



# THE RANGEFINDER

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The current membership count is approximately 2800+ 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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## News from Skeet and Trap

Tuesday and Thursday night skeet leagues are continuing and Tuesday registered trap shoots are scheduled through December.

The Homecoming Skeet Tournament was a success with 18 shooters.

On October 31, the Skeet & Trap Club hosted an event which started some East Tennessee Youth on an Olympic Journey. 36 Athletes from 7 different East Tennessee teams, ages 10 through 20 participated in the 2nd Wobble Trap Shoot to Simulate International Bunker, which the athletes will shoot at the Tennessee Junior Olympics in Paris, Tennessee next April.



With very limited access to International Trap (Bunker) fields, Wobble trap is used to simulate the much tougher Olympic discipline. Targets are much faster, with a much wider spread than traditional (American) trap. Athletes' skills are challenged as they change positions between each target. Finally, unlike American trap, 2 shots are allowed at each target. The Skeet and Trap Club provided referees, scorers and officials. The winners were awarded bags from Boyt Harness and Bob Allen Tactical. The ORSA Board of Directors funded the prizes with a \$500 donation. In addition, TNYESS (Tennessee Youth Education for Shooting Sports) provided \$15,000 in scholarship monies. This funding

was awarded into the winning teams Midway USA Foundation Endowment Account.

The day began with a presentation of colors by West High ROTC in an opening ceremony with invocation and our National Anthem. Competitors fired 4 rounds of 25 targets on alternating fields, plus finals for the top 6 in men's and women's divisions.

After two rounds the competitors stopped for lunch, and then it was back to the competition. When the scorecards were tallied, shoot-offs were conducted to get into the finals. Finals consist of 15 targets and that score was added to preliminary for HOA. Medals were awarded for placement in the finals. Shooting bags and scholarships were awarded on results of total scores. HOA male was 98 (out of 115) and HOA female was 89 (out of 115).



The event was a success, evidenced by great turnout, high scores and the number of athletes who were exposed to the International style game. Several indicated they would like to pursue this challenging discipline, and intend on heading to Paris to represent East Tennessee. Parents, coaches and athletes all had high praise for the grounds,



members, hospitality and the facility we enjoy at ORSA. A number of athletes (about 12) who are part of the ORSA family participated and some came away with awards.

Thanks to ORSA and the member volunteers who donated their time and effort in scoring, cooking, loading machines, officiating and in general the support of our young athletes and future sportsmen (Olympians?).



*ORSA Trap and Skeet*

**Request for Bids**

The following request for bids was recently placed in the Oak Ridger and the Knoxville News-Sentinel. As indicated, the specifications and scope of work appear online and bids must be submitted in writing no later than January 1, 2016.

*The Oak Ridge Sportsmen’s Association is seeking bids for mowing, trimming, pruning, mulching, weeding, and other grounds keeping services for March 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017. Contractor must be appropriately licensed, bonded, and insured.*

*Located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the club property includes a number of shooting ranges, a clubhouse, and other facilities. The main entrance gate to the property is located at 2665 Oak Ridge Turnpike. The entry gates require entrance codes. For additional information, or to arrange for a guided viewing of the property, please contact Wayne Porter, [kwporter53@att.net](mailto:kwporter53@att.net) or text to 865-740-1293, or Tobias Albrecht [treysclaysinc@earthlink.net](mailto:treysclaysinc@earthlink.net) or 865-805-1187.*

Specifications, scope of work, and an aerial photograph may be found online at [www.orsaonline.org/groundspecs.pdf](http://www.orsaonline.org/groundspecs.pdf).

