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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



Hope you and your family are enjoying winter being behind us. We had a great turnout for our spring workday.

Over 25 people came out and took care of painting, cutting dead trees, building a fence and general repair work. Had a great lunch and good fellowship.

The Shotgun Swap Meet last month was a big success. We will probably do another one in the fall.

Spring Fun Skeet League started April 4th. You still have time to join if you didn't know when it started. Come to the main clubhouse on Thursday afternoon to sign up.

The 12th annual Youth Skeet Camp is happening June 4th and 5th. There are only 15 spots available. If you're interested contact Greg Kraft at: [gnckraft@charter.net](mailto:gnckraft@charter.net)

The Youth Trap Camp is scheduled May 4th. Again, if interested contact Greg Kraft.

The Youth Sporting Clays Camp dates are still being set and will be announced soon.

There are two more dates for members children and grandchildren to attend an introduction to shooting skeet and trap. Those dates are April 12 and May 24th. Contact Don Conover or myself to reserve a spot.

Our Spring Members Only Sporting Clays Tournament will be held May 18th. 100 target event with prizes awarded by the Lewis System. Everyone has a chance to win a prize and lunch is included. Contact Greg Kraft at: [gnckraft@charter.net](mailto:gnckraft@charter.net) to reserve a spot.

Larry McNamee President of STSC

## Obituary for Danny F. Flaherty. Sr

Danny F. Flaherty, Sr, age 79, passed away on February 20, 2024. Danny was born on June 22, 1944, in Champaign, Illinois. Danny graduated from New Mexico State University in 1968. Danny's career in shooting sports spanned over 40 years. He worked for WR Weaver Scope, Hunting Magazine, PMC Ammunition, Mag Tech, Sig Sauer and Bismuth among others.

Danny was an avid shooter and hunter. He was committed to passing on his love and knowledge to his children and grandchildren. They are involved in Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays and Cowboy Action

shooting.

In his retirement he became involved with Texas Comal County 4H Shooting Club. He watched his grandsons compete in Texas shooting matches and Texas State Championships.

He also loved shooting Skeet at ORSA. His family is asking for donations to be made to ORSA Youth Shooting Clinics in lieu of flowers. Please address donations to ORSA in care of the Club Secretary at 11467 Couch Mill Road, Knoxville, TN 37931.

## Monthly Rangefinder

As technology changes and advancements are made in the way we do day to day business, ORSA needs to follow suit in some of our processes. The ORSA BOD has made the decision to cease the monthly printing and mailing of the ORSA Rangefinder. We will still make copies of the printed Rangefinder available in the clubhouse, Indoor Range and Sporting Clays offices, but will no longer be mass mailing the printed version to the membership list. The electronic version of the Rangefinder will still be available on the website, as it is now. Speaking of the website, we also be revamping the Oak Ridge Sportsman Association .org website and will start using it as our primary means of communications to the membership. All announcements and schedules will be posted on the website, along with social media

outlets, ie Facebook, Instagram and the likes, that are currently used by the sub clubs such as Trap/Skeet/Sporting Clays, Action Pistol and Highpower. We expect this change to take place sometime in early summer and this announcement will run monthly in the Rangefinder until the change takes place. We will also run an article in the last printed copy with the links for all the clubs contact information and social media sites. If you have any questions or comments regarding this change, feel free to reach out to the BOD.

Thanks,  
ORSA BOD

## Long Range Invitation

The Long Range Shooters invite you and your gun to shoot with us at 600/1000 yards. Text or call 423-208-0442 or email [ronaldfriesz@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldfriesz@gmail.com) for orientation.

## 2024 Vintage Rifle Matches

ORSA is once again planning a full slate of CMP vintage rifle matches for 2024. Vintage rifle matches include Garand, Springfield, Vintage Military, and Modern Military (GSVM) matches, an M1 Carbine match, and Vintage Sniper Rifle Team (VST) matches. The club has AR-15 and M1 Garand rifles, jackets, and gloves you may borrow. Ammo is available at the matches.

For 2024, the CMP has introduced at least one new rifle eligible for Modern Military and they have introduced a whole new class of rifles for VST. These rifles are original or replica rifles from the 1954 to 1976 time frame.

