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Please remember that when using any of the ORSA Ranges, safety should be your number one concern. Everyone must be diligent in observing and correcting unsafe actions by anyone on the ranges. Also remember that you should always wear proper EYE and EAR protection regardless of whether you are shooting or just watching.

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ORSA ANNUAL MEETING & HOLIDAY DINNER

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

At the Elks Lodge

684 Emory Valley Road
Oak Ridge.

Limited Open Bar begins at 6:30

Dinner begins at 7:00

*Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.
ORSA will provide turkey and ham.*

Please call Ed Johnson at 483-9573 and let him know how many will be attending so the club can buy the proper amount of food.

Results of the election of At-Large Board Members will be announced.

OPERATING AND USING DRONES ON ORSA PROPERTY

At the October 3, 2018, meeting of the ORSA Board of Directors, the following policy/rule was passed by the Board and is effective immediately:

“The flying of drones as well as other Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) is prohibited on ORSA property without prior approval by the ORSA Board of Directors.”

ORSA Board of Directors

ORSA ALL EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIP MARCH 30, 2019

It will be here before you know it! This will be just a sampling of the many shooting disciplines we have available at ORSA. You may have joined ORSA for a particular type of shooting and are thinking that you can't compete in the other sports. Well, guess what, those folks in the other venues probably aren't going to ace your favorite type of shooting. No experience... no problem. No guns...no problem. No common sense... OK, that will be a problem. We expect everyone to have good, safe gun handling knowledge and skill. We will have loaner guns available for those who don't have everything, as well as some experienced shooters in each discipline to help guide you through the match.

Next month we'll take a closer look at Action Pistol and Highpower Rifle. As for the Skeet and Trap portions of the match, we will be shooting one round of 25 targets in each. Check the Rangefinder calendar for times the ranges are open and come out for some practice. If you don't have an appropriate shotgun, contact Wayne Porter (kwporter53@att.net) for Skeet or Don Conover (pattikdc@gmail.com) for Trap and they will arrange some practice time for you. Skeet and Trap targets cost \$3/25 targets. For Skeet, we recommend either a 12-gauge or 20-gauge shotgun capable of loading 2 shells, with choke(s) of cylinder, skeet, or improved cylinder. For Trap, we recommend a 12-gauge shotgun with modified or full choke, but you only need to load one shell at a time. For both events, shotshells can only be # 7.5, 8, or 9 shot size.

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USE OF THE ACTION PISTOL RANGE

Members of ORSA are fortunate to have access to a number of specialty ranges designed for a wide variety of shooting sports. Each of these ranges is operated and maintained by a volunteer group for specific purposes. Each range operates under a set of rules which are posted at the range.

The action pistol range was constructed and is maintained for a variety of timed competitive shooting events. These include monthly matches in the areas of Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS), the International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA), United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA), Steel Challenge and Three Gun. The range provides a venue for these events and a place for participants to practice for them.

The bays in the action pistol range were designed for pistol, non-aerial shotgun and pistol caliber carbine use. Use of any rifle cartridge, including those in an AR-15s and AKs is unsafe and is prohibited except under the tightly controlled environment of a three-gun competition or specifically APPROVED practice sessions.

Use of non-standard targets and/or plinking is also not allowed. ORSA provides a plinking range and several rifle ranges which are available to its members for those kinds of activities.

Those who use the range are expected to show common courtesy and common sense in not damaging the fixtures or props and cleaning up after themselves. DO NOT be the IDIOT that uses a rifle stand for a target stand.



ABSOLUTELY do not use stages that are set up for a match. Do NOT use rifle-cartridges except during sanctioned matches. Practicing with rifle-cartridges is strictly prohibited except under the direction of the match director.

Disobeying these simple common sense rules will result in a disciplinary hearing, suspension of ORSA membership and access, and restitution for any damages incurred by such malfeasance.



PULL FOR OUR VETERANS 2018

Pull For Our Veterans (PFOV) had another successful year. Thanks to our generous sponsors, shooters, donors, and volunteers we will be donating \$25,000 to Smoky Mountain Service Dogs. Combined with the \$32,000 we donated last year this means that SMSD is \$57,000 closer to meeting their goal of a new facility.