**Toys for Tots Match at Action Pistol**

ORSA hosted our 9th Annual Toys for Tots Pistol Match on 31 October and between the great weather; challenging, fun and bewitching stages; great Range Officers; generous sponsors; warm lunch with 190 devilled eggs; and enthusiastic competitors, it was our best match. The stages are always creative and varied, and this year included Hordes of Steel, a Host of Ghosts, and a swarm of Zombies. Among our great sponsors, Craig’s Firearms, and WaltherArms USA donated firearms; Hogue Grips and Springfield Armory donated gifts for each competitor’s

goody bag. Numerous other sponsors, including CRKT Knives, BBI Bullets, Bayou Bullets, Patriot Training Academy, DK Triggers, Guardian Armory, MasterTac Holsters, Outback Steakhouse, Carrabas, and Applebees all helped create a mouthwatering prize table. Six handguns were given away using the Lewis System so that competitors finishing as deep as 39th, 40th, 78th and 79th picked guns off the prize table. Tyler Ingram claimed First Place, taking the title by an impressive margin in light of the stellar competition he faced, including numerous Master and Grand Masters.

While everybody enjoyed the match, the match was an even greater success with the large quantity of toys donated by the generous shooters for the Toys for Tots Program. Seeing the mountain of toys brought a smile to everyone's face. Next year's match will be on 29 October.

Be sure to mark it down on your calendar so you won't miss out on the fun next year!

*Mark Levy*

### **Civilian Marksmanship Program and NRA Highpower Rifle News**

The ORSA Highpower Rifle shooters have had a jam-packed schedule since returning from Camp Perry. The long rest was appreciated, but we were ready to get back on the range again. Here are some highlights.

#### NRA Across the Course & Civilian Marksmanship Program Excellence in Competition Matches

We started with an 80 – Shot NRA match on September 5th, won by Neil Frenzl, High Master, with a 786-28X shooting a match rifle, and Mark Prince was first Master with a 774-21, shot with a service rifle. Then on September 20th we held a Civilian Marksmanship Program Excellence in Competition match. Michael Glasman shot a 470-6X which placed him in position to win his final six-point leg to earn the coveted Distinguished Rifleman Badge, the highest marksmanship award authorized by the US Government for military and civilian competitors. Competition is stiff in these matches as competitors are limited by the number of matches they may shoot in a calendar year to earn points, and shooters are not allowed sighting shots as permitted in NRA matches. Mike will be awarded badge number 2262; badge numbering started 112 years ago.

#### New Shooter Clinic 17 October

Twenty-Six new shooters took part in the October Clinic. These were the first shooters to take advantage of the new AR-15 rifles (as well as the clubs M1 Garands), shooting coats, spotting scopes, ammunition, and other equipment provided by ORSA Rifle and Pistol. Shooters were provided a safety and operational briefing before being paired up with experienced high power shooters for on-the-range coaching. The clinic was a great success, with some shooters returning the next week to shoot CMP Games events on 24 October.

#### CMP Games 24-25 October

On 24 October, 12 shooters completed 33 CMP matches. The 30 round course of fire was shot up to three times; with shooters using up to three different rifles. The M1 Garand match was won by Kyle Kirschenmann, shooting a CMP Gold Award 280-1X. John Chubb also earned a Silver Award with a 275-1X. The Vintage Military Rifle match is shot with foreign bolt-action rifles, including Swiss K-31, Mosin-Nagant M-39, Swedish Mausers, and US M1917. John Chubb took the win in VMR with a Gold Award score of 286-8X. Kyle Kirschenmann also won a Gold Award with 282-2X. Both shooters were using the Swiss K-31 and issue GP-11 ammo (you need one too!). The Springfield match is shot using either the US M1903, M1903 Mark I, or M1903A3. Robert Taylor took the win in the Springfield match with a CMP Bronze Award score of 273-3X. The Three-gun aggregate was won by John Chubb with a score of 829-12X. Special shout-out to Jaymore Emmanuel who shot his very first CMP match using all borrowed equipment (and M1 rifle) and fired a very respectable 242!

