



The RANGEFINDER

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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.

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NEWS FROM SKEET & TRAP & SPORTING CLAYS



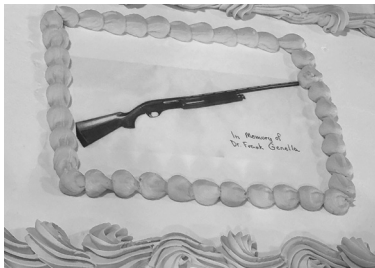
The 2021 Polar Bear Skeet League was completed March 28th. Of the 34 shooters who shot all eight weeks 24 prize winners divided \$1,155. Spring Skeet League started Thursday April 8th at 6:00pm.

We are shooting ATA Big 50 every Tuesday. 50 targets each of singles, handicap & doubles. You may shoot one two or all three.

Dr. Frank Genella, ORSA member since 1961, passed on March 28, 2020. Six rocking chairs with plaques, contributed to Frank's honor, were dedicated on April 14 at the clubhouse by ORSA friends and family. The

rocking chairs overlook the skeet fields where Frank spent countless hours enjoying the sport and the comradery of life-long friends. Over the years, Frank enjoyed weekly skeet sessions, introducing the sport to others, plinking, the pistol range, and fishing at the club. He was 1974 club champion in 20 gauge, 28 gauge, 12 gauge and 410. Of all his ORSA experiences, Frank most treasured his friendships. The family sincerely thanks all ORSA members who helped in this celebration of Frank's memory.

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



COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Covid may be keeping us from having the timely anniversary bash that we wanted to have in March, however that isn't stopping us from having anniversary goodies!

We now have 75th anniversary t-shirts ready to order. They will be light blue - with the 75th anniversary logo on the right chest and a large logo on the back.

They are \$15 must be pre-paid and pre-ordered. This way we have your correct size and only order the number of shirts we actually need. Arrangements will be made for pick-up at the range.

TO ORDER YOU CAN EMAIL/CALL:

Jody Zorsch - orsa_membership@gmail.com 423-628-5471 or

Don Conover - Pattikdc@gmail.com 732-586-4073

Please send payment to: checks made out to ORSA @ orsa t-shirt

PO Box 6094 Oak Ridge, TN 37831





Pull For Our Veterans™ 2021

COME CELEBRATE A DECADE OF GIVING. Yes it's been 10 years already. Pull For Our Veterans is celebrating a decade this year. We have donated just over \$246,000 and we are excited to break a quarter of a million in donations to veteran's charities. As we have done the last several years we will donate to Smoky Mtn. Service Dogs
October 16, 2021: Skeet and Trap Shoot - 25 skeet, 25 wobble trap, 25 trap and 25 skeet doubles. Sporting clays 100 targets at the ORSA Sporting Clays course off Gum Hollow Road (across from golf course).

October 17, 2021: 100 sporting clays targets at the ORSA sporting clays course off Gum Hollow Road. You do not need to be experienced in skeet, trap, or sporting clays. This is a great way for patriots to support veterans and have a lot of fun shooting exciting targets. All fees from the shoot will go to the charity.

Entry fee: Skeet and Trap \$105. Entry fee includes lunch on Saturday. Limit of 20 shooters per flight 1 (5 per squad).

Entry Fee: Sporting clays \$105. Entry fee includes 100 sporting clays targets. Limit of 52 shooters per flight (4 shooters per squad).

Registration forms available at www.pfov.org. Payments are on-line only.

For more information:

Website: www.pfov.org

Email: pullfourveterans@comcast.net

Contact: Col(R) Richard Stouder, (865) 310-8010

ORSA HIGH POWER CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM (CMP) CLINICS CONCLUDE FOR THE SPRING SEASON



April 2021 Class photo at the completion of the clinic.



Learning how to shoot the M1.

clinic is to teach the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship that are a foundation of not only competitions, but of all recreational shooting or hunting.

The last class for 2021 is September 25th, watch the rangefinder for sign up for information. If you have attended this clinic or one in the past, you can attend again if you wish, as marksmanship is best learned with practice, repetition and shooting in competitions.

In addition to attending clinics again, those wishing to borrow equipment during a match such as a shooting mat, scope, or even a rifle, can coordinate with the match director.

