

Pomfret Rod and Gun Club



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Education Committee February - March 2022 Curriculum

Please Note: All members interested in training must notify Chris Coyle cbrucecoy@protonmail.com or 203-360-2084

(To be posted on the website and available in printed format at the Clubhouse)

Welcome to the Education Committee Curriculum

What a great way to start 2022 with some interesting and diverse outdoor and firearms learning and training.

NOTICE: Pomfret Rod and Gun Club (the “Club”) is pleased to offer members and their guests the opportunity to participate in various educational seminars, workshops and training courses. Participation is up to the member with the understanding that the participating member understands and agrees that;

- *The content and information provided is for informational and educational purposes only,*
- *Each course and/or instructor may require the signing of release forms and other documents,*
- *No recordings (audio or video) may be made public in any way without prior written authorization (e.g. posted to a web site or social media, etc.),*
- *Some training courses offered by professional subject matter experts may require the payment of a tuition fee to the instructor, which may at times include current members (The Club works to obtain onsite, no-cost and discounted services to maximize the value for members),*
- *Guests will sign the required forms including the Club release form if using any range or the property and pay a \$20 range/facility fee,*
- *They and their guests, if any, will assist in cleaning up the range or facility being used, and*
- *Members will provide the Club Education Committee Chairman feedback and input to help improve our curriculum and training operations.*

Upcoming Educational & Training Opportunities

NOTE: All training sessions are subject to change based on interest levels, weather and other relevant factors that affect the conduct of comprehensive training. Once you have signed up for a training course (including email cbrucecoy@protonmail.com & cell# 203-360-2084) we will be in touch about any changes, etc.

Womens' Basic Firearms Training: Training will include evening classroom and the Pistol Range. The evening sessions are planned for Tuesdays, and the range sessions are targeting Wednesdays, Fridays and/or Saturdays to offer a flexible schedule for interested women. [Dates and times TBD based on attendee interest]
\$30 person. 4 students minimum – 10 student max.

Background:

Many women relatively new to the area of defensive firearms are uncomfortable in large group/formal training settings and seek to be able to learn at their own pace, ask any questions they want, take things slowly and build competence and confidence step by step for each person. This training is designed for this purpose, known as "performance based learning" in which each student can enhance their own performance at their own level, with the tools they have, etc. The sessions being planned are geared specifically for enhancing individual performance.

Details:

1. Timing: We plan to conduct sessions on Tuesday evenings starting at 5:30 - and usually concluding by 6:30 - 7:00pm based on student interest and questions. The range work would be on Wednesdays, Friday and Saturdays to accommodate all schedules and commence at a time convenient for everybody.
2. No License/No Certifications: No training or certifications are needed nor will this training qualify you for any type of certification. What it is intended to achieve is a higher comfort level, competence and confidence to enroll in these types of training classes going forward.
3. Firearms & Equipment: If you do not own one yet, no problem we can provide all your will need including ammunition for the live fire sessions. If you own one but are truthfully not sure it is right for you, this education will help you with that as well. And, of course if you have a pistol and want to learn or increase your ability to handle it safely and competently this is for you.

The key to get this moving forward is to communicate this to members and non-members who you, as a member, believe would be safe/solid students and an asset to the PRGC membership if they chose to join. Once we get a headcount, we can finalize the agenda, dates, etc.

Chainsaw Skills “101”

Learn to use your chainsaw the right way from our member *Matthew Quinn*. Matt is currently a Supervisor for CT DEEP and has been with the Dept. for 23 years. He is a National Wildland Fire Fighter who has several dozen deployments to major forest fires in the last 22 years. He currently holds a USFS rating at Task Force Leader, Incident Commander Level 4, and Fireland Paramedic. He is a sought after Recruit School and Sawyer Instructor, Licensed Arborist, and skilled climber. Matt also holds a State of CT. EMT-Paramedic license and is a wilderness first aid / CPR instructor.

