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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OAK RIDGE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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.

ORSA Website: ORSAONLINE.ORG

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SMALLBORE CLASS

The next smallbore rifle class for new shooters will start Monday, January 27, 2020, at 7:00. We will meet at the Indoor Range. The class is for ages 11 through adult and will meet for seven weeks. We will cover firearm safety, shooting positions, shooting fundamentals, and an introduction to formal range procedures. ORSA will furnish the necessary equipment, including rifle, shooting pad, coat, and ammunition. Each shooter must furnish his or her own eye and ear protection. For more information, call Ed Johnson at 483-9573.



ORSA ACTION PISTOL CLUB

On Saturday, November 16, 2019, ORSA hosted the 13th Annual Toys for Tots Charity Shoot at the ORSA Action Pistol Range. This event provides Christmas gifts for needy children in southeast Tennessee through the United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. The generosity of our participants provided toys for over 100 children this year. The competition presented eight different challenging handgun stages, including a wobbly bridge, a ton of steel, a swarm of mosquitoes, and a sheepdog named Algorithm, all of which tested the shooter's speed, accuracy, and mental acuity. The 118 generous shooters participating in the event provided the Marines with a truckload of toys. In addition to enjoying the competition and camaraderie, all the shooters were vying for an opportunity to visit the prize table, which included nine firearms and other prizes. As trips to the prize table were based on the Lewis System, all had a chance to collect a top prize. Though the competition this year was close, the High Overall Shooter and 1st Gold winner was Jason Edwards. Duane Livingston was 1st Silver, while Wesley Park was 1st Bronze. In addition to the great stages, the shooters also voiced high acclaim for the wonderful lunch prepared and served by Wood Oven Eats.

Regretfully, this year I had to hand over the reins of Match Director to Robert Garrett who stepped up to manage the match masterfully. Thanks to all of those who helped with the planning, stage set-up, scoring, and tear-down, with a special thanks to the Range/Safety Officers who gave up their time to make this year's match safe and successful. A special thank you to Paul Avery and Jack Suggs whose dedication and hard work helped make this event a success. A special thank you to the companies and individuals who supported this event and donated gifts and merchandise for the prize table:

Magpul
American Warrior Society

Craig's Firearms
Eric Matson/Windrock Range
Patriot Shooting Academy

Springfield Armory
Brownells

Please let them know you appreciate their support of this great event. This match is highly anticipated by many shooters in the region, with all slots for the match filled well in advance. Join us next year and reserve your slot early!



We will have a meeting February 8, 2020 at 8:00 AM at the Clubhouse. Anyone interested in pursuing archery should plan to attend, especially if you are a beginner. We will be glad to help you find the items you need to get started. On the regular agenda, we will be discussing layout for the walkthrough ranges. Looking forward to seeing you there.
DON WOOD - President, Archery



NEWS FROM SKEET & TRAP & SPORTING CLAYS



Skeet, Trap, and Sporting Clays had a phenomenal year. Overall, between the two programs, nearly one-million targets were thrown and over 200 new members joined ORSA, primarily due to interest in our newest shooting venue, Sporting Clays. Here are some of the highlights.

SKEET & TRAP, 2019 SUMMARY

The annual ST&SC meeting was held November 10th. We had a great turnout and actually filled the clubhouse with attendees. The only change in officers for 2020 is that Todd Kisling will replace Wayne Porter as Vice President of Skeet. Wayne chose not to continue as VP of Skeet -- we all owe Wayne many thanks for all his hard work, his organizational skills and countless hours he put in to get the skeet club, the RSO program and the S&T fields to where they are today.

Our ST&SC officers for 2020 are:

- Larry McNamee, President
- Greg Kraft Secretary/Treasurer
- Don Conover Vice President Trap
- Todd Kisling Vice President Skeet
- Ray Faust Vice President Sporting Clays
- Cletus Mitchell Asst. Vice President Sporting Clays

In addition, a ST&SC by-laws change was presented and approved by the body to add the position of Assistant Vice President of Sporting Clays to the ST&SC board. This change to our bylaws will be presented to the ORSA Executive board for approval at the January 8th meeting. Appointed to this position for 2020 was Cletus Mitchell. We felt this position was needed due to the work load created by the popularity of our newest shooting venue. And the best indicator of how busy we were in our first year at

Sporting Clays was in the number of targets thrown - over 400,000, and we welcomed over two hundred new members to ORSA who joined the primarily because of interest in Sporting Clays.

