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Combined License to Carry & Basic Handgun Class



By October, the Gulf Coast oppressive heat should be subsiding, so the course that combines a Basic Handgun Skills Class (BHS) with the Texas License to Carry a Handgun Class (LTC) returns to the schedule. People wanting to take the combined class will begin the BHS at 8:00am and they will shoot the range qualification part of the LTC class last. Then they will have a lunch break from 11:00am until noon. The classroom portion of the combined class will begin at noon. People taking only the LTC class rather than the combined course will begin at 11:00am with the range portion of the class followed by the classroom portion beginning at noon.

People who have little or no handgun shooting

experience are strongly encouraged to take the combined class! Forty years of teaching people how to shoot, including ten years as a CHL/LTC instructor has shown that a large percentage of students would benefit greatly from a basic handgun class. This is true even though they pass with LTC range qualification with little difficulty.

To encourage basic training, the combined class is offered at the discounted price of \$175 compared to \$194 if taken separately. While the total class capacity is twenty-four students, only ten can take the combined class, with the remaining fourteen slots available to people who only want to take the LTC class.

For more information and to register for either the LTC class or the combined BHS/LTC class, check the PSC Calendar for dates and registration links.

Texas Hunter Education Class

A Texas Hunter Education Certification class will be offered in September and October. The September class will be on Saturday the 17th and the October class will be on Saturday, October 15th. Both classes will be from 9:00am until 4:00pm. The class fee is \$15.00 payable in cash.

Anyone born after Sept. 2, 1971 (45 years old and younger) MUST have hunter education certification to legally hunt in Texas. Many other states require hunter

education certification regardless of ones age. The minimum age for Texas Hunter Ed certification is nine years. Also note that anyone under 17 can legally hunt as long as they are accompanied, but people age 17 and older MUST have hunter education even if accompanied by persons who do not require certification or who have been certified.

People attending should bring snacks, lunch, and drinks, because there will not be an off-campus lunch period. Be sure

to bring your driver's license and your social security number, if those have been issued.

Anyone under 17 must have their parent or guardian's signature upon arrival (if a parent is dropping off - please do not leave until you sign the hunter education paperwork

Questions? please call John at 832-474-8977 or email: HunterEducationClasses@yahoo.com

New: AR-15 Maintenance and Troubleshooting Class

This class is taught by retired Houston Police Dept. SWAT instructor Mark Scales. This course is designed for the AR-15 owner wishing to understand factory approved maintenance procedures and practices. It will be hands on, YOU learning to take apart YOUR gun in a safe classroom setting. No pressure, no screaming, just basic maintenance taught in a manner that allows YOU the owner to understand the operating principles of the

vaunted AR-15.

Topics included but not limited to are:

1. weapon nomenclature;
2. disassembly to factory user level specifications;
3. sub-assembly function checks;
4. cleaning and parts inspection;
5. malfunctions and clearance procedures;
6. weapon accessories geared for defensive use;
7. ammunition selection for defensive use;
8. iron sights as well as op-

tics;

9. defensive storage procedures.

What you need to bring:

1. UNLOADED AR-15 with one magazine;
2. your owners manual for your selected brand of AR-15;
3. clear eye protection (normal eyeglasses are ok);
4. pen for notes (handouts will be provided).

The fee is only \$25 for PSC

Members and \$30.00 for non-members. Class size is limited to 12 students.

Check the PSC Calendar for class dates.

[Every AR-15 owner should take this class! I've been shooting AR platform guns for decades and I'm always amazed at the number of people who have these fine rifles, but don't know how to clean, maintain and troubleshoot an AR. Charles L. Cotton, PSC Chief Instructor.]

NRA Personal Protection Classes— Oct. & Nov.



The two most popular NRA classes are those dealing with personal protection. There are two classes, the NRA Personal Protection In the Home (PPIH) and Personal Protection Outside the Home (PPOH). The popularity of these courses is understandable in light of the rapidly growing number of Americans who are get-

ting licenses to carry self-defense handguns. People who take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their loved ones by carrying handguns are becoming more aware of the value of firearms training.

The shooting portions of both the PPIH and PPOH courses are considered by more experienced handgun shooters to be rather elementary, while those with less experience with handguns find the drills to be enlightening. People who have never shot from unusual positions or using barricades as cover or concealment learn skills and tactics that can be lifesaving.

Regardless of ones view of the range portion of the class, the classroom portion of the PPIH and PPOH classes presents information that a few people learn, unless they have been through law enforcement or military combat training. While there is some overlap between the PPIH and PPOH courses, self-defense and defense of your family is markedly different in your own home than it is outside your home. Legal standards are essentially the same, but defensive tactics and the risk to innocent bystanders are

different, sometimes markedly so. This is why the NRA did not attempt to combine both topics into a single class.

A Personal Protection In the Home Course will be offered on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 8:30am until 4:30pm. The Personal Protection Outside the Home Course will follow on November 11, 2016 from 8:30am until 5:30pm. Note that the NRA requires students to take the PPIH course as a requisite for the PPOH course. It is important that students have a good understanding of self-defense issues covered in PPIH before moving into the far more dynamic and fluid environment outside ones home.

The classes will be offered to both PSC Club Members and non-members. The fee for the each class will be \$150 for Members and \$175 for non-members. People taking the PPOH course will received a certificate for completion of the Basic class (Level I) An Advanced PPOH certificate (Level II) will be available for students who want to take participate in an optional five hours of range drills, in addition to the three hour range session that is required for the Basic PPOH Certificate.

