



# THE RANGEFINDER

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The current membership roles are at 1505+ members

Please remember that when using any of the ORSA Ranges safety should be your #1 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 & EAR protection regardless of whether you are shooting or just watching.

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## ORSA Membership Reminders

Bob Harrison

Renewals should have been in prior to Dec 31st. This should not have been a big surprise for anyone as this happens every year. Gate access cards for 2009 members were officially turned off on Jan 10th for all members whose renewals were not received. The timing on how renewals are processed will change going forward. All of the volunteers involved with the membership department activities have FULL TIME jobs so the ORSA P.O. Box will only be checked weekly. In turn the gate system will also be updated only once per week. This means a late renewal could delay your card being reactivated for 2+ weeks depending on the date it arrives at the PO Box. If you are wondering if your renewal was received and your card is OK, the fact that you are receiving this February Issue of the Rangefinder indicates that your renewal was received and processed by January 10th. Additionally you should check with your bank to see if your check has cleared. We are human and are dealing with 1500+ renewals, mistakes & delays will happen.

If you do experience any problems accessing the property with your gate card please contact me by email at [orsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:orsamembership@gmail.com) and we will get any issues corrected. Please include the following information in the body of your email: Your name, contact phone number and your badge number. Please include the date and time you attempted to unsuccessfully access the ORSA property along with a brief description of what you attempted to do.

Also please remember that your gate card is a permanent membership card to do not discard or destroy if you plan to renew your ORSA membership. You will be charged a fee to replace a lost card. Please remember to direct new members to the ORSA website at [joinorsa.org](http://joinorsa.org)

Thanks for your patience and understanding.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM CHANGES

The overall ORSA membership application has been updated, changed & reformatted. If you have **old** copies of the application please destroy them, these old applications will not be acceptable for new or renewing applicants going forward. So please use **only** the newest version of the ORSA membership application. It is available in PDF format on the website ([joinorsa.org](http://joinorsa.org)) and on paper at various locations around the club. Please contact me (Bob Harrison) via email at [orsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:orsamembership@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Polar Bear Skeet League. The January orientation meeting which was originally scheduled for Sunday the 17th has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 21 at 6:30pm in the ORSA clubhouse.

All prospective applicants are added to the mailing list as soon as your application is picked up at the PO Box. If you (as a new applicant) are reading this Rangefinder this does not mean that your membership has completed the membership cycle. The ORSA membership approval process can take 7-10 weeks from the date that the applicant is picked up at the PO Box.

As a prospective/new ORSA member you will be contacted about attending orientation once your application has been approved by the ORSA board. Please do not attend orientation unless someone from the membership department has contacted you via email or phone stating that you are ELIGIBLE to attend orientation. Attending orientation prior to being an approved member will NOT grant you access to the ORSA property any sooner.

Membership Orientation sessions will be transitioning away from the 3rd Sunday of the month. Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the ORSA clubhouse has become rather popular during this past calendar year. Orientation Sessions are currently being planned for February 25th, March 25th, and April 22nd. Please stay tuned for more information. As always you may contact me at [orsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:orsamembership@gmail.com) if you have any questions regarding the status of your membership.

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## Right to Keep and Bear Arms

Richard L. Stouder

In the last year the purpose of this column has been to raise issues concerning one of our most basic rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the all-out assault on those rights by those who favor total government control of our lives. The gun control lobby is now in power in both houses of Congress and the White House. The vast majority of Americans support the Second Amendment rights but it is only through knowledge, vigilance, action and accountability of our elected representatives that we can keep these rights and freedoms. Throughout this last year I have highlighted many of the attacks on these freedoms whether they be by legislation, policy, legal actions, or persons in Congress and the government. I have also encouraged you to investigate these issues yourself in order for you to be better informed, for one of the duties of a citizen in democracy is to be knowledgeable of the issues. It is only through this knowledge that you can form your own opinions and decide what action you must take. Another responsibility that we have is to make our voice heard by our elected representatives so that they can appropriately represent us in their votes on legislation. Lastly we then have to hold our elected representative accountable for their votes. I'd now like to highlight some of the issues that affect our rights to keep and bear arms.

I've written about the United Nations "Small Arms Treaty" and its threat to our gun rights. Our Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, representing the Obama Administration, has committed the U.S. to this treaty in principle. It is nothing more than a massive, global gun control scheme. The idea of this treaty has been around for some time but went nowhere because the Bush Administration refused to even discuss it. Previous versions of this treaty included things like:

- Enacting tougher licensing requirements making it much tougher for citizens to own a firearm legally
- Confiscation and destruction of all "unauthorized" civilian firearms
- Banning the trade, sale and private ownership of all semi-automatic weapons
- Creation of an international gun registry which could facilitate full-scale gun confiscation

The UN global government activists know that as long as Americans remain free to own weapons, they will be an obstacle to government control and the global government dream of worldwide oppressive power.

