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# Through the Spotting Scope

## **NVFAC President's Report**

s our next issue of The Firing Line will arrive after the Christmas Season, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and blessings to you and your families. This Christmas Season is a time of preparation for the Firearms Coalition and for gun owners in Nevada. Starting in 2016, Bloomberg's so called "universal background check" initiative will be on the ballot. We call it the "universal federal background check" because its purpose is to force the sales of every firearm through an FFL. More details are provided in the Legislative Report. Please visit our PAC page at <u>www.nevadansforstategunrights.</u> <u>com</u> and the same on Facebook.

It is going to take a concerted effort to vote down this initiative and we are looking to you our members for help and support. Please read the following article. Thanks!

For Freedom Don Turner, President

# Five Strategies And Tactics Of Successful Firearms Advocacy

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# "Five 'M's For Success"

by

#### Don Turner, President, Nevada Firearms Coalition

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With the current all-out attack on our firearms rights, the firearms community should take some lessons from Sun Tzu. Based on several years of experience in fighting and advocating for gun rights and shooting ranges, it is apparent that t h e r e (Continued on Page 2 - Strategies)

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are five critical components for the successful deployment of strategy and tactics. The strategic application of these five components is necessary for success. Since each topic is the subject of considerable written works, for the sake of brevity only the significant points are mentioned. All five must be managed together for success.

## 1. MONEY:

Every strategy and tactic takes money to execute. It is not the volume of money gathered, but rather its strategic application that yields success. Just throwing money at an issue will not necessarily arrive at a successful outcome. To begin an advocacy program, fund raising programs must be developed and implemented. In addition, funds must be legally managed beyond reproach so your opponents will not able to file charges against you or destroy your reputation.

### 2. MARKET:

The target market must be identified. Who are the players that will provide the successful outcome that you are seeking? What is the opposition? You may have more than one market or more than one opposition group. If so, the following two components must be developed together for each targeted market. You must identify and target the markets that will yield the most successful return for your efforts. For instance only targeting gun owners for a pro-gun issue may not be a successful strategy if they are of low influence to the outcome.

## 3. MESSAGE:

What message will influence the previously identified market(s) to support your position? This message MUST be crafted to gain their support. What can you say to get them to support you? Timing of the message is also critical, too soon it is forgotten, too late is just too late.

## 4. MEDIA:

What media needs to be used to get the message to the target market? Social media, print media, bill boards, bumper stickers, door messages, demonstrations, TV slots, interviews, etc. They must be the media that is utilized by the above identified critical target market(s).

## 5. MOTIVATION:

You must have a highly motivated and talented team committed to fight the fight until success is achieved. Lackluster efforts or broken promises only yield poor results.





The Nevada Firearms Coalition was presented the Grassroots Organization of the Year by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms at the September 2015 Gun Rights Policy Conference in Phoenix Arizona. NVFAC President Don Turner received the award for NVFAC and thanked the CCRKB for its support and assistance. CCRKB President Alan Gottlieb commented that the NVFAC had accomplished a tremendous amount in the short time since it was organized in 2011. NVFAC sincerely appreciates the recognition.



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## In the Crosshairs In the Crosshairs In the Cros

## NVFAC Legislative Affairs Division Report

ur efforts continue to gear up for the fight against the Bloomberg universal background check initiative, which is really a gun registration scheme in disguise. About the only thing the initiative will accomplish is to send private gun sellers and buyers to a federal firearms licensee (FFL) for the background check, which will require the gun to be entered into the dealer book of the FFL. Once there, the gun and information on the buyer and seller will be available for law enforcement review on request. After finally forcing the elimination of the Clark County handgun registration program after 67 years, the Bloomberg background check initiative will force the registration of firearms in not only Clark County, but all of Nevada. If the initiative is successful, watch for another initiative to mandate creation of a firearms registry from background check records, to make it easier for the government to enforce the background check. Don't say you weren't warned! That's why our PAC, Nevadans for State Gun Rights, is leading

the charge opposing the so-called background check initiative, so we can shut the whole process down before it gets started!

As free citizens of a free country, you have a stake in this fight, even if you don't own a gun. You can do your part to help defeat the initiative it by offering your services in the fight for your gun rights. Go to www. nevadansforstategunrights.org and join the Coalition, and volunteer to help fight the Bloomberg initiative. You may not own a gun now, but someday you or a family member may want a firearm for protection. Make sure you are able to buy that firearm by fighting now to protect the right to keep and bear arms, which is the birthright of all Americans.