All matches are held at the Charlie Smart High Power Range. Match bulletins can be found at <https://orsarandp.com/>

### **GSVM Match schedule:**

1. 20 April, one match after the Highpower Rifle Clinic

2. 18-19 May, four matches over two days
3. 21 September, one match after the Highpower Rifle Clinic
4. 19-20 October, four matches over two days

### **VST Match schedule:**

1. 21 April
2. 22 September

### **M1 Carbine Match:**

1. 13 October

Vintage rifles rules (including all the eligible rifles) are found in the CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Competition Rules book at <https://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/>

Contact Kyle Kirschenmann with any questions you may have at [orsacmpgames@gmail.com](mailto:orsacmpgames@gmail.com)

## 2024 Rimfire Sporter Matches

Six CMP Games Rimfire Sporter matches are scheduled for 2024. What is Rimfire Sporter? A founding concept was to make this a match everyone could shoot by letting them use rimfire plinking and hunting rifles that many already own. The idea is to bring out your .22 rifle, have some fun, and work on your marksmanship skills. Most types of smallbore rifles can be used, whether they are semi-automatics or manually operated, with separate classes for telescopic and open-sighted rifles. Rimfire Sporter rifles are .22LR caliber and limited to 7.5 pounds (including sights and a magazine) and must have triggers that lift at least 3.0 pounds and must be configured as standard sporter rifles. No specialized shooting jackets or other performance-enhancing equipment is allowed. A sling and heavy glove are allowed. The club has target rifles with slings you may borrow. Ammo is available at the matches.

The Rimfire Sporter course of fire was modeled after the high-power rifle National Match Course. Three positions, prone, sitting or kneeling, and standing are used. The course includes both slow-fire and rapid-fire stages for each position. Rimfire Sporter matches are shot outdoors at 50 and 25 yards, and indoors using 50-foot reduced targets. Both indoor and outdoor matches are planned, depending on time

of year and range availability. Match bulletins can be found at <https://orsarandp.com/>

### **Match schedule:**

1. 28 January, Indoor Range
2. 25 February, indoors
3. 23 March, after Basic Rifle Clinic, indoors or outdoors at Competition Range
4. 24 March, indoors
5. 31 August, after Basic Rifle Clinic, outdoors
6. 13 October, after Carbine match, outdoors

More information (and a downloadable guide) about Rimfire Sporter can be found on the Civilian Marksmanship Website at <https://thecmp.org/competitions/matches/rimfire-sporter-2/>

Rimfire Sporter rules are found in the CMP Games Competition Rules book at <https://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/>

Contact Kyle Kirschenmann with any questions you may have at [orsacmpgames@gmail.com](mailto:orsacmpgames@gmail.com)

## Attention Black Powder Enthusiasts

The ORSA Black Powder season kicks off on Thursday April 4 at 4:00 pm on the competition range right across from the indoor range. We will continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month. We shoot black powder firearms – muzzleloaders, breechloaders, in line, and muskets, using a variety of targets and distances.

If you are an experienced black powder enthusiast or a complete

beginner, please come out and join us.

You can contact John Barone at 708-205-2799 or [jabclays@att.net](mailto:jabclays@att.net) for more information. John is also the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association Tennessee State Field Rep. If you would like to join or for more information on the NMLRA please contact John at above.

## Special Events Announcement

**Special Events in April, May and June that will close some Ranges.**

1. **Indoor Range closed for all day April 26th and 27th and until 2:00 on 28th for State Small Bore event.**
2. **Archery Range will be closed May 3rd, 4th, and 5th for Scout Troop camping and participation in archery, pistol and shotgun training.**
3. **ORSA-AIM Youth Trap Camp May 4th.**
4. **Interclub (members) Sporting Clays Shoot May 18th.**
5. **ORSA-NSSA Youth Skeet Camp June 4th and 5th.**

## • • • ACTION PISTOL NEWS • • •

- Access to the Action Pistol range for practice requires participants to attend an AP Orientation session. Classes are held monthly at the AP building.
- Due to limited seating and health restrictions Walk-ins are not allowed.
- Use the link below to register for the AP orientation class of your choice.

<https://practicore.com/clubs/oak-ridge-sportsman-association>

# Archery News

## It's Almost Time to Blow the Dust Off Your Bows and Get Ready For Summer!!

The time is almost here to start group shooting on Thursday nights. In order for this to happen work needs to be completed on the overall ranges. Our first work party will be held on April 13, 2024, at 8" AM. We will need to clean up shooting lanes of all brush, limbs, and other debris. If you don't have a chain saw, that is all right because we need brush pullers. There are more than enough tasks to be completed for all to help.

After cleaning the range, we will be setting out targets for weekly shoots. To maintain the course for everyone's use, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

PLEASE don't be the guy or gal that sits at home and lets someone else do the job for them.

Before work starts, we will have a short meeting to hear your concerns and go over safety issues that have come up during the last year. We all want to have fun shooting and not be worried about someone else's failure to follow safety protocols.

Again, I ask for all people that use the range to be proactive in its upkeep. It takes quite a bit of work to keep the range in shape so we can all be proud of OUR ARCHERY RANGE!