Matches and dates are found at the following:
<https://orsarandp.com/hp-events/>

And follow us on:
<https://www.facebook.com/ORSAHighPower>

Two Spring Clinics were held March and April for 50 new shooters. We were fortunate this Spring not to get rained out, although there was a 30-minute delay for the April clinic when a light shower passed through. We continue to see a large interest in learning to shoot the M1 Garand with young and old, at times we don't have enough M1's to go around. In the April class, the coaches were assisted by shooters from the Army Reserve Marksmanship Team, who also stayed an extra day to assist with the long-range clinic held by Larry Sparks. The purpose of the

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING



When people hear about Cowboy Action Shooting they often ask: Is it old west reenactment? Is it cowboy fast draw? Actually, it's neither of those. It is very similar to other action shooting competitions except that contestants use firearms typical of those used in the taming of the Old West. We use real guns and real bullets to engage reactive steel targets. Occasionally, cardboard targets or flying clay pigeons are also used.

Shooters compete individually through several different scenarios and are timed by an electronic clock. Scoring is based on speed and accuracy (time is added for misses and procedural errors) with the lowest total time winning. The course of fire is generally simple enough and targets close enough that all skill levels can have a good time. The challenge of Cowboy Action Shooting varies with the individual. Highly-skilled, competitive cowboys and cowgirls often find their challenge in a hell-bent-for-leather style, seeking their absolute minimum total time. Many shooters find their challenge to be continuing a streak of no-miss stages and there are a few who enjoy an additional challenge of black powder smoke. You can make your Cowboy Action Shooting experience whatever style of competition you choose.

Participants are required to wear clothing that is in the spirit of the Old West. Some participants choose to wear more elaborate costumes that include things like chaps and spurs, but the rules do not require anything so fancy. Blue jeans, a western style long-sleeve shirt and some lace-up boots are entirely suitable, but T-shirts and athletic shoes are not allowed. A straw hat (or no hat at all) is fine. Of course, you may decide to become more involved later on. Some of the different categories have particular clothing requirements, but the only item that is absolutely essential for everyone is modern safety glasses.

Competition in a match requires four guns: two single-action revolvers, a rifle and a shotgun. These firearms may be of modern manufacture, but must be of a type generally used in the mid-to-late 19th century. You'll also need two holsters, a gun belt, and a belt or slide for shotgun shells. Like other multi-gun sports, there's a lot of gear you need for cowboy shooting – and most people won't have all of it up front. Fortunately, you don't need to go all-in for your first match, and may be able to borrow or share guns and leather when starting out.

Various shooting categories divide competitors based on age, shooting style, gender, etc. The governing body for Cowboy Action Shooting is the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS). SASS provides rules and guidelines for sanctioned matches internationally. Whether the match is in New Jersey or New Zealand, Texas or Tennessee, it has the same organization and regulation as any of the hundreds of SASS matches worldwide. (www.sassnet.com)

Safety is our first priority and our rules incorporate a number of overlapping safety procedures. While on the firing line, a range officer/timer operator is almost always within arm's reach to help you out if needed. New shooter orientation classes are held regularly. New shooters are often paired with someone more seasoned at their first match to guide them through the match processes as they gain experience.

Our matches are family-friendly and we have many couples and multi-generational families who participate. Old and young are welcome and we will do our best to accommodate those who may be mobility-impaired.

There are many ways to enjoy Cowboy Action Shooting. Our goal is to present opportunities for shooters to succeed, and there's a place in this game for all skill levels. You can find your own way to "have fun", whether it's all-out speed competition or playing Calamity Jane or Billy the Kid for the day. You'll discover that our game is about far more than just shooting fast. Our club holds a match at the ORSA Action Pistol range on the second Saturday of each month. Visit oakridgeoutlaws.org for club contacts, photos, scores and access to our local forum.



VOLUNTEERS ARE THE GLUE THAT HAS MADE THE PAST 75 YEARS POSSIBLE!

I remember growing up in Oak Ridge and being told I lived in the Volunteer State. I remember the pride I felt at that those words. As an adult I have spent the last 40 years working with many charities and with many volunteers. I have to say I have never worked with as many dedicated or hard-working volunteers as the men and women of ORSA. The cleaning crews for the buildings, the bathrooms, and the mowing are paid contractors. All other work at ORSA is done by your fellow shooters.

