



SAGA Snippets

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Firearm Control and CFR: Meeting Updates

Attendance at Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC)

On Friday 13th October 2023, SAGA Chairperson Damian Enslin attended a round table meeting chaired by Jenni Irish Qhobosheane and Mark Shaw, concerning firearm control and the Central Firearm Control Register ("CFR").

The main focus of the meeting was concerning the functionality or dysfunctionality of the CFR, and there was a general discussion by all those present on how poor the administration of CFR. All parties present agreed that the CFR was dysfunctional for a number of reasons.

It was also agreed that GI-TOC would release a joint media statement on behalf of all those who attended the meeting.

Attendance at CFR Stakeholders Meeting on the Introduction of an Electronic Firearm Licencing System

On Friday 20th October 2023, SAGA Chairperson Damian Enslin attended an online Stakeholders Meeting with CFR concerning the implementation of the new firearm control electronic system.

The meeting was attended primarily by firearm dealers with more than 200 attending.

Many concerns were raised by various parties concerning whether SAPS/CFR were just ticking boxes or

whether there would be proper stakeholders engagement, as many elements of the firearm industry were not invited and were therefore not present, for instance the firearm transporters.

Further, the tender for the electronic system, which tender was worth approximately R286 million, has been awarded and it appears that the company that has been awarded the tender had not as yet consulted, or obtained the input of, the firearm industry and had so far not engaged with any stakeholders.

Questions were also raised about whether the company who has been awarded the tender had any experience in dealing with similar types of tenders or whether they had the capacity and ability to deal with the tender.

About two hours into the meeting, the firearm industry called for a postponement of the stakeholders meeting so that proper consultation could take place with the entire firearm industry.

We will keep SAGA members updated and advised as to this very important development with respect to firearms and CFR and licensing. The firearm industry, lead by SAAADA (South African Arms and Ammunition Dealers Association), has been calling for the implementation of the electronic system for many years, and has obtained court orders against the Minister of Police and CFR due to a failure on the part of SAPS to implement an electronic system.

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Women's Month Events



Hillandale Shooting Club Ladies Day Shoot 15 October 2023

SAGA attended the annual Ladies Day Shoot hosted by Hillandale Shooting Club in KZN. Thirty ladies attended and were treated to a day of fun and adventure as they were capably guided through the basics of handling various firearms and using them in different ways.

There was a range for Clay Pigeon (run by SAGA Member Club, Rocky Ridge), another for static target with a shotgun, a moving target with an AK47 and then a number of handgun ranges which included static, moving and tactical firing.

The ladies were treated to a bullet proof jacket demonstration by Action Bulletproof using a handgun and an AK47. The results were amazing and showed the jacket being totally impervious to the bullets fired from 15 metres.

Each lady received a participation certificate as well as a goodie bag from Hillandale. SAGA sponsored a braai apron, a new torch and a shopper bag which went to winners of various categories determined by the range officers. Furthermore, every new member to join SAGA was gifted a SAGA cap kindly paid for by Rene Missen of Hillandale – 8 in total. A further 7 SAGA members renewed, having joined last year at the same event.



All in all, a great day on the range albeit with very chilly weather moving in towards the end of the day. Special thanks to Rene Missen, Karl Sander and team.

If anyone is interested in joining Hillandale Shooting Club please contact Matthew Richardson on 082-705-4803.

Peter Marshall-Goodridge





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Just Go!

Tips for Bringing Firearms and Skills Into Your Comfort Zone

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by Becky Yackley

24 October 2023

People who want access to tools and skills often wait until it's too late to begin the process of acquiring them. We have witnessed this in recent history. They wait until it is too late to purchase ammo or firearms, water and emergency supplies; too late for things as simple as toilet paper.

Let's look at a few simple actions you can take to get yourself working and learning outside your comfort zone.

Just Go

If you want to become better equipped and prepared, whether that means improving the skills you already possess or acquiring new skills, you simply must just start. Starting is often the biggest hurdle. It can seem daunting to wade through the legalese of purchasing a firearm, or in some states, just getting a permit. It won't become less daunting if you wait to start the process until you are desperate for a personal defense tool. JUST GO. Start now.

Read about what it is you are trying to purchase or learn.

Research what is the best tool or training for you.

Go to a local store or range. Connect with local vendors who sell the tools and training you seek. Ask about opportunities in your local community. Ask about classes geared toward women.

