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WINTER/SPRING 1996 NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is being sent out to a number of different mailing lists that I keep: NRA instructors, CHL instructors, CHL students, IPSC competitors, and local gun-related businesses. If for some reason you don't want to receive future mailings from me, please contact me at the address above and let me know.

The main reason for sending this newsletter out is to announce the winter & spring schedule of classes for KR Training. We're going to offer a wide variety of classes from January through March. I'm planning on taking a break from teaching from April to August to concentrate on competing in the major IPSC matches for the year.

My Web site has moved! I relocated my World Wide Web site from Avaloncorp to the Eden Matrix. The new URL is: <http://www.eden.com/~rehn/> and my new email address is rehn@arlut.utexas.edu. I've added a lot of new information, including on-line maps to classrooms and ranges as well as more photos and files. Check it out.

CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING (\$125)

Jan 7th, Sunday (Rehn): Sanborn Shooters, Smithville. One day class (8 am - 8 pm), including range qualification.

Jan 13th, Saturday (Hackert): Sierra Microsystems, Austin. Classroom on Saturday, range on Jan 14th, Sunday, at Austin Skeet Range.

Jan 20th, Saturday (Ryder/Rehn): Sierra Microsystems, Austin. Classroom on Saturday, range on Jan 21st, Sunday, at Schaefer's Training Academy in Dale.

Jan 27th, Saturday (Hackert): Sierra Microsystems, Austin. Classroom on Saturday, range on Jan 28th, Sunday, at Austin Skeet Range.

Feb 4th, Sunday (Rehn): Sanborn Shooters, Smithville. One day class (8 am - 8 pm), including range qualification.

ADVANCED CHL (\$150) Feb 17th-18th, Saturday & Sunday

This course will be taught by Karl Rehn, Larry Brusso, and Tom Schaefer. This 2-day, 16 hour, course will cover tactical use of pepper spray, basic martial arts/physical force techniques, conflict avoidance, situational awareness, advanced shooting skills and more. The basic CHL course is a lecture course in which the students absorb a great deal of knowledge about the law and verbal dispute resolution. The advanced course will focus on hands-on training and application of specific techniques as well as role-playing exercises and shooting drills. Completion of a basic CHL course is a prerequisite for the Advanced course. For this course all students will need to bring their concealment holster, "carry" gun and a minimum of 250 rounds of ammunition.

Larry Brusso is an NRA and CHL instructor, contributing editor for Texas Shooters News, IPSC range officer and co-author of the USPSA Safe Handgun Competitor program. He is certified to teach the Counter Assault Defense Spray civilian and law enforcement courses, and was a Special Operator with USMC Force Recon. He has worked with law enforcement groups teaching shooting skills and tactics, and is Chief Instructor for Practical Firearms Instruction of Cuero.

Sgt. Tom Schaefer is an NRA and CHL instructor who is also a theft investigator and academy instructor with the Austin Police Department. He was also on the committee which set the policy for APD's interaction with permit holders and has competed on the Austin Police Dept. pistol team. He owns and operates the Schaefer Training Academy in Dale.

BEYOND THE BASICS (\$72 non-UT/\$60 UT)

Feb 25th, Saturday (Rehn/Ryder): Schaefer Training Academy. 4 hour seminar (10 am - 2 pm).

This class will be offered through the Texas Union Informal Classes (471-0270). It is intended for those that have a basic knowledge of firearms and shooting and would like to improve their performance. 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. You'll need a centerfire handgun, a belt holster, and at least 100 rounds of ammunition. If you're interested in this one, sign up early. Class is limited to 14. Bring \$11 for range fee, targets, and handouts.

SAFE HANDGUN COMPETITOR (\$150) March 16th-17th, Saturday & Sunday (Rehn)

This 2-day, 16-hour course was designed by the US Practical Shooting Association as an introduction to the sport of Practical Shooting. Topics include competition rules and scoring, speed draw, speed reload, movement, barricade, course analysis, practice & training tips, and more. Students will need to bring their competition handgun, belt holster, magazine pouches, and a minimum of 500 rounds of ammunition.

BLANCO COUNTY SPEED SHOOT (\$15) March 10th, Sunday (9 a.m. - approx 3 p.m.)

The Blanco County Sportsman's Club, in association with KR Training, is putting on a fun shoot based on IPSC and Steel Challenge competition. It's designed for the 'average' shooter and stock guns. A holster is useful but not required. Stages will use bowling pins as well as paper and steel targets and will be scored on time only. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch. There will be a .22 rimfire side match and end-of-match shootoff too. Sign up starts at 9 a.m. and shooters new to competition must complete a brief range safety orientation. The Blanco County Sportsman's Club range is 8 miles west of Johnson City on the south side of Hwy 290 just before entering the town of Hye. Contact Karl Rehn or Pat Watson (210)-868-4204 for more details.

HILL COUNTRY PRACTICAL PISTOL CLUB

HCPPC holds regular IPSC/Practical Shooting matches on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Hill Country Rifle Range. First time competitors shoot for free and are always welcome. Practical shooting is an international sport which rewards accuracy, power, and speed with a handgun. While IPSC competition should not be considered tactical training it is an excellent way to improve your shooting, gun handling, and decision making skills under stress. Some competitors shoot compensated, scoped pistols, but the majority of the local shooters compete in Limited class using iron-sighted, stock handguns. Contact me for more information about local matches.

Ronnie Jones is also putting on a special "full service" IPSC match on January 27. For a \$20 match fee, competitors will shoot through with no delay and complete the entire match in 2 hours. The match will be 4-6 stages and will require at least 100 rounds. The match begins at 9 a.m. and squads of 5-6 shooters will be started every 30 minutes until 1:30 p.m.. Call Ronnie at 288-4214 prior to match day to book a start time. Shooters must show up 30 minutes prior to your start time on match day. Scoring will be completed at the end of the day and match results will be faxed, emailed, or mailed immediately following the match. Competitors are not required to help set up or tear down the match and are free to leave as soon as they are done shooting.

NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

If there is student interest I will be offering another NRA instructor training course for Home Firearm Safety, Pistol, and Personal Protection in the fall. I am also considering bringing in another Training Counselor from out-of-town to teach a one-day Rifle and Shotgun instructor training course for those that are already certified NRA pistol instructors. If you are interested in either of these courses let me know.

ENROLLING IN CLASSES

To enroll in any of the listed classes, send a check (payable to Karl Rehn) for the amount of tuition to the address at the top of the first page. To sign up for Beyond the Basics, contact the Texas Union. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about anything in this newsletter. As always, I look forward to teaching you.

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