I think we all understand that not everyone has the time or the physical ability to be a volunteer, but I think volunteering comes in many forms. In my years of volunteering, I always found that it seemed when I was beginning to drag that someone would step up and say Thank You or pat me on the back. Suddenly the work got easier, and I was reinvigorated. That simple act of appreciation goes a long way to help those toiling away to make ORSA run smoother.

I have heard recently about two members who come to the range Sunday and pick up garbage on the bays for the rifle and pistol ranges. I want to thank them because that simple act benefits all ORSA shooters. I would love to shake their hands.

ORSA now has over 3,000 members. More members means more wear and tear, more garbage and unfortunately more individuals not utilizing the range as it should. We have no paid Range Officers to police the ranges. This increased use of the facilities has resulted in more incidents of reported mis handling of weapons, the use of weapons not approved on ranges, incorrect ammo being fired, etc.

This is why the Board is asking all of us to step up and police our ranges. If you see someone shooting a weapon that isn't approved on a certain range, ammo that isn't approved for a range, or target, or behaving in a potentially unsafe manner please politely remind them of the rules. That is a form of Volunteering we can all do! The rules are posted and are there not to impede a good shooting experience but to preserve our facilities and keep our shooters and our guests safe. Reporting such incidents to the Board weeks later doesn't provide us with the means to be able to address the acts being recognized as issues. If the individual continues to act in manner detrimental to himself, others or the facilities, at least get his license number and the time and date. Nobody wants to risk ORSA's facilities or reputation. So, step up and help keep this great facility safe!!

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- Access to the Action Pistol Range for practice requires participants to attend an AP orientation session.
- Classes are held monthly at the AP building. There will be two Orientation classes on May 24th. Once registered the applicant will receive a notice that they have been approved to attend the session.
- After completion of the orientation, applicants will be entered into the AP database and access will be granted using your current ORSA membership card.
- Due to limited seating and health restrictions Walk-ins are not allowed.

Use the link below to sign up for the AP orientation class of your choice.

5pm Class

<https://practicore.com/events/may-24-2021-ap-orientation-5-pm-class/participants/create>

6pm Class

<https://practicore.com/events/may-24-2021-ap-orientation-6-pm-class/participants/create>

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RANGEFINDER CLASSIFIED POLICY

Members-In-Good-Standing may submit ads for the sale of firearms, ammo, reloading supplies & equipment, legal firearms accessories and targetry. Ads are for private person-to-person sale. No business-related ads will be accepted. Submit your ad in MS Word if at all possible via email to orsasec@gmail.com. All ads are subject to approval by the ORSA Board of Directors.

Contact Tim at 865-385-9889 or email at tkpharty@att.net

- Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon 1, O/U in 20g. Bought 2 years ago and never shot, still new in the box. Comes with everything from the factory. 28-inch barrels. \$1800.

Contact Al: 865-604-4418 or hen8616@aol.com

- Para-Ordnance, DX745S Stainless Steel, 45 ACP, 5" Barrel, 3 Clips, New in Box \$1,250.00

CALL DAVID COX AT (865) 671-3331

- For Sale: Remington 700 .338 Win. Mag. Stainless/Synthetic Stock; Pachmayr recoil pad. Bought new in 1992; Less than 150 rounds fired. Trophies taken: 8 ft Brown Bear w/one 250 gr. Partition. Includes:
 - Scope: Burris 3-9x40; Leupold QR base & rings.
 - Ammunition: 2 boxes of Fed. Prem. 250 gr. Partitions.
 - Powder/Primers: 1 lb. IMR 4350; Fed. Mag. primers (950).
 - Bullets: 350 Nosler, Barnes, and Speer bullets.
 - Cases: 500 new Remington nickel-plated brass cases.
 - Lee reloading dies.
- Total Package for \$1,200.

