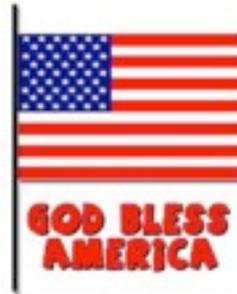
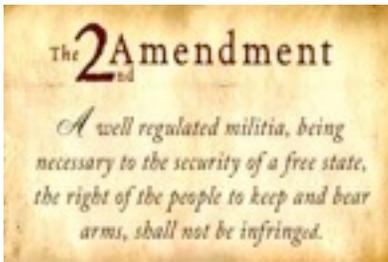


Ocala Sportsman's Association

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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

Well, after a mild winter, the heat is on! The summer rain storms are wreaking havoc at the range.

Our June quarterly meeting had a huge turn out, Many thanks to all of you that came out and suffered through the heat! We served the usual fanfare, grilled chicken, which is my favorite to cook, brisket, many still ask how I cook it so good, my secret is Sam's club heat & serve brisket and already sliced. Put in a baking pan with two cups water poured over the top and then wrap the baking pan tightly with aluminum foil and bake fifteen minutes per pound. The instructions are on the label, I always use double the water specified for more tenderness.

We continue with deep fried shrimp, the crowd favorite, hamburgers and hotdog's with all the fixings. Bratwurst, Gerry Hickey's famous macaroni salad, potato salad and multiple various pies and who can forget Schwans ice cream for dessert.

When ever you see Victoria at the range please take the time to thank her for all the great pictures she takes at the quarterly meetings.

Current Happenings at OSA

Our electronic gate system has now suffered a second lightning hit in as many months that has fried the main power circuit board and the control unit circuit board. Also our air conditioner has a fried board. The video surveillance system is kaput. Also fried the phone lines and took out the computer network. The television does not respond to commands and multiple power surge protectors are blown. It seems every time we try to get down to business on reconstructing the berm a catastrophe hits.

But the shooting is still lots of fun! Last Tuesday on the holiday we had a great turn out of shooters. It was great to see all of you out enjoying a great day for shooting.

Some of you have noticed new Range Safety Officers at the range. We cannot possibly train them for any and all contingencies, so we ask that you please be tolerant

of our new RSO's. They are trying hard to learn fast and adapt to our way of range operations. If you experience an incident or are involved in a incident, please bring it to the attention of the board. If we don't know there was or is a problem, we can't deal with it. Shooter safety is our main concern. However, OSA from it's inception as the Ocala Gun Club which started back in the early ninety's, we are a family friendly training center.

We gladly provide training upon request and some of us are NRA instructors, all you have to do is ask, if the person you approach is not a instructor or does not have the experience or credentials you need, just ask, you will be put in contact with an instructor that can help you.

The Firing Line - OSA Range Safety

The Chief Range Officer (Mike Bryant), the Chief Range Safety Officers, and Range Safety Officers see a consistent problem with the guests that members bring in. Range Safety Officers are not there to instruct your guests, that is your responsibility!!! We are there to make sure everyone stays safe. If you bring in any guests they are more then welcome because we see them as potential members. We teach the rules of the club during new member orientation, given on the first Sunday of every month. If we have to instruct your guests on the rules of the range, you as the sponsoring member are not doing your job. It is your responsibility to instruct your guests on what the rules of the club are. Being a member of this organization is a privilege, NOT A RIGHT!

Target placement, types of approved targets, number of targets and safe gun handling procedures continues to be a major problem. One of the reasons we are a members only club is for safety. Guests do not know proper target placement or type or number of targets, that is your responsibility to monitor and correct target placement. A target placed too high means a bullet could go over the berm and can easily travel over a mile. There is a housing development about a mile and a half the other side of the berm, should a bullet hit a house it would have a lawyer attached to it and the county would most assuredly shut down OSA. So how would you feel if a non-member caused OSA to be shut down because of poor knowledge of rules? We see that typically most members give their guests the needed instruction and observe how their guests shoot and make sure they are safe. It is only a select few that cause us to jump into action.

