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Riding Dirt Bikes

by Izzy Farrar

X-Games! That's what I felt like when I first started to learn how to ride a dirt bike. This spring break, my Poppa, brother - Luke, and I all went to Austin for a couple days and me and my brother got to learn how to ride dirt bikes. It was a super cool experience and I had tons of fun.

To begin with, we had to get suited up. We put on our shin guards, elbow pads and helmets. Safety is super important, especially when you get better and start going faster or try to do crazy tricks. One wrong move, and something can easily get broken. So, after we got all suited up, it was time to learn how to ride safely.

Our instructor Cody Haverfield was great at making me feel right at home on the motorcycle. He started riding at an early age and turned pro by the time he was 18. He made small technical corrections throughout the lessons to help us get our techniques right. I was a little nervous going into it, but once we got started I became a lot more comfortable. Coach Cody also showed us a bunch of cool tricks like a 1 handed wheelie and a big jump – it was awesome. Coach Cody has been riding for a very long time and is a great coach because you can tell how much he really loves the sport.

The first thing we did was learn about our bikes. All of the important controls like the brakes, gas, clutch and shifter. We had to get completely comfortable going through all of the steps, before getting started on the bikes. Next, we headed over to a little mini dirt track. We started off just learning how to start and go around the little track. We stayed in first gear for a while, focusing on our technique. After that, it was time for second gear.



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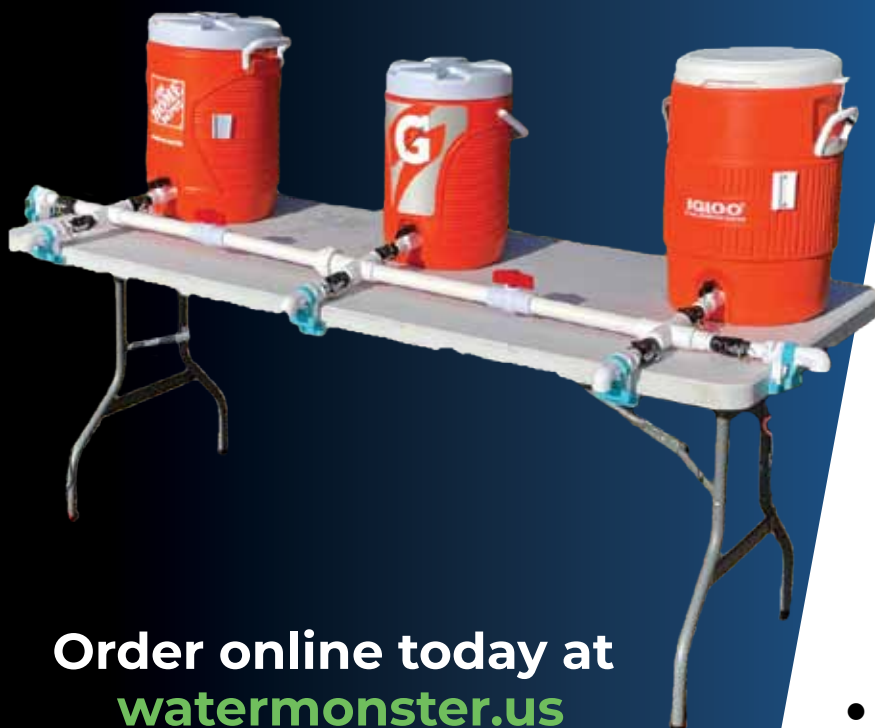


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I didn't expect that much of a difference between first and second, but there was a pretty noticeable change. Second gear is much smoother and quieter and just felt faster. We went around the track a bunch of times, working on starting, braking and turning the motorcycle. I got pretty comfortable on the dirt bike in a short period of time. Before I knew it, the whole 3-hour session had flown by. At the end of the session, we went on a real motorcross course to experience a couple of jumps and some twists and turns. It was so much fun! Besides being exciting to ride on a motorcross track, nothing super eventful happened my first couple times around the track. Then as I got more comfortable, I also started to go a little faster. And before you knew it, I wiped out taking a curve a little too fast. My first crash scared me. I didn't like the feeling of not being in control of the bike - which was exactly what happened. The front wheel wasn't going where I wanted it to go and I ended up in the dirt. It was a scary situation, but I was a little relieved to get my first crash over with at the same time. I knew that it wasn't something I needed to worry about too much. Cody was also super helpful



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when me or my brother wiped out, making sure we were OK, but also correcting whatever caused the crash. And with that we ended the first day.

For day two we started off with a short recap of everything from the day before. Most of it came back pretty quickly, so we moved right in to standing up. Coach Cody was really helpful and we took everything slowly and step by step. He gave us a bunch of drills and techniques to work on and soon we were standing like pros. Standing is important, especially for jumps to be more comfortable and in better control. Again, we practiced most of the time on the short track but towards the end we moved back to the motorcross track. This time was so much more fun standing on jumps, and even getting some air. This is when I had my second wipeout. I was stuck behind my little brother and I decided he was going a little too slow. So, I got impatient and tried to pass



him on a curve. I soon discovered that this was not a wise decision. He cut in when I didn't expect it and I lost control again. This time though, it wasn't just me that crashed. I made my brother roll all the way down the hill backwards that we had just ridden up. It was a pretty crazy situation but no one got hurt. After that we made a few more rounds on the track and called it a day.

I had such an amazing time. Going into dirt bike lessons, I wasn't super pumped - it didn't really seem like my kinda thing. But now I am so glad I decided to go because I had a blast. And now I know how to ride a motorcycle. If you are interested I would definitely look into lessons because it's a great time. Now if we can just get our Poppa to spring for a couple of dirt bikes – a girl can always dream! **AW**

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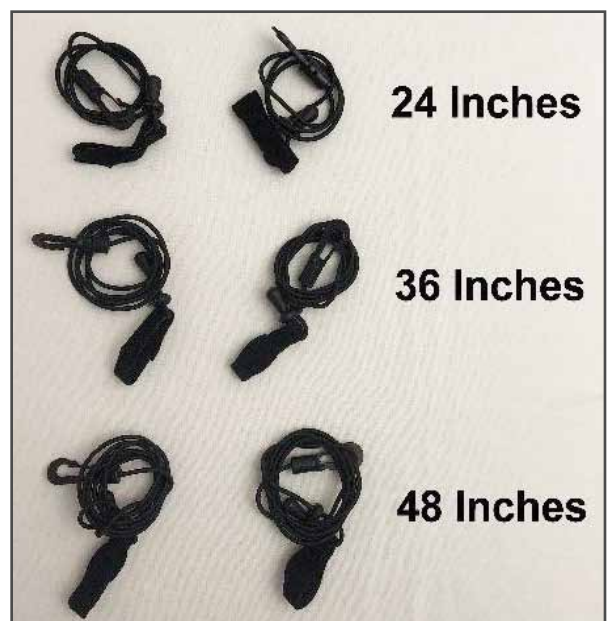
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Who are you and what is your background?

