



# The Rattler

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

TCSA is looking for a candidate for the Vice-President Board Position. The candidate must be a member in good standing for at least two (2) years at the time of their nomination or appointment to Office. Duties include participation at the Monthly Membership/Board Meetings, attendance at the monthly Park Board Meeting and assuming the duties of the President if needed. RSO Board Members are not required to serve duty days.

I would like to thank everyone who renewed early this year. It really helps us keep up with the work load and not have a flood of applications at the last minute.

I would also like to **thank our members** who included a donation to the Range along with their renewal. Being an **all-volunteer organization**, all our funds go directly into **maintaining** and **improving** the Range.

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### ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

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### TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 9  
6:30 p.m.

RICHLAND LIBRARY  
(Conference Room A & B)

## FIRST SHOTS AN INTRODUCTION TO SHOOTING

By: Mike Ensminger

TCSA will once again be hosting **First Shots Handgun** on **Saturday, May 9**. Classes are planned for 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

This will include approximately 90 minutes of classroom instruction, followed by an opportunity to shoot rimfire and centerfire handguns with TCSA Range Safety Officer supervision. Firearms and ammunition will be provided by TCSA and the Range Safety Officers. There is no charge to attend. Everyone is welcome. To sign up or for additional information, send an email to [Chiefrso@tcsa.info](mailto:Chiefrso@tcsa.info) with names of the attendees and your choice of class time.

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### FIRST SHOTS – AN INTRODUCTION TO SHOOTING

SATURDAY - MAY 9  
FREE ~ FREE ~ FREE

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By: Sue Verwest

We had an outstanding Membership Renewal response. **Thanks to all 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.** Those who renewed before **March 31st** will have a chance in winning the Early Renewal Prize! The winner will be announced in next month’s Newsletter.

## 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. – **Rich Nelson** – 509.521.6529

**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. – **Mike Sowa** – 541.571.1892

**SMALLBORE COMPETITION RANGE** - A 100 Yard Range with 20 firing points. The SCR is designed for optimum support of and exclusively for .22LR (smallbore) Competition Events. The Range is only to be used for Smallbore Events scheduled and supervised by a TCSA trained Match Director. No casual use or individual practice is allowed. Future plans include covered firing points and shooting benches.

High-Power Rep. – **Mike Sowa** – 541.571.1892

Range Use and Scheduling - **Ron Jorgensen** – 509.554.0048

**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** – 509.845.3632

**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. – **Mark Monopoli** – 509.531.6929

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**Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!**



## HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

**By: Randy Absolon**



We have **Evaluations** for students who have completed the **Online Course** coming up on **April 4** and **25**. The April 4 Class is full. Registration for the **April 25 Class** opens on **April 10** and will likely fill up within a few hours of opening.

There will also be an **Online Evaluation** on **May 9**, with registration opening on **April 24**. We typically start each Class at the Range at 8 a.m., then move to the **Richland Community Center** in the early afternoon for a review and written test. Both parts of the Class need to be successfully completed to pass the course and get a **Hunter Education Certificate**.

We also have a **Traditional Hunter Education Class** scheduled in **June**. This Class will meet seven times and run from **June 8** through the **24<sup>th</sup>**. Registration will open on **May 18** for this Class.

**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 treat every firearm as if it was loaded, 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 never place a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle.

If you have questions about our Hunter Education Classes, contact me at: [randyabsolon@gmail.com](mailto:randyabsolon@gmail.com).

## “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. The Newsletter is posted on the web site the beginning of each month.

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**WEATHER CONDITIONS** at the Range can be found on our homepage -



## CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger

If you have any trouble logging into the website to sign up for your 2026 Duty Dates, give me a call. Remember, your **User Name** is your membership number (NOT your email address).



When you sign up, please check your dashboard to make sure the dates match what you thought you picked. If not, give me a call and I can help fix it.

The competition season is starting up big time now, so please check the Calendar for range closures that might affect where you want to shoot. April and May include the only full closures of the Pistol Bays to non-match RSO use for the SASS and USPSA State Championship Matches. These always seem to catch a couple of RSOs by surprise. Those closures are around the clock unless specifically stated otherwise.

