

# **BBSC February Meeting Notice**

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is **Tuesday, February 4th, at 6pm** at the Masons Building, 2300 Highway 118 North in Alpine. This building is adjacent to the south side of the TXDOT yard.

## **Attached Material**

In this packet are the following documents.

- 1. February Meeting Agenda**
- 2. Minutes of January Meeting**
- 3. Shotgun Range Schedule**
- 4. Handgun Training by Grant Cunningham Book Review**

## **Calendar**

**February 4th** BBSC Meeting

## **Organized Shoots**

- Every **Saturday at 2pm** is **steel target** shooting on Pistol #1. Free.
- Every **Sunday at 2pm** is either **skeet or trap**, rotating each week. \$5 a round of 25 targets.
- Every **Friday at 2:00pm** is **skeet or trap**. \$5 a round of 25 targets.

## **Range Closings**

- **Sundays 2pm to 5pm rifle range** closed for shotgun range access and parking
- **Fridays 2pm to 5pm rifle range** closed for shotgun range access and parking.

Please check the web site [Events](#) calendar for range closures before going to the range.

## **Gun Stores Selling BBSC Memberships**

Membership to the BBSC is available at the two gun stores in Alpine for \$75.

**Morrison's True Value** Gun Counter - Monica Rodgers

Open Monday through Saturday 8am to 7pm, Sunday 1pm to 5pm

**Dodson Guns** - Jim Crouch

Open Wednesday 1pm to 5pm, Thursday 11am to 4pm, Friday 11am to 4pm,  
Saturday 9am to 1pm.

## **911 Rifle Range Information**

Name: **Big Bend Sportsman Club**

Address: **91080 US Highway 90 Alpine**

Meet the emergency vehicle at the gate or make sure the gate is open.

Good Shooting!

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## BIG BEND SPORTSMAN CLUB AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON: 2/4/2025

CALLED TO ORDER AT \_\_\_\_\_ PM

BY PRESIDING OFFICER: \_Jim Westermann\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- \_\_\_\_\_ INVOCATION
- \_\_\_\_\_ INTRO OF GUESTS:
- \_\_\_\_\_ OPENING MESSAGE: President
- \_\_\_\_\_ READING OF MINUTES: Secretary
- \_\_\_\_\_ TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer

### CONTINUING PROGRAMS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Trap & Skeet events: Monty Kimball / Philip O'Shaunessy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sourcing clays

### OLD BUSINESS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Donation for ACS gun raffle (BBSC + BBSF) – presentation TBA
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review dates for 3-gun matches
- \_\_\_\_\_ Archery picnic table
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swap meet

### NEW BUSINESS – discuss and vote if needed

- \_\_\_\_\_ Target frame replacement / repair
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spring clean-up dates
- \_\_\_\_\_ Welded target stands – Mason Overstreet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Makin' Bacon Shoot

### QUESTION & ANSWER / open floor

\_\_\_\_\_ ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REMINDERS FROM PRESIDENT/ VP /  
SECRETARY / TREASURER / RANGE OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_ MEETING ADJOURNED AT \_\_\_\_\_ PM

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## **BBSC Minutes of Meeting January 7, 2025**

The meeting was attended by 14 members and no guests. Location of the meeting was the Masonic Lodge in Alpine. The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by president Jim Westermann. Invocation was by John O Hollis.

### Reports

The minutes of December 3rd were read by Scott McClanahan. Roger Amis motioned to accept and John O Hollis seconded.

Liz Measures read the treasurer's report. 22 new members. 385 members total this year, 370 members at this time last year. 115 keys left. Expenses included checks for donations to five 2A groups and the ACS raffle gun. Motion to accept by John O Hollis, second by Pat Hooker.

Monty Kimball reported True Value can no longer provide pallets of clay targets. More are needed in a few weeks. Much discussion on a source and delivery.

