passions, and finding ways to compete after my injury was very encouraging and uplifting and made me excited about the possibilities."

Fairall, who broke his L1 vertebrae competing in U.S. Olympic ski jumping in 2015 and lost movement in his legs, emphasized that competitive shooting is possible for a wide variety of disabilities: "It was super fun seeing everyone from high-level adaptive shooters to people who hadn't really shot since their injury or even thought it was possible for them to shoot."

Fairall also emphasized the lasting camaraderie and joy of the event: "The smiles and camaraderie of the participants, instructors and sponsors—everyone had an amazing time. The shooting community is very welcoming. People are willing to take the time to teach you."

For more information on the Adaptive Defensive Shooting Summit at SIG Sauer Academy, go to adaptiveshoot.com. You can also visit adaptiveshooting.nra.org for more information on other adaptive shooting programs.

<https://www.american1stfreedom.org/articles/2021/9/12/adaptive-defensive-shooting-summit-2021>

Quoting from the Adaptive Defensive Shooting Summit website at: <https://adaptiveshoot.com/what-qualifies-as-a-disability/>

For the purposes of this match disabilities are defined as:

- Permanent injury or illness that necessitates full time use of a wheelchair (manual or power,) walker, cane or other mobility aid.
- Amputation with or without prosthetics
- Loss or limitation of function of limb or limbs
- Illness, Disease or Condition that significantly interferes with performance of basic Activities of Daily Living (Eating, Bathing, Dressing). Examples include: Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis or Stroke.

And according to the NRA website <https://adaptiveshooting.nra.org/faq/>

On the Frequently Asked Questions page:

What is Adaptive Shooting?

Adaptive shooting is applying any specialized technique or technology to safely participate in shooting activities. It can be as simple as lighter caliber guns to accommodate decreased grip strength associated with arthritis or as complex as hydraulic systems that allow people with quadriplegia to fire high powered rifles.

SAGA 2021 Corporate Members

SAGA is proud to have the support of these businesses, clubs and associations as Corporate members for 2021.

We call on all SAGA members to please support our Corporate members when they can.

Corporate Membership is per calendar year and costs:

Business/Association @ R750
Club @ R500

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested in becoming a SAGA Corporate member please contact the office for more information.

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