Then there is H.R. 45, Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009. This insidious bill prohibits: (1) transferring a firearm to any person other than a licensee, unless the transfer is processed through a licensed dealer in accordance with national instant criminal background check system requirements, with exceptions; (2) a licensed manufacturer or dealer from failing to comply with reporting and record keeping requirements of this Act; (3) failing to report the loss or theft of the firearm to the Attorney General within 72 hours; (4) failing to report to the Attorney General an address change within 60 days; or (5) keeping a loaded firearm, or an unloaded firearm and ammunition for the firearm, knowingly or recklessly disregarding the risk that a child is capable of gaining access, if a child uses the firearm and causes death or serious bodily injury; (6) requires citizens to pass a written exam prior to purchase of a firearm; (7) requires the release of medical records to the federal government to determine "fitness" to own a firearm; (8) establishes a two-day waiting period for gun purchases; and (9) mandates a payment of \$25 (or more) gun tax on all gun purchases. It also prescribes criminal penalties for violations of firearms provisions covered by this Act. Additionally it directs the Attorney General to: (1) establish and maintain a firearm injury information clearinghouse; (2) conduct continuing studies and investigations of firearm-related deaths and injuries; and (3) collect and maintain current production and sales figures of each licensed manufacturer. Finally it authorizes the Attorney General to certify state firearm licensing or record of sale systems.

There has been some internet traffic about a bill, S.B 2099, that would supposedly require you to report all your guns on your income tax return every April 15. This is just false. Nine years ago there was a Senate bill authored by Senator Jack Reed (D-R.I.) that would have indeed taxed firearms under the National Firearms Act's tax and registration provisions. This bill never saw the light of day outside of a committee.

McDonald v. City of Chicago will be heard by the Supreme Court on March 2, 2010. This case was filed after the District of Columbia v. Heller, in which the Supreme Court upheld the Second Amendment as an individual right and invalidated the District of Columbia's ban on possession and ownership of handguns. The D.C law thus made home self-defense a crime. The Heller decision was a tremendous victory for freedom and rights for Americans. The foes of gun rights have maintained that the Heller decision only applies to the District of Columbia, a view shared by the latest member of the Supreme Court, Judge Sotomayor. Pro-gun rights advocates maintain that the Second Amendments applies to state and local governments through the Fourteenth Amendment. Briefs have been filed with an overwhelmingly bipartisan majority of members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, a large bipartisan group of state legislators and more than 75% of state attorneys general.

The enemies of gun rights never miss an opportunity to push their agenda. New York City Mayor Bloomberg and his anti-gun group, Mayors Against Illegal Guns (of which our own Mayor of Oak Ridge is a member), quickly followed the terrorist act at Ft Hood by alleging that this tragedy could have been prevented by changes in federal gun laws. Bloomberg says that the federal law requiring the FBI to purge the NICS system of records of gun purchases had not been in place than the terrorist shooter could have been caught. This is just stupid on so many levels.

So as I said in the introduction, we need to be knowledgeable of the threats to our rights and freedoms. We need to know who the enemy of these rights and freedoms is. We need to voice our beliefs in the rights and freedoms to our elected representatives. And we need to watch keep track of our representative's votes on the issues that impact our rights and freedoms and then hold them accountable.

