



TIGER VALLEY

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Elm Fork Wednesday Night Classes

On March 11 Tiger Valley is bringing our moving target system to Elm Fork for our "Moving Targets & Moving Shooter". Our system allows for remote control of the target, varying both direction and speed. This is a rare opportunity to learn the skills and put into practice engaging a moving target.



The cost is \$65, pre-registration is not required, and the event begins at 6:30 PM at Elm Fork.

Bring your pistol, holster, 250 rounds of ammunition, and eye/ear protection.

"Glock Maintenance" will be offered on March 25th. A certified Glock armorer will be instructing the course and provide the necessary knowledge to diagnose problems, replace parts, and keep your Glock in excellent running order.



Like our medical courses, space is limited and pre-registration is absolutely required.

Register by mailing a check to our office address. Online payment will be available this weekend. The cost is \$75 which includes a Glock armorer's tool and a hardcopy of handy reference materials. Bring your Glock and the class runs from 6:30 PM to 9 PM.

The second class on the 25th is our first precision rifle offering at Elm Fork with "Precision Rifle Sectorization". We will utilize our scaled-down urban environment with simulated military targets (that means model buildings and green army men for those not familiar). The course will provide an opportunity to learn and practice precision rifle sectorization skills.



We encourage participants to read and understand T.J. Pilling's earlier article ["Sectorization, the Common Language of Snipers"](#).

The class runs from 6:30 to 9 PM, bring 40 rounds of ammunition, rifle, and safety gear. Pre-registration is not required, just show up and shoot.

Tactical Team Match

Registration recently opened for our Tactical Team Match on June 27th and 28th. Four man teams will compete across a variety of realistic and challenging scenarios. Door breaching, hostage rescue, building assaults and more are all going to be components of the match.

Details on the match can be found [here](#). The cost is \$150 per shooter.

Space is limited to 20 teams and we are already about half full. Registration is on a first-come, first served basis and get signed up by mailing a check into our office address or via our online store. Both of our 2008 team sniper matches filled up and had a waiting list, so don't get left behind on this 4-man match.



After Teaching a CHL Class...

by T.J. Pilling

I just finished a CHL class. Boy are they a butt kicking. Wayne did a women's only class, Bruce handled a Level I carbine class in Waco, and I ended up with the CHL class. Not that I hate teaching CHL, but believe me they are the entry level of all firearms topics to be taught. I was lucky with this one, as I had a Tiger Valley regular sitting in the audience that kept the pace moving with some interesting questions. The bad part is that he left me at lunch after his renewal portion of the class was done.



During the last CHL class that I taught, two guys got up before lunch and left because they

couldn't smoke in the classroom. Both were could hardly control themselves during the firearms portion because they couldn't have a cigarette hanging out of their mouths. In this class one guy dropped out because he thought there were too many rules to remember and since you didn't need a CHL to carry in your car he asked for his money back.

I would estimate that a full 80% of those taking a CHL haven't shot a gun in years and don't plan on shooting one afterwards. We see all sorts of interesting things during these classes. Shooters who load the weapon but don't chamber a round, and continue to squeeze the trigger when nothing happen. There's the cinema stance and grip, which I love to guess which movie it came from. Weapons that just don't work for one reason or another. And last but hardly the least is the assumption that shooting a respectable group during a CHL class has anything whatsoever to do with real world firearms use.

When we made it back to the classroom after shooting I asked if everyone if they would let their children drive the family car after one hour of training. I then told several of my experience with my oldest son.

My wife had told me that she had taken my son out driving and it was my turn in the box. He had been taking drivers education for some time, although I had no personal knowledge of what or how much he had absorbed. We jumped into the family jeep sport, you know the one with the inline "6" that runs like a scalded ape.

We backed out of the driveway and made it to the end of the alley. My son proceeded to make a hard left turn, which put him hugging the curb going the wrong way against traffic. We were on a small residential street where traffic was all but non-existent. I finally told him to stop and



asked if I could ask him a question, he said “yes”. Have they gotten to the part in drivers education where they tell you which side of the road you drive on yet? At this point, before I could say a word, he rams the steering wheel to the right and floors it. The rear wheels smoke and we head straight for my neighbor moving his lawn across the street. Seeing what is happening he sprints with his mower and I grab the wheel and straighten us out. When we got home I inquired as to the level of his past driving experiences and I was informed that it was driving in the school parking lot, a definite lack of communication on my part.

So here we are, back to the first question, would you let your kid drive the family car with no experience? Hell no, but we see people drive guns with little or no knowledge or experience, with the false assumption that they are prepared to survive a lethal confrontation.

Now those who have called asking about Tiger Valley will know that I’m the worst salesman around. When asked what we do different then other quality training centers, I say nothing. If they are worth their salt, they teach the most advance techniques available. Paul Howe, Larry Vickers, all follow basic Mid-South fundamentals with handguns, as do we. Do we have some secret super ninja techniques, no we don’t, and we pass more students off because we don’t tell them that we do. What I do tell student is to get some training, from whom - it’s up to them.

Unfortunately, we know that most shooters get their education in firearms related topics from television, and for most it will be the only firearms training they ever get.

Previous Newsletters Available Online!

Check out our previous newsletters for fantastic training videos, equipment reviews, and special articles. Find them [here](#).

Upcoming Events

February

27-28 [Precision Rifle 1 \(Waco\)](#)

March

1 [Precision Rifle 1 \(Waco, third day\)](#)

7-8 [Pistol 1 \(Elm Fork\)](#)

7 [3-Gun Prep Class \(Waco\)](#)

11 Moving Targets & Moving Shooter (Elm Fork)

14-15 [Banned of Brothers \(Waco\)](#)

21-22 NRA Police Shoot (Waco)

25 [Glock Maintenance Class \(Elm Fork\)](#)

25 Precision Rifle Sectorization (Elm Fork)

28-29 [LaRue Tactical 3-Gun \(Waco\) EVENT FULL](#)



April

4-5 [Carbine 2 \(Waco\)](#)

10-12 [Precision Rifle 2 \(Waco\)](#)

18-19 [Force on Force \(Waco\)](#)

June

21-22 National SWAT Championship

27-28 [Tactical Team Match](#)

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