Contact Dale at 865-805-3142 or crookshanksdl@gmail.com

- Remington 700 Custom, 308, Krieger barrel, 1 in 10 twist, threaded barrel, magpal stock, magpal bipod, Nightforce SHV 5x20x56, illuminated, Nightforce rings. 150 Hornady Match brass. fire-formed cases for this weapon. Asking \$2,850
- Savage 110, Hog Hunter, 308, Vortex 6.5 x 20 x44 scope. Threaded barrel, 20". Asking \$800
- Ruger American 308, Athlon Midas BTR Gen 2 scope, 6.5 x 27 x 50, illuminated. Threaded barrel 18". Asking \$750
- Ruger 10-22 target 22LR, 20 SS bull barrel, timney trigger 1.5 lb. pull. EABC thumbhole stock. Also have original stock. Asking \$650
- Ruger American 6.5 Creedmoor, Athlon Ares BTR 2.5 x 18 x 50, illuminated scope. Excellent shooter. Threaded barrel, 22". Asking \$750
- Three boxes of lead bullets for 40 caliber. Asking \$100
- One box 1k, Federal Large Magnum Rifle primers. Asking \$40
- RCBS dies for 243, new and once fired brass. Hornady bullets, loading manual. Asking \$125
- Pictures available.

Contact Tom Bender at 865-317-1840 or bendersu@earthlink.net

- New A5 20Ga. barrel; 24"; no rib bead front sight.
- Barrel is marked: Fabrique Nationale D'Armes De Guerre - Herstal - Belgique; *Acier Special - C 20 - Cart - 2 3/4
- Has all proof marks w/serial 3 P 19210
- Asking \$325.00. - Price is negotiable

Contact Tom Worden at 865-690-2406

- Ruger SP101 Revolver Model 05773 SS 4" Barrel 327 Federal Magnum. Ruger combo wood and hard rubber grips. Two boxes 327 amo and five boxes 32 S&WL. Ruger gray hard plastic case and papers. All \$550.00

NOTICE

The **Archery Range** will be closed from noon **May 14th through May 16th** to help a new local Boy Scout Troop. They will be camping on our Archery Range and shooting 22's to earn badges. Sorry for any inconvenience but they are the future of shooting sports. - Don Wood

Whew, where to start – things are spiraling out of control. In this new administration they are sending out executive orders faster than anyone can keep track. Rights and freedoms are disappearing faster than a category five tornado. Then we have a congress dominated by Democrat majorities so that they can pass any legislation they dream up. Every department head has a couple of traits – they are dedicated party gnomes and virulently anti-Bill of Rights, especially the Second Amendment.

The Democrats are trying to make America a one-party country. Doubt me? Let's examine several of their stated actions.

They are trying to pass legislation, H.R1, that would guarantee that they never lose another election. The Democrats are buying all the support they need by passing multi-trillion dollar bills that spend little on their stated purpose like the so-called COVID relief bill which only spent 9% on actual COVID relief. Then there is the so-called Infrastructure bill which only spends a mere pittance on actual roads and bridges. The majority of the moneys go to their cronies in unions and big tech. If you or I did something like this it would be called bribery.

They keep threatening to eliminate the filibuster in the Senate. If they break this long standing tradition then they could pass bills in the Senate with a simple majority which they would have with Kamala Harris being the deciding vote. With the filibuster gone and Nancy Pelosi firmly in control of the House, ALL the Democrat priorities would just sail right through to Biden's desk.

Now there is legislation working in the House and Senate to expand the Supreme Court to 13 justices, which Congress does have the authority to do. This would mean that Biden would be able to put four justices on the court. With the Supreme Court firmly in control, the Democrats would be able to pass bill after bill without any concern whether they violate the U.S. Constitution. Obviously the death of the Constitution is on the agenda of the Democrats.

If the Democrats make all this come to pass, then onto their ultimate dream goal – eradicate the Second Amendment and disarm all American citizens. And I want to emphasize "citizens," because all the laws and executive orders limit the rights and freedoms of "citizens" while non-citizens and criminals are free from any attempts at legislation. Think about this, why would you want to pass laws that take away citizen rights and freedoms and then penalize normal citizens while ignoring the crimes of millions of non-citizens and criminals? To me this is blatant anti-Americanism. Add all this to a media and big tech that is in lock step with all the anti-Americanism coming out of Washington DC.

"No amendment to the Constitution is absolute . . ." Joe Biden announcing his executive orders related to gun control

"When it comes to gun control," Harvey alleges, "the Biden administration believes in government by fiat, unencumbered by the legal constraints placed on the presidency. He says so himself: 'I'm going to use all the resources at my disposal to keep people safe' – even if it means treading on the Constitution." Ted Harvey, a former Colorado legislator now chairing the Committee to Defeat the President

When Joe Biden announced all of his Executive Actions for gun control there were many things to be concerned about but one stuck out to me. Biden has long stated that he wanted to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA). This law has long protected the firearms



industry from frivolous lawsuits. Given the above discussion it is only a matter of time before the Democrats repeal this, and then firearms and ammo manufacturers would be sued out of business. Here is an article about this grave threat.

