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## INTRODUCTION

As we approach the start of renewal classes for the Texas Concealed Handgun Licenses, we want to provide an update on CHL renewal information, changes in the CHL law, NRA instructor classes, and other information. This newsletter also contains information about our new advanced training programs for CHL holders.

## KR TRAINING INSTRUCTORS

**Karl Rehn** founded KR Training in 1991. He is a United States Practical Shooting Association Master class competitor, NRA Training Counselor and Instructor, and Texas Concealed Handgun License (CHL) Instructor. He has trained with Massad Ayoob (Lethal Force Institute), Greg Hamilton (Gunsite/Insights), Marty Hayes (Firearms Academy of Seattle), Ted Bonnet (2-time IPSC World Champion), Ron Avery (Practical Shooting Academy), John Blankenship (Austin Cha Yon Ryu), and others.

He is a member of the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers (ASLET) and the National Range Officers Institute (NROI), and is Executive Vice President of the Texas Concealed Handgun Instructor Association. He was ranked 41st in the American Handgunner magazine list of "World's Top 100 Handgunners" for 1996. In 1997 he was invited to teach advanced handgun skills to the Travis County SWAT Team.



Karl and Penny

**Penny Riggs** is a Texas CHL instructor, NRA certified Pistol and Rifle instructor, and IPSC handgun and DCM rifle competitor. In addition to teaching NRA basic and CHL classes, she is an active member of the Women's Shooting Sports Foundation and is on the Education Committee of the Texas Concealed Handgun Instructor Association. She formerly owned Riggs' Firearms Instruction (RFI) of Bryan, which has become part of KR Training. She and Karl will be attending Defensive Handgun I at Thunder Ranch in September 1997.



Bruce

**Bruce Ryder** is a Texas CHL instructor, NRA Certified Pistol and Rifle Instructor and an IPSC competitor. He has taught **CHL classes, Basic Pistol and Beyond the Basics,** as well as assisted with

the classes KR Training taught to the Travis County SWAT team in 1997. He is currently training in the Integrated Arts program with Frank Benn, which incorporates Brazilian Jujitsu, boxing, and stickfighting.

**Dave Rosenfield** and **Mary Ann Sanborn** own Sanborn Shooters and are NRA instructors.

**William Quiles** is an NRA Certified Pistol, Rifle, Personal Protection, and Home Firearms Safety Instructor. He will be teaching the Basic Pistol class for the Texas Union Informal Classes in 1998. William is also involved in martial arts and currently holds a 1st degree Black Belt in TaeKwonDo.

**Tom Schaefer** owns the Schaefer Training Academy, and is a CHL and NRA instructor. He is a 20-year veteran of the Austin Police Department and taught at the APD Academy for many years. He was also a competitor on the APD pistol team.

### **WWW PAGE UPDATE**

The KR Training WWW page has been recently revised to include:

- The complete KR Training 97-98 class schedule
- New CHL student material
- An updated list of gun clubs and ranges in the Austin area
- Fact sheets on recommended equipment and books to read
- New photos and course descriptions from major 1997 IPSC matches
- Lots of new articles on shooting and self-defense

The URL is still: <http://www.sss.org/krtraining>

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Starting in September 1997, our new mailing address will be:

**KR Training • PO Box 9644 • Austin, TX 78766-9644**

The phone will stay the same: 512-453-5532

### **TEXAS CHL CLASSES**

Penny Riggs, Bruce Ryder, and Karl Rehn have all recertified as CHL instructors. We will begin offering **CHL Renewal** classes in September 1997. The renewal class is only 4 hours, including a classroom session, a written test and a range requalification. We will offer classes at Sanborn Shooters in Smithville, the Schaefer Academy in Dale (near Austin's Bergstrom Airport), and at Arrowhead range in Bryan. We will continue to offer the 11-hour class for new permit applicants at those locations as well.

We have specific dates listed in our schedule, but we are always willing to work with students' schedules. Penny and Karl require a minimum of 4 students to schedule a new CHL permit class. Bruce Ryder will teach private CHL classes for a

slightly higher fee than our group rate. If we don't have a class that fits your schedule, **contact us**.

On our **CHL Class** days we will offer the **CHL Renewal** in the morning, and a **Beyond the Basics** shooting class in the afternoon for an additional fee. On the CHL Renewal class days we can also offer the 11-hour **New CHL Permit Applicant Course** in a separate classroom. Both sets of students (new and renewal) will qualify together on the range. The 11-hour new permit course is \$85, the renewal class is \$45, with **Beyond the Basics** an additional \$40 for 4 hours of shooting instruction. At Sanborn's facility, notary service is free, and passport photos are available for \$10.