RSO Questions / Concerns  
Chief RSO - Mike Ensminger  
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### RSO - ROSE-IRIS DUTY DAY SCHEDULING FOR 2026 TO 2027

Rose-Iris RSO's – Once you have received your new Membership Card for 2026 / 2027 you are then able to schedule your 3 Duty Days for the year. The sooner you renew, the more choices you will have !

### APRIL starts a NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR

**ALL MEMBERS MUST** show a current **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!**



**RSO ACCESS KEY CARDS and RSO BADGES are not to be used in place of or as a substitute for your Membership identification card.**

## RATTLESNAKES

Once it starts warming up, we get uninvited guests show on our Ranges. Watch where you step. Be aware of your surroundings. Watch when you reach for things!



## NEXT RSO TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini

Our next **Range Safety Officer Class** will be held on **Friday, May 29** from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Shotgun Range House. To get your name on the Class roster, you **must be a current member of the TCSA**. If you can make the Class date and want to become a TCSA RSO, send an email message to [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net) with a YES and include your name and TCSA Membership number and I will add your name to the RSO Class list. I will send a reminder message a week before the Class date to those of you who respond.

## RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike Ensminger



47 guns were represented at the March ISSA Match. Thank you to **Nelson Thomas, Alan Openshaw** and **Olivia Engebrecht** for covering for us while we were shooting in Arizona.

We didn't realize ahead of time that the **April Match** happened to land on Easter Sunday, but we do plan to shoot anyway, so if you can fit it in around the Easter egg hunts come out and play. We will start shooting at 9 a.m. Sign-ups are at the Range on Match Day (cash or check), but we will pre-squad you if you send us an email with names and 1 or 2 guns each - [mikeberta4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeberta4@gmail.com).

## COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike Ensminger

We had a beautiful day for our March Match with 19 shooters turning out. Our **April Match** is the **SASS Washington State Championship, April 23** through the **26**. Advance registration is required to shoot, but it is always free to come out and watch.



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Facility/TCSA

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Contact **Robbie** or **Mike Ensminger** with questions or comments at [ChiefRSO@tcsa.info](mailto:ChiefRSO@tcsa.info)

## PRIMITIVE RANGE



By: **Clint Bouslaught**

The March shoot went well. We had great weather and had a good time.



The next **Monthly Shoot** is on **April 18** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We are always ready to help newcomers to the sport and visitors are welcome.

Our **Annual Youth Shoot** will be on **May 16**. This year we will be holding this shoot as part of the **Hunter Education Youth Challenge**. All youth attending the Event will be given a brief safety introduction followed by a demonstration of flintlock and percussion rifles. The youth will then fire percussion rifles at various targets as part of the program. Other parts of this Event include wildlife identification, an orienteering session and a 22 shoot. If any RSO's would like to help with the muzzleloading portion of this activity please contact me for any additional details. **Dave McNeal** will have more information in his section of the Newsletter.

As a reminder to everyone, the **Primitive Range** is open for traditional style black powder firearms only, utilizing loose powder and patched roundballs or minnie balls. No centerfire or cartridge rounds are allowed. Please restrict the use of these modern firearms to Rose-Iris, Hunter Education or the High-Power facilities.

## 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>

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

Mark your Calendars. The dates for USPSA Nationals 2026:

**May 27 – 31: World Speed Shooting Championship** (Steel Challenge) @ CMP Marksmanship Park, Talladega, AL

**July 17 – 19: USPSA Multigun Nationals** @ Forest Lake Sportsmans Club, Forest Lake, MN

**August 19 – 23: USPSA Race Gun Nationals** (Open, Lim, Lim10, LO, PCC) @ Cardinal Shooting Center, Marengo, OH

**September 16 – 20: USPSA Factory Gun Nationals** (Carry Optics, Prod, SS, and Rev) @ Southern Utah Practical Shooting (SUPS), Hurricane, UT

**October 2 – 4: IPSC US Nationals** @ Greater Pittsburgh Gun Club, Bulger, PA

The **USPSA Rules:**

<https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/current/USPSA-Competition-Rules.pdf> can be downloaded to your phone for easy access.

The USPSA Rules Change Log is located here

<https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/current/Competition-Rules-Change-Log.pdf>

**LOCAL NEWS:**

**EWPSA hosted a RO Seminar March 14-15.** Thank You to all of our RO class participants and everyone that passed the Class. We are grateful that you chose to step up and help out at the Matches. Knowledge of the rules is very important to your success as a competitor.