Watch our website and member alerts for opportunities to fight against the Bloomberg gun registration initiative!

Duncan Rand Mackie, Vice-President NVFAC Legislative Division

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Attention all NVFAC members! The Firing Line needs your stories and photos. Please submit stories about your hunting and shooting experiences or any related topic to me at <a href="mailto:george@nvfac.org">george@nvfac.org</a>. Please don't worry about getting every word just right. That's my job. Thank you! Ey George

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# Locked and Loaded Locked and Loaded Locked and Competition Shooting 101: 3-Gun

By Nick Leghorn on April 8, 2011

hooting sports are once again gaining popularity in the United States and abroad, but the games aren't the same "gentlemanly" ones that your grandfather played. There was a time when "shooting competition" meant firing at targets from a fixed position at your own pace, but in the last few decades they have evolved by leaps and bounds to become complicated adrenaline-fueled drag races full of challenging obstacles and difficult shots that test a shooter's ability like nothing else can. The best part is that you don't really need any special equipment to start and anyone can play, and the best in the business typically seem to be "well endowed" (fat) instead of remarkably fit. As the resident competition shooter on staff I have taken it upon myself to write a series of articles explaining the more popular shooting competition styles, the various rules, and how to get started. We begin with the current king of competition shooting: 3-Gun.

#### What, exactly, is 3-gun?

3-gun is as close to a real-life first person shooter video game as you'll get without joining the military. But you really need to see an example to understand. Here's a video from one of my friends (SinistralRifleman) shooting a stage from the 2009 Ironman competition (he came in 17th out of 140 overall, 1st in his division).

3-gun gets its name from the fact that you use three different types of firearms over the course of the competition: a shotgun, a rifle, and a pistol. You score points by hitting designated targets, which include clay pigeons, cardboard silhouettes, steel targets of varying sizes, and anything else the Range Officer designates as a target (my latest competition included an entire stage of Hug juice bottles).

Competitors lose points for hitting "no shoot" targets (hostages, friendlies, etc) or skipping targets / obstacles. Their score is augmented by the time it takes to complete the course of fire. The person with the combination of fastest time and best accuracy wins. More about scoring later.

#### What do you need to compete?

The basic materials are pretty simple and fairly cheap; a complete competitive 3-gun setup can be yours for less than \$1,000. All you really need is a semi-

automatic rifle, a shotgun (pump or semi-auto) and a pistol (semi-auto or revolver). Competitions differ on the the specific competition minimum caliber for each weapon. Generally, any rifle over 5.45×39 is in, any shotgun with 20ga or larger will work, and a 9mm or larger pistol is good to go.

Unfortunately, the more you get into this sport the more your wallet will hate you. This is my setup for Tactical division (more on divisions in a bit). You're looking at a bit over \$4,000 worth of guns (not including magazines and holsters). Every tweak I've made to the basic set-up is down to a lesson I learned on the course. There's no substitute for training and practice, but when seconds count every bit helps.



You're also going to need magazines for your rifle, pistol (if semi-auto) and possibly your shotgun (if you run a Saiga). Make sure that you have some quality magazines; mid-stage stoppages can be embarrassing and cost you precious seconds. I've had a magazine (Magpul PMAG) fail just as I was pulling it out of my pocket to charge my rifle before starting a stage, vomiting live ammo all over the ground.

In addition to the guns (and magazines to feed those guns), you're going to need a way to carry everything through the stage. 3-gun is all about moving and shooting. The ability to carry all of your spare magazines while still having easy access is critical. There are two schools of thought when it comes to gear, either the "belt" or the "chest rig" solution. Chest rigs are relatively cheap and have all the pockets you need, but can be constricting and limiting when moving around. I opted for the belt solution.

On my left are my magazines, three pistol and two rifles. I've never needed more than two spare pistol



magazines and one spare rifle magazine on any given stage, but having the extra is comforting. The screws on the rifle magazine holsters allow for the tension to be adjusted so that they are snug enough to retain the magazine but loose enough to be able to be pulled out in a hurry.



On my right is my pistol holster and shotgun ammo pouch. I used to use a SERPA holster (pictured) but ever since one of my classmates had an ND with one at a pistol course I've switched to the Safariland ALS.