In the seven years, PFOV has raised over \$202,000! This is quite an accomplishment for our team of donors and volunteers. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank everyone that has made PFOV such a success!

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NEWS FROM SKEET & TRAP & SPORTING CLAYS

- Homecoming 4x50 Skeet Shoot was held October 27th with fifteen shooters, eleven of which shot all four gauges.
- On November 3rd our fall Wobble Shoot was held with 18 athletes participating including a number of J3 (under 13) shooters. High gun was Cole Prince with a score of 93 and 44 out of 50 in the finals. Final event of the day was last man standing which everyone enjoyed.
- November 11th was our Annual S, T&SC election meeting. The officers for 2019 are President Larry McNamee, Vice President of Trap and our Executive Vice President is Don Conover, Vice President of Skeet Wayne Porter, Vice President of Sporting Clays Ray Faust and Secretary/ treasurer Greg Kraft.
- A bylaws change was approved to add the position of Sporting Clays Vice President. It was also approved for the executive Vice President to be selected by the S,T&SC executive board rather than a vote from the members present at the annual meeting.
- A reminder that winter range hours are in effect for the months of December, January & February.

Skeet fields Friday 11-2, Saturday 11-3 & Sunday 12-4.

Trap Fields Tuesday 11-2, Saturday 11-3 & Sunday 12-4.

Sporting Clays course will be open Friday 12-4, Saturday 9-4 and Sunday 12-4.

- Skeet League will take the month of December off and start back January 6th at 2:00 pm as the Polar Bear League.
- To keep abreast of the latest happenings and events at S,T&SC go to our Facebook page:

ORSA Skeet, Trap & Sporting Clays

Larry McNamee – President of S,T&SC

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- Near new Mossberg Patriot bolt action rifle, chambered in 270 Winchester. Includes 22 in. barrel, one piece Picatinny rail, polished walnut stock, and the original box. The only use it's had is at the benchrest range.
\$350



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"Oh, we will!"

Robert Francis "Beto" O'Rourke supporter at a Texas Senator Ted Cruz rally in Amarillo. As Sen. Cruz was talking about his support of the Second Amendment he was heckled by a O'Rourke supporter and a Cruz supported shouted *"Come and take it,"* thus the retort from the O'Rourke supporter

"Yeah, well I'll tell you, any gun that can fire off 45 rounds of artillery in less than 60 seconds and snuff out the lives of 20 kids or 49 adults or 17 individuals is a gun that I believe is a weapon of war and does not belong on our city streets."

Florida gubernatorial candidate and progressive activist Andrew Gillum

"...I'm not trying to repeal the second amendment...but I am trying to pressure Congress to outlaw private gun sales..."

Levi Strauss CEO Chip Bergh

"If CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) accomplishes its mission, every child touched by the outreach programs will do his or her part to participate in gun culture across the country for decades to come...And we the people, will have to pay for it, regardless of our view on guns..."

Neil Weinberg and Polly Mosendz form Bloomberg.com in an article "This Group Teaches Kids to Love Guns"

"Common use is an activity. It is not common storage or possession. It is use. So what you are saying was that these weapons are commonly used. They are not."

Anti-gun Senator Diane Feinstein, D-CA, during the confirmation hearing for Justice Kavanaugh while discussing semi-automatic rifles

"prohibit the sale under the National Firearms Act (NFA) of semi-automatic military style weapons that fire velocity rounds, bump stocks and other accessories that alter the original firing capacity of a firearm..."

The Student Gun Violence summit was designed to merge existing plans to reduce gun violence and merge them into a single "Students' Bill of Rights." The quote is one of the "rights" although I'm not sure what is a "velocity round"

WHEN IT COMES TO GUN RIGHTS, WE DON'T CARE ABOUT NUANCE

Many gun grabbers have this bizarre opinions about the gun debate. If they're not convinced we simply don't feel hard enough, they're convinced we actually like seeing mass shootings. They seem to go out of their way to misunderstand anything we on this side of the debate have to say.