I'm Cody Haverfield and I started racing motocross at seven years old. I was not a natural athlete, so it took a lot of hard work to get to where I am today. After many years of refinement, practice and coaching, I began racing in the pro class at 18. I picked up a ton of knowledge from trial and error, training facilities and some world class coaches like Kyle Williams, Kevin Johnson, Larry Morton and Larry Hughes.

When did you start coaching?

I started coaching when I was 18 years old as a way to help pay my way to the next big event.

At 23 I applied the same principles I learned from my experience as a motocross racer and became a Cat 1 XC mountain bike racer. From there I competed at a pro level in not only cross-country racing but enduro as well. I am still competing in enduro and amateur motocross races on a bi monthly basis.

How did you develop your teaching methodology?

I have been lucky enough to work with numerous top-level riding coaches and successful pro riders over my 21-year racing career. I have taken something from each perspective and made it my own. What I share with students is the knowledge I gained from climbing my way through the amateur ranks to becoming a pro level racer at a young age. Many loses, lessons, and some wins...



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Monterey Bay

Diving with Seals and Sea Lions

by Troy Farrar

photos by Helen Law



Last summer we went to Isla Mujeres and snorkeled with whale sharks, it was such an amazing experience. This year, I had to go to Monterey, California on business and decided I should try and get in a dive with seals and sea lions while I was there. I dove with sea lions about 20 years ago and it was fantastic. Now, after diving with the whale sharks, I am on a new quest to dive with as many big animals as possible.

I reached out to the pros at Monterey Bay Scuba and set up a dive. Monterey Bay Scuba is California's only oceanfront dive shop and they are located at the Coast Guard Pier in Monterey – a place that is teeming with sea lions. They have been there for 34 years and offer a lot of different dive trips as well as scuba classes with fun and knowledgeable instructors.

My dive would be led by Dive Master Helen Law, who has a ton of experience and is also a very accomplished underwater photographer. This dive was going to be chilly, as the air temperature was 56 degrees and the water was 48 degrees. Unfortunately, the visibility was poor, about 6 feet, because there was a lot of plankton in the water. We decided to give it a go even with the poor visibility and I am glad we did.

We took a ride in Monterey Bay Scuba's dive boat and they showed me some of the other great nearby dive sites. We also saw a ton of sea otters while on the ride, which was very cool. Finally, we headed to the dive location off the Coast Guard Pier and went in. Wow, that first drop into 48-degree water is a little



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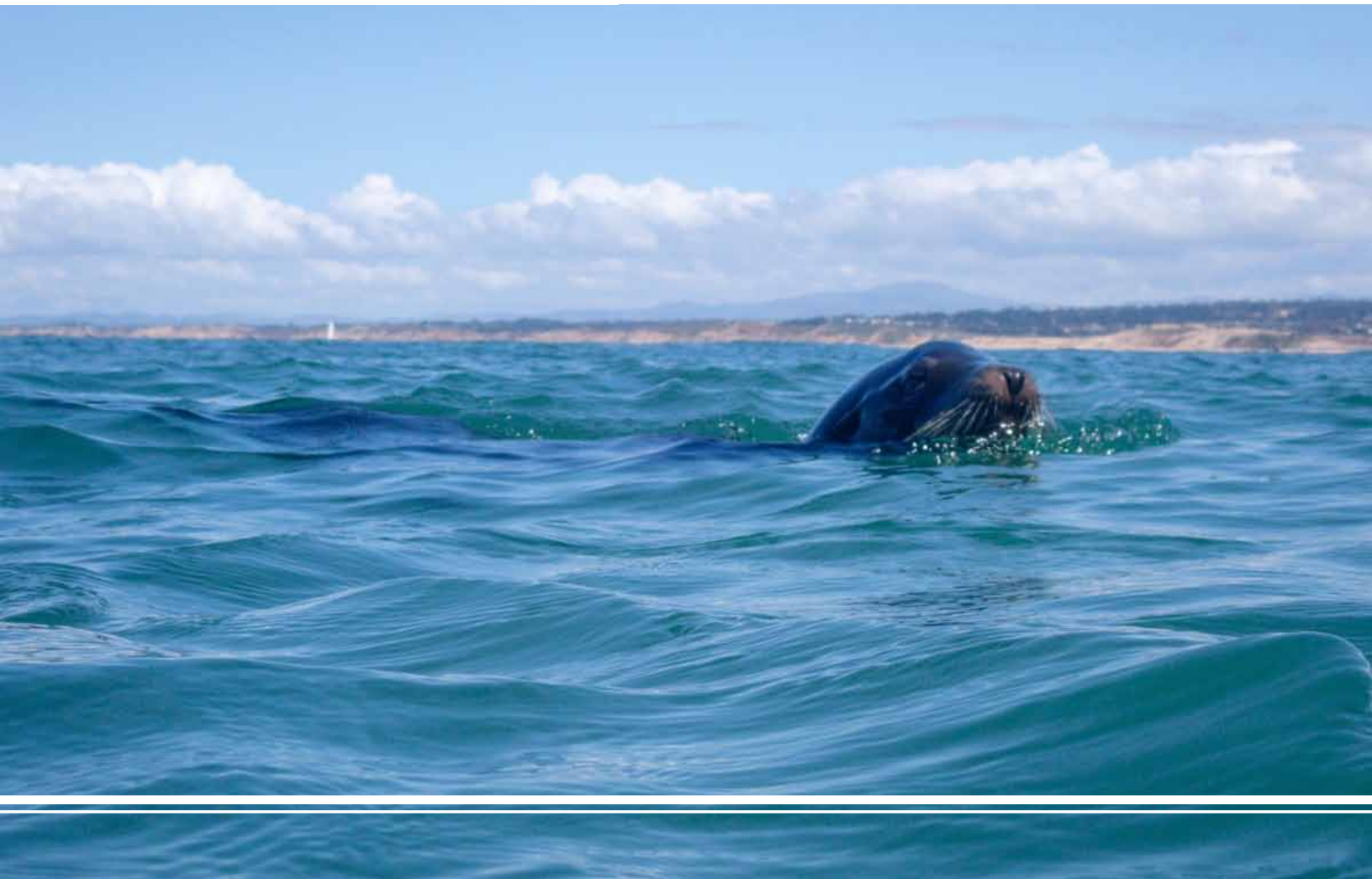
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shocking. I have done most of my diving in warm water with no wetsuit or just a shorty. We were decked out in 7mm wet suits with hoods and gloves and that takes some getting used to. I was thankful for the extra thermal protection, however, diving in 7mm wetsuits is a lot more work.

