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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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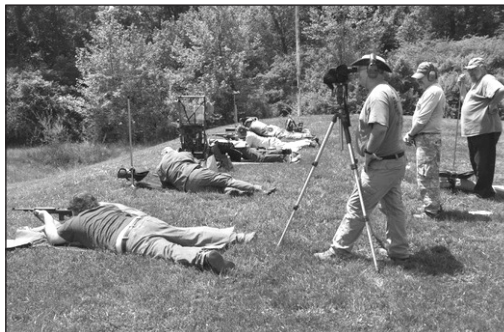
CMP MATCHES BEGIN AGAIN FOR 2020

Matches on the Charlie Smart Highpower Range began again in May as some of the local shelter-in-place orders were lifted. While NRA Sanctioned Matches remain canceled as of this article, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has allowed local clubs to hold local matches if they comply with local guidelines for physical separation of people. Because many matches had been canceled since mid-March, folks were ready to get out for the first two matches of the year.

For matches going forward, the Highpower program will not meet inside the clubhouse as usual, but will meet outside at the 600-yard line. Additionally, shooters will occupy every other firing point when on the firing line.

The first series of matches were held the weekend of May 16 and 17 and consisted of CMP Games matches with the M1 Garand, M1903 Springfield, Vintage (foreign) Military bolt guns, M1 Carbine, and Vintage Sniper Team. The first weekend in June was filled with

highpower events including a CMP Excellence in Competition event. (See related story)



We can usually count on someone to bring out something unusual to the vintage events, and ORSA President Jerry Zorsch did not disappoint, shooting his Imperial German Gewehr 1888 "Commission Rifle." This is one of the early "modern rifles", designed as its name would indicate, in 1888. Sunday's Vintage Sniper Team match included a team visiting from the Henry County Gun Club near Paris, TN. Our "longest drive award" went to Taylor Phillips who came from Meridian, MS.

With the recent club matches, regional matches, and the National Matches canceled so far this year, the schedule for CMP Games

(vintage and modern rifles) and Highpower Service Rifle (AR-15) matches are being updated, so check the Rangefinder for updates as well the Rifle and Pistol Club website, www.orsarandp.com, for the latest changes, match programs, and contacts.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MATCHES AND EVENTS INCLUDE:

- 27 June**, CMP Home Range Appreciation Series 800 Aggregate (for modern service rifle)
- 28 June**, CMP Home Range Appreciation Series Garand, Springfield, Vintage and Modern Military
- 5 September**, CMP Home Range Appreciation Series 800 Aggregate (for modern service rifle)
- 6 September**, CMP Home Range Appreciation Series Garand, Springfield, Vintage and Modern Military
- 11-13 September**, TN Long Range Rifle State Championship
- 19 September**, CMP Basic Rifle Clinic.
- 20 September**, Long Range Rifle Clinic

Again, we hope this finds you and yours well. Our Skeet & Trap fields are now OPEN, as is the Sporting Clays Course on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. And when we expand our schedule, details will be announced to everyone on our Facebook page, and that's where you will see it first, so pay attention to Facebook notifications and check in often. We are also continuing to work to protect you by providing spray bottles of disinfectant throughout the STSC venues and in the clubhouse. Be smart & safe and take just that extra moment to wipe surfaces down with the disinfectant we have provided for you.

Lately, we have had tremendous interest in junior activities around the ORSA STSC clubs. Starting with instructor training, six dedicated SC volunteers went through an SC instructor training course, then on May 23 and 24, their new skills were put to use in our second Junior Sporting Clays clinic. We had a great turnout when twenty young shooters participated in the clinic. And continuing the momentum of working with juniors, on June 1st & 2nd, we held the

9th Junior Skeet Clinic. Six of our volunteers who received instructor training last year helped hold this clinic. Those activities are in the accompanying article in this edition of the Rangefinder. Finally, the William Blount High School shotgun team held their annual SCTP shoot on Friday June 12th at ORSA. Twenty-Six participants each shot 50 skeet and 50 trap targets.

In league action, the Spring Skeet League started late due to the virus. They will be finishing this session by the time you read this. Participation was down about twenty percent, but we still had over forty shooters competing.

And finally, we are happy to announce that we experienced a first at ORSA on June 13th - an athletic scholarship signing. Lacy White, one of the N2Dust shooters, was signed by Bryant College to its shooting team. More on that in another article in this newsletter.

Stay well and come shoot with us.

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

DON'T BE THAT GUY!

For this month's version of "don't be that guy" we will discuss road access safety measures on the High Power and Long Range facilities.

If you arrived at one of the many military bases across the U.S. and the main gate was open (never going to happen, but), out of curiosity you might drive on through and start wandering around on the base. You start driving down the back roads and you come up to this gate and sign.....What would you do?

Normal people would turn around and leave and decide that the sign and gate was for their own protection and appreciate the fact that someone had closed it to protect them.

