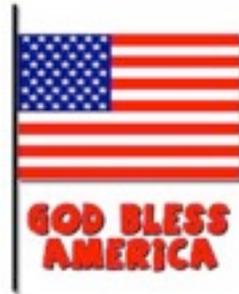
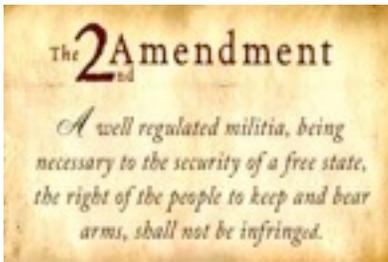


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The Ocala Sportsman's Association is a private gun club, firearms training facility and outdoor shooting range. It is dedicated to the shooting sports, to preserving the rights provided by the Second Amendment and a safe, friendly facility for training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



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The President's Corner

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Now it's time to get down to work again preparing for the new year ahead. Our election meeting is coming up in March on the 12th. We have four positions up for re-election. They are President, Secretary, and two directors.

At the December meeting we asked for volunteers for the election committee. No one stepped up to volunteer to be on the election committee and also no one was interested in running for any open positions on the Board. Whatsa wit you people? NOBODY interested in draining the swamp? HA-HA, seriously though we have only one complaint in three years that I bullied my way onto the board to become president. Strangely though this person also does not have any interest in a position on the board.

The present members on the board have all agreed to run for re-election should no one else run for election. As always, floor nominations will be accepted along with wright ins on the ballot.

It was an eye opener to hear that I am a bully at OSA. Now the old board from 2011 to 2013, these guys, the gang of four as they were penned in documents were the real bullies at OSA but I think I am just beating a dead horse here and this is all history.

Yes, I have been known to blow my top, pound fists on the table and scream and yell with the best of them. BUT! Ten minutes later lets go have a beer. My goal for OSA has remained unfaltering, return OSA to it's owners, you the members. Without the never ending help from the rest of the board, that all share the same vision, that would have been an impossible task.

FOOD FOOD FOOD

The menu will be expanded for our election meeting which is now the annual meeting. The election meeting will see the return of my grilled chicken wings and drum sticks by popular demand to the menu along with a pork shoulder, our regular hamburgers and hotdogs, of course the fried shrimp and plenty of the popular brisket will be served, also the bratwurst that everyone likes to dive into, three types of

potato salad again, along with coleslaw, we'll see if Gerry whips up his famous macaroni salad. Potato chips, the various pies and cheese cakes were a huge hit so look for them again. Of course ice cream you ninny! It wouldn't be a OSA cook out without Schwans ice cream!

Most of you have noticed the new large green shed set up close to the parking lot. This was a very big need to store all our cooking items, grills etc. This is large enough to allow for much needed future growth at OSA.

Our last work day saw a Boy Scout troupe come in and volunteer their time to paint the rifle range wall and many members showed up to help with all the other much needed projects. A good meal cooked by Ray was had by all that attended. Please everyone, thank you all so much for your help.

VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS

Gradually Members are stepping up to be range volunteers and it is very much appreciated. The volunteer RSO's also receive perks relative to the amount of time that you volunteer. We are scheduling a two part NRA credentialed Range Safety Officer course later this month for Thursday the 19th and two weeks later, Thursday February 2nd. Both start times will be 9:00 am and run until about three with breaks and a one hour lunch break. If you are interested, please sign up early as the class will have a maximum group of twelve. Cost is \$20.00 per person to cover the cost of the NRA student packet and upon completion of the course we up load your class information to the NRA and Then you will log on to the NRA website usually the next day or later as you desire and you will register with the NRA, pay your two year Range safety officer dues to the NRA and download your credentials. We have a document laminator at the range and will be happy to laminate your credentials so you can wear it proudly along with your OSA ID badge. The NRA credentials are recognized nation wide. They allow you to work or volunteer at any range.

BANG BANG CLICK BOOM! OUCH HELP

Lately I have seen new or inexperienced ammo reloaders having issues with their reloaded ammo. This is a major concern to the Board as it is a major safety issue to both you and the next shooter close to you. I personally have witnessed multiple dangerous firearm explosions due to ammo malfunctions directly related to reloaded ammo.

