



# The Rattler

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Official Newsletter of the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility and the Tri-Cities Shooting Association, Inc.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**By: Mark Verwest**

On behalf of the TCSA Board and all our members, I would like to welcome **Chuck Nay** onto our Board as the new **Operations Officer**. Chuck was elected unanimously at our March Board Meeting. We really appreciate Chuck volunteering his time and efforts towards maintaining the Range.

The **TCSA Board** and I would like to personally **thank all** of our members both new and old that have **donated money** to the Range during this past renewal period. So far this year, we have received **\$6,199 in donations** and we really appreciate your generosity. Being an **all-volunteer organization**, all our funds go directly into **maintaining** and **improving** the Range. Thank you!

### TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**RICHLAND LIBRARY**

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### ROSE-IRIS RANGE

**Hours of Operation**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday**

## RSO TRAINING CLASS

**By: Dan Martini**

The next **Range Safety Officer Class** scheduled for **April 15** is currently full. The **May 13 RSO Class** still has some openings.



In order to have your name added to the Next Class List, you need to be a current 2022-2023 Member of the TCSA and agree to volunteer for 3 duty days at the Rose-Iris Range per year. You pick which Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday duty days you will be able to do. These Classes will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be conducted at the Shotgun Range House.

RSO Classes will be filled on a first confirmed basis. To get your name added to the Next Class list, send an e-mail message with your membership number to me at [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net).

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

**By: Sue Verwest**

We have had an outstanding Membership Renewal response. **Thanks to all of you who renewed and continue to support the Tri-Cities Shooting Association!** And "thank you" to all who gave an **additional donation to help with the TCSA projects.**

All those who renewed before **March 31st** will have a chance in winning the **Ruger 10/22**. The drawing for the Ruger will take place at the General Membership Meeting in May.

## TCSA FACILITIES

**ROSE-IRIS RANGE** – A 100-yard range with 20 covered firing points. This day use Range Safety Officer supervised facility is operated for public use on a regularly scheduled basis Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

**RIMFIRE PLINKING RANGE** – A 50-yard 22-caliber Range Safety Officer supervised Shooting Range with reactive targets.

**CENTERFIRE PLINKING RANGE** – A 50-yard handgun pistol/revolver RSO supervised range with reactive targets for firearms using black powder or standard pistol cartridges.

**COWBOY / PRACTICAL PISTOL BAYS** – Ranges consisting of 13 bays of varying lengths designed to support a variety of action shooting disciplines such as; Practical (IPSC/ USPSA) 3-Gun Sports and Cowboy (SASS) groups.

Cowboy Action Rep. – **Charles Kissler** – 509-783-8505

**Nelson Thomas** – 509-727-4678

Practical Pistol Rep. – **Don Brown** – 509-582-6993

**1000-YARD, HIGH-POWER RANGE** – A Range consisting of 100, 200, 300, 600, 800, 900 & 1000-yard firing lines that can support 20 firing stations on each firing line (utilizes manned target operation). The 400-yard line has 5 firing stations and the 500-yard line has 10 firing stations. This Range supports High-Power Rifle, Long Range PALMA and Precision Shooting Events of various disciplines, including 50-Caliber.

High-Power Rep. – **John Julian** – 509-308-0376

**HUNTER EDUCATION RANGE:** This Range has been designed to support Hunter Education Training Classes and also has a practical field exercise area containing obstacles hunters could expect to encounter in the field. The covered firing line can be used independently by current RSO's as an overflow from the Rose-Iris Range and may be available for RSO supervised public event use when not being used for the conduct of Hunter Education Classes.

Hunter Ed. Rep. – **Randy Absolon** – 509-628-3899

**PRIMITIVE USE RANGE:** - A Range Area for muzzle loading and primitive Sagebrush Free Trappers reenactment events with parking, staging and various range areas.

Primitive Range Rep. – **Clint Bouslaugh** – 509-585-6415

**SHOTGUN RANGE:** Includes a set of two ATA regulation Trap Fields, two Skeet Ranges and a Sporting Clay Range supporting five firing stations and a Pattern Board.