The signs and gates at ORSA are for the same reason, your safety. If you find a gate closed, with this sign attached to it, someone placed that sign on that gate for a reason. That gate has also been closed for the same reason, LIVE FIRE is taking place and you are potentially

entering an impact area that could result in damage or injury to your vehicle or your body. NEVER open a gate that you find closed on ORSA property, unless you were the person that closed it originally, or a range official has told you to do so.

On June 2nd 2020, a person approached the gate at the top of the hill at the opening of the Charlie Smart High Power range, stopped, opened the closed gate, then proceeded to leave that gate open and drive out toward the HP range where someone was in place and using the range. The gate had been closed due to the use of the skeet/trap fields and should not have been opened regardless of

the desire to be somewhere else on the range. If you find a gate closed on ORSA property, leave the gate closed and use a different route to get to the spot you were heading to, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

TIM FRENCH - *President, Rifle Pistol Club*



WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS...

When the ORSA High Power Rifle Club was given the COVID-19 Pandemic, we didn't panic or fret. Nope, we just made Bat Soup and held the "Bat Soup Regionals". In past years, the weekend of June 1st, we hosted the Charlie Smart Memorial NRA Regional Championship, however, those plans were scrapped when NRA and the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) notified all clubs that they would not sanction matches due to COVID-19. However, in the meantime, when local restrictions on gatherings were eased, the CMP capitalized on the situation and began sanctioning matches again. Given that, and the fact that many shooters had already blocked off the weekend of June 1, AND taking into account how the effects of cabin fever would generate even more interest, ORSA Rifle and Pistol boldly decided to give the competitors what they wanted... A weekend of shooting and camaraderie!

Being the agile, flexible, and savvy club that we are, we recognized that the wide and far reach of social media would rapidly get the word out about partaking in some bat soup riflery. So, the High Power Rifle club advertised the "Bat Soup Regional" on three different Facebook pages. The buzz on social media yielded a diverse and enthusiastic group of competitors from Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Florida and Ohio; many, never having shot at ORSA vowed to return to our world class rifle range, soon. And to keep our shooters safe, we did our part by limiting registrations, adapting relay rotations to limit personnel in the pits, providing plenty of cold water to stay hydrated, having plenty of hand sanitizer & disinfectant, distancing by using every other firing point, and squadding outside. And for our traditional dinner, we provided Jersey Mike's sandwiches outside on the 1000-yard line instead of BBQ in the Clubhouse. And to com-

memorate this special occasion, unique, new trophies were created in lieu of NRA regional match award medals.

All this careful planning resulted being able to hold our event safely, and capably, even as we practiced social distancing

RESULTS WERE:

Friday, 6/5/20: The 50 Shot Team Match was won by the team of Terry Paul and Jack Jones of Ohio, and ORSA members Barney Gaskin and Drew Rowe.

Saturday, 6/6/20: The 80 - Shot match was won with grace and aplomb by the talented Hayley Robinson, a remarkable junior shooter from North Carolina.

Sunday, 7/7/20: Excellence-In-Competition match with 3 Legs awarded as follows: Drew Rowe ORSA Member, 8 points, Cole Eden of Ohio, 6 Points, and Robert Taylor, ORSA Member, legging out with his final 6 Points. Congratulations to all, especially Robert!

The weekend certainly ended on a high note for two ORSA members, Drew Rowe and Robert Taylor. Robert, who had been shooting solid all weekend, made the cut with his score at Sunday's EIC match to earn his last 6 points needed to earn the coveted Distinguished Rifleman's Badge. In addition to earning points, he also received a cooler full of COVID-KILLING ice water over his head for his accomplishment. Drew was also shooting solid the entire weekend, as well as being on the first-place team during the team match. Drew shot the first-place score of 488-14X, earning his first 8 points on his path to earning his own Distinguished Rifleman's Badge.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND COMPETITORS FOR MAKING THE WEEKEND SUCH A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE.

The ORSA High Power Rifle Club hopes to see you soon - stay tuned to our website, orsarandp.com and Facebook.



ORSA HOSTS YOUTH SKEET CLINIC

Oak Ridge Sportsman's Association along with the National Skeet Shooter's Association put on its 7th Annual Youth Skeet Clinic in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on June 1-2, 2020. Seventeen youth athletes ranging from 8 to 17 years old attended the clinic. NSSA National Chief Youth Instructor Doug Thompson, along with six certified instructors from ORSA and Georgia put on the two-day clinic.

"Safety is the number one goal," said Rick Andrews, Youth Clinic Director. Safety briefings were held each day before the clinic began along, with the instructors stressing safety on the fields.

"I have been involved with the youth camps at ORSA since they began and have enjoyed all of them," said Doug Thompson. "Once again, a large number of their dedicated members donated lots of time, effort and enthusiasm to ensure another tremendous clinic. The ORSA club does an excellent job and has sincere interest and dedication to continue these youth

clinics, and I appreciate their efforts."

The clinic offered instruction for beginners as well as for advanced shooters. Gun fitting, eye dominance, proper stance and advanced techniques were taught. The ORSA skeet facility threw more than 3,800 targets during the clinic.

A new shooter to skeet Audrey Wood, explained "I've never shot skeet before, but it turns out I really like it. The instructors really helped me out a lot!"