1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use

We recently adopted a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) & Membership Manual. Major changes included adding a section on the Rifle Range, revisions to the Incident Reports (Emergency and Safety/Rules Violations), separating our operating procedures and information from the Membership information, and lastly the provision

that requires a scheduled RSO on duty for the range/s to be open for member use. Please review the new SOP, a link is posted on our website. I would suggest that folks download a copy and keep it handy in you range bag. RSO on duty means that an RSO is scheduled for officially filling in for a scheduled RSO is at the range and running the range. If we cannot fill a scheduled slot it will necessitate the range not being open. Hopefully that will not happen, we have trained quite a few members as RSOs but only a small amount (very small) have stepped up to take a slot. Our goal is to have TWO RSO's on duty at each range. That way if one can not make it the range will still be open. We are always looking for volunteers. We have been talking about this for about a year so, Why did we do this? SAFETY and economy. Safety is the primary reason, with a RSO assigned to run the range as his/her primary responsibility their focus will be on the actions of the shooters. Previously, it wasn't an assigned RSO but a member acting as an RSO, the focus wasn't on the shooters. Also our insurance rates reflect this change, and most likely the rates won't go up for a while. We are the only range of our type in the area that didn't have mandatory RSO coverage to be open. If this still bothers you, ask yourself this question, Do I want to be the only person at the range and have a medical emergency? Or would I want an RSO that can make the 911 call and get me some help? This brings up another issue. How can I tell if the range is going to be open? Check the calendar/events schedule, if nothing is scheduled and it is not a Thursday, the range is likely to be open. If something comes up to cause the range to be closed the website will be updated. This is is not being done to inconvenience people, we just don't want anybody getting hurt. In other words, NO ONE GOES HOME WITH MORE HOLES IN THEM THAN WHAT THEY CAME WITH!

Cool Gun Related Websites

From time to time we field questions from members on where is a good place to buy this or that. Here is a brief list of websites for gun accessories that we have found to be very good on quality and price!

Need extra magazines for your guns and don't want to pay full retail? Try: 4mag.com they sell at wholesale prices but don't have a huge inventory

gregcotellc.com Greg has a good inventory and good pricing.

Need accessories or performance parts for your Smith and Wesson? Look no further than speedshooterspecialties.com they specialize in performance parts and accessories for Smith & Wesson.

hwcny.com sells shooting gear, holsters, police equipment to the public at very good pricing!

Need reloading supplies? Check out powdervalleyinc.com good prices on gun powder, bullets, primers.

Berrysmfg.com good source for bullets, quality stuff.

starlinebrass.com new brass in quantities of 100 to a 55 gallon drum!

sinclairintl.com anything and everything for reloading ammunition.

Everybody is always looking for ammunition at reasonable prices, try these places.

Targetsportsusa.com if you buy a case lot you get free shipping! Great pricing too!

gunbot.net is a multiple listing service for companies selling ammo, just click on the caliber you are looking for and you can select the manufacturer or name brand and price you are willing to pay and you will be directed to that website.

ammoseek.com is another multiple listing service like gunbot. These two ammo sites update their sites hourly, so if you don't find what you want, check back later and you will see updates on listings.

A to Z gun gear opticsplanet.com A to Z gun related gear and accessories at very good pricing!!! Huge site, it will take you a while to browse this place unless you are shopping for something specific and even then the selection is LARGE!!!

sportsmansguide.com shooting and hunting equipment

midsouthshooterssupply.com shooting gear and accessories

brownells.com you need a part or special tool for your gun and they don't have it? Your outa luck! Start searching!

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Quarterly Membership Meeting



Our Brain Trust



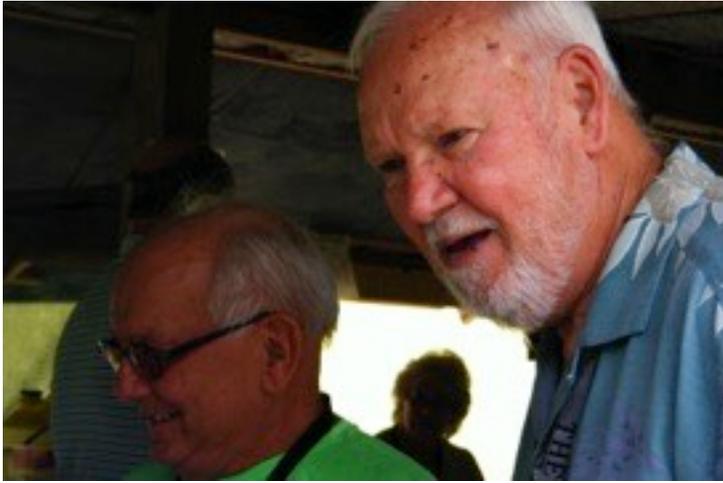
This is the real Brain Trust



**This one has adult supervision and is
TRAINABLE**



The Workers at OSA



AND SHE'S IN CHARGE

Let's Get Your Money



The real reason they came - The FOOD





**They ran out of food!
It's time to go.**

Photos
taken by Victoria
Ferrelli. Next time you see
her tell her "Good Job".

Thank you Victoria!