Whatever it is that you are trying to do that's outside your comfort zone, you must start. This is the one place I find the concept of "influencers" a useful tool. When something seems like it's going to be too much work or too difficult, but you see another person who



you can identify with doing those things you want to do or using the tools and skills you would like to have, then it becomes more attainable.

So don't wait for fate or someone else to help you. Look at people who are doing what you want to do or using the tools you want to use, ask them questions or learn from their story—and just get going.

Take a Friend

Sometimes as adults, it's easier to tell ourselves "I can't" when an idea or goal seems too difficult. Maybe you've let yourself think that there is a risk of injury or failure. Maybe you don't have anyone encouraging you and it's just overwhelming to think about buying a gun or deciding to get training. I'd argue that psyching yourself out is a learned skill, a habit often encouraged by an overly litigious world with too many people who were never encouraged by others to get outside their comfort zone.

So start by deciding to just go, and then grab a friend to go with you. Maybe that's some-



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one who is already informed, but maybe it's someone who is even more hesitant to act because the unknown seems too insurmountable to them. Go be their encouragement and get outside your comfort zone together.

Sign up for a class—many great organizations and ranges hold classes and events.

Seek out free training opportunities, brand demos, pro staff appearances at facilities. There are enjoyable ways to grow your skills and knowledge base that are not overly costly.

Help a friend navigate permitting or licensing. Take a concealed carry class together.

Reach out to that friend that's always offered to help you learn about firearms or shooting and say, "I'm ready, let's go!"

Don't Stop

When you stop doing things, you're limiting your potential. If you stop being active, you limit your athletic ability. If you stop using perishable skills, you limit your proficiency. If you stop lifting weights, you stop gaining physical strength and if you stop asking questions, you stop gaining mental strength.

Many adults stop using their potential because they cannot justify the time and money spent on "hobbies" or time away from work and/or family. Take your family with you and teach them that you want to invest in yourself and your family's safety and potential. Teach your family that you are never done learning and growing and that even someone who has never seen a need for a firearm or had the time to learn to use one still can. Your life and safety, and that of your family, are worth the effort to go, learn, and never stop improving.

Increasing your potential with firearms skills is honestly as easy as dry fire and even time studying videos online from those who share their investments into their own potential. Many adults consider themselves "done," with no desire to continue to grow. But if you decide that you won't stop learning, won't stop inquiring and growing, you will be an

asset to yourself, your family, and your community and the concept of "outside my comfort zone" will be translated in your head as "my next challenge."

If you know someone who can benefit from a little affirmation that they CAN learn and use tools for personal defense and that there is a whole community ready to help them, share this info and take them to the range with you!

False Bay Sports Shooting Club OPEN DAY

**Saturday 2nd December 2023
from 10:00 until 16:00**

The SAGA Chairperson and many SAGA Representatives will be at the annual False Bay Sports Shooting Club Open Day on Saturday 2nd December.

The Range will be open to the public and there will be many types of firearms to shoot.... black powder muzzle-loading firearms, cowboy guns, modern pistols and rifles, and even a .50 calibre sniper rifle.

Come and talk to us at the SAGA stand. We look forward to seeing many SAGA members attending.



One Step at a Time

by Steve Tarani

4 October 2023

The art and science of marksmanship encompasses the ability to make rapid and accurate shot placement. Such effective round placement requires what is commonly referred to as repeatable on-demand performance. To gain this proficiency is to perform a sequence of gun handling and marksmanship skills at maximum efficiency one step at a time. Approaching a list of priority tasks is a skill that can significantly enhance shooting efficiency.

Whether in combat (personal defense) or competition, what should be included in this task listing is: target identification (is this a shoot target?), visually selecting where on the target (specific impact point) you will make round placement, presenting the firearm (carbine from slung position or handgun from open or concealed carry position), establish stability (a solid enough grip and mount), bring that stability to alignment (using the likes of natural point of aim and proprioceptors), visually confirming that alignment (eyes verify), pressing off a round (without disturbing muzzle alignment with the target) and then following through in prep for the next shot if there is one.

Make A List, Check It Twice

First and foremost, it's crucial to start by reviewing your list of tasks. Take a moment to assess the scope and complexity of each item. Some tasks may be quick and straightforward, while others may require more time and effort. Understanding the nature of each task will allow you to allocate your time and resources appropriately.

What takes the most time takes the most effort. Given that a trigger press usually occurs in less than 2/10ths of a second for most shooters, muzzle alignment with the target consumes the lion's share of time and effort and is the crux of making the shot.