On 25 October, 10 shooters comprising 5 teams braved the weather forecast (just like for the first Sniper Match) and competed in just the second Vintage Sniper Team Match at ORSA. The VST match is shot with 1953 and earlier original or replica scoped military sniper rifles (the CMP has a very specific list). The replica Remington M1903A4 was very popular, but a Swedish M41 and a Russian M1891/30 Mosin-Nagant (all original!) also competed. The match was close, with the top four teams separated by 10 points. The win went to Robert Taylor

and John Lewis with a Bronze Award score of 369-5X. The other teams were: John Chubb and Chad Cleland; Kyle Kirschenmann and Jerry Zorsch; Gary Miller and David Prince; and David Keiffer and Bill Arnett.

If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Kirschenmann at [kkmann64@gmail.com](mailto:kkmann64@gmail.com) or Michael Glasman at [orsatime@tds.net](mailto:orsatime@tds.net). We hope to see you at the next CMP Games events which will be November 14th (GSM) and 15th (VST).

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### **From Where I Sit**

Serving in various positions over the years here at ORSA, I have had the privilege of observing our club evolve into a truly outstanding facility offering many excellent venues. Some disciplines have come and gone and resurfaced with renewed interest. Some, sadly, have not, but that is shooting and the shooting sports. I wish to inform you, the ORSA membership family, that ORSA has never been in a better position with regards to membership levels, venues offered, finances, and standing within the community. Having read many volumes of our old Rangefinders and ORSA Board minutes, I can assure the reader this was not always the case. Like any club or organization, there have been cycles of ups and downs, feast and famine. But because of how we came to be, the efforts and dedication of earlier stalwart members, as well as the work of our Board, we are enjoying one of the very best times to be an ORSA member. Recently, on a buying trip to Texas, I was sitting across from the elder seller and he told me of a particular instance, moment if you will, in his life that had set him on what from any reasonable man's observation was a very successful path. He wanted to fly, and after securing a job and income that had allowed him to secure his private pilot's license, he then heard Peggy Lee singing "Is That All There Is" on his truck radio. He said it struck him at that moment while he had indeed achieved his childhood dream of one day flying, was that all there was? He decided right then and there it was not, and straight away went on to secure his commercial license, and by those diligent efforts became a well compensated commercial pilot. To me and many on the ORSA Board of Directors, that same drive must be in the backs of our minds. Larry McNamee has endeavored to bring our Skeet and Trap facilities and the grounds surrounding the clubhouse up to a new standard of appearance. Mike Glasman has reinvigorated the Rifle and the Indoor Range. Mike Madden's efforts, along with those of his sub club directors, has made Action Pistol a desirable and must attend destination. Don Wood has upgraded your Archery facility to accommodate everyday archers as well as an Olympic hopeful. Jody and Jerry Zorsch have been persistent in training the membership in not only handgun carry but Range Safety Officer Certifications, and Hunter Safety Courses. Ed Johnson and Duke Fleming continue to teach our youth and adults the best foundations of marksmanship and safety. Grant Hansen keeps our financials in a state of readiness and organization so we know where we are and what's coming next. Len Bailey has strengthened our administrative processes and been invaluable to me on numerous procedural items. Ken Palmer continues to process your membership applications and maintain our data base. Keith Jimmerson has responded to our growing needs by clearing fallen trees and upgrading the dumpster and Portalets. Don't think that's important? You should have been here some years ago.

I guess where I am going with all this is that we have become a very complex and formidable organization. However, we are right smack in the middle of a city which has grown and continues to grow around us. So, to that end, I believe we must strive to evolve and stay alive and relevant. I am convinced one way to do this is by the first impressions upon our members and our guests. I absolutely believe that with a property such as ours we have an obligation and duty within the membership to always have our best foot and face forward. A second method is to ensure that we have venues that are current and exciting. To address the first, we are seeking from each sub-club to up its game, so to speak, in the appearance of the specific facility to its users and guests. We are not asking them to go it alone because it seems that our world has gotten extremely busy and hectic. So, we will be seeking the services of a professional grounds keeping company or qualified individuals to bring us up a notch throughout the property. The opposite of this policy can be found over at a nearby "public outdoor range." I am utterly convinced from the shooting sports seminars I have attended and the venues I have visited as a competitor or referee, that facilities that are squared away, professional and neat in appearance have a far better chance of avoiding trouble

from less than friendly folks who upon seeing a rag tag operation may get the impression the group is disorganized and weak.

