

Course Dates

Concealed Handgun Classes – Jan 13, 21, 25 & Feb 10, 18, 22 (students must register through www.chl-texas.com)

Hunter Education (Parts 1&2) – March 9&10

Intro to Rifle Shooting – February 24

NRA: Range Safety Officer – January 13

Range Orientation Program – 3rd Saturday/month

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~Sandy Rigg, Education Director

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ARC MATCH RESULTS

HUNTER BENCHREST

Match Hunter

1 ST	Virgil Howarth	240/5X	30 HBR
2 ND	Sam Randall	216/0X	223
3 RD	Jon Aronson	212/2X	220Swft

PISTOL SILHOUETTE

	Chicken	Pig	Turkey	Ram	
Straight Runs					Smallbore Hunter's Pistol Scoped
Keaton Harlow	5	10	5		
Lou Freitag	5	10			
Phyllis Gibich		5			
Tim Lee	5				
Wayne Harlow			5	5	
					Smallbore Cowboy
Bowen Weems	5	5			
Dylan Lee		5			
Lee Tobin		5			
Tim Lee		5			
Andy Schuler		5		5	
					Hunter's Pistol Scoped
Keaton Harlow	10	10	10		
James Harlow				5	
Tim Lee		5			
Wayne Harlow	5	10			
					Hunter's Pistol Open Sight
Bowen Weems		5		5	
Lee Tobin				5	
Andy Schuler		5			

Smallbore Hunter's Pistol Scoped

Match Winner: Keaton Harlow 50/60 (**Junior**)
1st AA: Tim Lee 34/60

Smallbore Hunter's Pistol OpenSight

Match Winner: Dylan Lee 15/60 (**Junior**)

Smallbore Cowboy

Match Winner: Andy Schuler 45/60
Runner up: Tim Lee 34/60

Hunter's Pistol Silhouette Scoped

Match Winner: Keaton Harlow 33/40 (**Junior**)
1st AA: Lou Freitag 31/40
 (Keaton shot this one with a .22. All but one ram hit for a total of 39 hits, but 6 refused to fall)

Pistol Cartridge Cowboy

Match Winner: Andy Schuler 29/40
Runner Up: Curtis Boecker 27/40
1st A: Lee Tobin 25/40
1st Unclassified: Brooks Green 20/40

Over 60 and licensed to carry

Seniors more likely to have permits for concealed guns

By **MELANIE MARKLEY** Copyright 2006 Houston Chronicle

IN TEXAS

Karl Virtue never gave much thought to owning a gun until after he reached Social Security age.

But a year ago, after a tussle with a man he caught stealing from a neighborhood construction site, the 70-year-old figured it might not be a bad idea.

Now he's a card-carrying concealed handgun license holder. And, as a senior citizen, he represents one of the most likely age groups to take advantage of the 1995 Texas law allowing law-abiding residents to carry guns.

There's good reason, Virtue said.

"When I was younger I never had to worry, because nobody was going to go out of their way to give me a hard time," said Virtue, a retired fundraising consultant. "But when you get old, you feel you've lost your mojo. You feel more vulnerable."

Elderly and middle-aged residents are more likely to get concealed handgun permits than people in their 20s, 30s and early 40s, according to Texas Department of Public Safety figures released last week.

People 60 and older hold more than one-fourth of the permits in Texas. And although those 55 and older

represent just 28 percent of the state's population older than 21, they carry 42 percent of the permits.

Time and money

Jerry Patterson, a former legislator (and current ARC member – Ed.) who authored the concealed weapons law before he became Texas land commissioner, said he isn't surprised.

"There are a whole bunch of folks in the 30-to-40 range who say they'll do that someday," said Patterson, "but I think people who are older have the time, and in some cases, they have the disposable income."

There's also an extra incentive for seniors. The state permit normally costs \$140. But people who are 60 and older get a half-price discount.

To get a permit in Texas, residents not only must pass criminal background checks, but they also have to take a 10-hour course to learn about handgun safety and demonstrate proficiency shooting at a target.

Besides the cost of the permits, there also is the cost of the course, which runs in the \$100-\$135 range. Recipients have to pass a test to get their licenses, which must be renewed every five years.

Although 72,345 people have concealed handgun licenses in Texas, there is no way of knowing how many people in the state, or anywhere else, actually own guns.

According to one national survey, however, seniors are more likely than any other age group to be gun owners.

Tom Smith, director of the General Social Survey at the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center, said that, with hunting on the decline among younger Americans, older adults are more likely to be current or former hunters who keep rifles and shotguns in their homes.