Once you've reviewed your list, consider identifying the most critical and time-sensitive tasks such as muzzle alignment. Although everything is important, these are the items that demand your predominant attention and should be addressed beforehand. Prioritizing tasks based on importance or urgency ensures that you meet your commitments and avoid unwarranted rushes. How well has rushing the shot ever served you? If you are not held accountable to a specific time then time is not a priority.

Keep The Main Thing, The Main Thing

Another effective strategy is to categorize tasks by their importance and impact. Not all tasks are created equal, and some are more significant than others. By prioritizing high-impact tasks, you can make substantial progress and achieve meaningful results. A good example of this is drawing a pistol from concealed carry position. Presenting the pistol to the target is what takes the greatest amount of time in the fire control sequence and is the highest priority as you cannot make effective round placement until the muzzle is in alignment with the target.

Breaking down complex tasks into smaller, manageable subtasks can make them feel less overwhelming and more achievable. This approach allows you to tackle each subtask incrementally, building momentum and confidence as you go.

Using the above handgun presentation example, the task of drawing your handgun from its carry position can be broken down into subcomponent tasks. Procuring a master strong hand grip in a minimal amount of time (about 4/10ths of a second) would significantly contribute to reducing your overall presentation time. Immediately following setting your master grip, would be to bring the muzzle from the holster toward the direction of the target which can happen in under 4/10ths of a second.



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In real-world application it's unrealistic to assume that everything will go according to plan, so having some flexibility in your performance sequence is essential. Reassess your task list. As circumstances change, new priorities may emerge, or existing ones may evolve. For example, you may have run dry, or the target moved, or you moved, or you and the target have changed physical position. Being adaptable and open to adjustments ensures that you stay on task. Training for such contingencies as reloading and malfunctions clearing are essential to your overall shooting performance.

It is recommended by the experts to execute one task at a time and execute it well prior to moving on to the next task. Having your mind, your attention, your intention and/ or other mental faculties focused on more than one task is like having one foot in two separate canoes on a river – it never turns out for the better.

Plan For The Long Run

Approaching a list of priority tasks requires a strategic and organized mindset. When training to execute multiple sequential tasks, acknowledging your accomplishments, no matter how small, can boost motivation and provide a sense of satisfaction. Celebrate your victories. A positive mindset is an asset in maintaining productivity, fostering discipline, and tackling complex tasks with enthusiasm.

When it comes to effective gun handling and marksmanship it's a matter of taking on one step at a time ensuring that your task list is clearly defined and with the mental focus needed to perform each step at the very edge of your skills envelop.

<https://www.shootingillustrated.com/content/one-step-at-a-time/>



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Czechoslovak Group Acquires Federal, CCI, Hevi-Shot, Remington Ammo & Speer



By Guy J. Sagi

16 October 2023

Vista Outdoor, parent company of 41 renowned brands that design, manufacture and market sporting and outdoor products to consumers around the globe, announced a definitive agreement to sell its Sporting Products business to Czechoslovak Group (CSG) on Oct. 1. The value of the all-cash transaction is \$1.91 billion and includes ownership transfer of some of the industry's biggest names in ammunition, including Federal, CCI, Remington Ammo, Speer and Hevi-Shot.

"This is an important strategic step for our company in creating value through separating our Outdoor Products and Sporting Products segments," said Gary McArthur, interim CEO of Vista Outdoor. "The previously announced plan to separate our businesses has positioned us to execute seamlessly on this transaction, which we believe is the best path to maximize value for our stockholders, while better positioning Sporting Products and Outdoor Products for future success."

CSG is a leading industrial technology holding company, operating within five strategic business segments, including defense, aerospace, ammunition, mobility and business. CSG is owned and led by Michal Strnad, who has transformed it into a leading Czech industrial group with a strong international footprint. CSG employs more than 10,000 people worldwide and it owns and manages a diverse portfolio of industrial and trade companies across the defense and civilian sectors.

"We are confident that CSG is a great home for our leading ammunition brands," said Jason Vanderbrink, CEO of Vista Outdoor Sporting Products. "The company is fully committed to our iconic American brands and expanding our legacy of U.S. manufacturing, support for military and law enforcement customers, and investments in conservation and our hunting and shooting heritage. We are excited to work closely with the CSG team as we enter this next phase and position our brands for long-term success."

