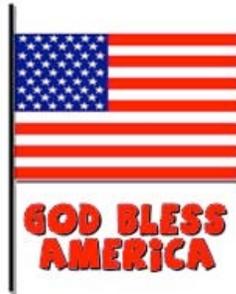
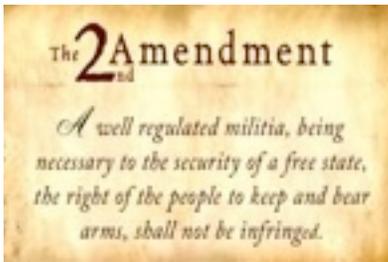


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The Ocala Sportsman's Association is a private gun club, firearms training facility and outdoor shooting range. It is dedicated to the shooting sports, to preserving the rights provided by the Second Amendment and a safe, friendly facility for training in the safe use of firearms.



YOU THINK THE RIGHT TO CARRY FIREARMS SHOULD BE ILLEGAL?
WHAT OTHER KIND OF STUPID IDEAS DO YOU HAVE?
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The President's Corner

Our new member orientation is starting off great again this year as last year. Nineteen new members for February, coupled with the twenty seven that joined last month we are off and running again for 2017. This is all about you the members talking to your friends and family, talking to fellow shooters at other area competitions. It shows with the new faces I see at our competitions.

Remember, as you talk to others spreading the word about OSA, you get a discount on your next years dues of \$25.00 per new member that joins OSA. We track it by asking new members when they are in new member orientation that if they were referred by a current member, you, to print that name on the waiver and we enter that into the data base so you get the discount for each new member you refer that year. so keep up the good work!

Next month, March, is our quarterly meeting that also involves board of directors elections. Up for re-election is the president, secretary, and two directors. In a previous board meeting all have stated that they will run for re-election. Anyone that would like to run for a position on the board please submit a email resume that we can post online for the members to read. As usual floor nominations will be accepted and voted on.

Please remember to bring a folding chair or seat along as we have limited seating available.

Feg, our treasurer has gotten all of our tax paperwork together for our CPA, Duggan, Joiner and Company. The paperwork has all been dropped off to the CPA this past week. Our insurance has been updated to reflect the expansion and improvements to OSA and they have been out to take pictures and verify the additions and improvements. Our state and federal non-profit status has been continued. The Marion County Sheriff's Dept. has contacted us about sponsoring a youth shoot at OSA and we wholeheartedly agreed. We are still waiting for details.

Remember to always check our website for range operating hours. We are finding members showing up to shoot when there is an event going on. Including

Thursdays when the range has been closed for years to general shooting. Thursdays is reserved as a work and maintenance day, the lawn service comes in on Thursday and the range has two member skills practice days on Thursdays each month. The Villages Straight Shooters rents the range one Thursday a month. Several training instructors also rent the range on Thursdays. We have two calendars posted on the website. One shows all the events scheduled for the month and the other shows if the range has a Range Safety Officer on duty, remember! no Range Safety Officer ? that range NOT OPEN TO SHOOTING. That's why we need more volunteers for range safety officers. we had a class with nine members that took the NRA Range Safety Officer course recently and most of those are volunteering their time but we can always use more.

FOOD FOOD FOOD

It wouldn't be a OSA quarterly meeting without our big cook out. This meeting's menu will see my grilled chicken back along with burgers and dogs, everybody's favorite the brisket, of course the fried shrimp, bratwurst, and a new addition a pork shoulder. Gerry has promised to have his famous macaroni salad and we will also have coleslaw and three types of potato salad and the usual fixin's for the burgers, dogs and sausage. I am expecting a huge group so I will have plenty to go around. We ran short on food fast at the last meeting, that won't happen this time, so bring your appetites and we have take home boxes for anyone that would like to take some food home. If you have friends or family that you would like to bring, please do.

BERM RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS

I don't know if any of you have noticed but our berm has eroded considerably since it was built in 2003. When we had the lead bullet residue mined out of the berm in late 2015 it was found that the berm was constructed to an original height of twenty seven and a half feet. At the time it was mined in 2015 the berm was measured at it's highest point to be barely twenty one feet. So that gives us over a six foot loss, close to seven feet in some spots due to normal erosion. We have contacted Magnum construction for a quote to rebuild the berm back to original design height and to build an additional retaining wall on top of the berm approximately another eight to ten feet in height. If you remember, Magnum did the rifle range expansion for us.

With the overwhelming positive response to having a regular shotgun shoot at OSA it makes sense to overbuild the berm height in order to contain any lead shot from going over the top and contaminating the wetlands directly in back of the berm. St. Johns Water Management would not be too happy with OSA if that were to happen. Even low clay shooting would make for errant shots to possibly go over the berm and that is protected wetlands in back of the berm.

Our electrical service at OSA is extremely inadequate for the expansion that has been done at OSA and also for what is planned. We have a quote from an electrical contractor to upgrade our breaker box and increase our electrical service to bring us up to code. Also OSA will have the capability for future growth without over loading electrical service.