Concerned about crime

As for concealed handguns, he said, seniors tend to be more law-abiding and are probably more likely to go by the book and get a government permit before carrying a weapon.

But what of the risks, especially since elderly people are more prone to health problems and loss of mental acuity?

"It's all about the individual," said Jane Bavineau, project director of Care for Elders and vice president of Sheltering Arms in Houston. "It's impossible to generalize older adults in any way, including whether

they really are more vulnerable than they think they are and whether that is the wisest method to use for protection."

According to the U.S. Justice Department's Bureau of Statistics, people who are 65 and older are much less likely to be victims of violent crimes or property crimes than younger men and women.

Yet studies show that seniors are far more worried about crime than people who are younger.

Instructors who offer concealed handgun classes in Houston say the city's rising crime rate and concerns about Hurricane Katrina evacuees prompted more people to sign up this year.

At the Marksman Indoor Range, manager Todd Blevins said his facility had to offer more classes to accommodate the increased interest.

Most of his customers tend to be in their 50s and older, he said.

'It's a mature thing'

Larry Arnold, a director with the Texas Concealed Handgun Association, said older people — and at 59, he considers himself one of them — are more prone to taking precautions.

"It's a mature thing," said Arnold, who teaches concealed handgun classes in Kerrville. "I would guess if you did a study, you would find that people in my age bracket are more likely to lock their doors, park under street lights and do other things that keep you safer."

Matt Ross, founder of Memorial Oaks Shooting Club, said people who take his classes — and many of those are 60-plus — often decide to get a gun because of some unnerving incident such as a burglary or criminal activity they've witnessed in their neighborhoods.

That's what got Virtue interested. He said he never was into guns.

But admiring their craftsmanship, he decided to purchase a gun that shoots only blanks.

Taking the class

One day, he said, he noticed a man across the street stealing from a construction site and decided to stop him.

He grabbed the gun and ran outside, firing one of the blanks.

A struggle ensued, and the man knocked the gun out of

his hand and ran. The police officer who arrived at the scene a few minutes later had some advice for Virtue.

"This is Texas," the officer told him. "You ought to get yourself a real gun."

Virtue took his advice and signed up for a concealed handgun class. He said he was surprised when he looked around and saw that most of the people in his class were near his age.

He even found a shooting range that touted a senior citizens day, allowing seniors to shoot for free every

Monday.

Virtue bought a 9 mm handgun, and, on one recent Friday afternoon, he demonstrated just how well he could hit the target.

He hasn't started carrying the gun, but if the need ever arises, he said he'll be ready.

"The old geezers in Texas," he said, "are well-armed."

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<u>7</u> • 9:00 am -3:00 pm : Range C - High Power Rifle Match • 3:00 pm -5:30 pm : Range A - Junior Muzzleloading Practice	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> • 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm : Board Meeting - cancelled	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> • 8:00 am -6:00 pm : NRA: Range Safety Officer Class • 9:00 am -11:00 am : Range A - Junior Pistol Practice • 11:15 am -1:00 pm : Range B - CHL Class
<u>14</u> • 9:00 am -3:00 pm : Range D/E - Pistol Silhouette Match	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> • 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm : Indoor Air Range - Air Pistol/Rifle Practice	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> • 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm : General Meeting - cancelled	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> • 9:00 am -12:00 pm : Annual Meeting • 9:00 am -11:00 am : Range D/E - Junior Sporter Rifle Practice • 3:00 pm -5:00 pm : Range Orientation
<u>21</u> • 9:00 am -3:00 pm : Range A - 2700 Conventional Pistol Match • 11:15 am -1:00 pm : Range B - CHL Class • 1:00 pm -4:00 pm : Range D/E - Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Match	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> • 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm : Range B - CHL Class	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> • 9:00 am -1:00 pm : Range D/E - NRA Smallbore Rifle Match • 6:30 pm -10:00 pm : Annual Banquet
<u>28</u> • 10:00 am -12:00 pm : Range C - Varmint Benchrest Match • 1:00 pm -5:00 pm : Range D/E - Blackpower Rifle Match • 1:00 pm -3:00 pm : Range C - Hunter Benchrest Match	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>			

A.R.C. CALENDAR: February 2007

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<u>25</u> • 10:00 am -12:00 pm : Range C - Varmint Benchrest Match • 1:00 pm -5:00 pm : Range D/E - Blackpower Rifle Match • 1:00 pm -3:00 pm : Range C - Hunter Benchrest Match	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>			

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