

Low House Visual Aid

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**Cost is less the \$20.
Every club needs one!**

Instructors & Shooters know how hard it is to see the low house target running about 50 mph in a dirty background. Where is my hold point so the target doesn't beat me? Where to put my eyes along the flight of the target? Use your peripheral vision to see the flash and let your eyes focus on the target so you can start moving the gun ahead of the target matching gun speed with target speed. Students AAA to D class find the aid incredibly helpful to find your eye location.

How to build the visual aid.

Purchase a 1-inch conduit pipe, cut to 9 ft, 5 inches long, place it 21 ft in front of low house pad in-line with the center stake and distance stake. Drill a hole one inch from top of the pole, tie a white rope then connected to a hook placed outside edge of the window at the exact location the target leaves the low house window. The target will travel 2 to 3 inches above rope and top of the pole.

How to Use the visual aid.

Shooters can study their hold points using the pole as a reference point. With the gun mounted, find the exact location in or out from the pole, so the quick target does not beat you, find the height of your gun mount so you can clearly look over the rib of your gun, make sure both eyes see along the rope and find your perfect eye location. Mark the location with a clothes pin, so you can go back to it.

With your gun mounted, throw several targets and look to see where you pick up the target quickly and clearly.

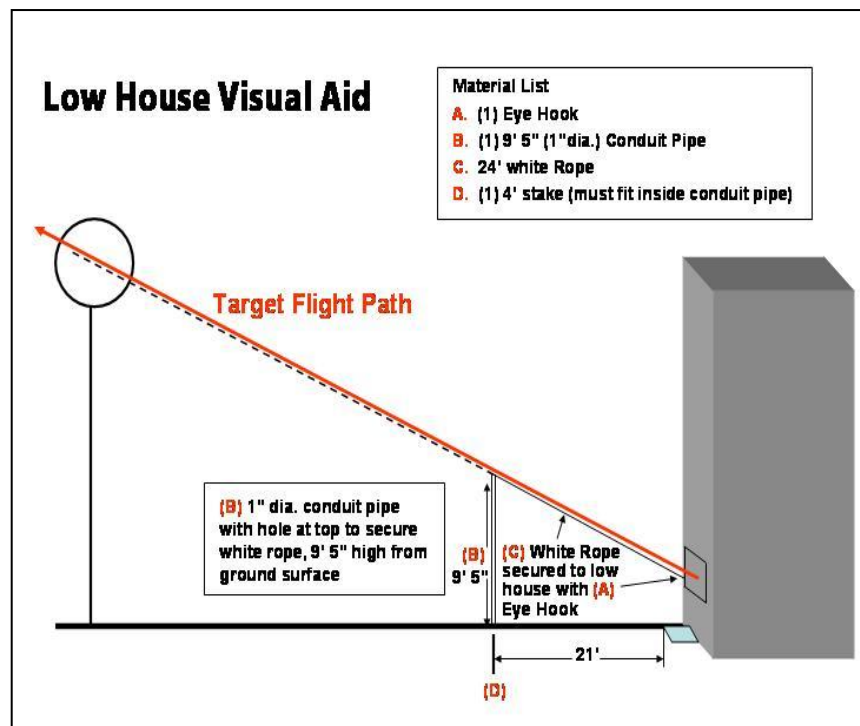
(With the Visual Aid in place), shoot several targets and refine your hold point and eye placement.

Your goal is to look into the target path, have your eyes attach to the target. Practice & Practice.

I recommend starting at low 5 then move to low 6, but all stations should be studied in this way.

At St. Joe we have several visual aids for students.

- Ed Scherer lead gauge made out of PVC pipe made so students can shoot over it.
- Wooden guns so students can point at targets from behind the stations. **Safety.**



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