

## Becoming *One of the Quick*: The Poker Chip Drill



1. Place the poker chip on top of the drawing hand. The drawing hand is placed directly above the holstered pistol. The holster's retaining strap/ device is secured.

is also a lot of fun to perform, especially when in competition with yourself or others, provides another strong reason for using it, for the more you enjoy working with your pistol, the more positive your attitude toward this potentially life-saving tool.

The Poker Chip Drill was reportedly used by American gunfighters of the old West to increase their drawing speed. Bill Jordan used to employ a variation of this drill using ping-pong balls during demonstrations.

Jordan was so fast, he could hold his hand (ping-pong ball balanced on top of it), directly above the holstered pistol and draw with such lightning speed that the ball would drop into the emptied holster.

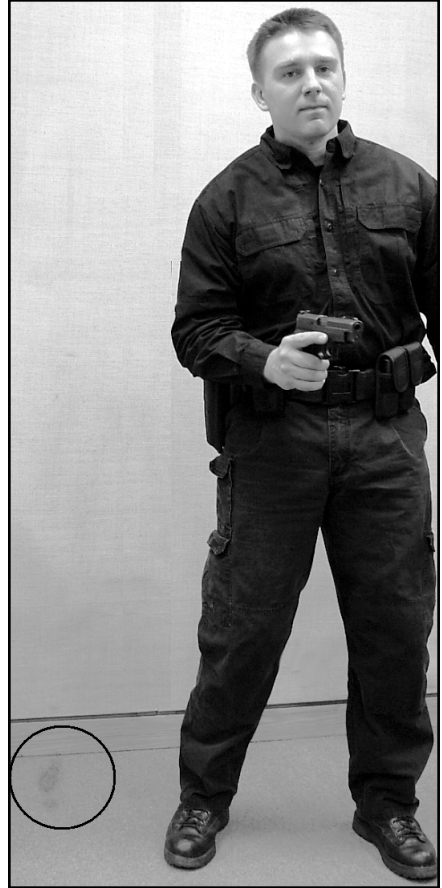
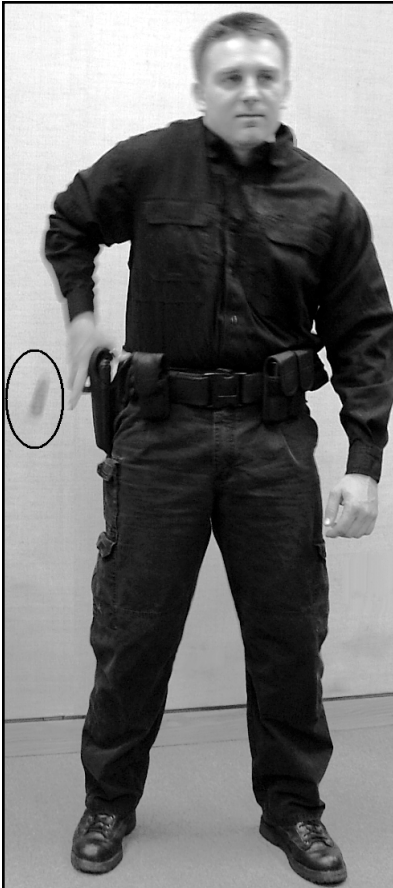
I have found that the Poker Chip drill, when practiced professionally and safely, still provides tremendous benefits to the modern-day pistoleer.

Presentation speed is increased, physical dexterity is improved and more deeply ingrained, and confidence rises as basic skills are strengthened. The fact that it



**IMPORTANT!** All pistols must be verified to be safe, clear, and empty prior to performing the Poker Chip Drill.

## The Poker Chip Drill (Continued)



2. Initiate the presentation. The chip (visible in circle) is allowed to fall naturally off the hand; it is not tossed up or thrown.

Note: Sequence shown in real time. Images enhanced to make chip easier to see in photos.

3. The objective of the exercise is to complete the presentation as cleanly as possible before the poker chip (visible in circle still falling) hits the ground. Most people should be able to achieve this during the first practice session. Once this can be consistently achieved, try to draw and DRY FIRE on target before the chip hits the ground.