Once we got going the water temperature was no big deal. I was so focused on the plants and animals that I completely forgot about the cold water. The low visibility makes you really pay attention to your dive master because it would be easy to lose them in the murky water. We saw some beautiful kelp forests, nudibranchs, rock fish and small reef fish. Then out of the murky water we got buzzed by a couple sea lions. They were there for a second and then vanished into the murky water. I have a feeling we may have had others swim by but did not see them because of the water conditions. We finished up the dive and then headed





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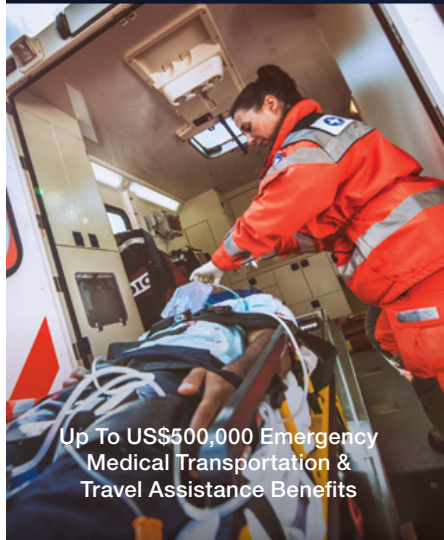
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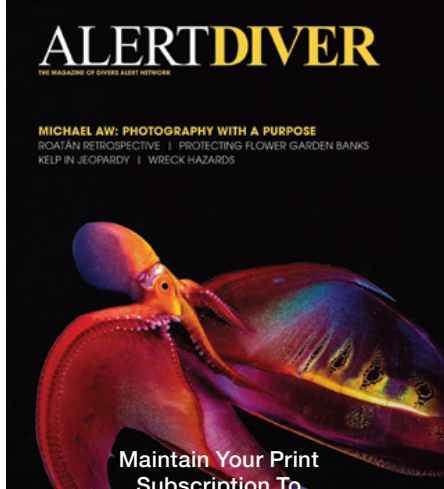
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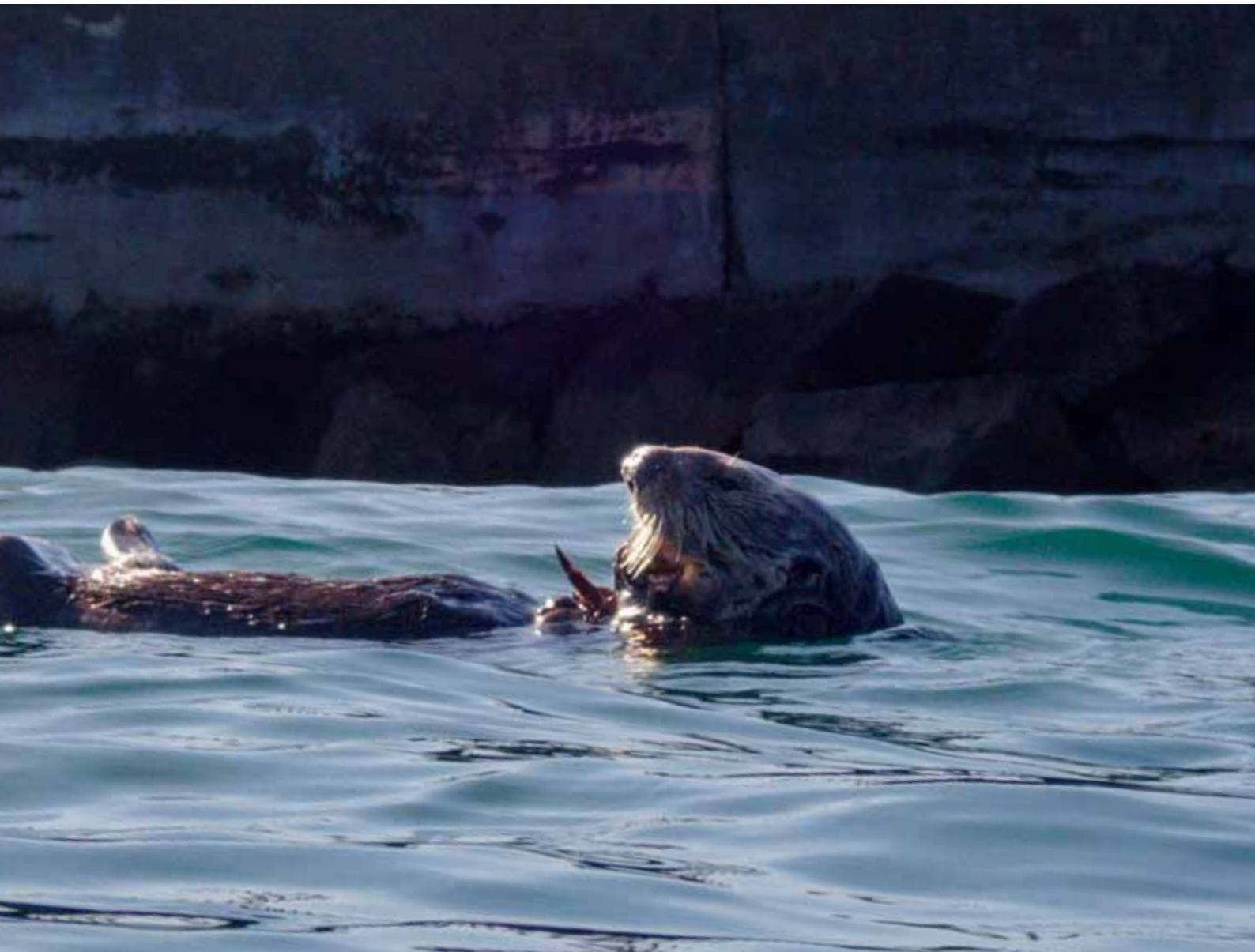
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back to the shop. I had envisioned sea lions swimming all around us for a majority of the dive and sometimes that is how it happens in Monterey. This dive was a good reminder that the water conditions and animals' behavior are not in our control. I still had a great dive, got to see some things that I have not seen before and made some new friends – overall a great day. Now I am looking forward to getting back to Monterey for another chance to dive with the seals and sea lions with the guys at Monterey Bay Scuba. We included some images from previous dives taken by Helen, my dive master, to show the possibilities on a day with better visibility. If you get the chance I highly recommend connecting with the team at Monterey Bay Scuba for one of their awesome dive sites. **AW**