Keep in mind when choosing a pistol holster that the entire trigger guard needs to be covered, and it needs to retain your gun through some strenuous activity. Dropped guns during a stage earn you an immediate disqualification from the competition, so holsters with "retention" (some physical device that keeps the gun holstered) are strongly recommended if not downright required equipment.

You'll see a lot of people rocking the fancy shotgun



ammo holsters, but I thought they were a pain to wear and didn't provide enough of a time benefit for the steep price. Instead, I use a "dump pouch" for my shotgun ammo. At first I had it positioned behind my pistol, but that took too long reaching around my back for ammo to reload. Moving it forward has saved a lot of time.

My friend Nate, being a poor college student, opted for the cheapo belt solution. Using some cheap airsoftgrade pouches he picked up from the local Army Navy store he put a very nice rig together for less than it cost me to buy a single magazine holster.

#### What about these divisions?

To keep things fair, competitors are divided into different divisions based on their equipment choices. For example, someone with a gigantic scope on their rifle (like me) wouldn't be in direct competition with someone using iron sights (like Nate) because we run in different divisions.

The definitions of the divisions vary based on the specific match, but the basics remain the same. All divisions allow a compensator no larger than 1 inch by 3 inches on the rifle, and all but Trooper division require the same configuration and the same weapons to be used throughout the competition.

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- Limited This is the "entry level" division due to the light equipment requirements. It's also one of the more fun divisions to run in. You are allowed one unmagnified optic on the rifle (iron sights or red dot), and no bipods. No porting or optics on the shotgun. It can be semi-auto or pump, 8+1 rounds maximum, but no detachable magazines. Also, the shotgun can't be loaded using speedloaders during the stage, each round of ammo must be loaded by hand into the magazine. Handgun also must have no porting or optics, and a magazine length of 141.25mm maximum.
- Tactical This is the most popular division among 3-gun competitors; here's where you'll find the stiffest competition. The only difference from the Limited division: the optic on the rifle may be magnified.
- Heavy Metal Also known as the HeMan division. Competitors here have a larger minimum caliber than the other divisions. The rifle must be 7.62×51 or larger with iron sights only, the shotgun must be a 12ga pump with irons and no porting, and the handgun must be 45ACP or larger with no optics or porting only. There is a "tactical" variant of this division offered that allows one magnified optic on the rifle. Check with your match director to see which rules apply.
- Open The "anything goes" division. Well, almost. Handgun magazines must be 171.25mm or less in length. This division also allows speedloaders for the shotguns during stages. Speedloaders are specially designed tubes that slot into the receiver and load multiple rounds in a single pass, cutting

down on shotgun reload times. However, most match directors still don't like Saiga shotguns and ban them from this division, moving them into...

- Outlaw Open Everything really DOES go in this division. As long as it's safe, that is.
- Trooper Some competitors use a wagon or golf cart to tote all of their gear between stages, including extra ammo, sun chair, complete wet bar with bartender, hot dog cart and internet café. Trooper Division was created for the more "hardcore" competitors who think wagons are a sign of weakness. Trooper division competitors must carry everything they need for the competition on their person (in a backpack or in their hands) between stages in one trip, including guns, ammo, food and a minimum of 1 liter of water. Trooper division competitors cannot use anything they don't bring (even lunch), and anything they don't take in the first trip from stage to stage is banned from use. During multiple day competitions, Trooper division shooters will have their gear stored at the range to ensure nothing is added during the night. For their trouble, troopers can change the configuration of their rifles, use as many optics and different rifles as they see fit, and use a "pistol caliber personal defense weapon" in place of their pistol. This division isn't recognized at all matches, check with the match director for specifics.

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David Gates, Director NVFAC Competitions Division

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# In the Classroom In the Classroom In the Classroom Range Safety and Range Etiquette

by Eric Loden

#### Range Rules:

Every range you visit has rules for safety, please read all of the rules thoroughly and if you do not understand something ask the range staff for clarification. If you are not shooting on a structured range, you need to agree on some rules with your fellow shooters and always maintain proper etiquette and help to ensure everyone's safety.

Range safety usually begins en route to the range. Being prepared for your outing helps to be safe. Knowing the rules of the facility ahead of time can prepare you for your trip. If the rules state that all firearms are to be unloaded and must be stored in a case or lock box when you arrive, then you can make sure that you have your firearms in the appropriate condition and proper case/ box to visit the facility.