## ORSA ACTIVITIES – February and March 2010

| S   | M  | T   | W   | T  | F                                    | S  |                |
|---|--|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| January 31<br>Skeet League  | <b>February 1</b><br>Long Range Practice 2:30 PM<br>1000 yards HP<br><br><b>SB Class 7 - 9 PM ID</b> | 2<br>HP Practice Noon<br><b>JOAD 4 - 6 PM ID</b><br><br>Pistol League ID 6 - 8 PM                               | 3<br>HP Practice Noon<br><b>SB Practice 5-9 PM ID</b><br><br>R & P 6:30 PM<br><b>ORSA Board 7:30 PM</b> | 4<br>HP Practice Noon<br><b>JOAD 4- 6 PM ID</b><br><br>Archery 6-9 PM ID                         | 5<br><br>HP Practice 9 AM<br>All Day | 6<br><br>Skeet & Trap<br>Skeet Field 9 AM - 4:00 PM<br><br><b>IDPA 10 AM</b>   |                |
| 7<br>Skeet League   | 8<br>Long Range Practice<br><br><b>SB Class</b>  | 9<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>JOAD</b><br><br>Pistol League  | 10<br>HP Practice Noon<br>600 yards<br><br><b>SB Practice 5-9 PM ID</b>                                 | 11<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>JOAD</b><br><br>Archery  | 12<br><br>HP Practice                | 13<br><br>Cowboy Action Match 8:30 AM AP<br><br><b>Skeet &amp; Trap</b>  |                |
| 14<br>Skeet League  | 15<br>Long Range Practice<br><br><b>SB Class</b>   | 16<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>JOAD</b><br><br>Pistol League   | 17<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>Smallbore Practice</b>  | 18<br>HP Practice<br><br>JOAD<br><br><b>Archery</b>  | 19<br><br>HP Practice                | 20<br><br>Skeet & Trap<br><br><b>USPDA Action Pistol</b>   |                |
| 21<br>3 Gun Match AP 1 PM<br>Practice 10 AM<br><br>Skeet League                                       | 22<br>Long Range Practice<br><br><b>SB Class</b>   | 23<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>JOAD</b><br><br>Pistol League   | 24<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>Smallbore Practice</b>  | 25<br>HP Practice<br>JOAD<br><b>Archery</b><br><br><b>New Member Orientation 6:30 PM CH</b>      | 26<br><br>HP Practice                | 27<br>CMP/DCM Service Rifle Clinic<br>HP & CH 8:00 AM<br><br><b>Skeet &amp; Trap</b><br><br>Steel Challenge AP 10 AM       |                |
| February 28<br>Skeet League   | <b>March 1</b><br>Long Range Practice 2:30 PM<br>1000 yards HP<br><br><b>SB Class 7 -9 PM ID</b>     | 2<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>JOAD 4- 6 PM ID</b><br><br>Pistol League ID 6 – 8 PM                                 | 3<br>HP Practice Noon<br><b>SB Practice 5-9 PM ID</b><br><br>R & P 6:30 PM<br><b>ORSA Board 7:30 PM</b> | 4<br>HP Practice Noon<br><b>JOAD 4 - 6 PM ID</b><br><br>Archery 6-9 PM ID                        | 5<br><br>HP Practice 9 AM<br>All Day | 6<br><br>Skeet & Trap<br>Skeet Field 9 AM - 4:00 PM<br><b>IDPA - AP Range 10 AM</b><br>NRA HP 800 Point Match 8 AM CH & HP |                |
| 7<br>NRA HP 500 Point Match HP & CH 10 AM<br><br>Skeet League   | 8<br>Long Range Practice<br><br><b>SB Class</b>  | 9<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>JOAD</b><br><br>Pistol League  | 10<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>Smallbore Practice</b>  | 11<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>JOAD</b><br><br>Archery  | 12<br><br>HP Practice                | 13<br>Cowboy Action Match 8:30 AM AP<br><br><b>Skeet &amp; Trap</b><br><br>NRA LR Match HP 9 AM                            |                |
| 14<br>NRA MR Match HP 10 AM<br><br>Skeet & Trap   | 15<br>Long Range Practice<br><br><b>SB Class</b>   | 16<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>JOAD</b><br><br>Pistol League   | 17<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>Smallbore Practice</b>  | 18<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>JOAD</b><br><br>Smallbore League CR 4 PM to sunset<br><b>Archery</b> | 19<br><br>HP Practice                | 20<br>CMP/DCM Service Rifle Clinic 8 AM CH & HP<br><br><b>Skeet &amp; Trap</b><br>USPSA Match 10AM<br>Action Pistol Range  |                |
| 21<br>Muzzle Loaders HP & CH All Day<br><b>3 Gun Match AP 1 PM Practice 10 AM</b><br><br>Skeet & Trap | 22<br>Long Range Practice<br><br><b>SB Class</b><br><br>Muzzle Loaders HP & CH All Day               | 23<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>JOAD</b><br><br>Pistol League   | 24<br>HP Practice<br><br><b>Smallbore Practice</b>  | 25<br>HP Practice<br><b>JOAD Archery</b><br><br>New Member Orientation 6:30 P CH                 | 26<br><br><b>HP Practice</b>         | 27<br>CMP Games M1 Garand CH & HP 8AM<br><br><b>Skeet &amp; Trap</b><br><br>Steel Challenge AP 10 AM                       |                |
| 28<br>CMP Games M1 Carbine Match 10 AM CH & HP<br><br>Skeet & Trap                                    | 29<br>Long Range Practice<br><br><b>SB Class</b>   | 30<br>HP Practice<br><b>JOAD</b><br><br>Pistol League<br><b>Action Pistol Club Meeting 7 PM Gander Mountain</b> | 31<br>HP Practice<br><b>Smallbore Practice</b><br>Mater Site Plan Meeting 7:30 PM CH                    | <b>April 1</b><br>HP Practice<br><br><b>JOAD</b><br><br>SB League Archery                        | 2<br><br>HP Practice                 | 3<br>NRA HP Match (800 pt) 8 AM CH & HP<br><br><b>Skeet &amp; Trap</b>   |                |
| S   | M  | T   | W   | T  | F                                    | S  |                |
| S & T - Skeet & Trap  | SB - Smallbore   | HP - Highpower  | AP – Action Pistol  | JOAD – JR Olympic Archery Dev  | ID – Indoor Range                    | CR - Competition Range   | CH - Clubhouse |



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