Shotgun Rep. – **Dave Otto** – 509-619-4494

## “WELCOME” NEW MEMBERS

Welcome! In this Newsletter you can find the contact information for the Board Members and above you can find contact information for the different Ranges. The Ranges were built and are maintained by volunteers. We encourage you to get involved and be a part of TCSA.

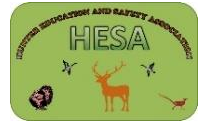
New members from this past month should have already received their membership card(s). If you have not received your card, contact **Sue Verwest** at [membership@tcsa.info](mailto:membership@tcsa.info) or 509-735-1662.

Check out our TCSA web site [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info) for a variety of information. If you have decided not to receive a printed Newsletter by mail, it is posted on the web site the first week of each month.

## HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: **Randy Absolon**

We held both scheduled **Online Evaluations** in March, with very small class sizes. Because of the small classes we have experienced and complications trying to get the Class set up, we have decided not to offer the Online Evaluation on April 2.



Our next **Online Evaluation** will be on **May 14**. Registration is not currently open for that session, but should open in the next week or so and will be done on the WDFW website.

We are undecided on offering a **Traditional Class** in June. That class frequently had low student numbers in the past and given the very low student numbers we have seen this year, we are leaning toward not offering that Class.

At this time, students who are age 9 or older can still complete the entire course through the Online Process. Younger students have to complete the field exercise in person.

**RSOs using the HESA Range** are expected to sign in at the Rose-Iris Range before going over to the HESA Range to shoot. You are also expected to clean up when you are done shooting, including returning target stands to the Rose-Iris Range House and picking up brass.

Always remember to control the direction of your muzzle, be sure of your target and what lies beyond it, keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot and know your zone of fire and stick to it.

If you have questions about our **Hunter Education Classes**, you can contact me at [absolon@gorge.net](mailto:absolon@gorge.net)



Write a review and share your opinion about TCSA's Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility! Let us know how we are doing. Contact **Steve Scott** with questions or comments at [Events@tcsa.info](mailto:Events@tcsa.info)

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility/TCSA  
<https://www.facebook.com/RMSFTCSA/>

# CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger



As the weather improves and the competition season gets into full swing, it is more important than ever that RSOs check the calendar before heading to the Range to make sure there are no closures that will affect where you can shoot.

There will be some partial and complete closures of the **Pistol Bays** the weeks of **April 18** and **May 9** for setup and competition of the **State Cowboy** and the **Sectional USPSA Matches**. Any time a match or setup is shown on the calendar it could mean you will have to use the Hunter Ed or Rose-Iris Ranges instead.

## RSO INFORMATION

RSO Questions / Concerns  
Chief RSO - Mike Ensminger  
[chiefso@tcsa.info](mailto:chiefso@tcsa.info) or 509-521-9628

ALL MEMBERS MUST show a **2022/2023 Membership Card** to the RSO on duty upon arrival at the **Range**. Membership Cards need to be shown at **all Ranges** and **all Events** or you will be required to pay the non-member **Range Use Fee**. **EVERYONE must sign-in!**



## ADVANTAGES OF BEING A RANGE SAFETY OFFICER

The advantages of being a RSO and obligating yourself as a volunteer at TCSA means that on days when the Range is not open to the general public - YOU - as a RSO can use the Range. Having gone through the RSO Training Class and volunteering your time you are able to go to the Range any time you like!

To become an RSO, you must be a **current member**, **attend the RSO Training Class** and obligate yourself to volunteer at the Range three to four times a year.

If you or someone you know would like to attend the next RSO Training Class or would like more information about becoming a **Range Safety Officer**, contact **Dan Martini** at [Dantini@charter.net](mailto:Dantini@charter.net) or at 627-3198.

# RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike Ensminger



There were 37 guns represented at the March Match and we are hoping for even better weather for April. We shoot regularly on the **1st Sunday each month**, with the shooter's meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Send us a note ahead of time if you want us to start a squad for you ([mikeberta4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeberta4@gmail.com)).

## COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



18 shooters had a beautiful day for the March match and we are hoping this sets the tone for April, as we will be hosting the **SASS Washington State Championship April 21 through 24**.

Most of the action will be the mornings of the 22nd to 24th and **watching is always free**.

## PRIMITIVE RANGE

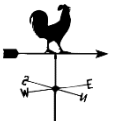
By: Clint Bouslaugh

We had a good shoot in March. The new **TCSA Operations Officer** showed up to shoot with us.

Our annual **Rendezvous** is scheduled for **April 15 and 16**. Firearms must be traditional muzzleloaders, either percussion or flintlock with open iron sights using patched round balls. There will be a rifle and pistol trail walk and a knife and tomahawk trail.



**WEATHER CONDITIONS** at the Range can be found on our homepage – [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info)



Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!



# SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

I'm late! You can't tell reading it, but this Shotgun Report is late to the presses. I have no one to blame but myself, it's all work, work, work, and the boss is a jerk. A great saying I borrowed from the esteemed **Chris Quinton**, and it is quite fitting as I work for myself. Enough of that drivel though, on to the Shotgun Report!

**Garrett Gottschalk** decided riding around on the mower by himself was a little boring, so he went and got a puppy! Scooter is a good-looking pup and will be out and about while the lawns are being mowed. Welcome to Rattlesnake Scooter!

**5-Stand** should be up and running in the next week or so. We will resume our normal schedule of Sunday mornings, 9 a.m. – Noon-ish. **Phil Volkman** is back from his self-imposed exile down south and is ready to start throwing targets. Now this isn't the same Phil that you remember, this is the new and improved Phil, a Phil 2.0 if you will. Phil put in the work this year to improve his shooting and he was rewarded with a jump from B Class to the high and mighty AA Class in Sporting Clays. In an effort to keep it from getting weird, we're limiting his autograph sessions to 1 hour at the conclusion of Sunday 5-Stand Shooting. \$5 per 8x10 glossy, no change, no free advice. Keep it classy everyone.

**SKREET LEAGUE 2022** which will be starting on **April 23** at 9:00 a.m. and will run until **May 14**. Same rules apply as last year: 10 rounds of Skeet, cold gun and every round counts. The esteemed **Mr. Dave Otto** will be presiding over the festivities again this year, so expect quick pulls and no tolerance for slowing the game down. Come on out and enjoy the game while ridiculing your fellow shooters!

We have the **BIRDSHOT CHALLENGE** on **April 30** and **May 1**. This is a 2-day shoot split between all 3 clubs. Rattlesnake has won the last 3 years, but last year was very close and we only won by one bird. Every Rattlesnake member is welcome to shoot and the more shooters we have the better chance we have of hanging onto the trophy for another year! Word on the street is that the Walla Walla/East End Gun Club shooters are taking it pretty seriously this year.

The **John Wilgus** sponsored **SUB-GAUGE SHOOT** is scheduled for **June 12**. This is a fun shoot that moves quickly, has a very affordable entry fee, pays back well and is a great reason to dust off your little guns.

Around the Shotgun Range everything is being de-winterized. The irrigation system is on and running, fertilizer and weed control is being applied to the lawns and surrounding areas and all of the normal goings on are still going on.

That's all we have for this month, but if you have anything you would like to add to future Shotgun Reports just shoot me a message to the email listed below.

## SHOTGUN RSO INFORMATION

All RSO's should have received an email from Chris Quinton concerning 2022 duty dates for the Shotgun Range. If you have not received anything from Chris please let him know.

**Remember current Membership Cards need to be presented every time you sign in to avoid the Daily Range Fee.**

## SHOTGUN RANGE HOURS

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## **SHOTGUN RANGE IS CLOSED ON EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 17**

Current weather conditions at the Range can be found at [www.tcsashotgun.com](http://www.tcsashotgun.com) and [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info).

Thanks for reading! If you have anything to share, drop me an email at [mark.monopoli@outlook.com](mailto:mark.monopoli@outlook.com)



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[@rattlesnakemountainshotgun](https://www.facebook.com/rattlesnakemountainshotgun)

## KEEP THE RANGE CLEAN

Keep your Range clean of trash and spent cartridges. Garbage cans are available. Please be sure the enclosure tops are closed so the garbage can't blow out. If the trash blows out, "someone" has to pick it up. Buckets are provided for spent cartridges.