-Don Wood

## Competition Range

As a reminder, the Competition Range is designed for practice and competition for Bullseye Pistol, Rimfire Benchrest, Smallbore Prone (rimfire), NRL22, and the Blackpowder/muzzleloader style events. It is not intended to be used for general plinking, sighting in your handguns or shotguns, nor centerfire rifles. We continue to have members place targets on the ground, not in the provided target holders in the concrete runways and shoot handguns. This activity tends to have the bullets strike the concrete areas that were constructed to hold target frames and damage them. We are installing additional cameras to be able to identify the users creating this damage and you will be asked to attend

the BOD meeting and plead your case to maintain your membership. Its very unlikely you will receive any compassion from the BOD due to the rules specifically prohibiting this activity and you risk losing your membership privileges. There is no exception for the use of handguns on this range outside of Bullseye Pistol practice and competition.

Thanks,

**Tim French**

*President Rifle & Pistol*

## Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Highpower Rifle Clinic and CMP Games Match April 20 & September 21, 2024, 8:00 AM – ORSA Ed T. Johnson Indoor Range Facility

We will meet at ORSA's Ed T. Johnson Indoor Range Facility on April 20, 2024, and September 21, 2024. Attendance at a basic rifle clinic is required before attending a highpower rifle clinic, or prior marksmanship training and evidence of prior competitive experience. The purpose of the clinic is to refine basic marksmanship fundamentals learned in the basic clinic, particularly the use of the sling. ORSA will host and OPTIONAL CMP Games Match immediately afterwards.

ORSA will provide your choice of an AR-15 or M1 Garand, with ammo. With prior coordination, you may request to bring your own US Service Rifle (AR-15, M1-Garand, or M-1A and ammo) provided it meets current CMP rules. If you are permitted to bring your gear, cost is \$10.00. If you are using an ORSA rifle, ammo, and equipment; cost is \$40.00 for use of AR-15, \$50 for the use of M1 Garand.

ORSA will provide a bolt action 22LR rifle, with ammo. With prior coordination, you may request to bring your own 22LR rifle, typically a Ruger 10-22 is adequate. If you are permitted to bring your rifle and ammo, cost is \$10.00. If you are using an ORSA rifle, ammo, and equipment; cost is \$20.00.

### If you wish to participate, please read, and follow the instructions below.

RSVP to David Kiefer [orsaclinic@gmail.com](mailto:orsaclinic@gmail.com), Answer the following questions:

- What is your name, email address, and age?
- Are you furnishing your own rifle and ammo? If you are, provide details to ensure CMP compliance. (just google CMP Highpower Rules)
- Or, Will you need a club AR-15 (or M1)? (note, only club ammo may be fired in club rifles)
- Are you left-handed?
- Do you plan to attend the optional CMP Games Match Afterwards?
- You will then get a confirmation email which will have additional information.

Once have received your confirmation email you must notify us before Wednesday before the clinic if you cannot attend so others may take your spot.

If you do not provide a cancellation notice, your participation in future clinics will not be guaranteed.

### The Day of the Class:

- Schedule: Report to the ORSA Ed T. Johnson Indoor Range Facility at 8:00 AM Saturday.
- Firing will be complete by 4:00 PM.
- You will register, receive an introductory course of instruction and will be assigned a shooting relay and target number before being released to the high power range
- All firing will be conducted from the 200 Yard Line.
- Upon reporting to the firing line, you will be paired with a coach and fitted with a shooting jacket and glove.
- Upon reporting to the pits, you will learn target scoring procedures.

### Fees (Cash or check made out to ORSA):

- \$40.00 for AR-15 or \$50 for M1 Garand club rifle, ammo, and equipment
- \$10.00 if participant brings their own rifle, equipment and ammo
- Fee for the CMP Games Match is \$10.00 plus ammo if needed for club rifles, \$20.00 for AR-15 or \$40.00 for M1 Garand

### Range Requirements, Safety, and Comfort:

- Space is limited,
- Eye and Ear Protection are required on all ORSA ranges and must be furnished by participants.
- Dress for the weather predicted, include a hat and sunscreen. An inclement weather plan exists in the event of rain.
- **No Muzzle Brakes**, shooters and coaches are near each other on the firing line.
- **Bring plenty to drink, and a light lunch.**

# RF CLASSIFIEDS

## FOR PERSONAL SALE:

### 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: Zane at 865-724-3630

- American Rifle Company Nucleus Gen 2 action barreled with a Proof Research 24", 1.25" diameter 223 Remington barrel. Threaded 1/2-28, with barrel cerakoted burnt copper and including a magnum swap-in bolt face and extractor. 20 MOA rail. Asking \$2000 OBO.
- 1500 target 12 gauge shot shell wads, \$50 for all OBO.
- 6x 100 count bags of Winchester AA 12 gauge Red shot shells, \$10 per bag OBO.