# Others things you should have to be prepared for safety are:

- Eye and ear protection (Electronic hearing protection is recommended. Not being able to hear the range commands can lead to confusion, and may lead to an unsafe range condition.)
- Sunscreen (if shooting outdoors)(spray on is advised.. avoid excessively greasy ones, and be sure to wipe hands clean after application to avoid potential of slippage)
- Water bottle (stay hydrated. Dehydration can lead to lack of concentration and coordination.)
- Appropriate clothing (low neck-line shirts invite the possibility of having hot brass fall down inside the garment and cause burns on the skin. The other danger that presents itself is when the shooter loses muzzle consciousness and inadvertently waves the firearm around as they try to fish the brass out of their clothing) Pants are encouraged and possibly knee pads if the course includes kneeling on rough terrain. No open toed footwear also for the above reasons.
- Basic First Aid Kit (Bandages for cuts, scrapes, new skin for abrasions in places that are hard to bandage, and eye wash)

As an example here are a few of the rules at the Clark

County Shooting Complex that we regularly visit:

- All range users and shooters are personally responsible for range safety and safe shooting.
- All range users and shooters are responsible to immediately correct any unsafe condition.
- Immediately report any unsafe condition to a Safety Officer.
- First time shooters must watch the safety video before shooting.
- All shooting is to be into the backstops only.
- Firearms will be cased and uncased, holstered, and un-holstered only at the shooting benches.
- Muzzles will be kept pointed down range at all times.
- Do not point your firearms at anyone.
- All persons in the range area must wear ear and eye protection.
- Anyone may call a "cease fire" if an unsafe condition occurs.
- When instructed to "cease fire" shooters will immediately stop shooting, unload their firearms and place them on the shooting table and stand behind the yellow safety line until given further instructions.
- Firearms will not be touched nor handled during "cease fire-range safe" period.
- No shooting at unauthorized targets.
- Respect others and their equipment.
- Alcohol and drugs are prohibited on range. Persons who have been consuming alcohol or are under the influence of drugs are prohibited from shooting. View image full size

When we are running our events our first rule upon arrival is:

#### All Firearms Are To Remain Cased, Holstered, Slung or Stored On Rack Until Instructed Otherwise By Staff.

This rule covers a few of the above safety rules all at once. Instructed by Staff is an important part of this rule, clear communication between all parties, use of clear and common range commands, and understanding of time and place by the students/shooters also helps to eliminate unsafe conditions that may arise.

By preventing handling without instruction, we can help with the following:

- We can instruct the students as to what are the appropriate downrange and safe directions to point their firearms.
- Advise the students on how to place their cases or range bags on the tables with the muzzles of their firearms still inside, and make sure they are facing either towards the ground or downrange before the firearm is removed from the case/bag.
- We can then demonstrate how to handle the firearm safely before it is removed from the bag and either placed on the shooting table, rack, or in the holster. Ensuring the firearms are handled appropriately, helps to prevent anyone from being muzzled by the firearm.
- We can help supervise manipulations, making sure to remind the students that their fingers should not be in or near the trigger guard until on target, and how to manipulate the firearms while always keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Besides being unsafe...we think that pointing a gun at someone when it is not part of the training is just plain rude! Now we have already covered the 4 Universal Firearms Safety Rules in our article "Always start with safety." .....however they bear repeating.

1. Treat all firearms with respect and handle as if they were loaded.

2. Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy.

3. Keep your finger off of the trigger until you are ready to shoot

4. Know your target and what is in line with it As we have been stating, you always start with safety

first, but as the shooters skill level increases or the need to advance the exercises to increase the shooters skill level we modify how the safety rules apply to those individuals.

#### Places for your firearm:

Safe locations for your firearm will vary from range to range but they are generally:

#### When not being handled:

- On the shooting table (When firearms are tabled, they may be required to be unloaded and actions locked open. Usually ejection port facing up for easy visual inspection. (If your firearm does not lock open, a chamber flag may be required as a visible sign that the firearm is unloaded and clear.)
- On a storage rack (Firearms may be required to be unloaded and cleared of any and all ammo, such as in side saddles, butt cuffs, or bandoleers that may contain additional rounds.)
- In the holster
- NEVER be pointed in an unsafe direction (Even when the firearm is unloaded!!!!)

#### When being handled:

- The Low Ready
- The High Ready
- Slung Muzzle down (usually pertaining to a long gun, either shouldered, or mounted in front of the shooters chest)
- Slung Muzzle up (usually pertaining to a long gun being slung on the shooters shoulder)(For slung firearms the addition of a control hand is used to ensure the firearm does not fall off, or point at anyone unintentionally.)
- NEVER be pointed in an unsafe direction (Even when the firearm is unloaded!!!!)

