

## DRRC - Home Of World Champions

by *Charlie McAlister*

They prepared, they went, they conquered, and came back champions. Three members of Team Savage representing the United States at the World Championship in Bisely, England are also members of DRRC and they all came back with medals, many of them gold. And as part of Team USA, came back as WORLD CHAMPIONS! The best in the world.

John Weil - past DRRC treasurer and current board member, Stan Pate - DRRC president, and Darrell Buell - Team Captain and DRRC member, for them after many months of practice, many adjustments to guns and scopes, loading just so, and traveling to matches around the county it paid off in Bisely, England in August of 2009. Using the Model 12 F-T/R from Savage Arms the results for Team USA and our guys came out like this.

### World Championship National Teams Match (F-TR)

Team USA 1st place... World Champions

Full USA F-TR Team Roster: Darrell Buell (Captain), Gary Rasmussen (Coach), Dale Carpenter, Monte Milanuk, Paul Phillips, Jeff Rorer, John Weil, Kathy Buell (register keeper).

### Individual World Championships (F-T/R)

900 Yard Day 1 — Stan Pate 1st (gold medal)

800 Yard Day 2 — Monte Milanuk 1st (gold medal)

900 Yard Day 2 — John Weil 1st (gold medal)

1000 Yard Day 2 — Stan Pate 1st (gold medal)

800 Yard Aggregate Match — Monte Milanuk 1st (gold medal)

900 Yard Aggregate Match — John Weil 1st (gold medal)

### Individual World Championships Grand Aggregate

Stan Pate 3rd (bronze medal), Darrell Buell 9th, John Weil 10th, Monte Milanuk 13th

### Other Major Matches

Duke of Cambridge (900-yard match) — John Weil 1st place (gold medal)

Ireland — Bog Oak Team Trophy, Darrell Buell, Stan Pate, Monte Milanuk, John Weil, Gold Medal

Stan, John, and Darrell, know that all of us at DRRC are proud of your efforts and accomplishments. What other club in the country or even the world can claim three of their members went to the world championships and came back champions. Whether in individual events or as part of Team USA, you are all champions to your friends and associates at DRRC. Hoorah! (That was for Stan).



*Team Savage poses with the Bog Oak Team Trophy won in Ireland, just one of the many awards from their recent World Championship trip. Team members are, from left: John Weil, Darrell Buell, Monte Milanuk and Stan Pate.*



## Point Shooting; What's the Point?

*Michael Jones*

Front sight, front sight, front sight. Hopefully you are tired of hearing this and do it automatically. Point your handgun at the target, acquire the sight alignment focusing on the front sight, get the target at six o'clock and pull the trigger. There's more. In a defensive situation you may not have time to focus on the front sight much less get a six o'clock on the target. You will probably have to immediately point and shoot once you have determined that the target is indeed a lethal threat. This is called POINT SHOOTING.

### What is point shooting?

Point Shooting is just what it sounds like: pointing the gun at the threat and pulling the trigger. You are not looking through the sights nor focusing on the front sight but focusing on the actions of the threat, most likely his hands since that is usually where the lethal threat originates.

### Ready positions:

When you are handling a gun, loaded or not, in a non-shooting situation you have your finger off the trigger. Hopefully, this is not news to you. In a defensive scenario in which you are possibly expecting a threat but have not yet identified it, you should have your gun in a ready position, finger off the trigger, and gun pointed in a relatively safe direction. Safe directions? Low Ready at about 45 degrees down from horizontal (if there is no one below you); Depressed Muzzle Ready at just below the threat's center of mass

(if ...); High Ready pointed upward, again in a safe direction. Retention Ready is holding your gun pointed straight ahead with your forearms snugged into your sides and the gun at belly level. Make sure that the gun is not too close to your body to inhibit slide or hammer functions.

When approaching a possible threat you need to be ready BUT if you have not yet been directly threatened you need to have your finger off the trigger, gun pointed in a safe direction and be carefully scanning for the threat. "... Gee honey, I didn't realize you came in..., sorry about the gun/hole in your body."

**Shoulder point shooting:**

Raise your gun from your 45 degree low ready or muzzle-depressed ready position to your shoulder level and point the gun at the center of mass of your threat. Your line-of-sight will be directly at your threat's center of mass and also watching his hands. Your gun will be a bit below your line-of-sight but you will be able to pick up the slide/barrel and sights in your low peripheral vision. With practice it will become natural. Place your finger on the trigger ONLY if you have positively determined that it is a lethal threat.