#### Contact: Mark Knott at [mknott48@gmail.com](mailto:mknott48@gmail.com) ; I may be traveling internationally so please only contact by email.

- 5 "Spam Cans of Green HXP .30-06 ammo en bloc in 192 round unopened "spam cans". \$275 per can or all 5 cans for \$1200.

#### Contact: James at 865-661-0726 (call or text).

- Custom build Borden Model TPE 6PPC MM107 with Leupold Competition Series 40x45mm. 1 in 14 twist barrel, jewel-trigger, synthetic bench rest stock. Shoots a 6 PPC competition round from 220 Russian brass. Custom Borden reloading equipment included. Like new condition. \$4200.

#### Contact: Chris (Call/Text) 865-599-8714

- Remington 870 20 Ga. Youth shotgun. 18 inch barrel Unfired and like new. Pictures available if needed. \$400.
- 3000 (3 boxes) Remington # 9 1/2 Large Rifle Benchrest primers. \$300 (or \$100/box).
- 1000 (1 box) Remington # 7 1/2 Small Rifle Benchrest primers. \$100.
- Lake City 5.56 Nato unfired brass, 800 ct. \$200.

#### Contact: Randy Patterson (601) 720 – 2250 ; [jrprokudan@aol.com](mailto:jrprokudan@aol.com)

- M1 Garand – CMP Service Grade Rifle - Winchester Receiver Chambered in 30.06 – Date of Production May 1944 – includes period sling and 2 Imbolc clips. \$1300.
- Sig P-320C RPX with Red Dot sights – 9mm – includes chamber red dot adjustment round and 2 magazines. \$750.

#### Contact: Troy call or Text (865)742-0974

- Nightforce-NX8 2.5-20X50 F1 New in box. \$1600.
- Swarovski- Rangefinder LG. \$250.
- Leupold-VX2 4-12X40 Matt. \$250.
- Leupold-VX3 3.5X10X50 Gloss. \$350.
- Leupold-M8 Compact 4 Power Gloss. \$200.
- Leupold-M8 Compact 6 Power Gloss. \$200.
- Ruger-Single Six Stainless 6 inch barrel Made 1981 .22 LR only excellent condition. \$450.
- Remington 660 .243 Winchester like new condition. \$950.
- New England Firearms-Partner .410 great condition. \$200.
- Harrington and Richardson- Topper .410 Great condition. \$200.

#### Contact: Dale L. Crookshanks, 865-805-3142, [crookshanksdl@gmail.com](mailto:crookshanksdl@gmail.com) Call between 9am and 7pm Monday through Saturday. All items, cash only. Text for pictures, email for details on each weapon and several other items including SR primers. Picture ID and bill of sale required.

- Savage 110MDT LSS; 350 Legend, Burris 2x7x32mm ballistic plex scope, folding stock, 10rd, mag, accrue trigger, threaded 10.5" barrel. Like new. 81/2 boxes of ammo. 200 rounds of new unprimed brass, RCBS dies. Two boxes of Hornady bullets. Invested \$1,600. Asking \$1,095.
- Traditions Nitro Fire 50 caliber. Leupold 3x9x50mm. Tons of firesticks, bullets and primers. Sold as a package. Asking \$975.
- Ruger 44 Ma. 7" bbl. SS, \$700; KARH K40 NIB, 40 S&W, \$650. S & W Governor 2.5" bbl. 45ACP, 45LC, 410 2.5, NIB \$950, Springfield XDs, 45ACP, 3.3" bbl. NIB \$750. AA Arms, 9mm pistol, Model AP9, 33 rd. mag., \$725. Black Rain Ordnance, 308, loaded with Vortex extras. \$4,500. Century Arms AK 7;62 x 39. NIB, \$695. Some ammo included. AK 7;62 x 39, blond wood. New \$695. Includes some ammo. H&K VP9, 4-17rd mags, Vortex optics. Like new. \$750. AR Pistol, 10" bbl. Lazer. \$750. AR Upper, 300 Blackout. New. 350 rounds of ammo. \$715.



This month I'm highlighting two articles that should be of interest. The first concerns the gun control activists attacking the First Amendment rights of gun rights organizations and companies that sell firearms. This is clearly an end-around the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA). If the gun control organizations are successful, it will destroy the gun industry as well as any gun rights organization.

The second article is just another chapter on how the federal government is spying on U.S. citizens. There is ample evidence that anyone who opposes the stated positions of the government is categorized as a domestic terrorist. This article outlines the government's assault on the rights of those of us who purchase guns and ammo. The government's position is that if we advocate pro-gun rights, then we are violent extremists.

Be informed. Be prepared. Be advocates of our rights and freedoms. Be active with our elected representatives. Be a voter. And last but not least – be armed.