Please take a moment to clean up after yourself when you are done shooting.

**Check out the "For Sale" items on our web-site**  
[www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info)

New items are being posted and sold on a regular basis!

Send your "For Sale" or "Wanted" items to  
[membership@tcsa.info](mailto:membership@tcsa.info)

# HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

Our Match season is in full swing with **Smallbore Matches** on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>; **Service Rifle** on the 9<sup>th</sup>; **Mid-Range** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; **Long Range** on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the High Power web page at <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/> to review our full 2022 schedule and associated match programs.

The following COVID adjustments to Match Operations will carry over into our 2022 Match season:

- Social distancing is encouraged and will be maintained to the extent possible.
- Bring exact match fees and your own writing instruments / tablets.
- State and County guidelines will be followed.

**E-TARGET USE:** Virtually all our High-Power Matches will be run on e-targets this season, so make sure you bring Android tablet or i-Pad with you to the Match (you can also use your cell phone, but its beneficial to have a larger screen). *Unfortunately our current e-targets do not work for smallbore, but we will adopt that technology once it becomes cost effective to do so.*

**RANGE CONDITIONS:** The Range is in good shape, but please use common sense. Keep your speed down, particularly on the corners and only drive on the graveled areas. Be aware that conditions in the Canyon may be different than elsewhere on the Range and avoid soft or muddy areas as best you can.



**HIGH-POWER RSO ENDORSEMENT:** For any interested TCSA RSO, the 1KYD High Power Endorsement Training is currently being scheduled on an as-needed basis. It takes an hour and allows you unrestricted access to the High-Power Range outside our scheduled Matches. The only prerequisite is that you be a current TCSA RSO. Please contact **John Hauptmann** with questions or to schedule your training.

**HIGH-POWER CONTACTS:** **John Julian** High-Power Chairman at 509-308-0376 / [b24jcyj@gmail.com](mailto:b24jcyj@gmail.com) or **John Hauptmann** High-Power Secretary at 509-308-9230 / [jlhauptmann@gmail.com](mailto:jlhauptmann@gmail.com) if you have questions about an Event or how to get involved with High-Power at any level or discipline. Please keep an eye on our **Facebook** page at TCSA High-Power and our **web page** at: [www.tcsa.info/disciplines/highpower](http://www.tcsa.info/disciplines/highpower) for additional details, match highlights, photos and related links.

# PRACTICAL PISTOL

By: Pam Harper



USPSA National Range Officers Institute, **NROI**, has a website that has valuable information about the Rules and interpretations of the Rules. Check it out at <https://nroi.org>

**TIDBITS:** Before going to a L2/3 Match, check your equipment using **Appendix D**. EWPSA has a mag gauge that we can check your mag lengths. You do not want to be moved to Open, if your equipment is out of compliance.

**NATIONAL NEWS:** [www.uspsa.org](http://www.uspsa.org)

Area-1 Championship: June 3 - 5, Nampa, ID  
<https://clubs.practiscore.com/berry-s-2022-area-1-championship-presented-by-hawktech-arms/register>

The dates for USPSA Nationals 2022 have been released <https://uspsa.org/nationals>

World Speed Shooting Championship: April 27 - May 1, Talladega, AL

Classic Nationals (SS/Rev/L10): May 21 - 22, Talladega, AL

2Gun Nationals (PCC/Pistol/Multigun): June 11 - 12, Palisade, CO

Carry Optics Nationals: September 9 - 11, Talladega, AL

USPSA Nationals Open/Prod/PCC/Lim: October 14 - 17, Palisade, CO

The USPSA Rules:

<https://uspsa.org/viewer/2021-USPSA-Competition-Rules-Sep-2021.pdf> can be downloaded for easy access or get the **USPSA App** at <https://uspsa.org/app> for your phone.