BIDEN'S BLATANT ATTACK WOULD END THE U.S. FIREARM INDUSTRY AS WE KNOW IT

I have spent much of the last year reporting on Joe Biden's aggressive plans for gun control. Yet one of his most consequential proposals doesn't feature the headline-grabbing elements of a firearm ban or confiscation scheme (which, of course, Biden also supports).

The proposal I'm speaking of is repeal of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA). If Biden succeeds in this goal, the industry that supplies firearms and ammunition to U.S. consumers, law enforcement and our military would be subject to death by a thousand cuts.

Biden has not been shy about his plans to abolish the PLCAA. His campaign website put it at the top of a very long list of anti-gun measures he hopes to enact. That website falsely claims, "This law protects [gun] manufacturers from being held civilly liable for their products—a protection granted to no other industry." It further states, "Biden will prioritize repealing this protection."

Indeed, Biden had promised his gun-control supporters in February 2020 that he would send a PLCAA repeal bill to Congress on his "first day in office." While he did not meet that timeline, on Feb. 14, Biden called on Congress to pass several gun-control measures, including a repeal of the PLCAA.

Whether the repeal effort happens sooner or later, Second Amendment supporters must understand the gravity of what this would mean to their rights and the importance of engaging politically to oppose it. To do that requires an understanding of the PLCAA's background, what the law actually does, and—perhaps most importantly—what it does not, despite false claims by Biden and other opponents of the act.

During the 1990s, gun-control activists inside and outside of the federal and various municipal governments launched a coordinated effort to sue the American firearms industry into oblivion ... or at least into subservience to their demands. The litigation was inspired, in part, by lawsuits against the tobacco industry.

The idea was to structure the suits so gun companies would be facing multiple cases in multiple jurisdictions simultaneously. And, they didn't even need to win. They only needed to keep the suits moving long enough to bleed the industry of the financial resources necessary to fight the

meritless litigation.

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The plaintiffs advanced a variety of theories in their complaints, but the essence of their claims was that firearm and ammunition manufacturers, distributors and dealers should be held civilly liable for crimes third parties committed with their products.

Legally, these cases faced an uphill battle, as they would require courts to ignore a basic and longstanding principle of tort law. New York's highest court explained this principle in a unanimous 2001 opinion denying various claims against firearms manufacturer Beretta.

"A defendant generally has no duty to control the conduct of third persons so as to prevent them from harming others," the court wrote. Courts were reluctant to depart from this principle, it explained, because of "practical concerns both about potentially limitless liability and about the unfairness of imposing liability for the acts of another." The rule had exceptions, however, for situations in which a special relationship existed between the defendant and the third party (such as employer/employee) or between the defendant and the injured party (such as an airline and its passengers).

You don't have to be a lawyer to appreciate the common sense of this rule. To cite another example, automobile makers and dealers are not legally responsible for the injuries of drunk drivers, nor, for that matter, are the brewers or distillers of the alcohol itself. To hold otherwise, as the court pointed out, would mean unlimited exposure to liability for the actions of random people that would make it impossible for anyone to engage in the business of manufacturing or distributing vehicles or alcohol.

It would also be unjust, because the person directly responsible for the harm to the victim is the intoxicated driver who chose to get behind the wheel, not a business engaged in lawful commerce.

Similarly, if a company manufactures firearms for law-abiding people to use for lawful purposes, and a criminal misuses one of the company's guns to hurt someone, the criminal is the responsible party.

The cases that went as far as a court opinion on the merits were in fact almost uniformly unsuccessful.

For the plaintiffs, however, winning wasn't necessarily the point. Sure, they hoped a sympathetic activist judge might stretch the law to help their case.

But the mere cost of fending off multiple cases in multiple courts across the nation could force a company into insolvency. Or the company might bow to the extortion and agree to a settlement in which it adopted "best practices" that just happened to mirror the terms of unsuccessful gun-control legislation.

