esting to learn how to shoot that AR15 from different positions: standing, kneeling and prone. First I was nervous with something almost totally new for me, but by the end I was having more fun than anyone, plinking away at those far targets!

Shooting a barricade can be totally different depending on the person. Seeing over the barricade seems pretty straightforward, right? Right! Some people like me (shorties) have to lean a little far over to see the targets. It has always been a struggle for me to find the best angle, the best foot position. Thankfully, my squad and I spent an entire afternoon with Max Michel, who taught us how to properly shoot around a barricade. He took away a lot of the struggle that I was having. Max taught me some great lessons that I had no idea about, such as sliding my foot to give me more of a view of the targets rather than leaning impossibly far! Our squad practiced fun drills so we could get used to hitting targets when there’s something obstructing the way. Max covered everything, from how far away to stand, to where to put your feet, to how to hold your arms!

Randi Rogers, current shooting champion and a prior junior shooting champion, is such an inspiration. Not only is she a great shooter, but she always has a smile and a hug! That day she wasn’t only giving out hugs and smiles, but giving us instruction on reloads and how to do them fast! One of the biggest ways to save time on a stage during a competition is a fast reload. Of course, avoiding having to reload is the best option, but when you do need to reload it’s best to do so FAST! I was the only revolver shooter in my squad and, she even took the time to explain what I could do to increase my reload speed. The IDPA reloads were really interesting to learn about. Randi does it all! I had the opportunity to ask her about shooting one handed. She showed the group a great stance to take up when shooting with one hand. Put the leg of the side you’re shooting with forward (right handed, right leg forward) and lean into it while putting the arm you aren’t using to your chest.

Guess what? It works!

The most important part of the MGM camp is Rhonda Gibson and her husband Mike from MGM Targets. They are awesome to put this camp on every summer for the junior shooters. The MGM Junior Shooting Camp is an experience that I will never forget! Rhonda is an amazing lady for her dedication to junior shooters and the shooting sport. I can’t wait for this year’s camp! If you are interested in the MGM Junior Shoot Camp log into their web site at: www.jupitershootterscamp.org I hope to see you there.