One of our youngest students, Shepard Jennings's, father, Brad, commented, "He is an eager "almost nine" year-old and all of the instructor staff went above and beyond to help him learn, participate, and have fun. Due to the somewhat limiting factor of his stature, some of the members even hand-loaded some lower recoil shells for day two! After the clinic closing meeting, as Shepard was leaving he was heard saying: "I'm definitely coming back to this clinic next year." Please do!

Next year's clinic is schedule for June 1-2, 2021.

ORSA SHOOTER LACY WHITE SHOTS HER WAY TO A SCHOLARSHIP

Hard work has paid off for ORSA-N2Dust Athlete Lacy White. Lacy was awarded a shooting scholarship from Bryant College in Dayton, TN. The signing was held June 13, at the ORSA Cluhouse. Lacy will be majoring in Forensic Science at Bryant. She graduated from Gibbs High School with a 3.7 GPA, and is a Member of the National Honor Society and she earned the "Eagle Award" for excellence in Criminal Justice. Lacy's parents, Stacy and Leasa White have been members at ORSA for the past 3 years.

Bryant Head Shooting Team Coach, Eric Best commented, "We are extremely excited to be adding Lacey to our shooting family. At Bryant we strive to bring in young individuals that can not only help us accomplish our goal but do so in a way that represents what our college stands for. Lacy is just that - a bright individual, that displays a

great personality, discipline, and the attitude of becoming a great servant leader on our team. Lacy will be a bright spot for our team in the upcoming years. Needless to say, we are excited and happy to have her with us".

Lacy has been shooting for 6 years with the N2Dust Shooting Team. Jim Maggard N2Dust Head Coach said, "I remember the first time Lacy shot, I think she broke 2 targets!" But that was in the past. Lacy has gone on to win medals in Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays. She was named 2019 SCTP Jr Olympic Champion, but her passion is International Trap. She has competed in Colorado Springs multiple times and trained with former Olympic Shooter Terri Dewitt. Her goal is to make the SCTP national team, USA Jr Olympic Team and eventually compete in the Olympics.

Congratulations to Lacy for these great accomplishments and best luck in the future!



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Contact Jack via text at 865-406-7544 or email jchav577@bellsouth.net

- Smith & Wesson 686, 4" Stainless steel, 357 Magnum, 6 round, Hogue finger grip. Original owner, perfect condition, case and paperwork, maybe 30 rounds fired. \$ 500.00 firm

Contact Josh Talley at rjtall@gmail.com. Call or text 865-719-3159.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acronyms LR - Long Range HP - Highpower Rifle Range SB - Smallbore Rifle SC - Sporting Clays S&T - Skeet & Trap ID - Ed Johnson Indoor Range			1 HP Practice ORSA BOARD 6:30 CH	2 HP Practice Skeet League 6PM Archery League 5:30 pm ID CLOSED	3 HP Practice	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY S&T 10-4 SC 9-5 Indoor Air League ID 10-12 IDPA 9 AM ID CLOSED
5 S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 ID CLOSED	6 LR Practice	7 HP Practice Cowboys 9AM Prec Pistol League 5PM ID CLOSED	8 HP Practice	9 HP Practice Skeet League 6PM Archery League 5:30 pm ID CLOSED	10 HP Practice	11 NRA LR App HP CH 8 AM S&T 10-4 SC 9-5 Cowboys 9:30AM NRL22 Pprec. Rimfire 10AM ID CLOSED
12 NRA LR App HP CH 8 AM S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 ID CLOSED	13 LR Practice	14 HP Practice Prec Pistol League 5PM ID CLOSED	15 HP Practice ORIENTATION CH 6:30	16 HP Practice R&P Club Meeting 6:30 Archery League 5:30 pm ID CLOSED	17 HP Practice	18 Camp Perry Practice 8AM S&T 10-4 SC 9-5 Indoor Air League ID 10-12 USPSA 10 AM ID CLOSED
19 S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 Precision Pistol Match ID 9AM ID CLOSED	20 LR Practice	21 HP Practice	22 HP Practice	23 HP Practice Archery League 5:30 pm ID CLOSED	24 HP Practice	25 S&T 10-4 SC 9-5 Steel Challenge 9AM ID CLOSED
26 S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 Multi Gun/3-Gun 10AM Steel Challenge 9AM ID CLOSED	27 LR Practice AP Meeting CH 7PM	28 HP Practice Prec Pistol League 5PM ID CLOSED	29 HP Practice Tisha B'Av	30 HP Practice Archery League 5:30 pm ID CLOSED	31 HP Practice	Notes: ID CLOSED FOR JULY Rev 06.22.2020

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30 HP RANGE CLOSED S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 AP Special Event TBD ID Open 2-4	31 HP RANGE CLOSED AP Meeting CH 7PM	Notes: Competitors: Reminder - YOU are responsible for knowledge of the content of match bulletins HP RANGE CLOSED AUGUST 9-31 FOR REBUILD OF BERM WALL - NO USE OF THE RANGE IS ALLOWED					Rev 06.24.20



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