



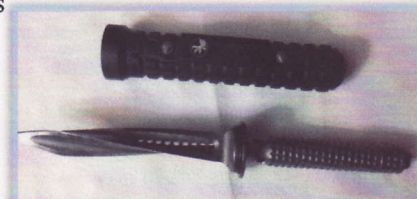
Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The November meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 15 members and guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Bucklite Lockback and a Sack-Ups Silicone Treated Knife Pouches. The winner of the Bucklite went to Barb Philibert and the Knife Pouches was won by Robert Campbell. The monthly 50-50 drawing of \$29 went to Bill Turner. Congratulations to all the winners, you too can be a winner of our monthly door prizes, 50/50 and/or raffles just simply attend one of your monthly FMKC club meetings.

This month's **BEST SPECIAL KNIFE** was for the best **Tactical Knife**. The winner was Tom Hurst for his MicroTech, Jagdkommando (see Pic). The Best Special knife for December is: The best **10 Dot Case XX (1970)**. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

*Next meeting Date: December 2nd - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell & share
December's Best Special Feature Knife is : 10 Dot Case XX.*

Bring your best to win a Prize



Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOW - GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

Dec 6-7	Cape Coral - Gun Shows Florida - German American Club
Dec 6-7	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Dec 13-14	Ft Myers - Suncoast Gun Show - Lee Civic Center
Dec 20-21	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Dec 20-21	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Robarts Arena
Dec 27-28	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte County Fairgrounds

Merry Christmas

Pictured is an excellent example of a Case XX (1970) 10 Dot Knife. The knife is 2- Blade Bone Handled Pen knife that is 3 1/8" long, Case pattern number is 06263 SSP.



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Knife superstitions



In some places it is traditionally believed that the giving of a knife as a gift to a friend will cut or sever the relationship. To avoid such ill luck, the receiver should give a coin in return so as to "pay" for the gift. It is common to include a penny, often taped to the blade, with a knife given as a gift which the receiver is to return as "payment".

Stirring liquids or powders with a knife is often considered unlucky. One rhyme says, "Stir with a knife, stir up strife".

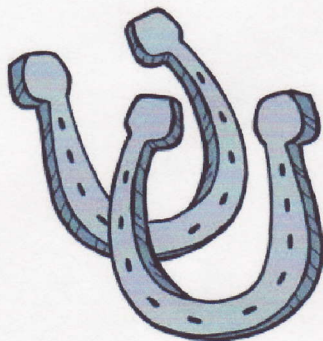
In some cultures giving a knife as a gift is considered a sign of respect and trust. This is especially true in Finland where various non-governmental organizations, clubs and even government agencies traditionally give a puukko (a Finnish fixed-blade hunting/outdoor knife) as a gift to trusted employers or contacts. The puukko is always presented handle first as a sign of trust and friendly intentions.

In many places in the United States it is considered bad luck to hand an open, folding blade knife to someone. This is especially true in more rural areas where carrying a pocket knife is as common as carrying a set of keys. This may stem from safety issues. It is also believed that allowing someone to close a folding blade knife that you have opened is bad luck.

Just as with swords, regional and cultural superstitions exist regarding the treatment of knives that are used in combat. One common superstition states that it is bad luck to return a combat knife from its sheath without using it to draw blood. A variant myth exists surrounding drawing a knife (e.g. a sgian dubh) without drawing the blood of a cultural enemy (e.g. an Englishman). Sometimes these superstitions are actually attempts to insult the culture of the supposed believer.

Some cultures believe that a knife does not belong to an individual until it has 'bit' them, or tasted their blood. Believers in such superstitions may intentionally prick a finger on the blade of a knife rather than risk a later, accidental cut. According to this superstition, the knife will stay sharp longer and is less likely to accidentally cut its owner once it has tasted his or her blood.

In some parts of America, it is considered bad luck to sharpen a knife, or any blade, after dark.



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