

Sisters man promotes gun safety

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Patrick Maley has a passion for promoting safe, competent firearms use.

Maley is principal instructor of Cascade Gun & Safety, which he launched this year in Sisters. An NRA certified pistol instructor and range safety officer, Maley has a particular focus for his work.

“I really want to focus on women, couples, and first-time shooters,” he told *The Nugget*. “From our perspective, the more knowledge you have, the safer you are.”

First-time firearms purchase have skyrocketed in 2020 as concerns around the coronavirus pandemic and social unrest have led many to determine that they need to have the means to protect themselves and their loved ones. A substantial proportion of new gun-owners are women, a data point Maley has seen play out on the range.

Maley asserts that simply owning a firearm does not impart safety and security. It is critical to learn to handle a firearm safely and competently. His goal is to help his clients learn to be comfortable, confident and calm in handling firearms, both for sporting purposes and for self-defense.

Maley’s practice focuses mainly on handguns.

The instructor strives to make it as easy as possible for his clients to find the right firearm for them and to learn to use it competently. If a client does not already have a firearm, he will help her find the most suitable one. In fact, that can often work out best, rather than trying to adapt to a pistol that doesn’t quite fit the hand or carry comfortably.

“It’s like buying a pair of shoes,” he said. “Is it comfortable? Does it fit?”

Cascade Gun & Safety offers eight hours of classroom instruction, and three to four hours of live fire work at the Redmond Rod & Gun Club.

He tailors instruction to meet individual needs and goals.

“Each one will have different needs, desires and capabilities,” Maley said. “My goal is to help them achieve their desires, what (ITAL) they (ITAL) want.”

Ongoing training is critical to maintaining skills – and it can also lead to discovery of new sporting opportunities.

“We have multiple disciplines there (at Redmond Rod & Gun Club) that they might be interested in,” Maley said. “We have the facilities to graduated them on to the next level.”

He’s willing to stick with his clients along their journey. “As long as they’re



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Patrick Maley of Cascade Gun & Safety loves teaching first-time gun owners to be safe and capable with their firearms.

passionate and take it seriously, I’ll stay engaged with them for as long as they want,” he said.

Maley’s own passion for firearms instruction began when he shepherded his four sons through Scouting and served as an instructor for the firearms merit badge. Over the years, his involvement has waxed and waned depending on life circumstances. After his recent move to Sisters, he decided to fully commit to the passion.

After joining the Redmond Rod & Gun Club, he “just kept going and taking the course” to earn NRA

certifications. Maureen Rogers, who operates the training program Lady Gets A Gun, urged him to become an instructor.

Cascade Gun & Safety offers classes every two weeks. The schedule can currently be accessed at bit.ly/nraSISTERS. His website at, www.cascadegunsafety.com, will be up by the end of August.

Beyond individual development, Maley has a lofty goal for his program. He hopes to help make Sisters Country “the safest, most self-reliant area of the country.”

Protesters hold up U.S. detention for 12 hours

BEND (AP) — U.S. Border Patrol officers late Wednesday, August 12, used pepper spray on demonstrators as they pushed their way through a crowd to get to two men detained by immigration agents inside a bus that could not move for about 12 hours because of the protesters.

The men under detention were removed by the 20 border control officers.

The Bend Bulletin reported the men had been in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials since mid-Wednesday, when hundreds of protesters prevented the bus they were on from leaving a parking lot.

The Border Patrol officers used pepper spray to disperse the protesters near the bus as the two men were taken out about 11 p.m., the newspaper said.

“They — despite our best efforts at a peaceful protest — took them to get away,” said Morgan Schmidt, a staff member of Bend’s First Presbyterian Church who identified herself as a clergy witness.

Immigration attorney Micaela Guthrie said the

detained men have lived in Central Oregon for over a decade, Oregon Public Broadcast reported.

ICE spokesperson Tanya Roman said in a statement the two people arrested had histories of criminally violent behavior, though Roman didn’t offer specifics.

“While ICE respects the rights of people to voice their opinion peacefully, that does not include illegally interfering with their federal law enforcement duties. ICE will take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of its officers and detainees, and will vigorously pursue prosecution against anyone who puts them in harm’s way,” Roman said.

The crowd of protesters appeared at the bus because one of the detained men managed to call his wife, said Carlos Sanchez, identified by local media as a family spokesman.

Bend Mayor Sally Russell had asked people surrounding the bus to leave the area, saying on Twitter that the arrests were not an immigration sweep and that she had been informed the men had warrants for their arrest.

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