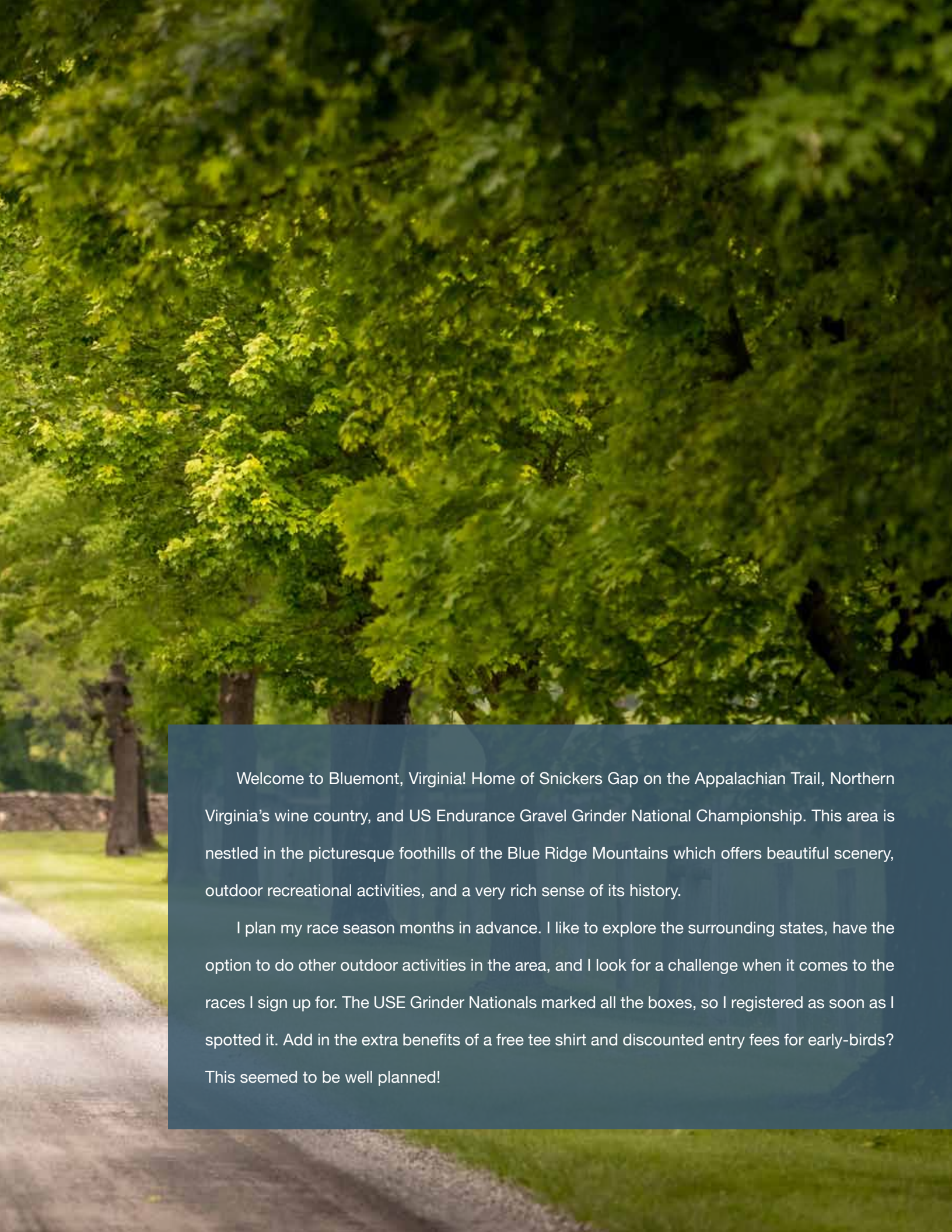


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by Dee Griffith - Philly Bike Expo

photos by Bruce Buckly





Welcome to Bluemont, Virginia! Home of Snickers Gap on the Appalachian Trail, Northern Virginia's wine country, and US Endurance Gravel Grinder National Championship. This area is nestled in the picturesque foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains which offers beautiful scenery, outdoor recreational activities, and a very rich sense of its history.

I plan my race season months in advance. I like to explore the surrounding states, have the option to do other outdoor activities in the area, and I look for a challenge when it comes to the races I sign up for. The USE Grinder Nationals marked all the boxes, so I registered as soon as I spotted it. Add in the extra benefits of a free tee shirt and discounted entry fees for early-birds? This seemed to be well planned!



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Event day starts you off with a pleasant surprise of not only the number of volunteers all uniformly working together, but also the condition of the gravel roads. There is a two-mile rolling start led by the local fire department (Thank you for your service!) and off to racing you go. The views are stunning, the landowners all wave and say hello as you roll by, and even the climbs feel charmingly welcoming.

The course laps itself for the century route (Mini-G riders only get to experience the beauty once - Nationals racers get a double dose of the fun), and personally speaking, felt I was faster on the second go. Aid stations were well stocked, once again had wonderful volunteers with upbeat and encouraging energy. There was rain in the forecast for the day but that didn't seem to slow the vibe of the racers or the event staff. The rain not only cooled off riders, but also assisted with lessening the kick up of dust off the road, which was appreciated.