SHOOT SHOOT SHOOT

Most of you have seen the addition of the individual steel plates that are setup across from the knock-down plate racks and some of you are asking if it is okay for you to shoot them. These plates are set up for your enjoyment as are the knock-down plates. Because these plates are not reactionary, they only "clang" when you hit them. We ask that you not move them around. Moving them increases the very real risk of ricochet back to the shooter or spectator.

We have an approved list of experienced steel shooters and Range Safety Officers that can move them if you so desire. The stands **MUST** be angled and shimmed to deflect ammo hits down and away to the ground so as not to come back to the firing line and possibly injure a shooter or spectator, this is a very real risk. We ask that you respect this rule and if you are an experienced steel shooter or RSO and would like your name on the approved list, please see Ray.

Anyone is free to shoot the plates as they are set, members and guests alike.

If you would like to shoot the steel against the timer, just ask, we have timers available to use and it is a great feeling to see your scores improve during practice. It pushes you to improve.

PHOTOGRAPHS

We need everyone to yell, pictures, pictures, pictures and maybe we can get Vickie to take some photos for the March Annual Meeting. Vickie forgot to bring her camera to the last meeting so we had no photographer last time.

ELECTION CANDIDATE INFORMATION

In accordance with our by-laws we have three positions up for election, President, Secretary and a Director. The current office holders have agreed to run for re-election.

President - Ray Radank

(Editor Note: You all know Ray. He's been a member here since dirt was new. He's at the range all the time. Mike Bryant helped create dirt.)

Secretary - John Bentley

I was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska. I went to the University of Nebraska and received a Mechanical Engineering degree. I graduated and got married in 1963. My first job was with an investor owned company which provided electricity, telephone, water, and gas to various towns throughout Kansas. I was the company engineer during the construction of a natural gas fired steam powered 40 MW generating station. I moved to Connecticut to work for The Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp. which build Nuclear Powered Submarines for the U.S. Navy. I worked 29 years for EB, primarily associated with procurement of engineered components for the ships. I was responsible for many fresh water pump and sea water pump applications in the non-nuclear side of the business. Later I transferred to the nuclear side of the business and was associated with the main engine designs for the Seawolf Class attack submarines.

I have been a shooter since I started with small-bore rifle shooting in my teens, progressing to handguns and high-power rifles. I joined the EB company pistol team in 1967 and started shooting the NRA target .22 matches in the New London County Pistol League (NLCPL). I also shot three-gun NRA pistol matches at various ranges around Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. I was Secretary for the NLCPL. I occasionally shot hi-power rifle with the EB rifle team.

I retired in 1996, moved to Virginia and joined the Rappahannock Pistol & Rifle Club and held Secretary, Treasurer, and Range Director positions with that Club as it grew from approx. 60 members to the current approx. 400 members. I enjoyed shooting pistol, rifle and trap at the club ranges in White Stone, VA.

I moved to The Villages in Florida in 2006 as a SnowBird. Subsequently I became a Florida resident and permanent resident of The Villages, and joined the OSA. I have been the Secretary for OSA since 2015.

Director - Mike Bryant

We recently had a Director position vacant. Our By-Laws provide for the Board of Directors to fill that position by appointment. Mike Bryant, the longest serving Board Of Director member was asked and agreed to be appointed to serve out the term of the vacant director's position, and his asking for your vote. Most of you know that Mike's health has not been good of late, but after a recent surgery Mike's recovery has been FANTASTIC!!! Mike continues to get stronger every day and feels strong enough to resume his duties on the board and continue to serve the club. Mike also retains his long time position as the Chief Range Officer. That duty includes monitoring all the competitions at OSA for adherence to safety. Making sure all instructors are conducting their classes in a safe manor. Over sees training for new OSA Range Safety Officers and files our day to day paperwork. Mike has the authority to immediately halt any function at the range that he deems unsafe. Mike is the prime reason that OSA has such a strong reputation for shooter safety and an enjoyable place to shoot. Please welcome Mike back with a resounding YES vote!

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Ray, Bruce, Feg, John, Bill, Dave, Mike

