

# Learn To Shoot

by Matt Schlueter



**W**hile most reading this article have never heard of me before I would like to take the time to introduce myself. My name is Matt Schlueter; I have spent my youth growing up in a small town called Canistota, South Dakota. My home town is situated between the east and west Vermillion Rivers. My youth was filled with adventures on both rivers in the Vermillion hills with my Dad, doing outdoor activities such as: fishing, camping, hunting, and trapping.

I started my career entered Corrections. After several years I moved onto working as a Police Officer. During my career in law enforcement, I became a law enforcement firearms instructor for law enforcement and a Glock Armorer. I still hold these positions with the Law Enforcement Agency I am currently working for. I have recently become a certified NRA instructor for the pistol courses for their Citizen Firearms courses.

I formed Schlueter Firearms Instruction which offers handgun courses including NRA's First Steps Pistol and NRA's Basic Pistol courses. Other courses will be available in the future such as the NRA's Personal Protection in the Home and Outside the Home will be added to the list of available courses.

The handgun has many places in our country from informal plinking at the range to hunting and self defense. The variety of uses has lead to many misconceptions about handguns in each of these roles. Society in some areas of the country accepts the possession and variety of uses handguns have. While other parts of the country apply a stigma to handguns both socially and legally.

I want to take a little time tell everyone about the NRA First Steps Pistol and NRA Basic Pistol Courses.

The NRA FIRST Steps Pistol is designed to provide a hands-on introduction to the safe handling and proper orientation to one specific pistol action type. During the course the students will learn the NRA's rules for safe gun handling. The particular pistol model parts and its operation along with what type of ammunition should be used for it. In addition the student will receive basic instruction on shooting fundamentals, and cleaning the handgun. Students will also learn what opportunities are available for continuing their skill development. This course is perfect for the new handgun shooter who has never been exposed to shooting handguns before.

NRA Basic Pistol is an 8 hour course which includes class room instruction During class room portion of the course students will learn the NRA's rules for safe gun handling the differences between revolvers and semi-automatic pistols their parts how they operate and what types of ammunition each uses. The students will learn and demonstrate the basic fundamentals of shooting. The combination of these topics will later

aid the student once the course moves to the range. Once at the range students will learn how to shoot from the following positions: bench rest, standing two handed, and standing one handed. Students will also learn how to properly clean their handgun, along with what opportunities for continuing skill development are available.

By participating in either of these courses the students will receive the NRA Guide to the Basics of Pistol Shooting handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet, and course completion certificate.

Remember shooting is fun! It does not matter if it is off of the tailgate of your Dad's pickup as a kid learning to shoot or when older maybe learning to shoot a handgun for the first time, or expanding your own knowledge and skill sets. In closing it is my goal to educate shooters of all levels about safe gun handling practices needed when shooting and handling handguns by sharing my tales and experiences in the shooting worlds, I have experienced. ■

Source for NRA course descriptions:

<http://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseCatalog.aspx>



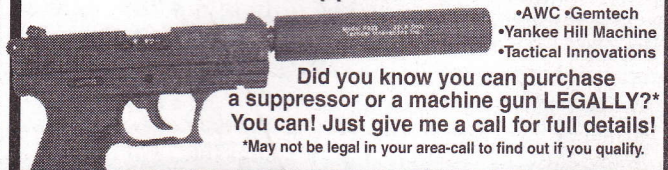
## BIO: About Matt Schlueter

*Matt Schlueter is a retired Deputy Sheriff from the Lake County Sheriffs Office, located in South Dakota with over 19 years of combined experience in corrections and law enforcement, and held the position of Firearms Instructor and DARE officer with the Lake County Sheriffs Office till his retirement. He is also a NRA Certified Pistol Instructor, and owner/chief instructor of Schlueter Firearms Instruction. Matt's goal is to provide the best information possible for those who share his interest in shooting firearms. Matt's goals also include providing the best training courses possible for students who attended courses he is offering.*

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