The existential threat these lawsuits posed to the gun industry—which not only supplies constitutionally protected products to the public but the arms on which the nation's security and law enforcement operations depend—was not lost on the lawmakers of the day. Thirty-four states enacted legislation to block these suits in their own courts.

Finally, in 2005, Congress followed their example with the bipartisan Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which creates a nationwide floor of protection from frivolous lawsuits against businesses in the firearms and ammunition sectors.

Specifically, the law prohibits, in state or federal court, a civil action or administrative proceeding by any person against a manufacturer or seller of a firearm, ammunition or "component part" thereof, or a trade association, for harms resulting from the criminal/unlawful misuse of their products by the person or a third party.

The law does not, as Joe Biden claims, grant these industries extraordinary protection unavailable to other businesses. Rather, it merely ensures firearm and ammunition companies are not subjected to extraordinary liability that wouldn't apply anywhere else.

Biden's insistence that the law prevents gun makers from being held civilly liable for their products is also false. If a firearm or ammunition cartridge malfunctions and causes injury, the maker can still be held liable for defects in its design or manufacture. Liability is also available for breaches of contract or warranty.

The PLCAA's focus is on immunity for liability arising from third-party wrongs, not for wrongs actually committed by the manufacturers, sellers or dealers themselves.

Thus, it still allows for common and legitimate forms of recovery to injured plaintiffs, including for injuries caused by the manufacturers' or sellers' own violations of gun-control laws or laws governing the sale or marketing of their products or for negligent entrustment by sellers. The latter involves situations in which the seller knew or should have known that it was transferring a firearm to a dangerous or unstable person or someone who intended to cause unlawful harm with it.

As I write this, in fact, there are several cases pending that claim to fall under one or more of these exceptions. To be clear, the NRA believes that many of these suits trying to exploit the PLCAA's exceptions are just as legally meritless as the original cases that inspired the PLCAA itself. But they put a lie to the assertion that gun companies can act with impunity for their own alleged misdeeds.

What Joe Biden and other opponents of the PLCAA really hope to do is shift regulation of firearms from politically accountable lawmakers to unscrupulous trial lawyers and activist judges who need not worry about public opinion.

Once that happens, the scope of the industry's liability is limited only by the imagination of its sworn enemies. Guns could be deemed "too dangerous" for sale to the public for being too accurate, too inaccurate, too big, too small, for holding too many rounds or for having common features (like pistol grips or detachable magazines) that are mischaracterized as making them especially "lethal."

Gun makers and dealers facing ruin trying to defend their rights in court could be forced to agree to curb their lawful activities, for example by refusing to sell certain types of lawful products or by restricting the otherwise eligible customers to whom they make them available.

It is no exaggeration to say that while the Second Amendment protects your right to protect yourself, the PLCAA helps protect the Second Amendment. And it's no coincidence that the same activists pushing for its repeal are also pushing for the end of private firearm sales and trans-

fers, as this would be the easiest way to get guns if retail shops closed or refused to transact with the general public. If both were to become law, there would be no lawful way to transfer a firearm in America!

And, without meaningful access to modern guns, the Second Amendment is nullified.

And repeal of the PLCAA is that serious.

America's 1st Freedom April 21, Jason Quimet, Executive Director, NRA-ILA

BILL LEE'S HALLMARK 2ND AMENDMENT LEGISLATION - WHAT IS IT AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

In March 2021, the Legislature passed the governor's bill (House Bill 786 / Senate Bill 765). Assuming it becomes law, it goes into effect July 1, 2021.

The Governor's new law is not real constitutional carry. It does include a provision that allows some citizens under certain circumstances and in some locations to carry a handgun without a permit. Therefore, Governor's new law is a form of permitless carry.

So what does the Governor's new law do and what doesn't it do?

To start, it is important to note that the Governor's law does not repeal the existing provision found in TCA § 39-17-1307(a) which makes it a crime to carry a firearm, any firearm, with the intent to go armed. That crime remains in effect. The Governor's bill creates a new subsection, "(g)", which lists certain conditions that give rise to an "exception" to that criminal charge.

The creation of an "exception" means that you have to satisfy each one of the conditions in order to avoid being charged with the crime. It may mean that a law enforcement officer may be able to stop and detain a person who is observed carrying a handgun, which remains a crime, in order to determine if the person satisfies each of the exceptions to the criminal charge.