**EWPSA** is hosting the **2026 Washington State Championship!** We currently have 350 registered competitors. Get on the wait list at:

<https://practiscore.com/2026-washington-state-championship/register>

All **EWPSA Match** results can be found here - [Practiscore.com](https://rebrand.ly/EWPSAscores) search EWPSA in the Results tab):

<https://rebrand.ly/EWPSAscores>

**Monthly 2-Gun (Retro Month!) Match** on March 7 had 34 competitors with 3 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Matt Newburn** (overall winner); Armored: **Rodrigo Silis**; and Tactical: **Nicholas Hendel**.

The **Steel Challenge Match** March 8 had 26 guns with 8 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: PCCO: **Mike Czebotar** (overall winner); CO: **Curt Berger**; LO: **Tyler Hecker**; PROD: **Nick Habakangas**; RFPA: **Kevin Hawman**; RFPO: **Carl Carbon**; RFRI: **Mark Wells**; RFRO: **Mike Czebotar**.

The **USPSA Match** on March 15 had 69 competitors with 7/9 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Limited Optics: **Charlie Perez** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Vicente Hall (KCTC)**; Limited: **Daniel Hughes**; Limited 10: **Dwight Hughes**; Open: **James Thomas**; PCC: **Mike Czebotar**; and Production: **Ezra Layman**.

**COMING UP:**

All upcoming **EWPSA Matches** and **registrations** can be found here (Practiscore.com): <https://bit.ly/EWPSAMatches>

**EWPSA** will be hosting:

**Action 2-Gun Match April 4.** Action Matches are 4-stage 2-gun matches where every stage is physically challenging. You may have to throw or carry 50 lb. kettlebells, carry 60-80 lb. sandbags or do lots of sprinting. The shooting difficulty is also a bit higher and the par times tighter. You **MUST** have a sling for your rifle to compete. These Matches historically run a bit longer than regular 2-Gun as well, so plan accordingly.

Registration opens at 9 a.m. The Pistol Bays gate will be open for you. We will have a shooter's meeting and new shooter's brief around 9:20 a.m. and get started shooting around 9:30 a.m.

The Match is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for TCSA members and setup/teardown staff shoots for free. Setup starts 2 hours before the Match start time at 7:30 a.m. Typically, 3-4 stages and 150 rounds rifle and 150 rounds pistol. Reminder that no green tip, iron core, AP, incendiary or other TCSA banned ammo is permitted. Questions? Email [ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com](mailto:ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com)

**SCSA Steel Challenge Match April 12.** Gates will open at 9:00 a.m., shooters meeting at 9:30 a.m. We start shooting after the meeting. The match cost is \$15 per TCSA member and \$20 per non-member. Shooting a second gun is \$5. Refunds for cancellation are -\$2. More details on Practiscore. Note that this will be an official Steel Challenge Match, rules are at: <https://scsa.org/rules>

**USPSA Monthly Match April 19.** Gates will open at 9:00 a.m. New Shooters briefing at 9:30, shooters meeting at 9:45 a.m., shooting begins around 10:00 a.m. The Match cost is \$20 TCSA members / \$25 non-members. More details on Practiscore.

**Monthly 2-Gun Match May 2.** EWPSA's Monthly 2-Gun Match. **NOTE Match starts at 9:00 a.m. this month, half an hour earlier!** Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. The Pistol Bays gate will be open for you. We will have a shooter's meeting and new shooter's brief around 8:50 a.m. and get started shooting around 9:00 a.m.

The Match is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for TCSA members, and setup/teardown staff shoots for free. Setup starts 2 hours before the Match start time at 7:00 a.m. Typically, 3-4 stages and 150 rounds rifle and 150 rounds pistol. Reminder that no green tip, iron core, AP, incendiary, or other TCSA banned ammo is permitted. Questions? Email [ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com](mailto:ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com)

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

Check out local news on Facebook – [Eastern Washington Practical Shooters Association](#)  
Any questions or comments can be directed to:  
**Rich Nelson** at [Chickadeeranch@gmail.com](mailto:Chickadeeranch@gmail.com)

## SAFE SHOOTING SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

*Shooters under 18 must be accompanied by an adult while participating in Events*

**By: Dave McNeal**

We had 10 kids and their family members show up for **Firearms Safety Training for Youth and Their Families** on February 22 and we have had additional inquiries from families that couldn't make that date. We can schedule additional sessions as requests are received. The same is true for the **Youth Rimfire Match Clinic** which was held on March 29. We can schedule a make-up session prior to the **April 11 first Match** of the year if there are requests.