To answer a question we've been asked a lot recently: If you have taken the CHL class, but have waited longer than 6 months to turn in your application, you can still apply for a permit. For a while, DPS will continue to accept CHL class certificates for new applicants even if they are more than 6 months old. Certificates for CHL renewals will expire after 6 months. If for some reason you need a replacement certificate or paperwork issued let me know and I can produce a duplicate from my records.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Texas legislature passed several CHL reform bills during the last session. As Executive VP of the Texas Concealed Handgun Instructor Association, Karl Rehn attended the committee hearings on these revisions. Most of the changes the Instructor Association lobbied for made it into law. Many positive changes for permit holders have occurred and we'll cover all of them during the renewal classes. Here are the most important changes:

### *APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY*

Eligibility for a Texas CHL is extended to people convicted of a disqualifying crime who have had their record expunged (eg. the conviction of the record removed), or have been pardoned for any reason.

The mental illnesses that can disqualify a permit applicant are more precisely defined, and the DPS medical review board is given authority to evaluate applicants.

DPS is to investigate a written recommendation by an instructor to deny a CHL, and imposes a time limit of 45 days to make the determination, extending the 60-day limit for issuance as necessary to complete the investigation.

The minimum caliber allowed for the proficiency examination is now .32.

### *SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION*

The requirement a CHL holder to carry his or her CHL at all times, even when not armed, had been removed.

A CHL is only to be suspended (rather than revoked) if the license holder is charged with the commission of a crime which would render them ineligible for a CHL upon conviction. DPS is required to reinstate the CHL of anyone who had it revoked solely because of being charged with (but not convicted of) the commission of a crime. If the charge is still pending, DPS must leave the CHL on suspension, and must completely reinstate it if the charge is dismissed.

Penalties for a number of infractions have been reduced:

- 30-day suspension for failing to notify the DPS of a change in address.

- 90-day suspension for failing to volunteer your CHL when armed if asked for ID by a peace officer or magistrate, but only for the first infraction. A second occurrence of this infraction is considered a Class B misdemeanor and will result in revocation.

- 1-3 year suspension for a second occurrence of a infraction that has previously resulted in a 30-day suspension. A third occurrence will result in revocation.

#### *ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE*

Businesses deriving 51% or more of their income from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption must post a sign with a “51” in five-inch high red letters, along with a further explanation in one-inch letters (in English and Spanish) that a CHL holder is prohibited from carrying a handgun on the premises.

The Alcoholic Beverage Code has been amended in several places to give permit holders the same rights to carry as on-duty police officers and security guards. It’s now clearly legal for permit holders to carry in convenience stores, liquor stores and other places that sell but don’t serve alcohol.

#### *CRIMINAL TRESPASS AND "NO GUNS" SIGNS*

A new section (PC 30.06) of Criminal Trespass law applies only to the CHL holder when armed. PC 30.06 mandates that written notice take a specific form, containing specific wording in both English and Spanish and be printed in block letters at least 1-inch high. “No Guns” signs that don’t meet this requirement will not be legally binding on permit holders.

The definition of “premises” was clarified in PC 46.03. It is now clearly legal to carry a handgun in your car while picking up your kids in a school parking lot, and it is legal for university & state employees to keep their guns in their cars while parked on state property.

Hospitals, nursing homes, amusement parks, and churches are now all required to post specifically worded “No Guns” signs. If the owners of those facilities choose not to post the signs, permit holders cannot be prosecuted for carrying there.

The complete details can be found on the WWW page at

[www.sss.org/krtraining/KRTraining/TexasCHL/Leg97.html](http://www.sss.org/krtraining/KRTraining/TexasCHL/Leg97.html)

For those without Internet access, mail \$1 and a SASE to KR Training, and we will send you a complete copy.

#### **TEXAS CONCEALED HANDGUN INSTRUCTOR ASSOCIATION**

The new board of the Texas Concealed Handgun Instructor Association, including Executive VP Karl Rehn, has been working on a number of fronts. President Dan West testified before the Legislature on CHL reform, and Karl prepared the Association's official position on the proposed legislation. Permit holders can now join the Association as associate members. We've enclosed a membership application. Members get regular newsletters with information related to the Texas CHL program, and your support helps us better represent the CHL community to the Legislature, the media, and the citizens of Texas.

## **ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAM**

Our instructors have a broad background of shooting and self-defense experience, from championship IPSC matches, high-power rifle competitions, several disciplines of martial arts, and other training classes with nationally known instructors. Over the past year we've been adding to those credentials. Karl and Bruce were invited to give the Travis County SWAT team 30 hours of advanced handgun training, and Karl attended noted instructor Massad Ayoob's "Judicious Use of Deadly Force" course. Penny and Karl went to Thunder Ranch, and Bruce has been training four days a week with Frank Benn in Brazilian Ju-Jitsu and Integrated Arts for the last year.

We realize that a lot of people have the desire to get advanced training, but just don't have the available time and money to do so. We want to share our knowledge by offering a series of classes that go beyond the topics covered in the CHL course. We have developed three Advanced Training courses that are structured so students may attend over a weekend, or only one day:

**Advanced Training I**—A one-day defensive shooting class designed for Texas CHL holders without competitive shooting experience. Topics covered include: drawing from a holster, speed reloading, shooting on the move, rapid target acquisition, increasing shooting speed, and developing general handgun proficiency under stress. You will need a centerfire handgun, belt holster, magazine carriers, spare magazines, and a minimum of 500 rounds. Tuition is \$85.