For three years as a board member I have been asked to teach a reloading class. Well, with the increased interest in reloading along with the multiple safety issues I have experienced first hand, it is time to do a reloading class that will concentrate on handgun ammo first. The rifle boys don't seem to have any where near the problems that the handgun ammo guys have. It is also a major safety concern for OSA.

When a firearm blows up the pieces gotta go some where, hopefully not into a nearby shooter/spectator. Other safety issues for OSA include, looking down the muzzle when a jam

or malfunction occurs. Trying to rack open a slide that has a jam with a muzzle being pointed everywhere but down range. Revolvers that a cylinder will not rotate or can't pull the trigger after shooting a round also has shooters curiously looking down the muzzle when a malfunction occurs.

I almost wish that the ladies class would be on the range when an issue happens because you would get a big lecturing from the safest group of shooters OSA has and we are very proud of what Joyce and her Hubby Tom have accomplished at OSA with the ladies class.

Class will be limited to a maximum of six at a time due to the amount of one on one time that is needed for this course. Class will also be limited to those of you that sign up first. Overflow will have to wait for the next class. Class time will also be over two days, two weeks apart as this information is too much to absorb in a one day class and I have witnessed as many as a whole class fail the written test. Now tell me please, HOW DOES A WHOLE CLASS OF TWELVE, FAIL A OPEN BOOK TEST!!!!

When you sign up please give me a selection of days of the week that you will be able to attend.

BANG CLANG BANG CLANG BANG BANG CLANG CLANG

Sounds cool huh? the steel shooters know what that sound is. After some experimentation We have now moved the steel and bowling pin competitions to now being shot from under the roof of the firing line. This has proved to be quite popular, especially on the hot days. Everybody stays fresher longer being out of the hot sun! The fans help too!

All the competition stages are still set up the same as in the past, just now the only time anyone is out in the sun is for setup or painting. Using the safety chains and PA system have also helped make the range safer when transitioning from cold to hot and vice versa.

In addition to the shade the firing line provides we also make use of at least seven fans to help keep everyone cool. We tried using my Generator and extension cords for a select few portable fans but out in the sun many people were left out in the heat with no fans until their group rotated to the next stage. Now everyone start to finish gets to enjoy fans and shade for the whole match. everyone has a much more enjoyable time.

OSA has seen and heard first hand now on the benefits of new electronic scoring and is in the process of converting all the competitions to electronic scoring. This also provides much faster posting of the scores and are usually posted online before we even leave the range for lunch! Ray has donated three Kindle Fire tablets with keypads and protective cases to OSA to be used for competition scoring and the use of his big Samsung tablet as the event master.

MEMBERS, MEMBERS, MEMBERS

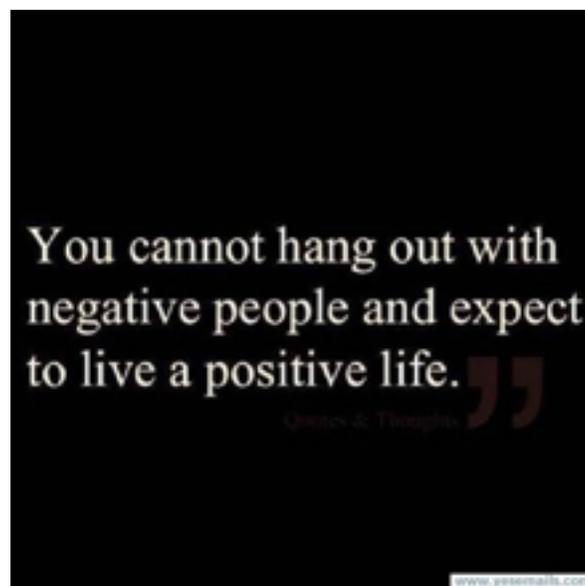
Feg will have the exact numbers at the election meeting, OSA has seen record new membership for the club this past year! This makes us very happy. The word is spreading, the who, what, where by you the membership. I have long since lost any hope of remembering

every one's name. So if you see me and say hi Ray, and I give you a blank stare, please forgive me, daime bramage has set in and you can just shake your head back and forth and say tisk, tisk, tisk. Or something harsher like dumb no good dirt scratchin' beetle!

HUMOR CORNER

This months humor comes to you from our friend Donna that is still recovering from a very bad accident two years ago. Keep fighting Donna, we miss you.

