



Tactical Talk

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"Among the many misdeeds of the British rule in India, history will look upon the act of depriving a whole nation of arms, as the blackest."

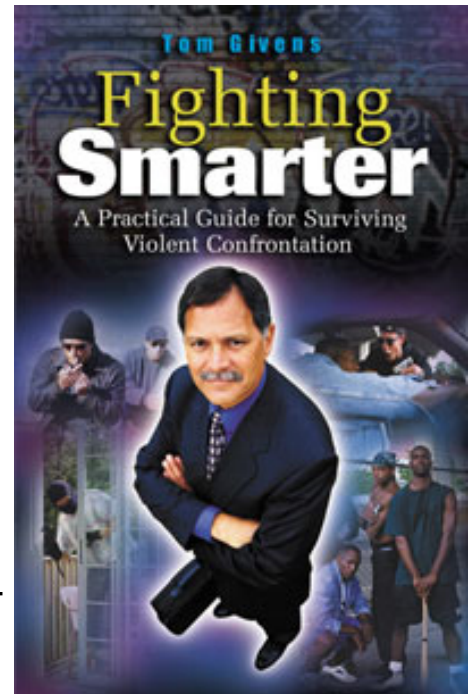
-- Mahatma Gandhi

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Fighting Smarter Now Available on CD

Tom Givens' latest book, Fighting Smarter, is now available in a second edition on CD. You can plug it into your computer and browse the pages at leisure. Call 901-370-5600 to obtain your copy by mail, \$14.95 plus \$2.00 postage, or come by and get one in person.



Congratulations Beth!

The University of Memphis rifle team is headquartered at Rangemaster, and they've had a wonderful season this year. They had a very successful regular season, earning a berth in the US National Championships. One of their members, Beth Tidmore, won the NCAA Championship last weekend, in Colorado Springs. Great shooting, Beth!

The New Snubbie

For decades, many of us carried a frame (small frame, 5 shot) .38 Special revolver as a secondary, or back-up gun. My choice was a Smith & Wesson Model 642, an aluminum and stainless steel pistol that is very light and compact. Worn in an ankle holster or carried in the support side pants pocket, it's presence was very reassuring. No matter what type of handgun you carry as a primary piece, it can suffer a parts breakage, be lost during a struggle, or be struck by incoming fire and put out of action. If you ever need a back-up gun, you'll probably need it very badly, so I make it a practice to carry a small, light second gun all the time.



A couple of years ago, I retired my trusty 642 and replaced it with a Kahr PM9, in 9mm. I have now owned three of these little guns, and several of my associates have them, as well. I believe they are the 21st century replacement for the .38 snubbie. The PM9 holds 7 rounds of 9mm ammunition, and will handle the modern +P premium rounds just fine. That's a two round advantage (40% more ammo) over the j-frame revolver, with ammo that is more potent, as well. My current PM9 likes Speer 124 grain Gold Dot +P ammo, which has a very good street record in actual shootings. The PM9 is flatter and thinner (9/10ths of an inch

thick) than the revolver, which aids concealment. The PM9 has better sights than any snubbie, making it much easier to shoot well, and the trigger pull on the PM9 is lighter, since it doesn't have to rotate the cylinder of the revolver.

The natural habitat of the BUG is the ankle holster or pocket holster. The trim, flat design of the PM9 is perfectly suited to this mode of carry. The pocket holster breaks up the gun's outline, and keeps the gun oriented correctly in the pocket for a smooth withdrawal.





Road Classes 2005

COMBATIVE PISTOL 1, \$299 800-1,000 RDS

April 16-17	West Shore Sportmen's Assoc., Harrisburg, PA
April 23-24	Rangemaster, Memphis
May 21-22	Baton Rouge, LA
June 4-5	Erie, PA
August 20-21	Reno, Nevada
September 10-11	Hinton, OK
October 8-9	Mingus, TX (near Dallas)

COMBATIVE PISTOL 2, \$299 1,000-1,200 RDS

April 2-3	Mingus, TX
October 15-16	Anniston, AL

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Combative Pistol 1 in Memphis

On April 23-24, 2005, we will be conducting a CP1 course at Rangemaster. This is our signature two-day handgun course we teach all over the U.S. on the road. We only offer it twice a year here in Memphis. The class runs all day Saturday and Sunday, and each student fires between 800 and 1,000 rounds of ammunition. We cover all of the core skills involved in fighting with a handgun. Space is limited, and tuition is only \$299. You need to be a graduate of at least Level II handgun to attend.

Warrior Talk Symposium II

The WTS in Jan 2005 was a great success. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot. We have decided to do it again, with WTS II scheduled for Jan 7-8, 2006. Entry will be STRICTLY limited to the first 50 students to register, and we already have the first dozen enrolled. Cost is only \$100.00, and there will be top trainers from all over the US and England providing hands-on training.