**Advanced Training IA** - A 2-3 hour introduction to night and low-light shooting, typically offered on the same day as AT-I. Prerequisites: Texas CHL and completion of AT-I or instructor approval. In addition to all the equipment needed for AT-I, you will need a pushbutton flashlight and an additional 100 rounds of ammunition. Tuition is \$30, \$15 if you take AT-I or AT-II during the same weekend.

**Advanced Training II** - A one-day defensive tactics class which complements the advanced shooting training offered in AT-I and IA. Topics include: developing a survival mindset, controlling attackers, dealing with bystanders and arriving officers, dealing with the legal and psychological aftermath of a shooting, and roleplaying exercises using paintball ammunition. The focus of this course is giving the student a more realistic understanding of what can and will occur during and after a violent encounter. No ammunition is required for AT-II, as there is no live-fire section. Prerequisites: a valid Texas CHL. AT-I or competition shooting experience is suggested but not a mandatory prerequisite. Tuition is \$85.

Sign up for AT-I, AT-IA, and AT-II for a package price of \$170.

Classes will be taught at the Sanborn Shooters facility in Smithville. There is a bed and breakfast cabin and camping facilities available at Sanborn's for an extra fee, and there are other B&B's and hotels nearby. Sanborn Travel (1-800-531-5440) can help you with accommodations. Sanborn Shooters will be making a heavily discounted bulk purchase on factory ammo for KR Training students. Contact Dave Rosenfield prior to October 1, 1997 at (512) 360-4894 for information.

## 97-98 SCHEDULE

### **CHL (\$85) and CHL Renewal (\$45):**

Sanborn Shooters, Smithville (Sept 27, 1997, February 14th, 1998)

Schaefer Training Academy (dates set by student request)

Arrowhead Range, Bryan (March 21st, 1998)

We are always willing to work with students to schedule additional CHL and CHL renewal classes, especially if you can get a group of 4 or more together. For a slightly higher cost private classes are also available, dependent on instructor availability.

### **Advanced Training (AT-I- \$85, AT-IA- \$30, AT-II - \$85, all 3 classes: \$170):**

Sanborn Shooters, Smithville (Oct 18/19, '97, Nov 22/23, '97, March 14/15, '98)

Class size for the AT classes is limited to 14, and we expect them to fill up fast.

### **NRA Instructor Training (\$175):**

Schaefer Training Academy, Austin (January 17/18, 1998)

This 2-day class will certify you as an NRA Instructor in Home Firearm Safety, Basic Pistol, First Steps Pistol, and Personal Protection. Class includes lecture and range time, and your tuition includes the cost of a complete set of NRA training materials. NRA Rifle instructor certification is also available but requires an additional 14 hours of training.

### **Texas Union Informal Classes (to register: 512-471-0270):**

William Quiles is taking over the **Basic Pistol** course, taught through the University of Texas Informal Classes, at the Hill Country Rifle Range. This NRA course provides 4 hours of training covering the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for the safe and proper handling and shooting of handguns of all types. The course includes familiarization with many types of revolvers and semi-automatic handguns, as well as instruction in the fundamentals of marksmanship and 1 hour of range time. **Basic Pistol** will be offered in September 1997 and spring 1998.

Karl Rehn will be teaching **Beyond the Basics** on October 12, 1997, and March 8, 1998. This popular 4-hour course is intended for people with basic shooting experience who are interested in improving their accuracy and speed. Techniques will be presented for reducing perceived recoil, improving on the basic grip and stance, and increasing accuracy and speed on single and multiple targets. Additional information about local pistol competitions and gun clubs will be provided.

### **Other training opportunities:**

The Central Texas area has a number of excellent gun clubs and ranges. If you have armed yourself for self-defense, always remember that the gun by itself won't make you safe: proficiency in shooting ability and safe gun handling are extremely important. Shooting 50 rounds once every 4 years simply isn't enough.

We maintain a regularly updated list of area gun clubs and ranges online at:

**<http://www.sss.org/krtraining/FAQs/AustinGunFAQ.html>**

Send \$1 and an SASE if you want a copy mailed to you.

## KR TRAINING HATS

We will be placing another order for KR Training hats. Hats are khaki with navy ink and bill. Orders must be in by 11/1/97. Hats are \$12, which includes shipping.

## ART ENTERPRISES OFFERS DISCOUNT

Alan Tillman, who is an American Pistolsmith's Guild member and American Handgunner Club 100 gunsmith, is offering a discount to everyone on the KR Training mailing list.



Good for \$10 off any gunsmithing job costing \$50 or more.

ART Enterprises  
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Austin, TX 78757  
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## TO ENROLL IN CLASSES

Send this in, along with check for at least half of your tuition as a deposit.  
Contact the Texas Union Informal Classes at 471-0270 for those classes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Course/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Penny Riggs shooting the 1997 Space City Challenge in Houston

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