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TODAY'S NEWS

CLUB UPDATE - Earl Skonberg 541.229.2700

State judge rules that Measure 114 violates Oregon Constitution, striking it down

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum vowed to appeal the ruling, and the case will likely go before the Oregon Supreme Court.

Judge Robert S. Raschio permanently blocked Oregon from enforcing Measure 114 Tuesday, saying that it infringes on the right to bear arms under the state constitution. The ruling will prevent the gun control measure from taking effect, but the state said it will file an appeal.

The Harney County trial to decide Measure 114's constitutionality finished in September, with lawyers presenting closing arguments. It has been stalled by legal challenges, both at the state and federal level, since it passed in November of last year.

Earlier this year, a federal judge ruled that Measure 114 is lawful under the U.S. Constitution, finding that large-capacity magazines are not commonly used for self-defense and a permit-to-purchase system is constitutional. That ruling is also being appealed.

On Tuesday, Circuit Judge Robert S. Raschio ruled that two major provisions of Measure 114 violate Article 1, Section 27 of the state's constitution: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for

the defense [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power."

In the ruling, Raschio said that Measure 114 "does not increase public safety," despite arguments from state lawyers that the new regulations were intended to reduce mass shootings, homicides and suicides. He stated that the 30-day window to process a gun permit application would allegedly prevent Oregonians from properly defending themselves from an imminent threat.

Raschio also argued that "Nearly all people who own large capacity magazines are reasonable gunowners who are not identifiable risks to their community nor cast an unjustifiable risk or threat of harm to other citizens." He stated that the large-capacity magazine ban wouldn't deter shooters who could simply carry multiple 10-round magazines and reload quickly.

The language of Measure 114 "regarding 'change' and 'permanently alter' clearly unduly burdens the right to bear arms" under the state constitution, according to the court ruling.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs successfully argued the measure would make gun owners guilty until proven innocent by requiring those who possessed high-capacity magazines prior to the law taking effect to prove when they purchased it.

Junior Rifles Ralph Klein 541-459-9517 We ventured down to Grants Pass for our second match. Roseburg had two competitors, Grants Pass and Medford each had three. Scarlett Russell (Med) won the Neophyte Class with a 435 with 0 Centers. Sarah Gaines (GP) won the Beginner Class (under 15 years old) with a 523 - 9 Centers. Carson Yraguen (RSBG) won the Beginner Class (over 15) with a 532 - 8 Centers. Kayla Smith (RSBG) won the Two Position Class with a 415 - 2 Centers. Billy Henshall (GP) won the Junior Class with a 443 - 3 Centers. Our third match will be in Medford on February 17th. The March 16th match will be hosted by Roseburg. The final match of the season will be hosted by Grants Pass April 20th.

Multiplex Trap Shoot – The next multiplex trap shoot is March 9, 2024. Sub-gauge starts at 10 am with 50 singles, 50 handicap and 25-pair doubles to follow. Contact Earl Skonberg at (541)229-2700 if you have questions. The 2024 Multiplex Trap Shoots are posted on the PITA calendar.

PITA Annual "Pig" Trap Shoot – April 12 -13, 2024

This is a 3-day 550 target registered competition. Trap ranges, clubhouse and kitchen are reserved for this event. RV parking with limited hookups are available near the clubhouse. (First come, first serve) You may presquad by calling Sue Brewer at: (541) 619-9393 or Email to: sjbrewer40@gmail.com go to Presquad.com to register. Call Daro Handy at (541) 459-3409 for all details.

Gun & Knife Show - February 17 & 18, 2024

Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg, Oregon. Open to the public. Show times and dates are: Saturday, February 17th from 9 am to 5 pm and 9 am - 3 pm on Sunday, Admission is \$8 for two days. Children under 12 are free with paid adult admission. For table rentals and show details, contact Del Applegarth at 541-530-4570.

Mixed Steel Match - February 17th, 2024 9:00am – 12:00pm

For those who wish to practice their shooting techniques with a centerfire handgun, this is the event for you. Participants will practice draw, movement, reloading and engaging multiple target arrays under pressure of time. Five practice stages, four stationary, and the other will have movement with multiple shooting position. We will shoot both stationary and falling targets. Excellent introduction to shooting a handgun in competition with a relaxed atmosphere emphasizing accuracy, gun handling skills and safety.

Equipment required: Your own safe, serviceable handgun - 9mm/38s&pc minimum. Hip holster and belt and 3-4 magazines. Ear and eye protections for shooters and spectators. Shoots usually have 5-6 stages and need to bring 100-150 rounds. Cost is \$10.00 per shooter.

Signup starts at 9 AM, shoots starts at 10 AM and shoot the 3rd Saturday every month.

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