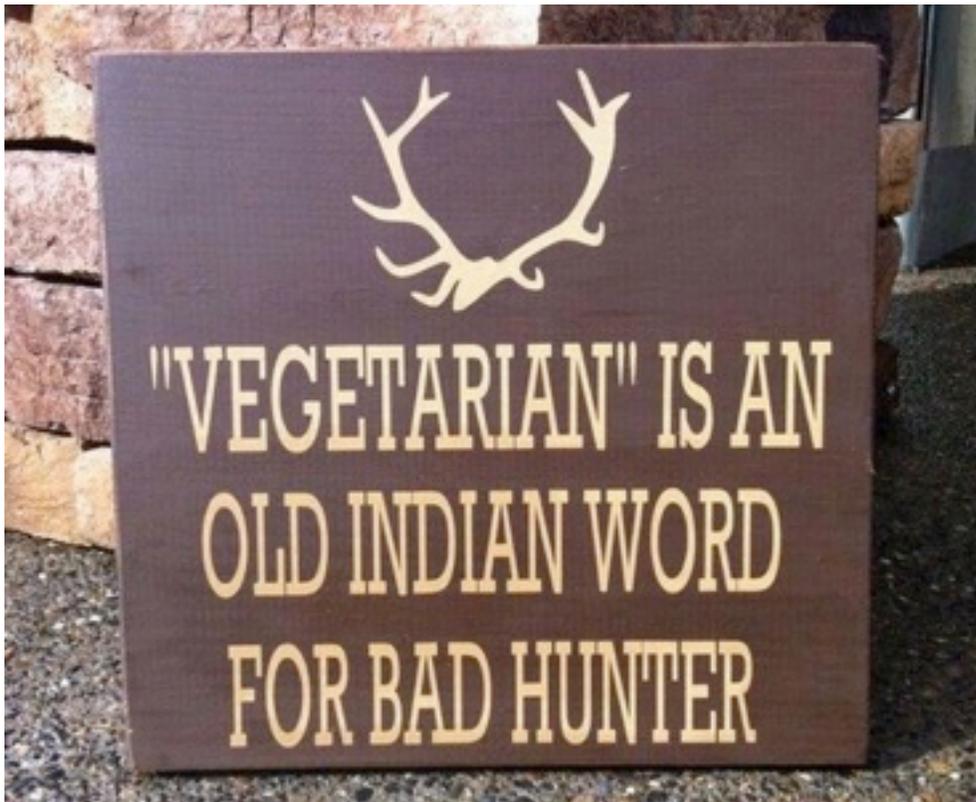
FUNNIE PAGE

The Funnies come to you from our friend and OSA Life Member, Ted Fries

Enjoy

HERE ARE SOME REAL BEAUTS !!!!!!!



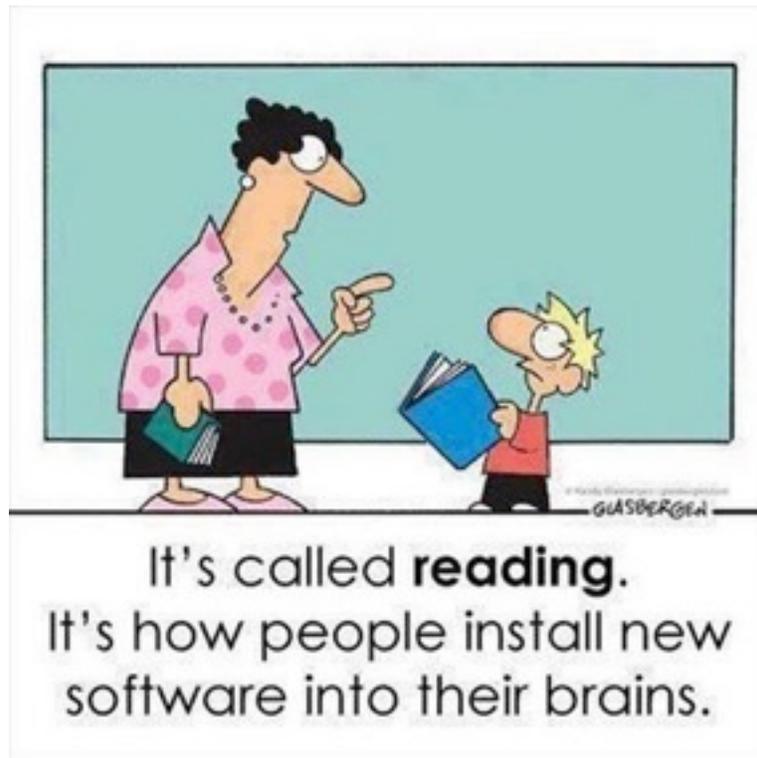


**The secret of enjoying
a good wine:**

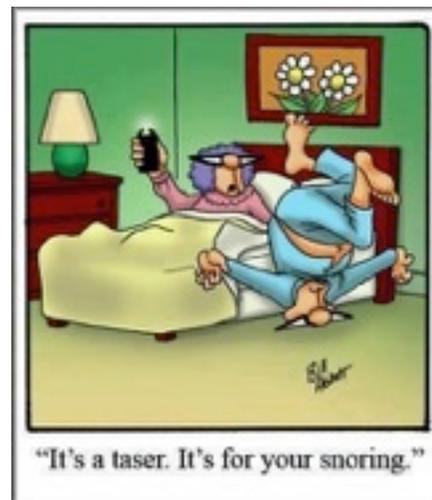
1. Open the bottle to allow it to breathe.



2. If it does not look like it's breathing give it mouth-to-mouth.



"I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?"



"It's a taser. It's for your snoring."



'Dammit I'm mad'

is

'Dammit I'm mad'

spelled backwards.