**April 4, 1:00 p.m. Quest for Accuracy** - Kids can bring their .22 rifles to the **Hunter Education Safety Range** (or use our loaners) to shoot different ammunition types and determine which gives the best precision in their firearm. We will provide targets and ammunition.

**April 5, 12:00 Noon Free Shotgun Sunday - CANCELED FOR EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 11, 8:00 a.m. Youth Rimfire 25/50 Match** - Gates to the **Smallbore Competition Range** open at 8:00 for registration. Mandatory safety briefing is at 8:45 and firing begins at 9:00. Shooting will be from the prone position (or from bench rests if construction is completed). Shooting will be slow-fire.

[https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a\\_ef7056a0dade46f5b80f9c958fd7279b.pdf](https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a_ef7056a0dade46f5b80f9c958fd7279b.pdf)

**April 26, 8:00 a.m. Youth Rimfire Sporter Match** - Gates to the **Smallbore Competition Range** open at 8:00 for registration. Mandatory safety briefing is at 8:45 and firing begins at 9:00. Shooting will be at 25 and 50 yards from prone, sitting and offhand positions. Shooting will be slow-fire and rapid-fire.

[https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a\\_6818c268db154c53b53c3ceee708d97.pdf](https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a_6818c268db154c53b53c3ceee708d97.pdf)

**After April - Youth Rimfire Matches** continue on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** and **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** of the month April through October. **Youth Hunter Education Challenge** will be on **May 16**. **Steel Mini-Match** will be on **June 6**. **Cowboy Experience** will be on **June 27**. And more Events are under development.

**Our Facebook Page--**  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586545546901>

For general information about Safe Shooting Sports for Youth at RMSF, inquire at:  
[TCSAYouth@tcsa.info@tcsa.info](mailto:TCSAYouth@tcsa.info@tcsa.info)

## HIGH-POWER

By: Dave Baalman

April is here and the competition season is in full swing. If you are a High-Power RSO and planning to use the Range on a weekend, make sure to check the calendar first. There is not much worse than driving all the way to the Range only to find there's a Match going on and you can't shoot.

On the subject of the Calendar, if you looked at the online version before sometime in March, please go look again and update your own calendar accordingly. We had the wrong version posted and several match days were previously incorrect. Apologies for the inconvenience!

Upcoming Matches in April on the centerfire side of things: we have a **Reduced Yardage Across the Course 80 Shot Match April 4**, a **1000 Yard V2 Match April 11**, a **500 Yard Open Any Rifle April 18** and a **300-Yard-Long Gong on April 26**. On the smallbore front we have got a **Vintage Smallbore April 2**, a **50/100 Yard Dewar April 7**, a **Youth 25/50 Yard Smallbore April 11**, a **100/200 Yard Smallbore April 12**, a **50 Yard ARA Smallbore April 16**, a **PRS 22 April 19**, a **Youth Smallbore Sporter April 26**, and a **100 Yard Mini-Palma April 28**.

Match reports for March start with the first **Vintage Smallbore of 2026** on March 5 and it was an interesting one. With the excessive wind we had bullets flying, tumble weeds flying, targets flying and someone even reported seeing Toto and the Wicked Witch crossing the Range. Even with all that, we have some good scores shot. **Kirk Rappart** competed in his first Match and I think we got him hooked. **Mike Bunch** took second place and the high card with 200-14x using open sights and **Glen Buxton** was the Match winner with 399-18x using open sights. The **April 2 Match** will be a no handicap match for scoped shooters, so hope to see you all there.