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# Beyond the Backstop Beyond the Backstop Beyond the

## **Multiple Use Ensures Environmental Justice For All**

#### By Greg Walcher

speak and write often about policies that limit public access to public lands, because I worry about a giant philosophical divide, based on the theory that mankind's presence is always bad for the environment. People are not part of the environment in this theory. They are an intrusion that should be stopped whenever possible. The idea is relatively new, and contradicts (Continued on Page 11 - Range) (Range - Continued from Page 10) one of the most important themes of the original conservation movement: justice.

The early writings of Theodore Roosevelt, Gifford Pinchot and other conservation pioneers contained three essential concepts. First, resources must be used wisely to supply the needs of a growing economy. Second, resources must be renewed and preserved so they will still be available for future generations. The conflict between those two notions forms the basis for most environmental arguments today. But there was a third essential concept, nearly lost in the modern debate, that resources must be available equally to all people, not held as the province of an elite few. Gifford Pinchot captured all three ideas in his simple slogan for national forest management: "the greatest good for the greatest number over the greatest time."

The three points are unquestionably interconnected. Forests could provide the greatest good for the current generation by being completely cut, providing cheap wood and paper, but that would be a disaster for the future. Conversely, forests could be entirely saved for future generations, guaranteeing they would last for the greatest time, though the lack of any wood or paper would be an economic disaster today. Finally, providing total control of the forest resources to corporate interests might maximize profits, but would not provide the resources for the greatest number. And freeing the rest of society from the control of Gilded Age "robber barons" was central to Roosevelt's progressive movement.

The wisdom of this equation has never changed. We should not over-utilize natural resources for the sole benefit of today's generation, with no thought about the future. Nor should we fail to use these lands to provide vital resources we need today (such as energy). Neither should we allow an elite few to be sole beneficiary of resources that belong to all the people.

Activists who want to lock up public lands against the multiple uses for which they were created are much like those who once sought to own and control the entire nation's timber and mineral supplies. Are these latter day elitists any different than history's robber barons in pushing land policies that benefit only one segment? Our ancestors fought a revolution against the concept that all resources belonged to the

crown and peasants could be executed for killing the king's deer. Yet today we deal constantly with the notion that public lands should only be used by a few people for permitted purposes, and federal land agencies treat these resources as if they must be protected — not for the public, but from the public.

Today's leaders have actually forgotten the concept of environmental justice. The resources belong to all of us, not just those who want to hike and be alone. The solitude of a national forest and the thrill of hooking a wild trout belong equally to people confined to wheelchairs, or elderly people no longer able to hike two miles to their favorite lake. A nation desperate for energy independence is entitled to use energy resources the public owns.

Many environmental groups still use the term "environmental justice," though they misconstrue its meaning. To them it means the forests do not belong to timber interests, or that oil shale lands belong to hikers as much as to oil and gas companies. They are right about that, of course. But they use the concept to build figurative walls around vast tracts of public spaces, no longer available to millions for any purpose. That's why well-meaning environmental laws are so often used, not to protect endangered species or to clean up air and water, but to restrict human activity. That represents the opposite of environmental justice. That is today's aristocracy, using immense sums of money and power to control the nation's natural resources for its own exclusive benefit. The greatest good, over the greatest time, but only for some people.

These resources belong to all the people who will come after us, but also to the people alive today. Public resources belong to all, not just loggers and drillers, not just ranchers and hunters, and not just hikers and photographers.

Note from the Director; Greg Walcher is president of the Natural Resources Group and author of "Smoking Them Out: The Theft of the Environment and How to Take it Back." I highly recommended it...a great read!

\*A special thanks goes out for the support and shared knowledge from Greg Walcher, Ron Thomson, Dallas SCI, and my good friend and conservation mentor, Professor Shane Mahoney!

Julius Fortuna, Director NVFAC Conservation Division

## **Around the Range Around the Range Around the Range**

## Benefits of NVFAC Membership You Probably Didn't Even Know You Had

am sure all of the readers of the Firing Line are aware of many of the great benefits of being a member of the Nevada Firearms Coalition; from state and local gun rights advocacy to keeping you up to date on industry news and information, and so much more. But, did you know that many NVFAC Corporate Members offer discounts for members on training and education, products, ammo and more?

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