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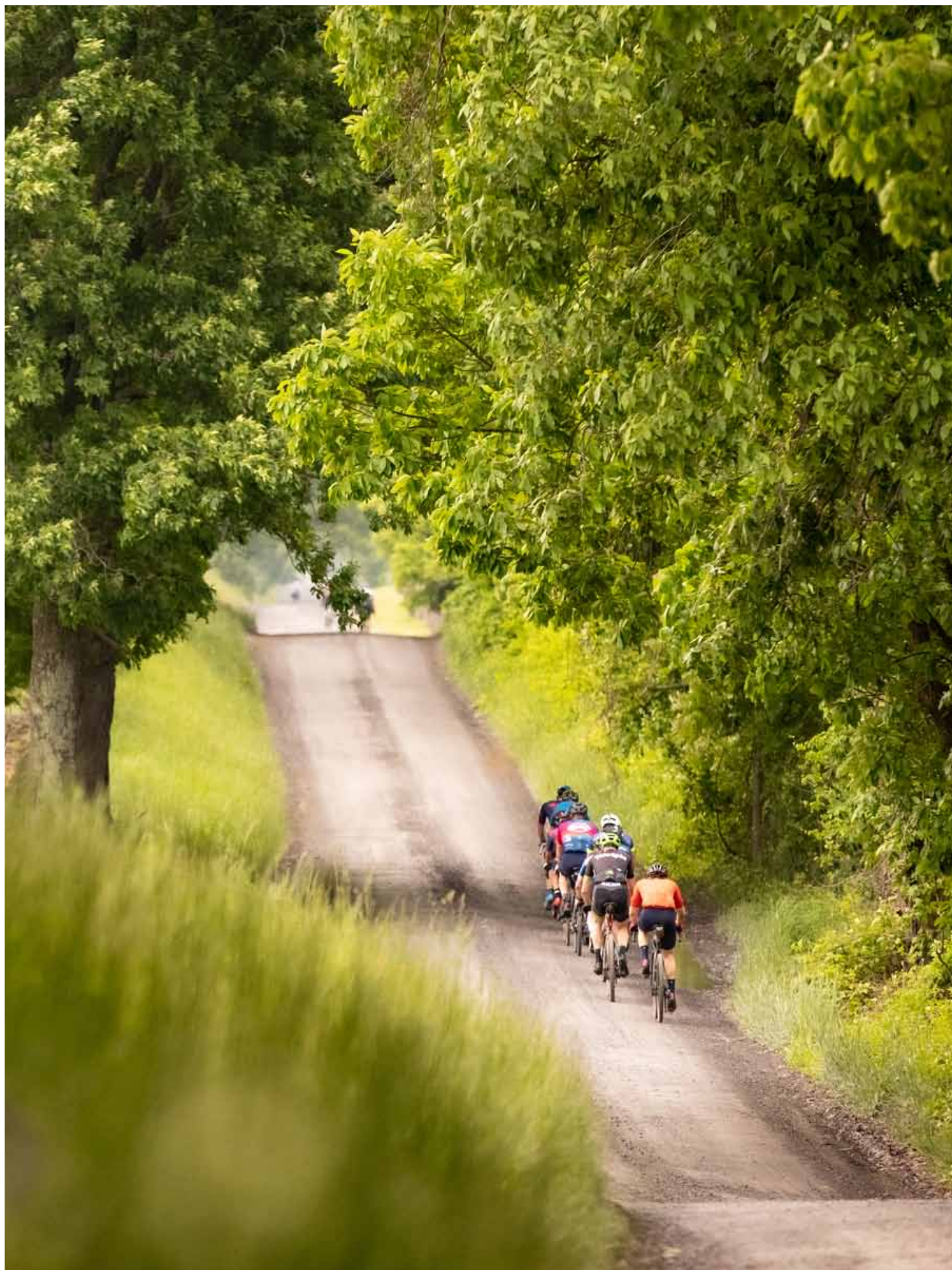
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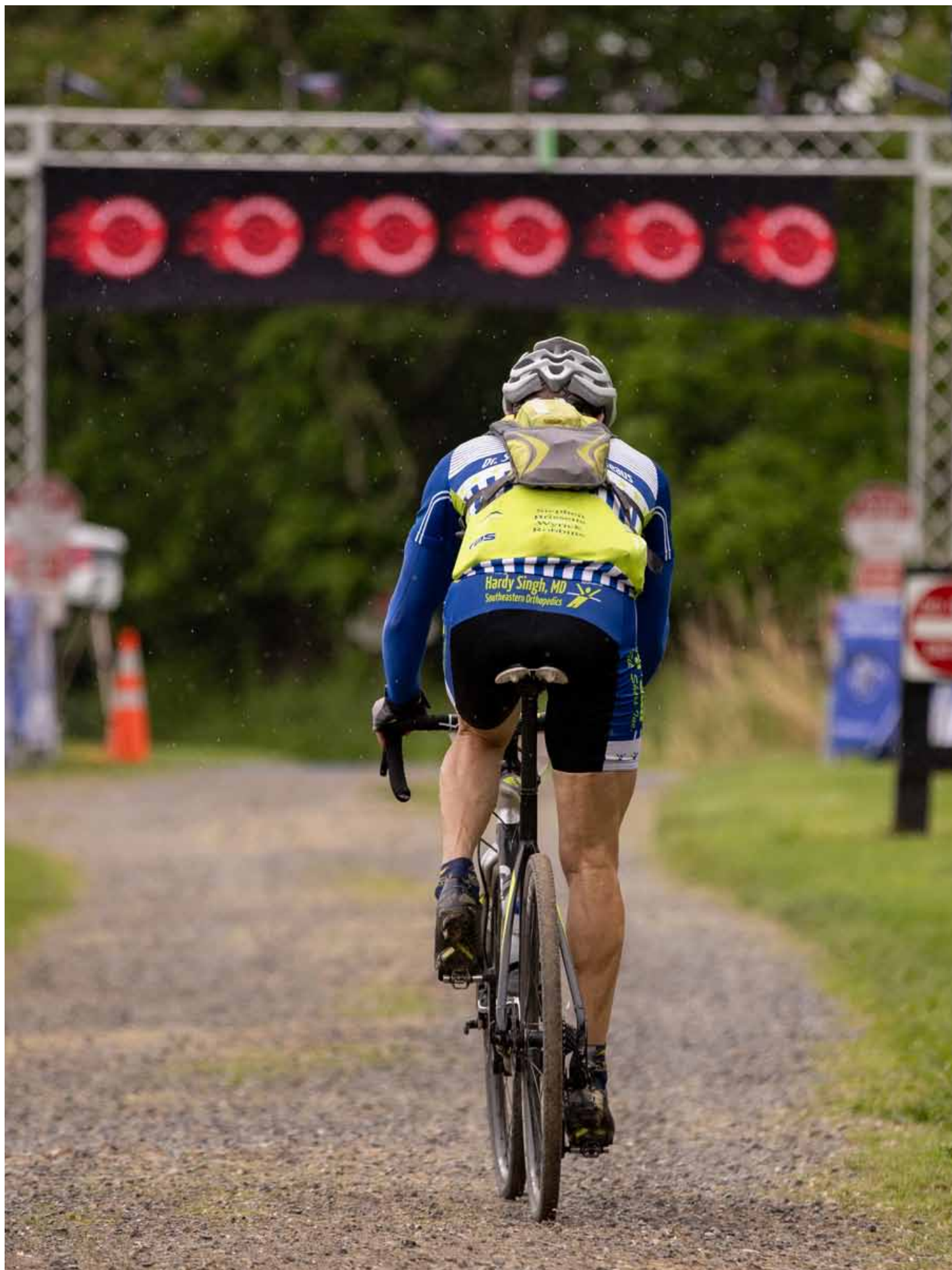
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Bluemont Station Brewery & Winery, which sprawls a massive 50 acres in the heart of the town, was gracious enough to be the start and end point of the event. Ample parking, a spacious designated area for podiums, a heavily stocked prize room (which also served as your check-in/plate pickup area), lounge areas with live music indoors and outdoors, and a wide variety of food and drink, were just some of the perks of the event being held there. The sponsors for the event are all in and provide some great prizes. Since the riders are competing for National Champion Jerseys, all of the prizes that the sponsors donate are put into a raffle for the riders. Believe it or not, every year there have been enough prizes that every single rider who is at the awards ceremony wins something – from carbon wheel sets to shop t-shirts.