### **Does the Gun Industry Have First Amendment Rights?**

Gun control advocates are intent on destroying the First Amendment rights of the firearms community.

On November 3, the U.S. Supreme Court granted cert in *National Rifle Association of America v. Vullo*. In it, NRA alleges New York officials used their regulatory authority to target the organization to suppress its First Amendment-protected pro-Second Amendment advocacy. In April 2022, a trio of gun control groups filed a petition with the Federal Trade Commission claiming that any suggestion by the firearms industry that firearms provide protection to their owners or make their homes safer is tantamount to false advertising and should be curbed. In July 2022, California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) signed AB2571, which purports to ban all firearms-related advertising that a minor (those under the age of 18) might find attractive.

Further, gun control advocates have used dubious litigation to chill firearm industry speech. Multiple courts have endorsed the idea that the way in which a firearm is advertised can offer an end-run around the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA).

To remind readers, the PLCAA was enacted to codify a longstanding principle of tort law that gun control advocates sought to erode. U.S. tort law has long held that a person or entity cannot be held responsible for a third party's criminal acts. Simply put: people are responsible for their own behavior, not the behavior of others. Therefore, if a violent criminal acquires and misuses a firearm to commit a crime, it is the criminal who is liable for the conduct, not the company that produced the firearm. Just like how Chevrolet isn't responsible for the actions of drunk drivers.

Notably, the PLCAA does not protect the gun industry from suits where a manufacturer or seller's illegal conduct was the proximate cause of the injury giving rise to the suit. Anti-gun organizations have increasingly tried to pervert this straightforward exemption to effectively undo the entire PLCAA.

On January 22, a panel for the U.S. District Court of Appeals for the First Circuit revived a lawsuit brought by the Mexican government against prominent members of the U.S. firearms industry. In doing so, the court endorsed Mexico's allegation that members of the firearms industry "design and market their guns in such a way as to make them attractive to the illegal market, and that they benefit financially as a result," and that this would get plaintiffs around the PLCAA. In summarizing Mexico's claim, the opinion noted,

***Mexico alleges that defendants not only design their guns as military-grade weapons; they also market them as such. Defendants' marketing materials depict their weapons in use by or in proximity to military and law enforcement personnel and contain other references to military and law enforcement.***

Rather than demonstrating some sort of malice, that U.S. gun companies stress the suitability of their firearms for professional applications when marketing to law-abiding Americans makes perfect sense to anyone with even a passing understanding of the half of American households that own firearms or Second Amendment jurisprudence.

First, consider the reasons the military and law enforcement utilize firearms. The military (under the Department of DEFENSE) uses firearms to defend the country. Law enforcement uses firearms to protect and defend themselves and their communities. This might come as news to anti-gun bubble dwellers, but law-abiding Americans use guns for the exact same purposes.

As previously noted, a November 2023 NBC News national poll reported that "More than half of American voters -- 52% -- say they or someone in their household owns a gun." In June 2023, Pew Research Center asked gun owners about the reasons they own a firearm. Pew reported, "Nearly three-quarters of U.S. gun owners cite protection as a major reason they own a gun." 91-percent cited protection as a reason they own a gun.

The Crime Prevention Research Center's annual report "Concealed Carry Permit Holders Across the United States" showed that there are 21.8 million carry permit holders across the country. An analysis of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey data by Florida State University Professor Gary Kleck showed that Americans likely use guns defensively more than 1 million times per year. A 2021 survey conducted by Georgetown University Political Economist William English found that "guns are used defensively by firearms owners in approximately 1.67 million incidents per year."

Of course, law-abiding gun owners using firearms for some of the same reasons as the military and law enforcement isn't just popular, it's protected by the U.S. Constitution. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's opinion in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) made clear, "the inherent right of self-defense has been central to the Second Amendment right." In striking down the federal enclave's handgun ban, Scalia cited "the need for defense of self, family, and property." In *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022), the Court made clear that this right to armed defense extends beyond the home.

Second, to consider how absurd Mexico's argument is, think of advertising in different contexts. Advertising a firearm as meeting the qualities for professional service is like promoting that a given fire extinguisher is used by professional firefighters or a given toothpaste is recommended by dentists. Television, radio, print, and the internet are replete with ads touting products as "professional" or "commercial" grade.

Of course, law-abiding consumers may rationally be far more interested in professional quality in firearms, than a host of other goods. Defensive firearms need to be relied upon to function flawlessly in the worst moment of a person's life, with the difference being life or death. Gun owners know that the military and law enforcement rigorously test firearms before putting them into service and that continued performance in the field acts as an ongoing test. It is only rational that many law-abiding gun owners would want firearms that meet these high professional standards to protect what is most important to them – their lives, their families, and their communities.