### New Business

Jim opened discussion for circumstances to leave the gate open. Events and organized shoots were two. Trespassing liability is not an issue whether the gate is open or not. No decision was made.

Jim reported we need new steel targets and frame mounts. The high school shop class may do this as a project. Need 6 to 8.

Jim asked to organize an April shoot and there was discussion on fund raising for 4H, Boy Scouts, BBSF, ACS, or other youth organizations.

### Old Business

Jim Westermann reported the funds for the ACS raffle gun will be matched by the BBSF.

Roger Amis motioned to adjourn at 6:34pm and Brian Childers seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott McClanahan, BBSC Secretary



# Organized Shoots

## On the Shotgun Range

### February 2025

<b>Sunday 2pm</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>2nd Skeet</b>	<b>7th 4pm Trap</b>
<b>9th Trap</b>	<b>14th 2pm Skeet</b>
<b>16th Skeet</b>	<b>21st 4pm Trap</b>
<b>23rd Trap</b>	<b>28th 2pm Skeet</b>

# **Book Review #4**

by Scott McClanahan

## **"Handgun Training" by Grant Cunningham**

This book is copyrighted in 2015 by F+W Media and published by Gun Digest Books. The soft-back book is 111 pages.

### **Introduction**

This article is for the first time conceal carry handgun buyer wondering what to do after purchase.

The first trip to the range must be with an experienced shooter to learn the basics, safety, operation, and to be supervised. Once the basics are known and you ready to work on the self defense skills, this book greatly helps.

Grant's book is about shooting drills, a tiny slice of the gun ownership pie.

With a taste on the range of why practice with a handgun is essential, let me introduce Grant Cunningham. He is going to tell the truth about defensive shooting. Massad Ayoob teaches the legal aspects, a major part of handgun ownership. These two writers/teachers are dead on about defensive shooting.

### **The Truth Revealed in the First Few Chapters**

Here are some of the key elements of Grant's teachings. Let's start with his critique of common classes and videos involving handgun drills.

Drills in firearms classes are developed to make classes fun but have no purpose. Please read that again.

Many drills have equipment bias to validate equipment selection. This is a limitation versus using what's available - what one actually carries for protection, including ammo.

Source bias of drills is basing training on a person - a cult of personality. YouTube is full of these. The issue is that military style and other styles are taught, not defensive shooting.

There is also a scoring bias for drills where the measurement becomes the goal. The measurement could be time or target score. Our Turkey Shoot is an example of scoring bias drills.

Next, Grant discusses types of instructors and class content.

Classes are being run more by competition shooters with scoring bias bigger than Dallas.

The shot timer is overrated. It encourages bad habits, cutting corners, and reloading techniques that could be fatal in a defensive situation.

The emphasis on tighter groups just makes the shooter slow. Misses mean too fast - no shot timer needed, order that headstone now.

After the first shot, everything changes. The first shot has to be affective.

The best use of the shot timer is for a random start to the drill.

These are not debates but perspectives each individual has to internalize and make their own decisions. These truths will put one at odds concerning training with many people in the gun world: gun counter clerks, police officers, active and military veterans, competitors, and competition planners.

Hunters have simpler issues for self defense, such as deciding between bear spray or 10mm.

At this point, an individual needs to think for himself and evaluate the truth and seriousness of defensive shooting, which is well written by Grant and Massad.

## **Focus on Drills**

What is a drill? Just shooting a paper target is not a drill. A drill has a target setup, procedures, purpose, and goals. Then the shooter executes the procedure and evaluates the target and goals. It's a game with purpose. Repeat many times and see improvement of a skill necessary for defensive shooting.

The new shooter needs specific goals based on studies of defensive situations. This is the most important concept of this book. Everything is based on real situations, not a Keanu Reaves movie script.

Each drill works on a specific goal. They are task oriented and competency based. There are multiple skills involved in defensive shooting. Page 8 of the book has the list.