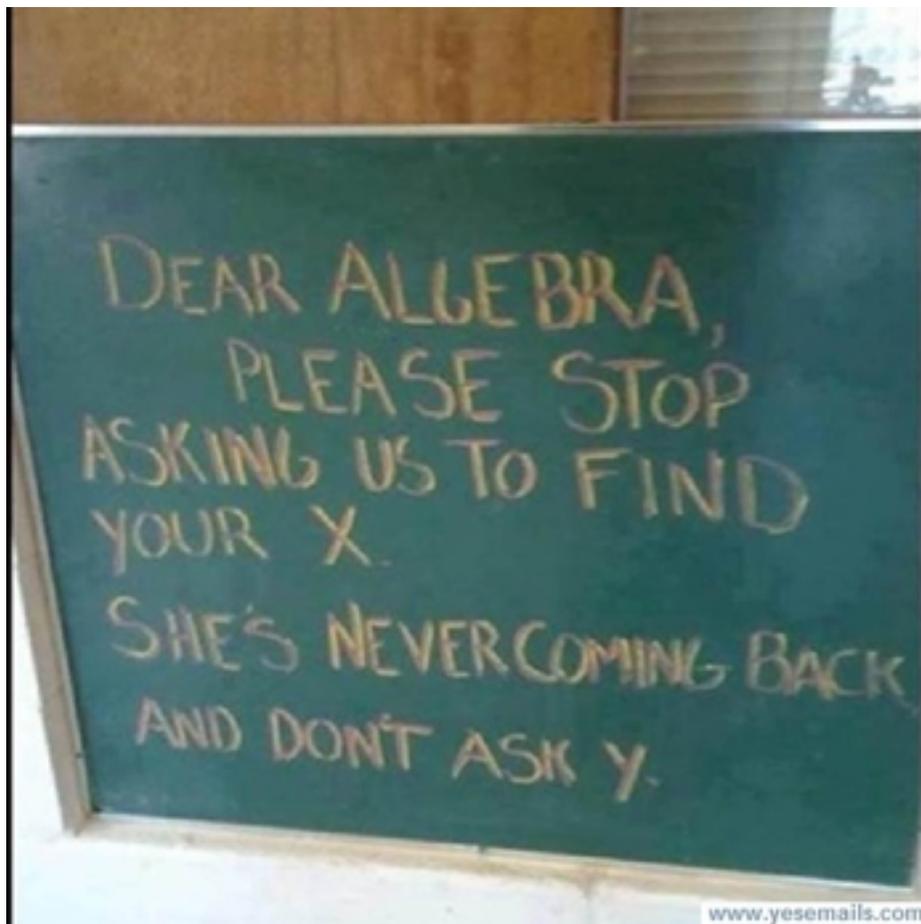
How about some non-political signs for a change!





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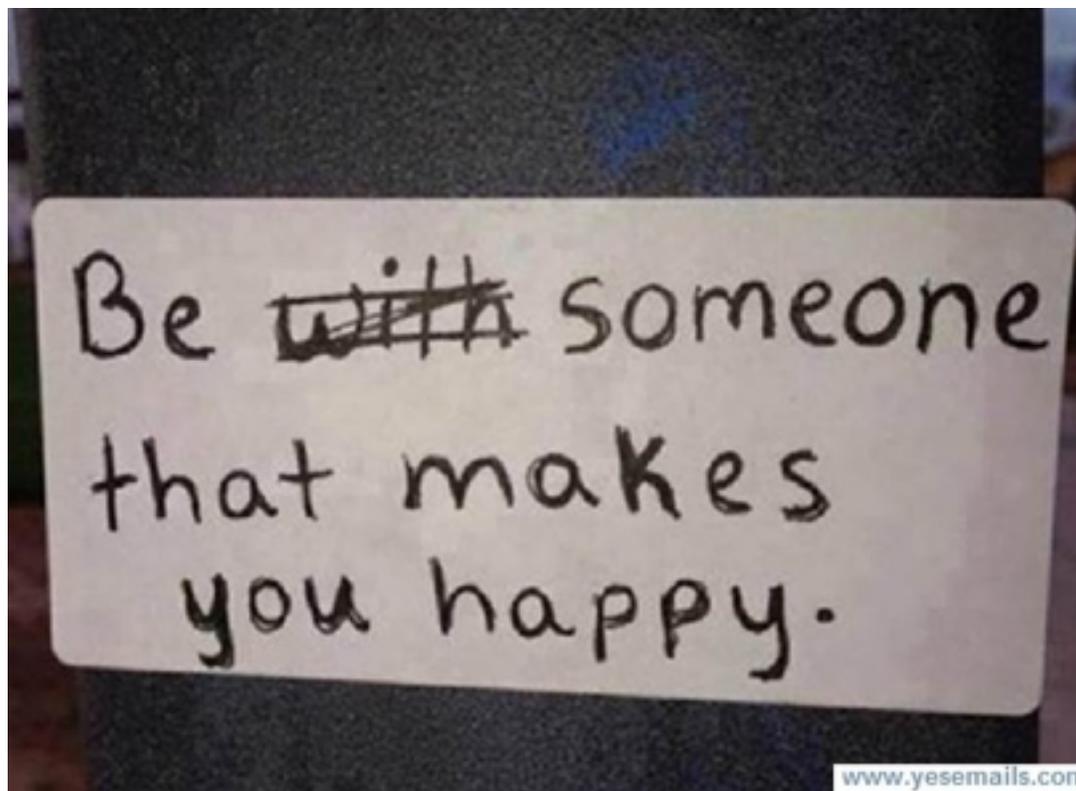
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When asked how they managed to stay together for 65 years, the woman replied, "We were born in a time where if something was broke, you fixed it...