**Retention point shooting:**

Your gun is already on-target. If a threat appears you have only to move your finger to the trigger and press. Up-side: immediate. Down-side: if the threat is not a lethal threat OR if it turns out to NOT be a threat at all you could easily shoot someone who does not need to be shot.

**A dry practice technique:**

Practice these two retention techniques in your home alone with an UNLOADED gun. Another thing you can do is to practice "Snap Shooting." This can be done with an unloaded gun, but also with no gun at all. I sit in my chair in my living room, think about a point out of my cone of vision (e.g.: the door knob way to my right), and then, without looking first I snap my hand (in a

gun configuration) to the door knob and immediately look down my finger/barrel to see where I would have shot. After a few dozen trials I will be right on target every time.

**The point:**

Focusing on the front sight is a good thing – if you have time. We also practice "flash-sight picture" in Personal Protection classes. But when the stuff hits the ventilator your focus will be on the threat and you will react. With practice, point shooting will be another tool that can increase your chances of survival.

**Rifle Quiz**

1. Where does the term "rifle" originate?
  - a. The French word for "gun"
  - b. Groove cut in the inside of the barrel
  - c. The length of the gun barrel
  - d. The speed of the fired projectile
2. What part of the rifle braces against the shoulder when firing?
  - a. The brace
  - b. The lock
  - c. The stock
  - d. The magazine
3. Muskets and rifles are the same weapon, just with a different name.
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. How does a "carbine" version of a rifle differ from the standard version?
  - a. The carbine is more powerful
  - b. The carbine is affixed with a bayonet
  - c. The carbine is longer
  - d. The carbine is shorter
5. The first rifles were muzzle-loaded, like muskets.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. What was the first semiautomatic rifle?
  - a. 1903 Springfield
  - b. Lee-Enfield SMLE
  - c. M1 Garand
  - d. G3
7. What was the first assault rifle?
  - a. Sturmgewehr 44

- b. Mauser 98
  - c. AK-47
  - d. M16
8. What is the current standard service rifle in the US Army?
  - a. M4
  - b. M16
  - c. M24
  - d. M40
9. All sniper rifles are bolt-action rifles.
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. Civilian rifle design has significantly advanced over the past 100 years.
  - a. True
  - b. False

Answers on back page.

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# Douglas Ridge Rifle Club

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Calendar Codes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CH/Ind Clubhouse &amp; Indoor Range</li> <li>• Arch Archery Range</li> <li>• 100/200 100/200 Yard Range</li> <li>• Silh Silhouette Range</li> <li>• LR Long Range</li> </ul> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Calendar Codes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trap Trap Range</li> <li>• SC Sporting Clays Range</li> <li>• LE Law Enforcement (training)</li> <li>• NRA . . . NRA Classes</li> <li>• TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay</li> </ul> </div> </div>					<p>1 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7pm-9pm General Meeting</b></p>	2	<p>3 9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh)</p> <p>9am-12:30pm NRA RTBAV Class(CH/Ind)</p> <p>12:30-5pm RTBAV IDW (CH/Ind)</p>
<p>4 9am-3pm Pistol Silhouette (Silh)</p> <p>9am-4pm NRA RTBAV IDW (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>5 4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>6 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</p>	<p>7 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>8 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Submissions Due</p>	9	<p>10 9am-4pm Hunter Sight-In (100/200)</p>	
<p>11 9am-3pm Action Pistol (Silh)</p> <p>9am-4pm Hunter Sight-In (100/200)</p>	<p>12 4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>13 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</p>	14	<p>15 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd</p>	16	<p>17 9am-2pm Black Powder (Silh)</p> <p>2pm-Sunset Pistol Silh Practice (Silh)</p>	
<p>18 9am-5pm High Power &amp; Long Range Palma (1,000yd)</p>	<p>19 4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>20 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>21 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>22 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd</p>	23	<p>24 9am-5pm Speed Steel (Silh)</p>	
<p>25 1pm-3pm New Member Orientation (Ind/CH)</p>	<p>26 4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>27 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</p>	28	<p>29 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7pm-9pm Board Meeting</b></p>	30	<p>31 8am-5pm NRA Pistol Instructor (CH/Ind)</p>	

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1-b, 2-c, 3-b, 4-d, 5-a, 6-c, 7-a, 8-b, 9-b, 10-b

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