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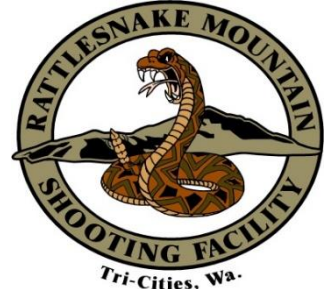
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

I would like to thank the volunteers who turned out for the Work Party to build 50 new target stand holders. **Thanks to Bill Greger, Mike Ensminger, Dave McNeal, Daniel Dinyar and Chuck Nay.** Fortunately, lumber prices are down a little and the cost was about half of what it was last time we had to build them.

With the high temperatures here for the next couple of months, be sure to stay hydrated while at the Range. Bring plenty of fluids and remember to drink them. Hydrate or die!

The high temperatures are also **elevating the fire danger in our area.** It is a good time to make sure no one is shooting prohibited ammo which has a high risk of starting a fire on our Range.

We can't seem to keep our brass buckets at the Rose-Iris Range. If you are scrounging brass, please be sure to put the rock back in the buckets when you are done. The weight keeps the buckets from blowing away.

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ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

NEXT TWO RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASSES

By: Dan Martini

Our next two TCSA RSO Classes are now scheduled for **Friday September 2** and **Friday October 14.** These Classes will start at 8 a.m. at the Shotgun Range House and last until about 3 p.m. Classes are limited in size to 12 participants each and will be filled on a first confirmed basis.

You will need to be a current 2022-2023 TCSA Member before your name can be added to the RSO Class list. If you are not a current member, either join at the Range or download the TCSA Membership Application form from our website at www.tcsa.info, fill it out and send the Membership Form along with your \$50 Individual OR \$75 Spousal check to the address on the form.

If you can and want to attend one of those two class dates, send an e-mail message **along with your TCSA Membership number** to dantini@charter.net.

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 times a year. For more information contact **Dan Martini** at Dantini@charter.net or 509.627.3198.

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. – **Mark Monopoli** – 509.531.6929

“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 or 509.735.1662.

Check out our TCSA web site 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

First, I would like to thank **Cameron O'Byrne**. He is a Boy Scout with Troop 237 and for his Eagle Scout Project he led a group that built and installed a new sign identifying the Hunter Education Range.



Our next **Online Evaluation** will be on **August 13**. Registration for that Class is currently open on the WDFW website. We are also tentatively planning an **Online Evaluation** for **September 24**, but the details for that Class have not been finalized at this time.

On June 1, 2022 the minimum age for students to complete the entire Online Course without having to attend an in-person range day was raised from 9 to 18 years old. Students younger than 18 will have to complete the range and other requirements 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 treat every firearm as if it were 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 or carry a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle.

If you have questions about our **Hunter Education Classes**, you can contact me at absolon@gorge.net

TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 p.m.

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RATTLESNAKE WARNING

Always be aware of your surroundings. Watch where you step and when you reach for things!



CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: **Mike Ensminger**



Randy Absolon already mentioned this in his HESA Article, but I too would like to thank **Cameron O'Byrne** for the new sign at the Hunter Education Range. Considering the steel posts set in concrete, I expect this sign to be there for a long time. Thanks again to Cameron for his efforts.

Please look beyond your targets if you are shooting at short range targets at the Rose-Iris Range and move any target bases sitting down range that might be impacted by bullets passing through your target.

RSO INFORMATION

RSO Questions / Concerns
Chief RSO - Mike Ensminger
chiefrso@tcsa.info or 509.521.9628

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!**



Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!



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.

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: **Mike Ensminger**



42 guns were represented at the July Steel Shoot and the weather turned out better than predicted, as we were leaving the Range when the wind got really irritating. The August Match will be on the 7th, with the shooter's meeting at 9:15.

Send us an email (mikeberta4@gmail.com) and we will start a squad for you ahead of time so your group can shoot together.

COWBOY ACTION

By: **Mike Ensminger**



11 hearty souls showed up for the hottest Match we have had so far this year in July. Although we might be competing for another high temperature record, we will be out there again **August 27**. Shooter's meeting at 9:15.

