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Elm Fork Tuesday Night Classes

3 Gun/Competition Tune-Up

Tune up your competition skills at our next Tuesday night class at [Elm Fork on](#) July 7th. Learn how to reduce your reloading times with a variety of weapons, techniques in "gaming" stages, and opportunities to improve where you place in 3 gun or other competitive events. Bring rifle with 75 rounds, pistol with 75 rounds, and shotgun with 30 rounds of birdshot along with safety gear.

The cost is \$65 and pre-registration is not required. The course is at [Elm Fork](#) and runs from 6:30 PM to 9 PM.

Advanced Carbine Skills

Go beyond the basics with Tiger Valley's Advanced Carbine Skills class on July 21st. The Advanced Carbine Skills class will move beyond the basics into transition work, speed reloads, optical offset, retention and the use of your carbine as an impact weapon.

Previous training experience with the carbine is highly suggested for this class. Cost is \$65, pre-registration is not required, and the class will run on June 23rd at 6:30 PM.

Bring your carbine with 150 rounds, pistol with 50 rounds, and safety gear. The course will be friendly to .22 LR uppers and conversion kits. Loaner .22 kits are available for free on first reserved basis, please call to make arrangements.

AR-15 Armorer Course

A comprehensive two day AR-15 armorer course is being offered by Tiger Valley and [Advanced Gunworks](#) on August 22 and 23. The instructor is [David Gregor](#), whose 25 years of gunsmithing includes service with the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team and U.S. Navy SEAL Team Six as Master Gunsmith.

Students will bring their own weapons and learn weapons operation, assembly/disassembly, troubleshooting,



upgrades, and the technical knowledge required to make the most out of the weapon system. Students will have the opportunity to purchase an armorer toolkit as well as a spare parts package.

This course is a unique training opportunity and space is limited. It is open to twenty students and five spots have already been filled. Make payment by sending a check to our Garland office address listed at the bottom of this newsletter. Those interested in additional details on the class can find them [here](#).

Tactical Team Match Wrap-Up

--by TJ Pilling

Nineteen four-man teams competed in Tiger Valley's first 4-man tactical team match this past weekend. It followed on the heels of the US National SWAT Championships in Tulsa, which Tiger Valley also ran. The concept for the 4-man event was an experiment, not knowing if the idea would float especially with no prize table. Needless to say I was pleasantly surprised at the number of teams that took the challenge to compete.

We had a 114 degree heat index with no wind and no one complained. I had several very knowledgeable people telling me that some of my obstacles were a little over the top, but I didn't want to shortchange those who came for the challenge. Everyone made believers out of me and everyone else who watched. I saw competitors doing challenges I never would have dreamed that they would have attempted much less complete. My hats go off to everyone, we had some true warriors at this event. Thanks for the hard work and commitment.

Congratulations to Team JP Rifles of Caughman, Huber, Wong, and Wong for their first place finish. Full match results can be found [here](#).

Long Range Equipment - Getting Started

--by TJ Pilling

We get calls all the time from people looking to get into the long-range game by starting with a Precision Rifle class. Unfortunately, many see the weapon system as randomly chosen individual components instead of a complete system appropriate for precision rifle use.

Students all too often grab a scope because it was a great deal, and find hunting rifle in some off caliber that was also a



bargain. They take it to the local gun shop, which all too willingly screws the whole thing together. Someone told you that you had to have a 50mm scope to gather light, and that you also need at least 25 power for long range. Because the scope is so big, you now need oversize rings or it won't clear the barrel. No problem, the gun shop in question will bolt the thing together and won't say a word, mainly because they don't know the difference. If you go this route you will find the following.

When you get to the range and prone out you will look like a Christmas turkey trying to get a spot weld behind the scope. The instructor will know immediately that you have issues and what they are. The only remedy at this time would be layers of mouse pad because the stock you need to compensate for the huge scope would cost more than your whole system.

That 25-power scope that you were told that you needed won't allow you to shoot targets at close range unless you have thirty minutes to find them and lots of help from a spotter. You won't be able to shoot out of position without feeling nauseous, much less engage moving targets.

If you bought the off caliber hunting rifle you will most likely find it beats the tar out of you. Hunting rifles are just that, designed to go into the field. They are lightweight, pretty, and have a thin barrel. Halfway through your first day you are going to wish you never showed up as every shot is pounding into your shoulder. When you go and try and find ammunition you may be out of luck. The exotic calibers are for those who hunt or reload, not for a guy who walks into the gun shop and needs 500 rounds for a class.

Whatever systems you get make sure it works before you show up for the class. If you signed up for a class that shoots 1000 yards you will the appropriate adjustments in your turret. It will make for a long and frustrating class if you have to hold on the pine tree behind the target to get a hit. Hold over and Kentucky windage were great for Daniel Boone, but will frustrate the daylights out of you when everyone else is getting hits. You also need to make sure that your windage is close to being centered. You should have the same amount, left and right in your wind age in your turret after zeroing. Next thing, check your weapon for function. Make sure the receiver screws are snug and the scope rings are like wise.



In my opinion you can't beat the Remington 700P, with a Leupold 4 to 14 illuminated reticle in .308. Shoot it, see if you like the game before you spend the price of a small car on a weapon system. Those interested in trying out precision rifle without making any equipment investment are encouraged to give us a call for a loaner rifle use during the class.

Previous Newsletters Available Online!

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

Upcoming Events

July

- 7 3-Gun/Competition Tune Up (Elm Fork)
- 11 [Long Range Open Shoot \(Waco\)](#)
- 11 [Women's Pistol \(Elm Fork\)](#)
- 18-19 [Level 1 Pistol \(Elm Fork\)](#)
- 21 Advanced Carbine Skills (Elm Fork)
- 25-26 [Level 1 Carbine \(Waco\)](#)

August

- 22-23 [AR-15 Armorer Class w/ Advanced GunWorks \(Dallas area\)](#)

September

- 12 [S&S Precision Shoot \(Waco\)](#)
- 14-18 [Level 1 Precision Rifle 5-day \(Waco\)](#)
- 19-20 [Team Sniper Match \(Waco\)](#)

October

- 3 [Bug Out Drill \(Waco\)](#)
- 5-9 TTPOA Advanced Precision Rifle (Waco)
- 10 [FCSA Match \(Waco\)](#)
- 16-18 [Level 1 Precision Rifle 3-day \(Waco\)](#)
- 26 [TTPOA Advanced Weapons Tactics \(Waco\)](#)



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