If you are interested in taking one or both of these classes, check the PSC Calendar for dates and a registration link. You can get more information about the PPIH and PPOH courses on the following page.

NRA Personal Protection In the Home Course (PPIH)

This course teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to the safe and efficient use of a handgun for protection of self and family, and to provide information on the law-abiding individual's right to self-defense. It is an eight-hour course in which students should expect to shoot approximately 100 rounds of ammunition. Students will learn basic defensive shooting skills, strategies for home safety and responding to a violent confrontation, firearms and the law, how to choose a handgun for self-defense, and continued opportunities for skill development.

Students will receive the NRA Guide to the Basics of Personal Protection In The Home handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet, and course completion certificate.

NRA Basic Personal Protection In The Home course is for law-

abiding adult citizens, as defined by applicable federal, state, or local law, and experienced shooters (shooters able to show mastery of the basic skills of safe gun handling, shooting a group, zeroing the firearm, and cleaning the firearm) to maximize what can be learned from this course.

Students often report that one of the most valuable topics covered in this course is the physiological and psychological response people have to a life-threatening assault or event. Also covered are ways to minimize or avoid these dangerous natural responses so that one can deal with the threat and survive a deadly attack. Many students have commented that *"the classroom portion of the course alone is worth the price of admission."* Learning to shoot and learning to fight are totally different subjects. Shooting is physical, while fighting has a large mental component.

NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home Course (PPOH)



This course is comprehensive and intensive in its approach to equip the defensive shooting candidate with the skills needed to survive serious adversity. It teaches students the knowledge, skills and attitude essential for avoiding dangerous confrontations and for the safe, effective and responsible use of a concealed pistol

for self-defense outside the home. Students attend this course using a quality strong side hip holster that covers the trigger. From a review of safe firearms handling and proper mindset to presentation from concealment and multiple shooting positions, this course contains the essential skills and techniques needed to prevail in a life-threatening situation.

The NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home is divided into two levels (basic and advanced). Level one is a nine-hour course and offers the essential knowledge and skills that must be mastered in order to carry, store, and use a firearm safely and effectively for personal protection outside the home. Upon completion of level one, students may choose to attend level two, which is an additional five hours of range training and teaches advanced shooting skills.

After the classroom portion, students should expect to shoot approximately 100 rounds of ammunition during level one. Level two involves five additional hours on the range and approximately 115 rounds of ammunition.

The ammunition requirements are minimum and may be exceeded, depending upon how many rounds a student shoots chooses to shoot certain drills. Students will receive the NRA Guide to the Basics of Personal Protection Outside The Home handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure and the appropriate course completion certificate(s), NRA Basic Personal Protection Outside The Home (identifies strong-side hip holster or purse use) certificate, and NRA Advanced Personal Protection Outside The Home certificate.

The NRA Basics of Personal Protection Outside The Home is for adult individuals who are not disqualified from possessing a firearm as defined by applicable federal, state, or local law and are of good repute and possess defensive pistol skills presented in the NRA Basics of Personal Protection In The Home Course. Participants must also understand the basic legal concepts relating to the use of firearms in self-defense, and must know and observe not only general gun safety rules, but also those safety principles that are specific to defensive situations. Prospective participants can demonstrate that they have the requisite knowledge, skills, and attitudes by producing an NRA Basic Personal Protection In The Home Course Certificate, or other proof of having successfully completed the PPIH Course.

NOTE: Students in all PPOH courses will use strong side belt holsters only.

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The mission of the PSC Shooting Club, Inc. is to promote safe and responsible firearms ownership and use. The Club achieves this goal through a multi-prong approach that includes providing an excellent facility and training opportunities, as well as matches and other special events that allow shooters to hone their skills. Club matches, events and training opportunities are open to both Members and non-members to promote firearms safety and responsibility to the entire surrounding communities.

Remember, PSC is not just a gun range, we are a club. Come to your Club often, get involved in Club programs and help promote safe and responsible firearms ownership and use. We are all ambassadors for the Second Amendment.

Handgun Cleaning Classes— Ladies-Only and Coed

Recently, a lady who has attended a number of ladies-only classes suggested that a handgun cleaning class should be offered for women. The original thought was to offer it as a seminar, but our seminars are always designed for to maximize seating in our classroom. This means theater style seating with no tables. This will not work for hands-on learning. In order to be able to get the most out of handgun cleaning instruction, people need to be able to bring their own handgun and learn how to clean it, not merely watch someone else clean a gun.

A two hour handgun cleaning class will be offered periodically for PSC Mem-

bers and non-members. The plan is to begin these classes in late September or early October and they will be on a Friday evening. Check the PSC Calendar for dates and registration links.

Students will be provided a list of cleaning supplies and equipment required for the class. These supplies will be available at local stores like Academy, Cabela's as well as gun stores. Links will also be provided for people who want to order online, but be sure to do so well in advance of the class.

Although every effort will be made to use only non-toxic cleaning solvents that have little odor, there is no such

solvent. Therefore, this class is not recommended for people with allergies or asthma as the cleaning solvents may be a problem.

Don't worry guys, classes will be offered for you as well. However, since this new class was created in response for a ladies-only version, it's only fair to do it in that format for the first class. Plus, how many of you guys are going to admit you don't know why to clean your gun!? All kidding aside, this class will be evaluated just like all others offered at the Club. If it is in demand, it will be offered so that everyone can attend. Cost is \$25 for PSC Members and \$30 for non-members.