Im New & Need Help...

Posted by angeltellez - 08 Oct 2012 03:06

Ive been considering updating to a better sharpening system, the two Ive really had my eyes on are the Edge Pro Apex and Wicked Edge systems. Lately Ive been leaning towards the Wicked Edge because of huge variety of stones and strops and because of some of the reviews Ive seen. But I really need to keep the price as low as possible, around $500 probably, but I want to get the most performance for the money, which is why Im leaning towards the Wicked Edge. I still have some questions that Im hoping someone on the forums can answer for me. I have a Lansky Diamond Deluxe with all the extras and a Spyderco Sharpmaker with Ulta Fine Rods, and those are the only sharpeners I know how to use.

1. First and most important question: How is the WE at sharpening Recurved blades? And Will I be able to sharpen my recurves with the flat stones or will I NEED the curved stones? I have a Kershaw Storm, Speed Bump, ZT 350SW, ZT 303, and Custom Recurved Fixed Blade (10inches overall) that I am very concerned about.

2. I am considering getting the normal system plus the 800/1000 grit diamond and 1.4/.6 micron ceramic stones, but is there too big of a gap inbetween the 1000 grit diamond and 1.4 mircon ceramic? If this does work, what kind of results should I expect? If this would not work what stone do I need to bridge the gap? Im trying not to spend too much money, I have a young growing family so I need to buy only what I NEED. So please remember this when referring stones and accessories.

3. Is the 100 grit stone efficient for reprofiling? Is it better or worse than the Lansky 70 grit? I know that sounds like a stupid question and it probably is, but Ive heard that some stones cut faster due to size and maker...

4. Does the Wicked Edge Field & Sport have all the new upgrades that were done to the arms and vice of the WEPS 2? Im not sure if Im referring to the right system, but I know that some (or all?) WE sharpeners have been upgraded and Im just wondering if the WE Field & Sport was also upgraded.

Thank you all very much for any help!

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Re: Im New & Need Help...

Posted by cbwx34 - 08 Oct 2012 07:59

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angeltellez wrote:

BTW, do you know how I could change my User Name?

Although, I was thinking of buying the Field & Sport model, so I can take it with me when I go hunting and what not and it would take up less room here at home or even in hotels, but if it did not receive the new improvements then Ill end up buying the Precision model.

To change your username, click on your name, then click on the "Edit" box on the right side of the screen, there it looks like you can change your name.

The new upgrades do not fit the Field and Sport model.

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Re: Im New & Need Help...

Posted by mark76 - 08 Oct 2012 08:21

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cbwx34 wrote:

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Thanks! That works!

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Re: Im New & Need Help...

Posted by Billabong - 08 Oct 2012 08:45

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mark76 wrote:

cbwx34 wrote:

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Thanks! That works!

For some reason Internet Explorer doesn't allow editing for me, but Chrome & Firefox do.

But I must warn everyone, you may end up with a stupid avatar if you're not careful.

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Re: Im New & Need Help...

Posted by ApexGS - 08 Oct 2012 14:58

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About recurved blades:

If anyone is familiar with the SOG Toothlock, I did one on the WEPS last week for a friend and it worked well. Being the first recurved blade I tried, I was very careful with it and only matched the factory grind as best as I could. I used the Pro Pack contents starting at the 400 stones to match and raise a burr, up to the 1000 stone and the 5um and 3.5um strops. The only area which required more care was the heel of the blade, really. It didn't come out perfect, but the edge is much better than factory and looks nice too

It's tough to see in this picture because of the angle (I am not a photographer) but the recurve is more pronounced than the picture lets on.

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Re: Im New & Need Help...

Posted by angeltellez - 08 Oct 2012 23:12

Well now Clay added the upgrade to the page, and IF I understand correctly, only the Pro Pack 2 comes with the upgrades.. all others will have to buy it separately. But the price on the upgrade kit isnt bad at all. My price limit $500 is shattered though.

Oh well, I really believe that it will be worth every penny. Thanks again for all of your help! BTW, the links are working now and thank you for them, they are much help.

^I didnt notice there was a second page with Clay answering this himself.

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Re: Im New & Need Help...

Posted by Billabong - 08 Oct 2012 23:39

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angeltellez wrote:

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It will be IE, can you try Chrome or FireFox?

Simply greyed out, perhaps Clay can refer this to the WebMaster?

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