Trap shooting will continue on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting. On Tuesdays, fun targets and ATA registered big 50 targets will be available.

SKEET FUN LEAGUE 2019 SUMMARY

The Fun League had a great year in 2019. After 7 consecutive seasons of increased growth, we finished the Fall Season with 62 participants; 50 of whom completed all or nearly all of the 8 week series of shoots. In all of 2019, we threw 55,550 targets specifically for League scores. By comparison, we threw 36,250 league targets for all of 2018...a 53% increase over 2018! Thanks to this level of participation, we paid out over \$1,300 to 24 Winners in the Fall season. Of those 24 Winners, 15 had never won in the League before. We have our own ORSA-specific classification system that spreads the prize money around, so that everyone, even beginners, have a chance to win something. Come and see why we call it the Fun League!

Our next season will be the Polar Bear season starting at 2:00pm on January 5th, and will run Sunday afternoons for 8 weeks. We're going to be offering something new this season...an optional 4-Gun competition! For those who want to shoot all 4 gauges, you will be shooting 2 weeks (100 targets) with each gauge, and will be competing in a separate Class. We will also be registering targets with the NSSA for anyone who wants to for an additional \$3.00/50 targets. For more information contact Ron Raymond at knoxvilleron@gmail.com.

LARRY MCNAMEE - *President of S,T&SC*

RF CLASSIFIEDS FOR PERSONAL SALE:

Contact Stan Hilton, Standhilton@aol.com, 865-680-7826

- Benelli 12 GA M1 Super 90 Tactical semi-automatic with a Nebo lazer/light sight. All Black synthetic. Excellent condition, \$850
- Beretta AL 391 Urika 2, 20 GA, Gold trigger, chokes, case, beautiful wood. Like new \$1,150.

Contact Chris Bunn, ChrisBunn83@gmail.com or txt 931-510-1611

- Smith and Wesson 642 Airweight J-Frame (38 Special +P). Like New. Over 200 rounds ammo, incl some Hornady Critical Defense. Bianchi Pocket Holster. \$400 for all.

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THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

The Right to Keep and Bear Arms (RKBA) column is now available each month on the ORSAONLINE web site at (www.orsaonline.org/rkba.asp). From time to time, the RKBA column will be included in the printed version which is mailed to members' homes when space permits.

Please remember that each edition of the Rangefinder is also available online at ORSAONLINE (www.orsaonline.org/newsletters.asp) and is normally available before the edition arrives by mail.