Check the calendar to make sure, but our plan is to have a **Wild Bunch Shoot** whenever we have a 5th Saturday. Same shooting time as the Cowboy Shoots.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: **Clint Bouslaugh**

Well, the July shoot went well. **Rick Roberts** repaired our ball split target so the clay pigeons no longer fall off. He fired several test shots at it and split the ball on the head to break both clays.

We also completed some needed landscaping to clear the dry vegetation from in front of the target board.

Next scheduled shoot is August 20 from 9:00 to noon.



~ **FIRE SEASON** ~

Please use Extra Caution!



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: **Mark Monopoli**

We may be a month later than usual, but the summer heat is here for a little while. Please be prepared when you come out to shoot, stay hydrated and try to enjoy the shade as much as possible on the various fields. The Shotgun Range House has the AC on if you start to feel a little overheated.

If you read through the Rattler last month there was a good article about how the entire TCSA organization, including the Shotgun Range, is run by volunteers, and those volunteers still pay their yearly dues just like everyone else. It got me thinking about all of the volunteers that help out in ways big and small for Shotgun.

One person who does a great job and almost every one of you must deal with is **Chris Quinton**, our RSO Scheduler for the Shotgun side of things. We are lucky Chris has taken on this important task for the past couple of years and performs it so well. Chris does his job in such a way that you forget he is doing it. Meaning everything is handled quickly and efficiently, everyone gets scheduled and for the most part everyone shows up on their duty dates. RSO Scheduling is not something we worry about and that is all due to Chris. **Thank you for everything that you do for the Shotgun Range Chris!**

I would also like to extend a thank you to **Stu Bruce** who assisted in training two new RSO's on the proper way to open, run and close down the Shotgun Range. Stu did a very thorough job and spent the time required to make sure they were ready for their duty days. **Thank you Stu!** I haven't told Stu yet, but I may be asking (ok, begging) him to train people in the future as well.

Sticking with the theme of volunteering there are quite a few people to mention. Not to go into a lot of detail right now, as we'll do that in future reports, but: **Gabe Hall** comes out to handle edging the fields, **Ron Geiger** has taken over maintenance on Skeet Field 1, **Phil Volkman** runs the 5-Stand field, **Eric Bickel** handles repairs on a wide variety of things from trap machines to voice calls and all things in between. **Garrett Gottschalk** mows the fields and handles the weed eating each week. **Lindsay Nelsen** handles our finances, while keeping the trap and skeet houses filled with targets. **John Dyes** shows up early on Wednesdays sometimes to help with targets. I do the hard job of telling everyone they're doing a good job. **Chad Ungerecht** runs our Fun and Games Trap Shoots. **Dave Otto** runs Skeet League. **Phil Volkman** runs 5-Stand League. People who have volunteered in the past, **Steve Williams** used to do the lawn mowing. **Mark Wilson**, **Eric Johnson** and others have run our now defunct Trap League, etc. Moral of this story is that there is always room for more volunteers, so if you want to join in on the fun, shoot me an email at

mark.monopoli@outlook.com for your chance at a non-paying position today! I apologize if I missed anyone.

2022 5-Stand League is coming up and will begin on August 20 and conclude on October 2! Similar to years past we will be shooting 10 rounds of 5-Stand, and then shoot the optional 100 bird **Phil Volkman 5-Stand League Sporting Clays Event** at a venue to be announced. Most all the same rules apply. Stay tuned to future Shotgun Reports and check our website for more information.

As far as other shoots go, there is nothing currently on the books for Rattlesnake. If you have an idea for a shoot and are willing to take the reins and run with it, we are always open to new and exciting things or even old and boring things.

Congratulations to **Don Lint** on his win and subsequent belt buckle at the trap shoot in Yakima. Also, **Lindsay Nelsen**, **Phil Volkman**, **Mark Monopoli** and **Mike Tomlinson** represented Rattlesnake well at both the Oregon State and Washington State Sporting Clays Championships. Combined they won several events and placed well in most of the others.