**LOCAL NEWS: Pistol Bays** will be **CLOSED April 9 - 10 (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)** for Stage disassembly and **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun** set up and match and **CLOSED April 30 - May 1 (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)** for Sectional stage build.

The **USPSA** monthly **March** Match had 63 competitors with 5/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Ryan Barnes** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Sam Wagg**; Limited: **David Blosser**; PCC: **Ann Blosser**; Production: **Jim Arneson**. Complete Results at:

[https://practiscore.com/results/new/162437?q\\_division=0](https://practiscore.com/results/new/162437?q_division=0)

The **Steel Challenge March 13** Match had 21 guns with 9 divisions represented. The Division winners were: RFR0: **Mike Czebotar** (overall winner); Prod: **Robert Spangler**; CO: **Curt Berger**; Open: **Ryan Barnes**; Limited: **Jim Steward**; RFPI: **Kevin Hawman**; RFPO: **Mike Czebotar**; RFR1: **Mark Wells**; PCCO: **Rich Nelson**. Complete Results at:

<https://practicore.com/results/html/bee6c16d-1fa8-4c63-ab20-cc671c0fcec5>

**COMING UP:** EWPSA will be hosting their annual **USPSA Classifier Match April 17**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at: <https://practicore.com/ewpsa-2022-04-classifier-match/register>. Gate will open at 9:00 a.m., new shooters briefing at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. The Match costs \$15 TCSA members, \$20 non-TCSA members and juniors shoot for free. More details on Practiscore.

Set-up for the Match will begin April 16 at 9:00 a.m. If you sign up as Staff, **help set up** and **tear down**, then you can shoot for **FREE!** More details on Practiscore.

EWPSA will be hosting a **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Match April 10**. Gate will open at 9:00 a.m., new shooters briefing at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. The Match costs \$15 TCSA members, \$20 non-TCSA members, shooting a second gun is +\$5, and juniors shoot for free. More details and registration on Practiscore <https://clubs.practicore.com/ewpsa-2022-04-fun-2-gun-in-the-sun/register>

EWPSA **Steel Challenge Match** will be held **May 8**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at <https://practicore.com/ewpsa-2022-05-steel-challenge/register>. Gate will open at 9:00 a.m., new shooters briefing at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. The Match costs \$15 TCSA members, \$20 non-TCSA members, shooting a second gun is +\$5 and juniors shoot for free.

Check out our Inland Empire Section News at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267093763957174/?ref=bookmarkmarks>

Check out local news on Facebook – [Eastern Washington Practical Shooters Association](#)

Any questions or comments can be directed to **Don Brown** at [dl\\_brown@charter.net](mailto:dl_brown@charter.net).

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**RSO -- ROSE-IRIS DUTY DAY SCHEDULING FOR 2022 TO 2023**

The Rose-Iris Duty Day Calendar is from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

Scheduling for the 3 Duty Days for this Calendar Year needs to be done by May 31, 2022.

If you haven't scheduled your Duty Days – "Git r Done"

**~ ~ ~ WORTH REPEATING ~ ~ ~**

**NO** firearms are to be handled during a "COLD" range state. This includes cased firearms being taken from the table to a vehicle and from a vehicle to a table. If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please see the Range Safety Officer on Duty.

**WHEN THE RANGE IS COLD  
NO HANDLING OF ANY FIREARMS**

**WHEN THE RANGE IS HOT  
HANDLING OF FIREARMS IS PERMITTED**

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- FIRST LAW... THE GUN IS ALWAYS LOADED!**
- SECOND LAW... NEVER POINT THE GUN AT SOMETHING YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO DESTROY!**
- THIRD LAW... ALWAYS BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEHIND IT**
- FOURTH LAW... KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOUR SIGHTS ARE ON THE TARGET**

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**TCSA HATS** are available at the **Rose-Iris Range**. They are \$20.00 each (includes tax)

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The Handicapped Parking spot is only for those with a state approved handicapped permit.

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**RATTLESNAKE WARNING**

It is that time of year when uninvited guests show up on our Ranges. Always be aware of your surroundings. Watch where you step and when you reach for things!