Upon closing, Vanderbrink will remain CEO of the Sporting Products business and the U.S. headquarters will remain in Anoka, Minn. In connection with the transaction, the company's approximately 4,000 employees who represent four factories and the consumer brands CCI, Federal, HEVI-Shot, Remington and Speer will continue their heritage of community and conservation support through local and national organizations.

"Jason and the Sporting Products leadership team have a strong heritage of delivering high quality products, and we are pleased to welcome them to the CSG family of companies as we partner to support their next chapter," said Strnad, CEO of CSG.

"We look forward to building on the company's success in delivering innovative, quality products and are confident in the long-term value we can create together. We are committed to expanding their legacy of U.S. manufacturing and providing resources to accelerate their growth."

<https://www.americanrifleman.org/content/czechoslovak-group-acquires-federal-cci-hevi-shot-remington-ammo-speer/>

How to Rack a Semi-Auto Pistol Slide

by George Harris

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The Problem

You have felt the need to acquire a handgun for personal protection and perhaps some recreational shooting. Although you have owned revolvers in the past, you'd like to try a semi-automatic to modernize. But either your hands aren't very strong to start with, or your hand strength isn't what it used to be. You're having trouble successfully locking the action rearward on the semi-automatic pistols you have handled. If you can't lock the slide back, you may be stuck using a revolver. Regardless, you'd like to learn the best methods to help with handling and operating a semi-auto.

The Fix

Using muscles to do things for which they hadn't been previously used is challenging, to say the least. I have a few options for you, as well as some suggestions on what you might look for in a new semi-automatic pistol for self-defense and concealed carry. I'd like to give you some guidelines, which will help with your handling, marksmanship and overall confidence when using your new handgun.

Success depends as much upon hand size as hand strength. Many people buy a handgun because somebody they trust suggested that brand or model, and they often end up with something too big or too small. This leads to a less-than-perfect experience with their new firearm acquisition.

With the pistol centered in the web of your hand-between your thumb and index finger-the barrel should point as an extension of the hand as if pointing at an object with your index finger. Your hand-eye coordination combined with your natural ability to point gets the muzzle on target. The second part of the equation is to be able to reach and pull the trigger without shifting your grip. If you



can't reach and pull the trigger, you need to consider a pistol with a smaller grip, a shorter trigger reach or both.

This parlays into gripping the slide while holding the frame in order to retract the slide rearward, locking the action open for safety, cleaning, etc. Two things to consider are the slide's available gripping surfaces and their compatibility with your hand size, along with the resistance of the recoil spring and hammer (if the pistol is so equipped) to the movement of the slide.

Most semi-auto pistols have slide serrations, or gripping surfaces, just aft of the ejection port on either side for the purpose of manipulating the slide. The idea is to place the base of the thumb on one side of these gripping surfaces and the fingertips on the other for sufficient purchase on the slide. Many people with average hand strength simply grip the frame as they would when firing to hold it stationary while gripping the slide and pulling it back fully to load a round, clear the chamber or lock the action open.

If this is difficult for you, I suggest you hold the pistol close to your body-ensuring the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction-and push the frame forward with the shooting hand (finger off the trigger), while pulling the slide rearward with the non-shooting hand. Such a motion is similar to tearing a cloth or piece of paper in half.

Practice this action with the pistol unloaded to get the feel for what is necessary to cycle the slide using the push/pull method. Follow that step by inserting an empty magazine to



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automatically lock the slide open when it is pulled sufficiently rearward. When proficiency is achieved, the final step is to practice manipulating the slide while applying upward pressure on the slide-stop lever to engage the notch in the slide, which locks the slide to the rear. Once you are able to do this comfortably, you are ready to load, unload, perform immediate action and clear the pistol for inspection. It's really about technique rather than brute force when it comes to opening the action of most semi-auto pistols.

There are a few other tricks that might help you work a semi-auto handgun. A locked-breech pistol like the SIG Sauer P239 in 9 mm is much easier to manipulate than a blow-back-operated handgun like the company's P232 in .380 ACP. This is due to the resistance of the recoil spring being lighter in a locked-breech gun. Both pistols are similar in size, but their designs have differences in slide

resistance due to recoil-spring strength. As a general rule, recoil springs are stronger and heavier in larger-caliber semi-automatics like those chambered in .40 S&W and .45 ACP. Because of this, my recommendation is to start with a 9 mm that fits you well.

With these guidelines, you should be able to make a solid selection from the multitude of excellent semi-automatic pistols on the market. You now have the techniques to help you operate it with confidence. Of course, there is nothing wrong with using a revolver. In either case, take a class, practice and have fun.

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