What are these exceptions that must be satisfied in order to avoid being charged with carrying a handgun with the intent to go armed?

- The person must be at least 21 years old (or for those in the military or honorably discharged from the military, at least 18 years old);
- The person must "lawfully" possess a "handgun" (you cannot carry a rifle, shotgun or a handgun with a barrel of 12 inches or more, see TCA § 39-11-106(a)(18), under the Governor's bill);
- The person must be "in a place where the person is lawfully present"
- The person has never been convicted of the misdemeanor or crime of stalking under TCA § 39-17-315
- The person has not had one or more DUI's in the last 5 years;
- The person has not had two or more DUI's in the last 10 years;
- The person has never been "adjudicated as a mental defective, judicially committed to or hospitalized in a mental institution pursuant to title 33, or had a court ap-

point a conservator for the person by reason of a mental defect";

- The person is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm by 18 USC § 922(g) as it existed on January 1, 2021.

The Governor's bill expressly allows both open and concealed carry of a handgun if all of the other conditions are met. Tennessee law defines a handgun as having a barrel length of less than 12 inches in TCA § 39-11-106(a)(18) so not all handguns, as defined by most people and federal law, are covered by the Governor's bill.

The Governor's bill amended TCA § 39-17-1313 to allow individuals who meet all of the exceptions listed above to store a handgun that they legally possess in their vehicle while it is parked in a location that they are allowed to park.

The Governor's bill also amended parts of TCA §§ 39-17-1351 (regarding the "enhanced permits") and 39-17-1366 (regarding the concealed only permits) by eliminating the necessity that permit holders have their permits in their immediate possession – unless they are in places where a permit remains an exception or a defense to a criminal charge (there are several of these). What this means is that those who have the state permits (or permits from other states that are recognized by Tennessee) are allowed to go in some places, like public parks and greenways, where those who are relying on the Governor's permitless carry bill could be criminally charged if they went into those same areas.

The Governor's bill did not eliminate Tennessee's two handgun permitting systems nor did it change or reduce the fee structure for those systems. Because of the Governor's decision not to address in his bill prohibited locations, such as public parks, greenways and other situations where a permit is required to establish a defense or an exception to a criminal charge, the permit may be a practical necessity even still for those who desire to carry a handgun. Further, there may be circumstances such as the Governor's bill's language on the DUI's where an individual may be eligible for a handgun permit in Tennessee or another state but would not be eligible to rely on the Governor's permitless carry language in this law.

It is also important to understand that the concept of "reciprocity" is generally a doctrine between and among states based on the issuance of some type of license or permit. The Governor's bill, at this point, has nothing to do with permits in that regard. For most people, if you want to be able to carry in the maximum number of other states you are likely going to need to get the Tennessee enhanced permit.

Some may wonder if they need to renew their existing Tennessee permits. Generally, the answer is yes. At present, those are necessary to minimize the risks of criminal charges from carrying in places like public parks and they are the best mechanism for obtaining the ability to carry in the largest number of other states. You could decide to not renew a permit but with these omissions in the Governor's bill why do that and take the risk? John Harris, Executive Director, TFA

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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.