I plan to return to this event for more than one reason. Not just to defend my USE National Gravel Grinder Champion title, but also to assist with volunteering as a sweep rider, explore the area more, and get another chance to experience the gravel roads which display gorgeous scenery once again. This was such a great day to be on a bike and an exceptionally well-planned event - don't miss out on next year's fun!

Dee is a team rider for Philly Bike Expo, the defending Grinder Nationals 35-39 National Champion and volunteers and competes in over 30 races a year. **AW**





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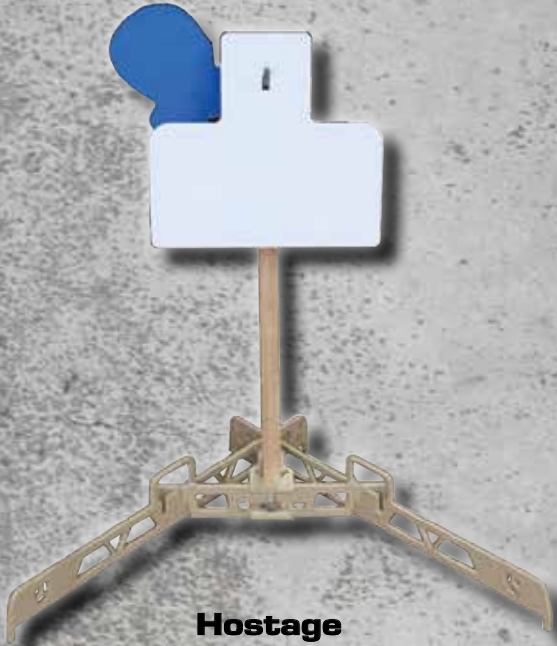