Other things going on at the Shotgun Range: We have a load of targets getting delivered on August 3. Unfortunately, we're not impervious to the rampant inflation we all keep hearing about as our target costs are going up. Everything from pitch, the main ingredient in targets, to the orange paint and the cardboard boxes have gone up. When you add in the increased delivery costs, it is not an insignificant increase to our operating costs. Nothing will be changing in the immediate future, but we are looking at how this will impact costs moving forward.

The good news is that **5-Stand, Trap and Skeet are all still up and running!** Come on out and join the fun!

SHOTGUN RSO INFORMATION

Remember current Membership Cards need to be presented **every time** a shooter signs in if they want to avoid the Daily Range Fee.

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 and www.tcsa.info.

Thanks for reading! If you have anything to share or have questions, concerns or comments feel free to drop me an email at mark.monopoli@outlook.com



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HIGH-POWER

By: **John Hauptmann**

We are idling away the hot (but relatively calm) days of summer, while still offering the full gamut of Smallbore and High-Power Events throughout the month. There are Smallbore Events on the 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th, 20th and 21st; Mid-Range on the 19th and 23rd; Service Rifle on the 27th; and Long Range on the 12th and 13th. Please visit the High-Power page at 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.

GATE COMBINATION: The Canyon Gate combination has been changed and all High-Power RSOs were notified via email. Contact **John Hauptmann** if you did not receive the email.

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. It is definitely fire season, so behave accordingly.



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 / b24jci@gmail.com or **John Hauptmann** High-Power Secretary at 509.308.9230 / 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: <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/> 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: Correct Range Commands are: 1) "Make Ready", 2) "Are You Ready", 3) "Stand By", start signal, 4) "If you are finished, unload and show clear", 5) If clear, hammer down holster or flag, or cylinder closed, holster, 6) "Range is clear"

NATIONAL NEWS: www.uspsa.org

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

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

USPSA MasterPiece Arms Racegun Nationals (Open/Lim): October 12 - 16, Talladega, AL

USPSA Blue Bullets Production and PCC Nationals: October 19 - 23, Talladega, AL

The USPSA Rules:

<https://uspsa.org/viewer/2021-USPSA-Competition-Rules-Sep-2021.pdf> can be downloaded for easy access.

LOCAL NEWS: All **EWPSA Match** results can be found here (Practiscore.com): <https://bit.ly/EWPSAscores>

The **Steel Challenge July Match** had 23 guns with 9 divisions represented. The Division winners were: RFRO: **Mike Czebotar** (overall winner); OSR: **Eugene Econ**; CO: **Jon Dayton**; Limited: **Bill DeMun**; RFPI: **Kalle Hyrkas**; RFPO: **Carl Carbon**; PCCO: **Curt Berger**.

The **USPSA July Match** had 59 competitors with 6/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Mark Bradley** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Richard Ingram**; Limited: **David Blosser**; PCC: **Shane Hill**; Production: **Peter Bauk**; and Single Stack: **Brian Humann**.

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

EWPSA will be hosting a **Fun in the Sun 2-Gun Match August 14**. Gate will open at 8:00 a.m., new shooters briefing at 8:30 a.m., shooting begins at 9:00 a.m. The match costs \$20 TCSA members, \$25 non-TCSA members and juniors shoot for free. There will be a Shotgun Side Match, additional \$5 if you want to participate. More details on Practiscore.

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match August 21**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at <https://practiscore.com/ewpsa-2022-06-uspsa/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.

EWPSA will be hosting a **Steel Challenge** match **September 11**. 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 on Practiscore.

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

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.

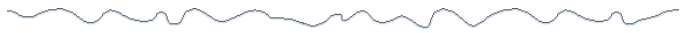


Check out the “For Sale” items on our web-site www.tcsa.info

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

Ads will run for 3 months. If you wish to run your ad again, you will need to resubmit it. If your item(s) sells, contact us and we will remove it. No Business-related ads!

Send your “For Sale” or “Wanted” items to membership@tcsa.info



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



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

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- Calendar of Events - Range Photos
- Shooting Venues - Frequently Asked Questions
- Items For Sale - TCSA Forms - Monthly Newsletter
- Weather - Range Rules - Banned Ammo



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