It is indisputable that tens of millions of law-abiding Americans utilize firearms for some of the same purposes as the military and police and that this conduct is protected by the U.S. Constitution. Further, advertising products as meeting professional standards is ordinary marketing practice and makes perfect sense in the context of potentially life-saving tools like firearms. Therefore, it takes a perverse mind to conclude that firearms advertising stressing the professional application of firearms is actually aimed at some clique of foreign criminals (some of whom have the ability to source actual military hardware) rather than the tens upon tens of millions of law-abiding Americans who use firearms for self-defense.

In the context of government regulation, the U.S. Supreme Court has made clear that "commercial speech does not fall outside the purview of the First Amendment" (*Lorillard Tobacco Co. v. Reilly* (2001)). In doing so, the Court outlined a four-part test (*Central Hudson Gas & Elec. Corp. v. Public Service Commission of New York* (1980)) to determine whether a given restriction on commercial speech violates the First Amendment. (1) As long as the speech concerns lawful activity, (2) the government must assert a substantial state interest that is purportedly advanced by its regulation on speech, (3) the regulation must directly advance the asserted interest, and (4) the regulation must be narrowest means by which to serve the state interest.



In elaborating on the fourth part of the test in *Lorillard Tobacco Co. v. Reilly*, the Court explained, “a speech regulation cannot unduly impinge on the speaker’s ability to propose a commercial transaction and the adult listener’s opportunity to obtain information about products.” Clearly, anything restricting companies from advertising about the professional quality of their firearms would deprive law-abiding gun owners of the ability to obtain vital information about lawful products. Moreover, speech restrictions on firearm marketing is of a fundamentally different character than those placed on other products. The courts should level more scrutiny on efforts to restrict speech concerning Second Amendment-protected items than those that don’t enjoy such protection.

Sadly, it appears that the firearms community will once again be forced to vindicate its clear First and Second Amendment rights through costly litigation. Which, given gun controllers’ penchant for abusing the law and the courts, may well be the point.

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20240212/does-the-gun-industry-have-first-amendment-rights>

### **Feds Spied on Citizens, Likened Pro-Gun Positions with Violent Extremism**

Ammoland Inc. Posted on March 8, 2024 by Dave Workman

A special House Judiciary subcommittee has issued an alarming report that alleges federal law enforcement “commandeered financial institutions to spy on Americans” and used Merchant Category Codes (MCCs) “to search through transactions to detect potential criminals or ‘extremists.’”

According to the 56-page report’s Executive Summary, “These MCCs use keywords to comb through transactions, such as ‘small arms’ purchases or recreational stores such as ‘Cabela’s,’ ‘Bass Pro Shop,’ and ‘Dick’s Sporting Goods.’ Americans doing nothing other than shopping or exercising their Second Amendment rights were being tracked by financial institutions and federal law enforcement.”

*This was all done in the aftermath of the events at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, the report said.*

The report is dated March 6 and was issued by the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary and the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government.

Writing at the National Review, reporter James Lynch notes how the report says the FBI search “appears to have resulted in Bank of America sending the bureau a database of thousands of customers, with their financial information.” According to the House report, Bank of America (BoA) “declined to produce” documents requested by the Subcommittee for its investigation.

On **Page 21** of the subcommittee report, readers find this: “While BoA has refused to provide the Committee and Select Subcommittee with its ‘filing on the parameters’ it discussed and shared with the FBI, it is clear that the FBI was not interested in particularized criminal activity. Rather, the FBI cast a wide net with its search parameters and used BoA’s database to identify responsive accounts, creating a sprawling file of individuals whose financial accounts were flagged for federal law enforcement without any particularized allegation of engaging in federal criminal conduct. It is highly disturbing for any huge financial institution to comply with such a sweeping request from federal law enforcement and hand over its customers’ information without any legal process or regard for the privacy of its customers’ information.”

As Lynch writes in his National Review article, federal law enforcement agencies “lumped together conservative positions on guns and immigration with violent extremism in guidance given to financial institutions to help them monitor people’s transactions, a congressional investigation found.”

The timing for the Biden administration could not be worse because the report was issued on the eve of President Joe Biden’s “State of the Union” address.

*Biden, running for re-election in November, continues to push for a ban on so-called “assault weapons,” and as the Second Amendment Foundation has repeatedly revealed through a string of advertising messages, he also wants to ban the sale of 9mm pistols.*

Gun owners, whether they are recreational shooters, hunters, competitors or a combination of those pursuits, purchase firearms

under the protection of the Second Amendment and right-to-bear-arms provisions in most state constitutions. But on **Page 6** of the subcommittee report is a paragraph which could give these citizens reason to alter their buying habits, or at least how they pay their bills.