Next was the March 10 **USBR Match**, where the wind was almost absent about an hour before match time but as usual gaining in velocity and lowering the temperature from cool to cold with the windchill factor, then gained even more velocity on the second card just to raise the frustration level with the rattlesnake swirl thrown in for good measure. Be that as it may **Mike Bunch**, with some excellent shooting, took top honors with a score of 477-10x. **Ben Cook** was five shots behind in second place with a 472-10x and **Dave Vance**, third was right on his heels with a 470-13x. Dave also had high card of 242 and the high X count of 13. It was good to see **James Clymer** again who made it down from Moses Lake to shoot with us.

And finally, the centerfire season started out with the annual **Korean War Memorial Service Rifle Match**. We were honored to host **Michael Park** from Vancouver BC,

who's a Korean-Canadian son of a South Korean veteran of the Korean conflict. Michael didn't win but did put up the best 300 yard score on Saturday. Spokane's **James Patterson** took the overall win with a 1203-20x, followed closely by Spokane's **Dusty McQuary** who managed a 1201-18x shooting an iron sighted M14. Horseshoe Bend Idaho's **Rick Cram** took the top M1 award for the second year in a row with an 1157-8x.



The full schedule is available at <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/>.

You can see a full description of each match on our website as well <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/match-descriptions>

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## 300 LONG GONG MATCH

By: Mark Jaeger

The first **2026 Long Gong Match** was held on March 29. The turnout was light but, with calm conditions, a good time was had by everyone. **Mark Jaeger** was first and **Randy Scott** was second. Come join the fun on **April 26**. Sign up is 8:15 a.m. with sighters starting at 8:30. The early start helps avoid the mirage.

# SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

Everything is starting to turn green already. The trees, lawns, flowers and the weeds! Luckily the spraying has begun to help keep things in check. Don't believe me? Come out to the Shotgun Range and shoot a couple of rounds, you'll see.



As with every year, we are looking for **more volunteers** to help keep the place looking good. Tasks we are looking to fill are: lawn mowing, edging, clearing chips off the fields, spraying errant weeds, loading targets, general cleanup, painting the range house, roofing the range house, pouring new concrete stairs at the high-house on Skeet 1, fertilizing, trimming stuff, dragging the parking lot, splitting firewood, etc. As you can see, whatever your skill set, we can probably use your help. Right now, there is a very small group of volunteers getting it done, but more help is needed. Ask not what Shotgun can do for you, but what can you do for Shotgun. Catchy right? My contact information is at the end of Shotgun Report.

There are some interesting things happening in the **Skeet World at Rattlesnake**. First off, we will only allow Full chokes to be used on the Skeet fields from now on. We are done with Skeet shooters with their Cylinder chokes, with 9's, breaking targets in half. We either want to see smoke or a miss. This is the way at Rattlesnake. I can feel the confusion from Dawson as he reads that.

Next up, we are a month away from our first **Registered Skeet Shoot at Rattlesnake**. That's right the **Spring Rattler 12ga and 20ga Shoot** is on **May 2**. Pre-Registration is a good idea as there will be limited flights available. Keep an eye out for the monthly email from Shotgun with more details and how to sign-up! Supposedly there are shooters from the "Wet" side of the state showing up, and while we welcome them to Rattlesnake, we don't want them going home with our cheddar. If you're good, decent, mediocre, iffy or new to Skeet, we expect you to show up and turn out for the glory of Rattlesnake! Look for the next Registered Skeet Shoot, the **Geiger Open** to take place later this year.

## APRIL SHOTS AT RATTLESNAKE

- **April 5**            **100 Bird Trap Shoot**
- **April 12**          **50 Bird Skeet Shoot**
- **April 19**          **50 Bird 5-Stand Shoot**
- **May 2**            **Spring Rattler Skeet Shoot**

The month of March saw our regular Monthly shoots happen once again. Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand were all well attended once again.

The first Sunday saw our **100 Bird Trap Shoot** with a familiar name at the top of the list. **John Wilgus** shot a commanding 96/100 to take first place. John was on a roll, and we all thought the 50 straight pot was ripe for the

taking! But it's Rattlesnake and Trap just isn't that easy in these parts. A distant 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to **Don Lint** with an 81/100. Like I said, distant. The real excitement came for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis Class where **Mark Monopoli, Stu Bruce** and **Don Klages** all tied at 72/100 to split the "average guy" pot. There is a rumor the towns folk pooled their money to hire a gunslinger out of Casa Grande, AZ to try and knock Wilgus off the top spot at the Trap Shoot on April 5.