Details:

- A) Indoor session in the Clubhouse with PowerPoint and discussion, planned for an evening in February 5:30 – 7:00pm. The curriculum will include:

Safety: PPE, Safety Plan, Medical Treatment, Site Location, Closest Medical Facility

Chainsaw maintenance overview: Effective Chain sharpening, Air filter, Bearing and Sprocket, Bar maintenance

Tree Felling Techniques: 5 Step Felling Plan, Bucking Techniques

Questions & Answers

Cost: A donation to the PRGC Forestry Fund would be appreciated

- B) The Outdoor Session is planned for a clear Saturday morning in March, from 8am – 12pm. The curriculum will be all hands-on, learning by doing and include: Medical talking points, Cutting Techniques utilizing felling procedures, Bucking, and Spring poles

Attendees must bring: Chaps or anti cut pants, Safety glasses, Hard Hat, Chainsaw with operating chain brake, Preferably 2 sharp chains

Cost: A donation to the PRGC Forestry Fund would be appreciated

Cold Weather Carbine: February 20th, at the Pistol Range.

4 hours 11am – 2pm for IG/RSKTKR-qualified trainees and guests. Instructor Gregory “Cruz” Grutter and assisted by IG-RSKTKR-Qualified, USCCA Instructors.

This is a popular training class because we review core Carbine handling skills that can often erode or decline over time, or worse give way to bad habits. This training offers the reality of operating in cold and often inclement conditions, presenting a range of challenges that training

can help address. Members who are interested in learning more about the training are welcome to attend to observe, ask questions and learn more.

Cost: IG regular tuition & \$20 range fee for guests. No cost for members who wish to observe.

Spring Handgun Fest: March 20th, at the Pistol Range.

4 hours 11am – 2pm for IG/RSKTKR-qualified trainees and guests. Instructor Gregory “Cruz” Grutter and assisted by IG-RSKTKR-Qualified, USCCA Instructors.

Learn from Cruz’s real life experience and the nationally recognized United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA). This training session will review and practice the fundamentals and then focus on effective movement techniques. As always, the focus is on safety, effectiveness and our foundation for citizen self-defense, “Tactically Sound, Legally Defensible, Socially Acceptable”. Members who are interested in learning more about the training are welcome to attend to observe, ask questions and learn more.

Cost: IG regular tuition & \$20 range fee for guests. No cost for members who wish to observe.

Background Information

Please let us know what you are interested in and we will look into it for you.

Take our survey!

PRGC Education Committee Guiding Principles

- **Safety:** Provide training and education for the safe use of firearms, woodcraft skills and first aid. Also support improving member knowledge and skills in tactically sound and legally defensible defensive use of force.
- **Knowledge:** Assist in enhancing the value of being a club member and using the Club by learning more and building skills related to outdoor sports and recreational use of firearms.
- **Engagement:** Foster and build a collegial and friendly bond between members by increasing the sharing of skills, experiences and know-how.

We also plan to implement programs to build interest and engagement with younger outdoor enthusiasts (e.g. members' children and guests) and we will be providing updated content for the Monthly Newsletter.

Why do we need training?

Today, the requirement for improved training for civilians carrying or planning to use firearms in self defense has never been greater. While record numbers of first-time gun owners continue to mount and civilians consider an uncertain future, many are seeking a higher level of training, that not only ensures the proper basic foundational skills, but also the accompanying strategies, tactics and other skills that provide tactically sound and legally defensible knowledge critical for today’s changing society. At the same time,

understanding how to save a life and handle other tasks that arise in a critical defensive encounter are also essential.

Learning more about the outdoor recreational sports like shooting, archery, fishing, hunting, trapping, navigation and other related outdoor pursuits helps make it more fun and safer. As a club dedicated to these recreational pursuits, increasing our individual and collective knowledge can be fun and productive.

At the same time, outdoor recreation clubs like Pomfret Rod and Gun Club and commercial facilities are increasingly competing for new members, and in particular emerging new segments including women and younger outdoor sports enthusiasts. By making our Club more vibrant and valuable we can increase the value of membership to current and prospective members.