and stainless steel, a blue gun is very nice indeed. You might want to consider getting some aftermarket grips. I like the Miculek competition grips on my revolvers, but Hogue makes a fine line of rubber grips. Then, there are lots of custom pistol-stock makers out there in the cyber-land to meet all your needs. I even have some ivory pistol stocks that came to me via the Santa delivery system several years ago. They’re on a 1911, but they are nice nonetheless.

Now that you have drilled into the mysterious world of the revolver, it’s time to practice. No, you can’t master a wheelgun by practicing at matches. You must load some dummy rounds, paint them orange and practice with your speedloaders. Save yourself some grief and buy the Comp IIs the first time; they’re better. You must practice with this rig to master it. It’s not that hard and very much a function of muscle memory.

CAVEAT! If you like the old K-Frame guns you will quickly want to move up to “Moon-clipped” guns. These are generally .45 ACP guns, but I have seen .38 Special, 9mm, and .38 Short Colt moon-clipped by some very good shooters. I don’t know what it costs, but there are “revolver plumbers” out there standing ready to recess your cylinder face to accept moon-clips. I like the old .45 ACP guns and have four of them – one of which has “the duty” in my bedside table.

Who the heck am I to spout all this revolver doctrine out to the readers of The Blue Press? Aside from a reader who convinced the editor that I had something to say and the writing skills to say it, I’m just like you. $500 is a lot of money, I have to ask before I can spend it, and I like newer, shiner toys. I also like the classic stuff. There must be something to those classic revolvers, since Smith & Wesson keeps producing limited runs of those old wheelguns.

I once watched the only revolver shooter registered win an IDPA State Championship. It didn’t take me long to figure out that perhaps I should get in that line and let the big boys slug it out in CDP. Alas, the more you shoot your revolvers, the more of your pals will begin to shoot theirs. It would seem that revolver shooting is catchy.


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