The second Sunday saw us shoot the **50 Bird Skeet Shoot** where **Wilgus** won again with a 49/50 just beating out **Jacob Witherel** who shot a 48/50. And once again there was a ménage à trois for the second Lewis Class. **Bill Fisher, Tom Walchuk** and **Gabe Hall** all tied with a 41/50. Not sure that's the correct term to use for that tie, but it was fun to work in.

**50 Bird 5-Stand Shoot** occupied the third Sunday of March along with the "**Learn how to shoot 5-Stand**" Event. **John Wilgus** once again was the top shooter with a 44/50, pulling off the trifecta for March. I'm not sure that's happened before, but maybe. A couple of Walla Walla shooters made the trip over to shoot and **Rob Percifield** was right on Johns heels with an impressive 42/50. The average shooters awards went to **Mark Monopoli** and **John Dyes** with 35/50 and 34/50 respectively. We had a good turnout of people for the "Learn how to Shoot" Event with 5 Adults and 2 Youths taking advantage of the instructions and free birds. I would name everyone who attended, but they may or may not have come down from the Trap field. If found out they shot something besides trap, they may not be welcomed back into the trap fold. I'm not saying, I'm just saying. Either way it was a great time teaching new people about 5-Stand. Thanks to everyone who attended!

We have **cancelled** the "**Learn to Shoot**" day for April as it fell on Easter Sunday. Look for the next one in May. Always feel free to pop in on our monthly shoots if you're interested, we will always help new shooters.

Want to receive monthly emails about upcoming events and **Shotgun Range information**? Send me an email to and I will add you to our list - [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com) Also keep an eye on our **calendar** at [www.tcsashotgun.com/calendar](http://www.tcsashotgun.com/calendar)

**Shotgun RSO Scheduler, David Russie** has been sending out emails for getting RSO Scheduled for 2026. If you haven't scheduled yet, you can reach **David Russie** at [roscheduler@gmail.com](mailto:roscheduler@gmail.com) or at 509-979-3664 call/text.

Have a great month everyone!



## SHOTGUN RANGE HOURS

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

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! Feel free to drop me an email at [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

Thursday April 2  
Vintage SBR

Saturday April 4  
RMC  
Hunter Education - HESA Range  
Youth Quest for Accuracy

Sunday April 5  
100 Bird Trap Shoot  
ISSA Steel

Tuesday April 7  
50-100 Yard SBR Dewar Match - Rose-Iris Range

Thursday April 9  
TCSA General Meeting – Richland Public Library

Saturday April 11  
1000-Yard V2 Match  
Youth 25/50 Yard Smallbore Match

Sunday April 12  
100/200 Yard SBR  
50-Bird Skeet Shoot  
Steel Challenge

Monday April 13 to Friday April 17  
WSLEFIA Annual Training

Thursday April 16  
ARA Smallbore Match - Rose-Iris

Saturday April 18  
500-Yard OAR Match  
Primitive Match

Sunday April 19  
50-Bird 5-Stand Shoot  
EWPSA Match  
PRS 22 Rimfire Match - HESA Range

Monday April 20  
Pistol Bays closed April 20 to April 26  
Cowboy Annual Match April 20 to April 26

Saturday April 25  
Hunter Education - HESA Range

Sunday April 26  
Cowboy Annual Match April 20 to April 26  
300-Yard Long Gong  
Youth Rimfire Sporter Match

Tuesday April 28  
100 Yard SBR Mini Palma - HESA Range

Thursday April 30, 2026  
Women's Shoot

## ADVANTAGES OF BEING AN RSO

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 a TCSA RSO, you need to have and maintain your TCSA Membership, complete an 8-hour Class and volunteer to stand 3 days per year at the Rose-Iris General Purpose Range on a Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday. You choose which of those three days you will be able to meet.

For more information and to get your name on the list for the next RSO Class contact **Dan Martini** at [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net).

## 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. Buckets are provided for spent cartridges. Take a moment to clean up after yourself when you are done shooting.



Hats are available at the **Rose-Iris Range**  
\$25.00 each (includes tax)



Sew on **Patches** – 6” - \$20.00 / 3” - \$10.00  
Call – 509.735.1662