As to new and exciting venues, by the time this article is published we will have been shooting at your new Rifle Practice Range version .01 for AR and SKS type rifles. This will be an evolving facility. Another example of venue growth is we have hired a professional sporting clays course designer to help us properly install and begin to run a sporting clays facility. Many of you know that Sporting Clays has experienced incredible growth not only for us adults but in youth circles as well. The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, which we have recently rejoined, noted that more and more charities are turning to Sporting Clays to raise money because it is faster and maybe more exciting than golf. This venue with its target sales and ammo sales will also result in taxable revenue that will make ORSA a more significant local and municipal economic contributor, or partner if you will.

Revisiting appearances, a facility such as ours, that currently and by all indicators will continue to host many local, state and nationally sanctioned matches, must be attractive and professional. That alone goes a long way to making participants and their families comfortable and willing to revisit our facility even more in the future. So join us in celebrating and supporting ORSA by doing your part and maybe just ask of yourself "is that all there is?"

*Tobias Albrecht - President*  
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### **The Right to Keep and Bear Arms – Online**



The Right to Keep and Bear Arms (RKBA) column that has been a staple of the Rangefinder for several years has not gone away. The columns are now available each month on the ORSAONLINE web site at (<http://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 within the page limits of the Rangefinder, but each month it will be at ORSAONLINE even if not in the print version. Going forward, there will also be an archive of past RKBA articles at ORSAONLINE. This change has been necessitated by printing and mailing costs. Richard Stouder's ongoing dedication to make the RKBA column available to the membership is greatly appreciated.

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

*Len Bailey*  
*ORSA Secretary*

### **For Private Sale**

For Private Sale – Match Grade Navy M1 Garand, 7.62MM, Mk2-1. Leather Sling. Hard Case. Excellent Condition. \$2200. Contact Dave at 865 300-7553 [davefiehtner@gmail.com](mailto:davefiehtner@gmail.com) Maryville.

For Private Sale – 12 hard-back books related (generally) to historical African big game hunting. Listing titles here would be lengthy, so images of the books and their copyright pages may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/HuntingBooks>. \$90 for the entire set. Send questions to Ed at [ViaAquillia@gmail.com](mailto:ViaAquillia@gmail.com) or call 865-816-9009 and leave message.

For Private Sale – Daisy Powerline 35 BB/Pellet Rifle kit. Multiple, brand new in package. Includes: black rifle, 4x15 scope, 750 BBS, 300 Pellets, and tinted eye glasses. \$40! Contact: Jay Emmanuel 954-608-7437