“The emergence of credit cards, mobile banking, and other digital marketplaces have resulted in an unprecedented amount of private data entrusted to financial institutions, potentially revealing all sorts of sensitive information about a customer,” the report states. “For that reason, financial records have become an important investigative tool for federal law enforcement. Still, federal law enforcement’s interest in financial records must be weighed against the privacy interests of Americans. Without greater oversight and the necessary legislative reforms reflecting the advances in modern-day banking practices, Americans’ private financial data is still vulnerable to the shortcomings of an outdated legal framework and pervasive government surveillance.”

*So much for the argument from many gun rights activists that it is none of the government’s business what they own. However, this does reinforce the notion that gun and ammunition purchases should be cash only, as many gun owners suggest.*

As noted on **Page 36** of the report—the final page before the Appendix—“As this investigation continues, the Committee on the Judiciary and the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government will continue to conduct oversight of the state of financial surveillance, targeting, and the vulnerabilities of Americans’ data. Secret information-sharing portals and backchannel discussions outside the normal course of legal process pose serious risks to the nation. Larger questions remain regarding how the information shared between federal law enforcement and financial institutions was acted upon, and the ongoing extent of the financial surveillance. The Committee on the Judiciary and the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government remain committed to answering those questions and upholding the civil liberties of Americans.”

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## April 2024

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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|   | <b>1</b><br>LR Practice<br><br>Small Bore 7-9                            | <b>2</b><br>HP Practice<br>Trap 10-1<br>Pistol League ID 4pm<br><br>ID 1-3               | <b>3</b><br>HP Practice<br>Skeet 10-1<br><b>ORSA Brd. Mtg. 6:30 CH</b><br><br>SB Practice 4pm ID  | <b>4</b><br>LR Pract. 9-12<br>HP Pract.12-dusk<br>Black Powder CR 4pm<br>Skeet League 4 pm<br>ID 1-3 | <b>5</b><br>HP Practice<br>S 10-1, SC 1-4                                | <b>6</b> ID 12-4<br>S&T 10-4,SC 9-3<br>NRL22 9am CR<br>IDPA 9 am AP<br>Indoor Air League10-12 ID<br>CMP XTC 80 shot HP                                       |
| <b>7</b><br>S&T 12-4, SC 1-4<br>CMP EIC HP<br><br>ID 2-4  | <b>8</b><br>LR Practice<br><br>Small Bore 7-9                            | <b>9</b><br>HP Practice<br>Trap 10-1<br>Cowboys 9am AP<br>Pistol League ID 4pm<br>ID 1-3 | <b>10</b><br>HP Practice<br>Skeet 10-1<br><br>SB Practice 4pm ID                                  | <b>11</b><br>LR Pract. 9-12<br>HP Pract.12-dusk<br>Skeet League 4 pm<br>ID 1-3                       | <b>12</b><br>HP Practice<br>S 10-1, SC 1-4                               | <b>13</b> CH res.pvt party 11-3<br>S&T 10-4,SC 9-3<br>Cowboys 9:30 am AP<br>SB 1600 prone CR<br>LR NRA 1000 yard HP<br>ID 12-4 / <b>Archery work day 8</b>   |
| <b>14</b><br>S&T 12-4, SC 1-4<br>LR NRA 1000 yard HP<br><br>ID 2-4                                      | <b>15</b><br>LR Practice<br><br>Small Bore 7-9                           | <b>16</b><br>HP Practice<br>Trap 10-1<br>Pistol League ID 4pm<br>ID 1-3                  | <b>17</b><br>HP Practice<br>Skeet 10-1<br><b>ORSA Orient. 5-9 pm CH</b><br><br>SB Practice 4pm ID | <b>18</b><br>LR Pract. 9-12<br>HP Pract.12-dusk<br>Skeet League 4 pm<br>ID 1-3                       | <b>19</b><br>HP Practice<br>S 10-1, SC 1-4<br>Vtg Spring/Rook 12-dusk CR | <b>20</b> CH Res. for wedding event<br>S&T 10-4,SC 9-3<br>USPSA 10:am AP<br>Inddor Air League 10:30-12<br>HP clinic/Garand ID/HP<br>Vtg Sporting/Rook 9-1 CR |
| <b>21</b><br>S&T 12-4, SC 1-4<br>CMP VST HP<br><br>ID 2-4   | <b>22</b><br>LR Practice<br><br>Small Bore 7-9                           | <b>23</b><br>HP Practice<br>Trap 10-1<br>Pistol League ID 4pm<br>ID 1-3                  | <b>24</b><br>HP Practice<br>Skeet 10-1<br><br>SB Practice 4pm ID                                  | <b>25</b><br>LR Pract. 9-12<br>HP Pract.12-dusk<br>Skeet league 4 pm<br>ID 1-3                       | <b>26</b><br>HP Practice<br>S 10-1, SC 1-4<br><br>ID closed for match    | <b>27</b><br>S&T 10-4,SC 9-3<br>MultiGun/3-Gun 10 am AP<br>Steel Chall. 9 am AP<br>SB TN State CR<br>ID closed for match                                     |
| <b>28</b><br>S&T 12-4, SC 1-4<br>Steel Chall.9am AP<br>SB TN State CR<br>ID closed until 2:00<br>ID 2-4 | <b>29</b><br>LR Practice<br><br>AP Brd Mtg. 6:30 pm AP<br>Small Bore 7-9 | <b>30</b><br>HP Practice<br>Trap 10-1<br>Pistol League ID 4pm<br>ID 1-3                  | Notes:<br>ID-Indoor Range<br>HP-High Power<br>LR-Long Range<br>SB-Small Bore<br>RF-Rim Fire       | S&T-Skeet & Trap<br>SC-Sporting Clays<br>CR-Competition Range<br>AP- Action Pistol<br>CH- Club House |  | rev.24.02.12   |