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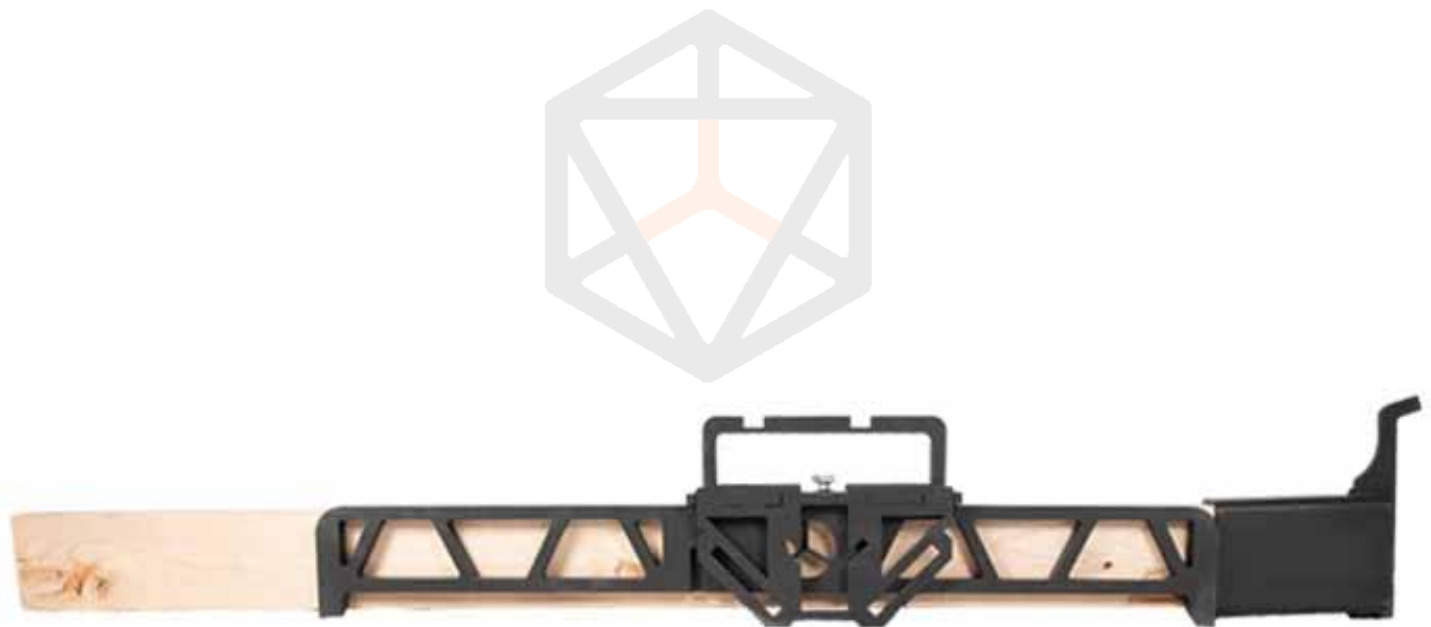
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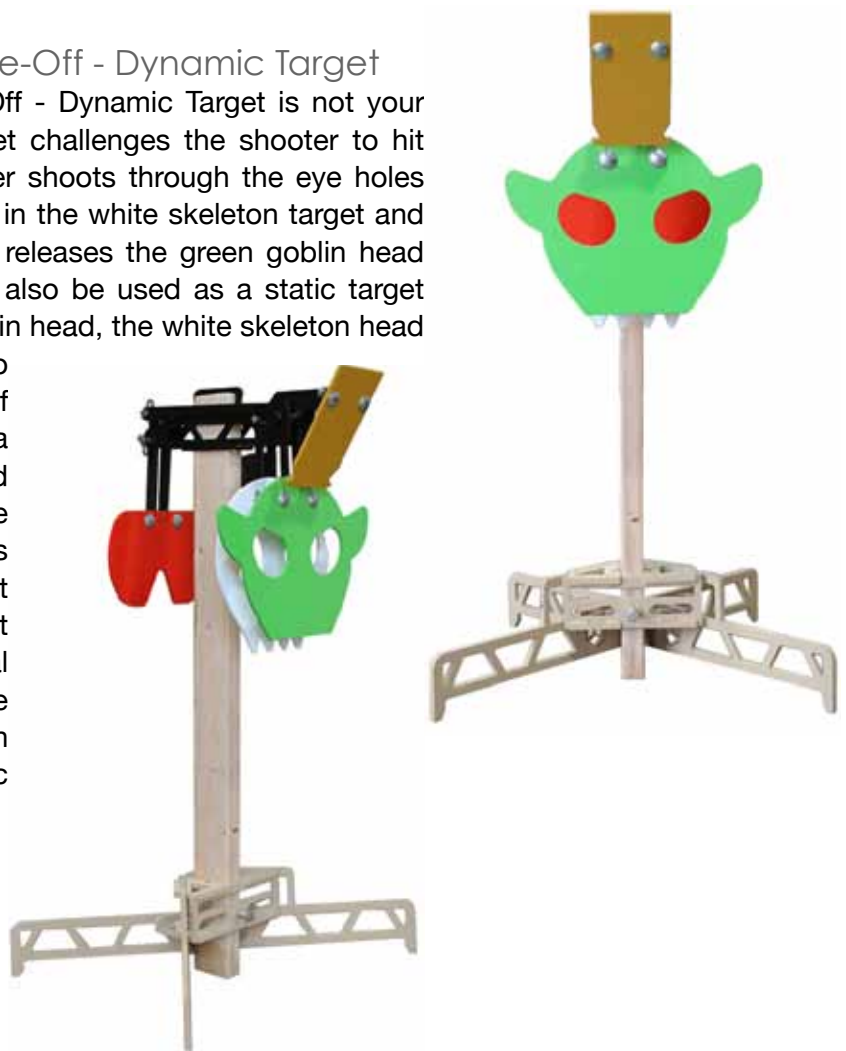
Origin Tactical Solutions developed their target systems as a passion project among the firearm enthusiasts of the company. The mother company is a full-fledged engineering, machine & fabrication shop. When COVID hit in 2020 things slowed down on that side, so 2 interns started designing targets from the scrap metal they had lying around. They started selling their targets to local gun shops in northern Colorado and their unique approach resulted in the target systems quickly becoming a division of its own within the organization. Now Origin Tactical Solutions can be found in major retailers such as Scheels, Tractor Supply & Sportsman's Warehouse.

The Origin team wanted to vary from the standard targets everyone else was producing and produce some innovative designs while improving on some of the standard designs. A quick look at the Origins catalog affirms they were successful at their mission and all Origin targets are all made from AR 500 or AR 550 steel which guarantees a long life. There are traditional gongs, silhouettes and some traditional and not so traditional animal targets. The line really takes on the unique Origin flavor with 7 dinosaur targets, political targets (donkey & elephant) and a line of novelty targets such as a milk jug, state of Texas, yeti or alien. The Goblin Face-Off, Hostage and SP.22 dynamic targets are super creative and really fun to shoot while challenging and improving the shooters skill level. Origin rounds out the collection with 4 amazing stands which are all portable, quickly deployed or broken down and built for years of faithful service. For high quality, made in the US targets and stands varying from standard to super unique designs, look no further than Origin Tactical Solutions.



Origin Tactical Solutions Goblin Face-Off - Dynamic Target

The Origin Tactical Solutions Goblin Face-Off - Dynamic Target is not your typical dynamic target. The multi-layer target challenges the shooter to hit the goblin in the red eyes. When the gunner shoots through the eye holes in the green goblin target and the eye holes in the white skeleton target and strikes the red eyes, the target mechanism releases the green goblin head and it drops to the ground. The target can also be used as a static target allowing the shooter to aim at the green goblin head, the white skeleton head once the green goblin head has dropped to the ground and the red eyes. This is one of the most unique targets we have seen and a blast to use. The target also comes equipped with a deflector plate that protects the release mechanism from errant shots. The target is made from 1/4" Armalloy 550+ material that will provide a long target life and replacement parts can be purchased from Origin Tactical Solutions. If you want to add a fun and unique target to your range, the US made Origin Tactical Solutions Goblin Face-Off - Dynamic Target is the perfect choice.