May 2021

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					31 HP Practice Skeet 10-1	1 NRA App HP 8:00am TN State SB Prone CR 8AM S&T 10-4, SC 9-5 CH Reserved 12-4 PM ARCHERY WORK PTY 8 AM IDPA 9:00am Indoor Range 12-4 pm
2 CMP EIC Match CH 8 TN State SB CANCELLED S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 ID 2-4 Indoor Range 2-4 pm	3 LR Practice	4 HP Practice Prec Pistol League CR 5PM TBD TRAP 10-1 Cowboys 9 AM ID 1-3	5 HP Practice ORSA BOARD 6:30 CH Skeet 10-1	6 HP Practice Skeet League 6 pm Archery white course open Archery League 5:30pm ID 1-3	7 HP Practice Skeet 10-1 SC 1-5	8 NRA LR CH 8AM Region 4 SCTP 9-5 S&T 10-4 SC 9-5 Cowboys 9 :30 AM ID 12-4
9 NRA LR 8AM CH S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 MOTHER's DAY ID 2-4	10 LR Practice	11 HP Practice Prec Pistol League CR 5PM TRAP 10-1 ID 1-3	12 HP Practice Skeet 10-1	13 HP Practice Archery white course open Skeet League 6 pm Archery League 5:30pm ID 1-3	14 HP Practice Skeet 10-1 SC 1-5 ARCHERY RANGE CLSD.	15 * CMP GSM/Mod. Mil 8AM CH ATA Doubles Marathon CANC. S&T 10-4, SC 9-5 ARCHERY RANGE CLOSED Indoor Air League ID 10-12 USPSA 10 AM ID 12-4
16 CMP Vint. Sniper/Carbine 8AM CH Precision Pistol Match ID 9AM TRAP ARCHERY RANGE CLOSED S&T 12-4, SC 1-5 ID 2-4	17 LR Practice	18 HP Practice Prec Pistol League CR 5PM TRAP 10-1 ID 1-3	19 HP Practice Skeet 10-1 ORIENTATION CH 6:30 BY INVITATION CHECK YOUR EMAIL	20 HP Practice R&P Meeting CH 6:30 TBD Skeet League 6 pm Archery white course open Archery League 5:30pm ID 1-3	21 HP Practice Skeet 10-1 SC 1-5	22 CAMP PERRY PRACTICE HP S&T 10-4 SC 9-5 Multi-Gun/3-Gun AP 10AM Steel Challenge 9 AM ID 12-4
23 CAMP PERRY PRACTICE HP S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 Steel Challenge 9 AM ID 2-4	24 LR Practice	25 HP Practice Prec Pistol League CR 5PM TRAP 10-1 ID 1-3	26 HP Practice Skeet 10-1	27 HP Practice Skeet League 6 pm Archery white course open Archery League 5:30pm Shavuot ID 1-3	28 HP Practice Skeet 10-1 SC 1-5	29 S&T 10-4 SC 9-5 AP Special Event TBD ID 12-4
30	31 LR Practice					

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6 Charlie Smart CMP EIC 8AM S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 ID Open 2-4	7 LR Practice ORSA Youth Camp-Skeet	8 HP Practice Prec Pistol League CR 5PM Trap 10-1 Cowboys 9AM ID Open 1-3	9 HP Practice Skeet 10-1	10 Archery League 5:30 Archery white course open ID Open 1-3	11 NRA LR Regional HP CH 8AM Skeet 10-1 SC 1-5	12 NRA LR Regional HP CH 8AM S&T 10-4 SC 9-5 Cowboys 9:30AM ID Open 12-4
13 NRA LR Regional HP CH 8AM S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 ID Open 2-4	14 LR Practice	15 HP Practice Prec Pistol League CR 5PM Trap 10-1 ORSA Youth Camp SC ID Open 1-3	16 HP Practice ORIENTATION CH 6:30 Skeet 10-1 ORSA Youth Camp-SC	17 HP Practice R&P Club Mtg CH 6:30 Archery League 5:30 Archery white course open ID Open 1-3	18 HP Practice Skeet 10-1 SC 1-5	19 Camp Perry Practice 8AM S&T 10-4, SC 9-5 CH Reserved 4-8 PM Indoor Air League ID 10-12 USPSA 10AM ID Open 12-4
20 Camp Perry Practice 8AM S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 Precision Pistol Match ID 9 FATHER'S DAY ID Open 2-4	21 LR Practice ARA Rimfire CR 5PM	22 HP Practice Trap 10-1 ARA Rimfire CR 5 PM ORSA Youth Camp-SC Prec Pistol League CR 5PM ID Open 1-3	23 HP Practice Skeet 10-1 ORSA Youth Camp-SC	24 HP Practice Archery League 5:30 Archery white course open ID Open 1-3	25 HP Practice Skeet 10-1 SC 1-5	26 CAMP PERRY PRACT HP S&T 10-4 SC 9-5 Multi-Gun/3-Gun AP 10AM Steel Challenge 9AM ID Open 12-4
27 S&T 12-4 SC 1-5 Multi Gun/3-Gun 10AM Steel Challenge 9AM ID Open 2-4	28 LR Practice AP BRD. Meeting 7 PM	29 HP Practice Prec Pistol League CR 5PM Trap 10-1 ID Open 1-3	30 HP Practice Skeet 10-1	1 HP Practice Archery white course open Archery League 5:30 ID 1-3		



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