# ORSA ACTIVITIES – December 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 HP Practice 9 AM <b>Reg and Fun Trap S&amp;T 10 - 1</b> Pistol Practice ID 5 – 8 PM	2 HP Practice 9 AM Smallbore Practice 4 – 9 PM ID <b>Anuual ORSA Party 6:30PM</b>	3 HP Practice 9 AM <b>Skeet League S&amp;T 6:30</b> Archery 5:30 PM	4 HP Practice 9 AM all day	5 IDPA Match AP 9 AM <b>Skeet and Trap 10 – 4</b> HP Christmas Party CH 4pm – 12mid ID Open 12 – 4 PM
6 Skeet and Trap 12 – 4 ID Open 2-4PM	7 Long Range Practice 3PM HP SB Class 7-9PM	8 HP Practice <b>Reg and Fun Trap</b> Cowboy Match AP 8:30AM <b>Pistol Practice</b>	9 HP Practice SB Practice 5 - 9 PM ID	10 HP Practice <b>Skeet League</b> Private Party CH 3PM – 10PM Archery	11 HP Practice	12 Cowboy Action Match 8:30 AM - AP <b>Skeet and Trap</b> ID Open
13 Skeet and Trap ID Open	14 Long Range Practice <b>SB Class</b>	15 HP Practice <b>Reg and FunTrap</b> Pistol Practice	16 HP Practice Smallbore Practice <b>Orientation 6:30 PM CH</b>	17 HP Practice Archery	18 HP Practice	19 USPSA Match AP 10 AM <b>Skeet and Trap</b> Private Party CH 10AM – 6PM <b>ID Open</b>
20 Skeet and Trap Bullseye Pistol Match 9 AM – 2 PM ID ID Open	21 Long Range Practice <b>SB Class</b>	22 HP Practice <b>Reg and Fun Trap</b> Pistol Practice	23 HP Practice Smallbore Practice	24 HP Practice Archery	25 HP Practice	26 3 Gun Nation AP 10 AM <b>Skeet and Trap</b> ID Open
27 Skeet and Trap 3 Gun Nation AP 10 AM ID Open	28 Long Range Practice <b>SB Class</b>	29 HP Practice <b>Reg and Fun Trap</b> Pistol Practice	30 HP Practice Smallbore Practice	31 HP Practice Archery		

S & T - Skeet & Trap SB - Smallbore HP – Highpower R & P - Rifle & Pistol ID – Indoor CR - Competition Range CH – Clubhouse AP- Action Pistol

# ORSA ACTIVITIES – January 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1  High Power Practice 9 AM	2  EIC Pistol Match 10 AM CR  Trap & Skeet 10 AM – 2 PM  IDPA Action Pistol 9 AM  ID Open 12 – 4 PM
3  Trap & Skeet 12 – 4 PM  ID Open 2 – 4 PM	4  Long Range Practice 3:00 PM HP 1000 yards  SB Rifle Class 7 - 9 PM ID	5  HP Practice  Reg and Fun Trap 10AM – 1PM  Cowboy Match AP 8:30AM  Pistol League ID 5-8PM	6  HP Practice 9AM  SB Practice 4 - 9 PM ID  ORSA Board 6:30 PM	7  Polar Bear League 6:45PM – 9:00PM S&T  HP Practice 9AM  Archery 5:30PM	8  HP Practice 9AM	9  Cowboy Action Match 8:30 AM – AP  Trap & Skeet  EIC Pistol Match 10AM CR  ID Open
10  Trap & Skeet  ID Open	11  Long Range Practice  SB Rifle Class	12  HP Practice  Reg and Fun Trap  Pistol League	13  HP Practice  SB Practice	14  Polar Bear League  HP Practice  Archery	15  HP Practice	16  Sub Gauge Tournament S&T Noon – 3PM  USPSA Action Pistol 10 AM  ID Open
17  Trap & Skeet  Bullseye Pistol Match ID 9 AM – 2 PM  ID Open	18  Long Range Practice  SB Rifle Class	19  HP Practice  Reg and Fun Trap  Pistol League	20  HP Practice  SB Practice  Orientation 6:30 PM CH	21  Polar Bear League  HP Practice  Archery  Rifle & Pistol Club Meeting CH 6:30 PM	22  HP Practice	23  Trap & Skeet  Steel Challenge Match AP 10 AM  3-Gun Nation Match AP 10AM  ID Open
24  Trap & Skeet 3-Gun Nation Match AP 10AM ID Open  31 Trap and Skeet ID Open	25  Long Range Practice  SB Rifle Class	26  HP Practice  Reg and Fun Trap  Pistol League	27  HP Practice  SB Practice	28  Polar Bear League  HP Practice  Archery	29  HP Practice	30  Trap & Skeet  EIC Pistol Match 10 AM CR  ID Open

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