Origin Tactical Solutions Modular Target Base X – MTB X

The Origin Tactical Solutions Modular Target Base X – MTB X is a super portable, heavy duty target base that is great for rifle or pistol targets. The portable base quickly breaks down to a slim package that is only 4 inches wide and 48 inches long (including the 2 x 4 post) which is small enough to transport in just about any car. When broken down, the base even has a convenient carrying handle making transport a snap. We were able to build or breakdown the stand in less than 20 seconds because of the unique process which utilizes tabs and slots to securely lock the parts into place. The stand sits low to the ground providing a stable base on any surface for your target. The MTX B comes with a 2 x 4 post cap which has a hook for hanging a target and a 4 inch orange gong made from 3/8 inch AR500 steel. The Origin Tactical Solutions Modular Target Base X – MTB X is portable, heavy duty, quick and easy to assemble, and made in the US making it a perfect stand for your range. **AW**

Hunting Product Reviews

SUMMER 2023



Nomad Harvester NTX Jacket

The Nomad Harvester NTX Jacket provides great cold weather protection for hunting, cold weather activities such as sporting events or just beating around town. The jacket has a 3-layer design which sandwiches a wind and water-resistant membrane between the stealthy quiet brushed fleece exterior and the warm high pile sherpa fleece interior resulting in comfortable all day long thermal protection. The 4 way stretch Harvester features gusseted underarms, a fleece lined collar & hood and a safety harness port to keep you comfortable, warm and safe during your hunt. The Harvester has huge fleece lined & zippered hand warmer pockets and a zippered chest pocket providing plenty of space for all of your gear. The stain resistance jacket also features Silver-Z Scent Suppression to help hide your scent. The Nomad Harvester NTX Jacket is the perfect cool to cold weather jacket and will provide you with warm & comfortable protection in just about any environment. www.nomadoutdoor.com

Nomad Harvester NTX Pant

The Nomad Harvester NTX Pant is the perfect companion for the Harvester NTX Jacket and will provide the same great cold weather protection. The pants have a 3-layer design which sandwiches a wind and water-resistant membrane between the stealthy quiet brushed fleece exterior and the warm high pile sherpa fleece interior resulting in comfortable all day long thermal protection. The gusseted crotch and the elastic ever-adjust waistband keep the Harvester fitting just right when you are standing, sitting or scrambling over rough terrain. Zippered leg openings provide ventilation and make the pants easy to don or remove, while the crescent cuff hems make it easy to kick off your boots. The pants feature 2 zippered rear pockets, 2 lined hand pockets and 2 lined cargo pockets which are conveniently located on top of your thigh so they can be used to keep your hands warm while sitting in a blind. The stain resistance pants also feature Silver-Z Scent Suppression to help hide your scent. The Nomad Harvester NTX Pant are the perfect cool to cold weather pant and will provide you with warm & comfortable protection. www.nomadoutdoor.com **AW**





SCCY Firearms started in 2003 and they design, manufacture and assemble every component of their pistols in house to ensure all of their products meet exact specifications and live up to their high standards. SCCY actually creates their own proprietary tools, allowing them to machine their components in half the time it would take to have them outsourced – they call it concurrent engineering. This process saves money and SCCY passes those savings on to the customer because they believe that everyone deserves access to a high-quality firearm at an affordable price.

SCCY offers sub compact pistols chambered in 9mm & 380 with a variety of configurations including double action hammer-fired pistols with a 9 pound trigger pull and striker-fired pistols with a 5 ½ pound trigger pull. Each model can be purchased with traditional 3 dot sight or with a red dot ready cut out and pistols can also be configured with a black or a natural stainless-steel slide.



We tested a variety of SCCY pistols and really enjoyed the versatility of these unique firearms. The SCCY firearms are compact and light weight making them perfect for concealed carry. The affordably priced SCCY pistols are also a great choice for keeping in your vehicle as you are not risking a super expensive firearm to theft. We found the SCCY pistols were easy to use, accurate and reliable making them a great value, high quality firearm that will not break the bank.



SCCY is known for their variety of polymer grip colors, allowing customers to make their pistol unique. They offer grips in 10 colors: Black, Crimson, FDE, Orange, Pink, Purple, SCCY Blue, White, Lime Green, and Sniper Gray. Customers can purchase extra grips for \$39.00 giving them the ability to easily transform the look of their pistols.

There are a variety of black and stainless-steel slides available. Customers can choose from a traditional slide, vented slide, red dot ready slide or even multiple cerakote splash slides. www.sccy.com

CPX-2 GEN3 9MM

MSRP: \$239.99 | \$249.99 Red-Dot Ready

The CPX-2 is a compact 9mm, hammer fired double action pistol with a 9-pound trigger pull and a picatinny rail. The CPX-3 has a polymer frame with a stainless-steel slide and utilizes an optimized recoil system, a Roebuck Quad-Lock technology barrel locking system and a G-43 style sight. The pistol has a 3.1 inch barrel and is 6 inches long x 1.1 inches wide x 5.26 inches tall, weighs 15 ounces and has a 10 + 1 capacity.



CPX-3 .380 AUTO

MSRP: \$239.99 | \$249.99 Red-Dot Ready

The CPX-3 is a compact .380 Auto, hammer fired double action pistol with a 9-pound trigger pull. The CPX-3 has a polymer frame with a stainless-steel slide and utilizes an optimized recoil system, a Roebuck Quad-Lock technology barrel locking system and a G-43 style sight. The pistol has a 2.96 inch barrel and is 5.7 inches long x 1.1 inches wide x 5.26 inches tall, weighs 15 ounces and has a 10 + 1 capacity.



CPX-4 RDR .380 AUTO

MSRP: \$249.99 | \$259.99 Red-Dot Ready

The CPX-4 is a compact .380 Auto, hammer fired double action pistol with a 9-pound trigger pull and an external safety. The CPX-4 RDR has a polymer frame with a stainless-steel slide and utilizes an optimized recoil system, a Roebuck Quad-Lock technology barrel locking system and a G-43 style sight. The pistol has a 2.96 inch barrel and is 5.7 inches long x 1.1 inches wide x 5.26 inches tall, weighs 15 ounces and has a 10 + 1 capacity.



DVG-1 RDR 9MM

MSRP: \$289.99 | \$299.99 Red-Dot Ready

The DVG-1 is a compact 9mm, striker fired pistol with a 5.5 pound trigger pull. The CPX-3 has a polymer frame with a stainless-steel slide and utilizes an optimized recoil system, a Roebuck Quad-Lock technology barrel locking system and a G-43 style sight. The pistol has a 3.1 inch barrel and is 6.01 inches long x 1.1 inches wide x 5.06 inches tall, weighs 15.5 ounces and has a 10 + 1 capacity. **AW**