Force on force role playing training takes much time, equipment, and money. Visualizing is much more practical. This is a key concept - the discipline of the mind to visualize situations rather than just being in them with role playing. The third chapter is an excellent presentation of defensive shooting and visualizing.

Drills, on the other hand, are skill building, not visualizing an attack. In fact, do not use photorealistic targets because that just drills responding to a specific attacker.

Defensive shooting is about surprise, the unknown, and no preplanning. Visualize the attack, and work on skills to respond. An example of not developing surprise skills is the IDPA. Their stages have preplanned shots, shot order, and round counts.

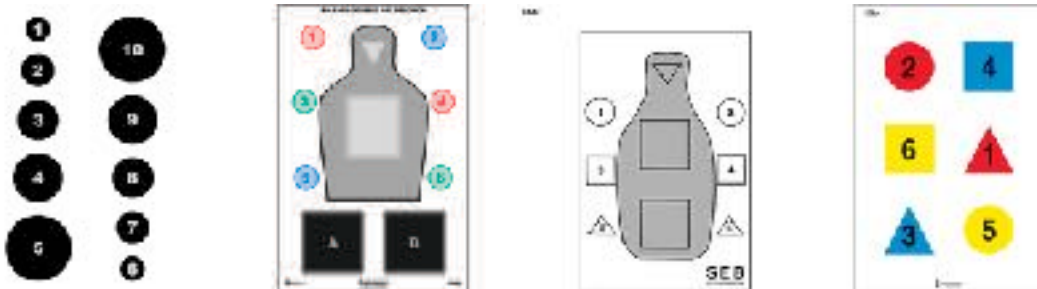
The drills should be done with integrity. Chapter 6 clearly explains this.

## **Targets**

Do not use any bullseye targets or ones with any type of scoring. Defensive shooting is pass/fail. Instead, use a variety of shapes, colors, and labels to make

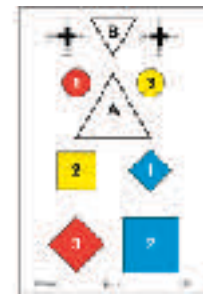
the mind pick the correct target. A favorite target is the CFS-BFP from [letargets.com](http://letargets.com) (now [actiontargets.com](http://actiontargets.com)). VB-52 is another good target. Make your own targets printing shapes and labels taped to the target board.

Here are the targets Grant likes - VB-52, CFS-BSP, SEB, DT-2, KRT-1.



## Movement

One of the big differences with Grant is to draw and side step in one motion. This makes it more difficult for the attacker to land a shot. Keep shooting and put the attacker down, then worry about cover and other things. Don't be a static target.



## A Few Drills

The press out drill uses a close target and simply works on going from Sol position to firing one shot. This is the practice for your first show, the most important in an encounter.

The gun movement drill uses a large circle target close. Press out and aim at the target, but constantly move the point of aim around the inside of the circle in random motions. While doing this, fire single shots. Who really has a steady hand?

The reload drill is done with multiple magazines filled with a random number of rounds (no more than half filled). Fire consecutive rounds, noticing slide lock and initiate a reload. The key is to know when to reload, not how.

The chasing precision drill uses a blank close target. The first shot is placed as close to center as possible. The second shot point of aim is the first shot. The third shot point of aim is the second shot. Continue for about 5 shots. Are they all going in the same hole or walking around the target?

The drills get more complex, using a partner to call shots, and even some stages practical for home defense.



## **Conclusion**

Grant is an excellent writer and teacher. His perspective is very different from other trainers, most of whom are not training for defensive shooting.

By this book and get to work. Just the first few drills will lay the groundwork for Grant's perspective. Games and drills at the range or in classes will never be the same. Pray and prevent to stay out of defensive shootings, but be prepared and keep up the skills.

The next step is to read Massad Ayoob's books, beginning with "In the Gravest Extreme." Balance the training with the decision making.