



# Tactical Talk

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## Special points of interest:

- Andy Stanford Coming!
- New Featured Guns
- *Fighting Smarter* on Sale
- 5-Day Memphis Class

**“Cynicism is not realistic and tough. It’s unrealistic and kind of cowardly because it means you don’t have to try.”**

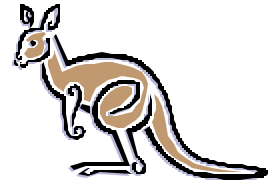
—Peggy Noonan

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## Australia’s Experience

As you may know, in 1999, after a highly publicized mass shooting by a madman, Australia effectively banned the private ownership of a number of types of firearms. Australians were required by law to turn in their guns to be destroyed by the government. The Aussie government confiscated and destroyed 640,381 firearms, at a cost of \$500 million dollars.



It has now been a full year since this gun ban went into effect. Predictably, violent crime has skyrocketed, since now only the criminals have guns. In the twelve months since the gun ban:

- Australia-wide, homicide is up 3.2%
- In the state of Victoria, homicide is up 300%!
- Assaults are up nationwide by 8.6%
- Robberies are now up 44%. That’s right, 44%. The thugs are now confident their victims are unarmed and helpless.
- Home break-ins, especially against the elderly, are on the rise. Home invaders no longer have to be concerned about an armed homeowner.
- Armed robberies had been on a steady decline for 25 years until the gun ban, now the incidence of armed robberies is rising continually.

This is convincing proof that taking guns away from law abiding citizens benefits no one but the criminals. It ought to be obvious, even to a politician, that a thug willing to break laws against rape, robbery, and murder will not abide by a gun control law either. Duh!

Al Gore and his liberal supporters want to bring this same idiocy to the United States. Remember Australia’s experience when you go to the polls on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Winter Indoor IDPA Championship February 3-4, 2001 at Rangemaster

This will be the fourth year for this prestigious event, and we expect 80 shooters from all over the United States to compete. The entire match will be shot from concealment, in low light conditions— with and without a flashlight. There will be many prizes, including at least two guns awarded by drawing at the awards ceremony. Entry fee is only \$65.00 and we’re filling up quickly. Enter now to avoid disappointment.

# Andy Stanford's CQB and Low Light Course January 27-28, 2001



Andy is a nationally recognized authority on low light techniques, and an accomplished instructor. He will be conducting a two-day class in close quarter fighting techniques and low light skills at Rangemaster in January.

This would be a great chance to hone your low light skills before the IDPA Winter Indoor Championship the following weekend. Cost is only \$299.00 and class space is strictly limited.

## Fighting



Tom's new book is selling briskly at Rangemaster. This new book contains 234 pages of information, with 75 photos plus professional illustrations. In addition to the "nuts & bolts" of defensive shooting, there is a wealth of information about making yourself safe from criminals. There are chapters on recognizing criminal behavior early on, dealing with mentally disturbed persons, and how to control stress and function under pressure, plus much more.

Noted gunwriter and tactical trainer Ken Hackathorn had this to say:

*"Fighting Smarter gets it right. This new book by Tom Givens is required reading."*

We suggest this book for your spouse, your children, and your friends. It would make a great Christmas present. (Yeah, it's that time of year already!) Price is \$24.95, plus \$4.00 shipping.



## Featured New

The **Beretta 1201FP semiautomatic defense shotgun** is one of the best designed combat shotguns on the market. It has a six shot magazine, rifle sights, a chrome lined bore, hard chromed bolt for wear and corrosion resistance, and a simple, fast operating system. The metal parts are finished in matte black, with a black synthetic stock. We have some of these at a special price of **only \$599.00** (usually these go for almost \$800.00!). Get 'em while they last.

We also have a **Kimber .40 Stainless Target** available in the shop. This is a full size, all stainless steel Kimber in .40 S&W, with fully adjustable target sights. This gun is perfect for IDPA competition, with less recoil than a similar .45, adjustable match-grade sights, and a competition grade trigger job. This one of a kind pistol is **only \$899.00**.

# Memphis Five-Day Advanced Combatives Skills Course April 2001

On April 25-29, 2001, we will conduct our annual five-day immersion-level training course at Rangemaster and at the outstanding facilities of the Tactical Explosives Entry School near Marion, Arkansas. In five full days of training, we will deeply ingrain the correct tactical responses to a wide variety of threats and learn valuable threat management skills one simply cannot master in a two-day weekend course.

This year's class will take place Wednesday through Sunday, in order to require less off time from work for the students while still allowing a full five days of training. There will be two evening sessions at TEES, allowing us to work outdoors at night for dim light training and to work in the dark in the funhouses. TEES has two elaborate 360 degree live-fire funhouses. One is set up as a residence, the other as a commercial building floor plan. These structures enable us to conduct live-fire and Simunitions exercises in the most realistic conditions possible. There are also excellent steel ranges, a basic range, and a rifle range available to us at TEES which is only 35 miles from Rangemaster.

This year we will include a carbine session and a shotgun session since we have the range facility available to us. We will also be doing some advanced work in and around vehicles. We will work on empty hand skills, weapon retention, and other close quarter defensive techniques—mainly in the funhouses.

This course will be taught by Tom Givens, Dane Burns, and Jim Higginbotham, and students will be assigned to three squads which rotate from one instructor to another constantly. This eliminates down time and maximizes the training opportunity. We already have a dozen of last year's students signed up for this course which is quite a testimonial to last year's class. Cost is only \$749.00 for this rare opportunity, and class size is limited. This will be your only chance for this class in 2001.

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## The Whole



## Truth . . .

***The following are  
word for word  
quotes from testi-***

- Q. Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?  
A. All of my autopsies were performed on dead people.  
Q. Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?  
A. No.  
Q. Did you check for blood pressure?  
A. No.  
Q. Did you check for breathing?  
A. No.  
Q. So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?  
A. No.  
Q. How can you be so sure, Doctor?  
A. Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.  
Q. But could the patient still be alive nevertheless?  
A. Yes, it is possible that he could be alive and practicing law somewhere.

November is **National Diabetes Month**. The number of cases of both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes is growing at an alarming rate, especially here in the South. It is currently estimated that diabetes affects 85% of American families in some way. On November 16, 2000, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the American Diabetes Association will present "Doctors on Diabetes" at Rhodes College. This forum will feature doctors from every discipline involving the diagnosis and treatment of diabetes, from endocrinologists, to gynecologists, to cardiovascular specialists. You are encouraged to attend and learn more about this health care crisis. If you would like to participate as a sponsor of this event, please contact Stephanie Solomons at (901) 578-1100.