...Not throw it away."

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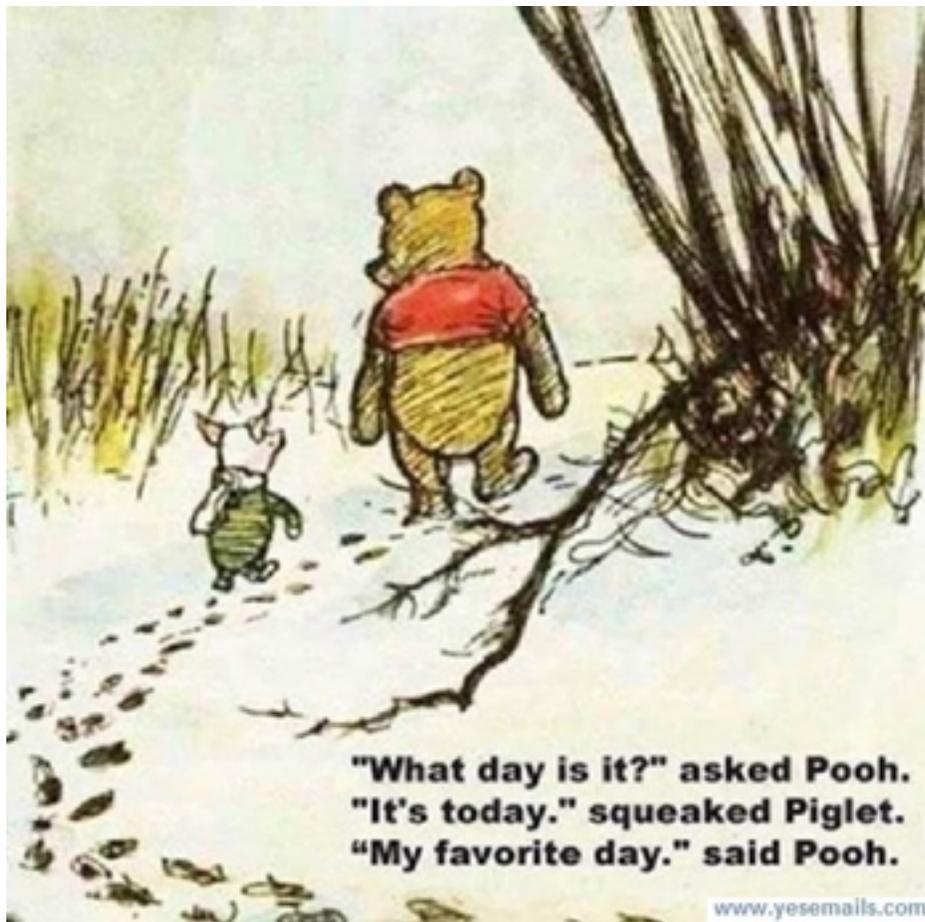


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"It's today." squeaked Piglet.
"My favorite day." said Pooh.**

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