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|  | ID-Indoor Range<br>HP-High Power<br>LR-Long Range<br>SB-Small Bore<br>RF-Rim Fire | S&T-Skeet & Trap<br>SC-Sporting Clays<br>CR-Copetition Range<br>AP-Action Pistol<br>CH-Club House | <b>1</b><br>HP Practice<br>Skeet 10-1<br><b>ORSA Brd Mtg 6:30 pm</b><br><br>SB practice 4 pm ID | <b>2</b><br>LR Practice 9-12<br>HP Practice 12-dusk<br>Black Powder CR 4pm<br>Skeet League 4 pm<br>ID 1-3 | <b>3</b><br>HP Practice<br>S 10-1, SC 1-4<br><br><b>Archery R closed May 3-5</b> | <b>4</b> ID 12-4, Archery R closed<br>S&T 10-4, SC 9-3, YouthTrap<br>NRL22 9am CR<br>IDPA 9am AP<br>Indoor Air League 10-12 ID<br>CMP XTC 80 shot HP |
| <b>5</b><br>S&T12-4, SC 1-4<br>3x600 9 am HP<br>CH reserved for event 12-7<br>Archery Range closed<br>ID 2-4 | <b>6</b><br>LR Practice<br><br>Small Bore 7-9                                     | <b>7</b><br>HP Practice<br>Trap10-1<br>Cowboys 9am AP<br>Pistol League 4pm ID<br>ID 1-3           | <b>8</b><br>HP Practice<br>Skeet 10-1<br><br>SB practice 4 pm ID                                | <b>9</b><br>LR Practice 9-12<br>HP Practice 12-dusk<br>Skeet League 4 pm<br>ID 1-3                        | <b>10</b><br>HP Practice<br>S 10-1, SC 1-4                                       | <b>11</b><br>S&T 10-4, SC 9-3<br>Cowboys 9:30 am AP<br>LR NRA 1000yd HP<br><br>ID 12-4   |
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| <b>19</b><br>S&T 12-4, SC 1-4<br>CMP GSVM HP<br><br>ID 2-4   | <b>20</b><br>LR-Long Range<br><br>Small Bore 7-9                                  | <b>21</b><br>HP Practice<br>Trap10-1<br><br>Pistol League 4pm ID<br>ID 1-3                        | <b>22</b><br>HP Practice<br>Skeet 10-1<br><br>SB practice 4 pm ID                               | <b>23</b><br>LR Practice 9-12<br>HP Practice 12-dusk<br>Skeet League 4 pm<br>ID 1-3                       | <b>24</b><br>HP Practice<br>S 10-1, SC 1-4                                       | <b>25</b><br>S&T 10-4, SC 9-3<br>MultiGun/#-gun 10 am AP<br>Steel Chall. 9 am AP<br><br>ID 12-4  |
| <b>26</b><br>S&T 12-4, SC 1-4<br>Steel Chall. 9 am AP<br><br>ID 2-4  | <b>27</b><br>LR-Long Range<br><br>AP Btd Mtg 6:30 AP Bld.<br>Small Bore 7-9       | <b>28</b><br>HP Practice<br>Trap10-1<br><br>Pistol League 4pm ID<br>ID 1-3                        | <b>29</b><br>HP Practice<br>Skeet 10-1<br><br>SB practice 4 pm ID                               | <b>30</b><br>LR Practice 9-12<br>HP Practice 12-dusk<br>Skeet League 4 pm<br>ID 1-3                       | <b>31</b><br>HP Practice<br>S 10-1, SC 1-4<br>Regional Team XTC HP               | Notes:<br><br>rev. 24.03.18  |



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