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acronyms LR - Long Range HP - Highpower Rifle Range SB - Smallbore Rifle SC - Sporting Clays ID - Ed Johnson Indoor Range			1 HP Practice SB Practice ID 4 PM NO ORSA BOARD MEETING HAPPY NEW YEAR ORSA!	2 HP Practice	3 HP Practice Skeet 11-2 SC 12-4	4 Indoor Air League 10-12 ID Skeet & Trap 11-3 Sporting Clays 9-4 IDPA 9AM ID - 12-2
5 Trap 12-4 PM Skeet 12-2 Sporting Clays 12-4 Polar Bear League 2-4 ID - 2-4	6 LR Practice	7 HP Practice Trap 11-2 Cowboys 9AM	8 ORSA BOARD MTG 6:30 SB Practice ID 4 PM HP Practice	9 HP Practice	10 HP Practice Skeet 11-2 SC 12-4	11 Skeet & Trap 11-3 Sporting Clays 9-4 Cowboys 9:30AM NLR22 Prec Rimfire 10AM AP Mtg CH 8-12 ID - 12-2
12 Trap 12-4 Skeet 12-2 Sporting Clays 12-4 Polar Bear League 2-4 ID - 2-4	13 LR Practice	14 HP Practice Trap 11-2	15 SB Practice ID 4 PM HP Practice ORIENTATION CH 6:30 PM	16 HP Practice R & P Club Mtg CH 6:30	17 HP Practice Skeet 11-2 SC 12-4	18 Indoor Air League 10-12 ID Skeet & Trap 11-3 Sporting Clays 9-4 USPSA 10AM ID - 12-2
19 Precision Pistol Match ID 9AM Trap 12-4 Skeet 12-2 Sporting Clays 12-4 Polar Bear League 2-4 ID - 2-4	20 LR Practice MLK Day	21 HP Practice Trap 11-2	22 SB Practice ID 4 PM HP Practice	23 HP Practice	24 HP Practice Skeet 11-2 SC 12-4	25 Skeet & Trap 11-3 Sporting Clays 9-4 Steel Challenge 9AM ID - 12-2
26 Trap 12-4 & Skeet 12-1 Sporting Clays 12-4 Polar Bear League 2-4 Steel Challenge Multi Gun/3-Gun 10AM ID - 2-4	27 LR Practice Smallbore Class 7PM ID AP Meeting CH 7PM	28 HP Practice Trap 11-2	29 SB Practice ID 4 PM HP Practice	30 HP Practice	31 HP Practice Skeet 11-2 SC 12-4	Notes: COMPETITORS: Read Match Bulletins Rev 12.13.2019

February 2020

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Acronyms LR - Long Range HP - Highpower Rifle Range SB - Smallbore Rifle SC - Sporting Clays ID - Ed Johnson Indoor Range						1 S&T 11-3 SC 9-4 Indoor Air League ID 10-12 IDPA 9AM ID Open 12-2
2 Skeet 12-2 Trap 12-4 Polar Bear 2-4 SC 12-4 ID Open ID 2-4	3 LR Practice Smallbore Class ID 7PM	4 HP Practice Trap 11-2 Precision Pistol League ID 5 PM Cowboys 9 AM	5 HP Practice ORSA Board Mtg CH 6:30	6 HP Practice	7 HP Practice Skeet 11-2 SC 12-4	8 S&T 11-3 SC 9-4 Archery Mtg 8 AM CH Cowboys 9:30 AM NRL22 Prec. Rimfire 10AM ID Open 12-2
9 Skeet 12-2 Trap 12-4 Polar Bear 2-4 SC 12-4 Archery League 5:30 PM ID Open ID 2-4	10 LR Practice Smallbore Class ID 7PM	11 HP Practice Trap 11-2 Precision Pistol League ID 5 PM	12 HP Practice SB Practice ID 4 PM	13 HP Practice	14 HP Practice Skeet 11-2 SC 12-4 Valentine's Day	15 S&T 11-3 SC 9-4 Indoor Air League ID 10 - 12 USPSA 10 AM ID Open 12-2
16 Skeet 12-2 Trap 12-4 Polar Bear 2-4 SC 12-4 Precision Pistol Match ID 9 AM ID Open 2-4	17 LR Practice Smallbore Class ID 7PM President's Day	18 HP Practice Trap 11-2 Precision Pistol League ID 5 PM	19 HP Practice Orientation 6:30 CH SB Practice ID 4 PM	20 HP Practice R & P Club Mtg 6:30 CH	21 HP Practice Skeet 11-2 SC 12-4	22 S&T Intra-Club 9-4 & CH 8-4 SC 9-4 Steel Challenge 9 AM ID Open 12-2
23 Skeet 12-2 Trap 12-4 Polar Bear 2-4 SC 12-4 Steel Challenge 9AM ID Open 2-4	24 LR Practice AP Meeting CH 7PM Smallbore Class ID 7PM	25 HP Practice Trap 11-2 Precision Pistol League ID 5 PM	26 HP Practice SB Practice ID 4 PM	27 HP Practice	28 HP Practice Skeet 11-2 SC 12-4	29 S&T 11-3 SC 9-4 AP Special Event TBD ID Open 12-2 Rev 12.13.2019



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