However, this particular take from the USC student paper was absolutely hysterical.

There's a lot of derp in this, though I do think it's well-meaning derp. As a result, though, I'm going to have to fisk this. For anyone unfamiliar with fiskings, it's a point by point rebuttal. The original post will be in italics while my response will be in bold.

One of the most heated debates in American politics revolves around one sentence in the Constitution: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

It's not that hard to comprehend. Regardless of the first half of the sentence clearly reads "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Why is this controversial?

In our politically polarized society, the topic of gun control raises reflexive outcries of "no to guns," and "guns don't kill people, people kill people." The loudest advocates on both sides of this argument are currently manifest in the March for Our Lives movement and National Rifle Association sponsors, though controversy surrounding interpretation of the Second Amendment has perplexed the American public for decades. What's more, the debate is split between the Democratic Party, which typically advocates for gun control, and the Republican Party, which typically defends unlimited firearm access.

Literally no one in the Republican Party is calling for unlimited firearm access. This is a prime example of a strawman. For example, no GOP official is calling for allowing convicted felons to be armed. They're not calling for a repeal of background checks or changing the law to allow guns to be shipped to people's homes.

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Instead, the Republicans are generally taking a “preserve the status quo” in most ways, with an expansion of how we can exercise our gun rights through things like national reciprocity. Yet that’s a far crime from “unlimited firearm access.”

However, stances on gun control do not need to be black and white. In fact, there are many interpretations of the Second Amendment that fall between the complete abolition of firearms and the uninhibited right to gun ownership. Political parties and interest groups make the American people think that there are only two polarized sides to the issue, but we should be exposed to the full spectrum of stances and theoretical perspectives.

We don’t care how you interpret it. The text is plain, as I’ve already noted.

Further, we already know the interpretations. While you were playing with your dolls or trying to keep your boyfriend from checking out the captain of the cheerleading squad’s butt, most of us have been battling these alternate reality versions of the Second Amendment.

The fact that these alternate interpretations exist, however, is irrelevant. Their mere existence doesn’t bestow any validity to them. Especially since the plain text of the Second Amendment says “shall not be infringed.”

One of the main issues with interpreting the Second Amendment is discerning what exactly “a well-regulated militia” refers to. Collective rights theory, a well-recognized legal interpretation, finds that the phrase refers to the importance of a state’s right to military defense, not the individual’s right to own firearms. This perspective explains that the Second Amendment does not give individuals the right to freely possess and use firearms. Collective rights theory is based on the fact that the language in the Second Amendment deems the bearing of arms “necessary to the security of a free state” rather than to the security of a free public.

And this theory was thoroughly destroyed by the Heller decision which found the Second Amendment to be an individual right. Further, the argument was stupid even before then. There’s absolutely no need to protect the government’s right to have arms from the government.

The idea that the Second Amendment is a collective right also completely ignores the fact that it specifies “the people’s right to keep and bear arms.” At no other point in the Constitution does “the people” refer to states or the government. Every other instance has been interpreted to mean an individual right. Why would the Second Amendment be any different?

As states do not have their own armies, most people have overlooked this argument, instead interpreting the law to protect individuals’ rights to own firearms. Individual rights theory is the opposite of collective rights theory, stating that

“the right of the people to keep and bear arms,” implies that the founding fathers intended for all Americans to be able to own guns. The NRA and anti-gun control advocates base their argument in individual rights theory.

A gross oversimplification of the argument. As noted above, there’s absolutely no reason to assume “the people” means anything other than the citizenry of the United States of America. This isn’t based on theory but on the plain text of the Second Amendment.

In fairness, though, it should be noted that when the Second Amendment was written, states did have their own armies. These were the state militias and they answered to the governor of that state, not the president. If the Second Amendment were to preserve the states’ power to have militias, I can’t help but believe it would have been made far more clearly.

