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BULLDOG'S CORNER

Size Matters

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Let's talk grip size on a handgun. You must admit that different handguns have a different feel to them. Some grips are small and you can wrap your hand completely around them while others make you feel like a midget. I have fairly large hands but when I take out my Desert Eagle .50 cal. I can sense the difference between my everyday carry and this beast. Whether it's my PPK/S or my USP, the difference is grip on the handgun. I have this situation with students who can't understand that grip size makes a difference. For example, a larger grip can make your shot go to the left of the bullseye. A smaller grip can make it go to the right of the bullseye. It all depends on where your trigger finger rests on the trigger. Try this right now; wrap your hand around your other hand's four fingers and notice where your trigger finger is. Now wrap it around three fingers and see the difference. Your trigger finger is not in the same place. Around four fingers, or a larger grip, there is less of your trigger finger engaged. This will move your front sight to the right side ever so slightly. With three fingers or a smaller grip, your trigger finger is deeper in the trigger guard, this will have you hit a little to the left. This doesn't make too much of a difference at close range, let's say three to six feet, but if you want to hit the bullseye at twenty-five yards it just might. This is where I have to explain about the finger placement. When someone gets a new handgun it's always a must to get to know it and how it fits where it shoots but sometimes it's not the handgun it's your grip size. I just received a new handgun and it came with a choice of grip add-ons. I guess the manufacturers are catching on and making choices easier.

This is less of a problem with a two-handed grip on your handgun, but I always suggest that my students practice two handed, one handed, standing, kneeling, laying down, any position that might just happen in a true world gunfight.

This really doesn't matter much to most shooters; all they want is to hit the target. Others are happy with a passing grade. And then there are some who have to make a smiley face or hit the same hole fifty times. Yes, I have a few of these friends and we shoot, argue, shoot, drink and plan the next get-together.