Only 8 percent of American adults believe that “almost everyone” should be able to legally own guns, whereas 9 percent say that nearly no one should, according to a Pew Research study. Noticeably, most Americans believe that there is a middle ground to the right to gun ownership. The technological advancement of firearms has strongly influenced the public’s view on how unlimited their rights to bear arms should be, with many believing that modern firearms should be held to a different standard than the guns available at the time the Second Amendment’s was written. Guns were lethal weapons in 1776 but could not do nearly as much damage as today’s high-capacity weapons can. Sixty-eight percent of urban and suburban residents believe that high-capacity magazines should be federally banned, according to Pew Research Center.

Again, focusing on strawmen.

Few are arguing that “almost everyone” should be armed because that’s generally taken to include people like convicted felons, spousal abusers, drug addicts, and people of that ilk. Few are arguing that these individuals should be permitted to have guns, so a lack of support for a position no one is really espousing proves absolutely nothing.

Yet the claim that technological advancement has any bearing on our rights is a typical anti-gun talking point, and thus betrayed the writer’s own bias. Technological advancement has allowed anyone to become the press, has permitted anyone to say anything to anyone else, has made it easier for the government to snoop on what you’re doing, and a lot of other things, yet our rights remain the same. Arguing that technological advancement is grounds for infringing on individual rights requires far more than an assertion. It needs strong evidence, evidence that is lacking here.

Further, we don’t submit rights to the court of public opinion. Once upon a time, polls could have

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been taken that would show support for slavery, segregation, against women's suffrage, and a whole host of other issues we now think of as human rights. Does public support or opposition determine what is a right and what isn't? Of course not.

The same is true for the Second Amendment and our right to keep and bear arms. I don't care about how someone feels about the destructive power of my AR-15. They don't get a say in how I exercise any of my other rights, so why this one?

The Second Amendment can be interpreted through many lenses: emphasizing states' rights, with a focus on the individual or with contemporary innovation and design in mind. Before adopting others' opinions about our constitutional rights, I hope that we can all read and think deeply about the rhetoric itself, listen to a broad range of theories without judgement and, ultimately, critically think about the rights we have as Americans.

I have yet to see any signs that you took your own advice.

I understand that your audience is a bunch of college kids, but let me clue you in on something. The gun rights supporters on USC's campus? They already know everything you're saying...and they

know it's complete and total male bovine excrement. They know that the collective rights theory is based on wishful thinking and that it was killed formally by the Supreme Court. They know all this.

All this column is doing is allowing you to pretend you understand both sides of an issue that you did little more than skim a few Wikipedia entries on.

The truth is, there's no real nuance to the gun control debate. On one hand, you have people who believe it's a constitutional right to keep and bear arms. On the other, you have jackwagons who want to infringe on that right. Period. They may even say that they want just this one law, but history has shown it's never that one law. It's that one law at that moment. Before long, though, they want something else and something else.

But that nuance is missing from this discussion. I wonder why?

<https://bearingarms.com/tom-k/2018/09/30/comes-gun-rights-dont-care-nuance>

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THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

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December 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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3 2 PM Long Range Practice Smallbore Class 7-9 ID	4 5 PM Bullseye Pistol ID HP Practice Trap 11-2 Cowboy Shoot 9 AM	5 HP Practice Rimfire Practice 5PM ID Annual Member Meeting and Party at Oak Ridge Elks Lodge	6 HP Practice	7 HP Practice Skeet 11-2 Sporting Clays 12-4	8 Sporting Clays 9-4 Skeet & Trap 11-3 Cowboy Shoot 9 AM	9 Sporting Clays 12-4 Skeet & Trap 12-4
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17 2 PM Long Range Practice Smallbore Class 7-9 ID	18 5 PM Bullseye Pistol ID HP Practice Trap 11-2	19 HP Practice Rimfire Practice 5PM ID Orientation	20 HP Practice Rifle and Pistol Club Meeting CH 6:30 PM	21 HP Practice Skeet 11-2 Sporting Clays 12-4	22 Sporting Clays 9-4 Skeet & Trap 11-3 Steel Challenge	23 Sporting Clays 12-4 Skeet & Trap 12-4 Steel Challenge 3 Gun
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