



# The Rattler

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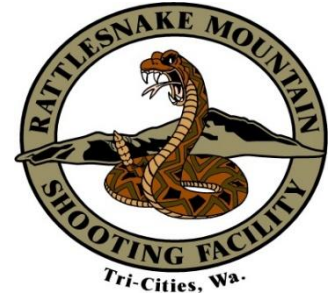
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**By: Mark Verwest**

**PLEASE NOTE** that the General Membership and Board Meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 13** at the Richland Library.

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.

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.

Due to Extreme Fire Danger, 50 BMG is NOT allowed at HESA, Pistol Bays or Rose-Iris Range until further notice.

### ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

**Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday**

### TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**RICHLAND LIBRARY**  
(Conference Room A & B)

**NOTE THE DAY CHANGE**  
**FOR THIS MONTH IT WILL BE ON A WEDNESDAY**

## NEXT RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS

**By: Dan Martini**

Our next Range Safety Officer Class will be held on **Friday August 22** from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Shotgun Range House. To get your name on the Class List, you have to be a current member of the TCSA. If you can make the Class date and want to become a TCSA Range Safety Officer, send a reply email message to [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net) with a YES and include your TCSA Membership number and I will add your name to the RSO Class list.

## ADVANTAGES OF BEING A 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).



## 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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## HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: **Randy Absolon**

Our **Field Skills Evaluation Classes** for this fall are all set up. These Classes are for students who have completed the online portion of the course. Registration is currently open for our **August 9** session and will open about three weeks before our **September 6** and **September 27** sessions. These Classes often fill up quickly, so if you need the class sign up as soon as possible when registration opens. These will likely be the last three sessions we offer this calendar year.



I want to acknowledge Joe Sundal's contributions to our Hunter Ed group over the last nearly 20 years. Joe unexpectedly passed away a couple weeks ago and he will be greatly missed by our group.

**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 store firearms and ammunition separately and locked up.

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 -



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



## CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger

Thank you to **Nick Hertelendy** for the new lighting in the Rose-Iris Range House. You can actually see what you are doing at the work tables in there now.



We had another round of damage to the gate last week and I have to thank **Jim O'Donnell** and **Tom Holt** for rescuing us once again. We only had about 16 hours in which to endure the trauma of getting out of your vehicle to open and close the gate.

We are planning an **RSO Class** on **Friday, August 22** at Shotgun. **Pre-registration is required.** To sign up, email Dan Martini ([dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net)) with your name and membership number and he will add you to the list.

RSO Questions / Concerns  
**Chief RSO - Mike Ensminger**  
[chiefrso@tcsa.info](mailto:chiefrso@tcsa.info) or 509.521.9628

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**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!**



### 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.

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

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



## RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike Ensminger

We had 58 guns represented in the July Match and will be out there again on **August 3**, probably about the time you read this.



Sign-ups are at the Range on Match day, cash or check for fees. Email us ahead of time with any squad requests ([mikeberta4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeberta4@gmail.com)) and we will start a squad ahead of time for you.

Shooter's meeting is at 9:15 a.m., access is via the Event Gate at mile 7.4 (near the trailhead parking lot).

## COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike Ensminger

We had a pretty decent turnout to shoot on boat race weekend, with 14 of our regulars plus a couple of new faces that we hope to see more of in the future.



Our next **Cowboy Match** will be held **August 23**, shooter's meeting at 9 a.m.

Since there are 5 Saturdays in August, we will also be hosting a **Wild Bunch Shoot** on **August 30**, also starting at 9 a.m. This uses the same rifles and shotguns as Cowboy, but the revolvers are replaced by a 1911 in .45ACP. Lots of shooting and lots of fun.

## PRIMITIVE RANGE



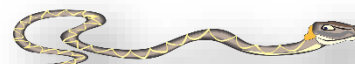
By: Clint Bouslaugh

The July shoot was good. The **August shoot** will be on the **16th** from 9 a.m. until noon. This will be a good time to sight in for hunting season. The rifle trail provides for real life hunting situations with varying distances and target sizes.

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## RATTLESNAKES

Watch where you step and when you reach for things.  
Be aware of your surroundings.



# SAFE SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

By: Dave McNeal

## JULY REPORT

Due to the proficiency exhibited by shooters in our first six matches, we expanded the competition to allow shooters to opt for either 25-yard or 50-yard targets. On July 12 **Allyxis Henderson** won at 25 yards with 197 9X, and **Gabby Macatangay** took second with 169 0X. At 50 yards, **Anna Winkel** won with 195 6X and **Payten Henderson** took second with 193 7X.

July 27 **Allyxis Henderson** won at 25 yards with 197 14X, and **Brooklyn Grijalva** took second with 197 8X. **Payten Henderson** won at 50 yards with 196 3X and **Anna Winkel** took second with 191 7X. All shooters scored over 190.



Thanks to **George Hagar** for acquiring the medallions that were awarded to the winners.



## COMING IN AUGUST

**TCSA 25-50 Yard Youth Smallbore Matches** will be **Saturday August 9** and **Sunday August 24**. Registration will run from 7:00 until 7:30 a.m. and the mandatory safety briefing will be at 7:45 to beat the heat. Shooters aged 18 and under, accompanied by an adult, are invited to participate in Matches at the TCSA Smallbore Competition Range. Enter through the Shotgun Gate and take a left turn. Prospective participants who have not attended the .22 Match Clinic should contact [TCSAYouth@tcsa.info](mailto:TCSAYouth@tcsa.info) for information on the course of fire and the allowable equipment. Loaner rifles, ammunition and accessories can be made available. We are planning to add a **Fun Shoot** with 3" gongs at 100 yards for shooters who want to stay after the Match.

**Free Skeet Sunday** will be **August 10** at 12:00 Noon. Shooters aged 18 and under, accompanied by an adult, can bring their shotguns and shells to the Rattlesnake Mountain Shotgun Range and learn about (or refresh their skills) with two free rounds of skeet. If you plan to attend and participate in this activity, please **RSVP** to [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com).

## INTO THE FUTURE

In the upcoming months we will continue the monthly **Free Shotgun Sunday** and the twice-a-month **Smallbore Matches**. If you have events that you would like to sponsor or that you would like to have presented, please send your thoughts to [TCSAYouth@tcsa.info](mailto:TCSAYouth@tcsa.info). Please note that many of the "adult" matches and events at RMSF are kid friendly too.



## 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:** 5.2.1 Carry and Storage – Except when within the boundaries of a Safety Area or when under the supervision and direct command of a Range Officer, competitors must carry their handguns unloaded in a gun case, gun bag or in a holster securely attached to a belt on their person (see Rule 10.5.1).

5.2.1.2 A competitor who, while not at a Safety Area or under RO supervision, removes their holster or their equipment belt with their handgun still in the holster, shall be considered to be in violation of Rule 5.2.1 and subject to disqualification from the Match. In other words, DO NOT take off your belt with holstered gun at the Port-a-potty or you will be DQd.

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

**Mark your Calendars.** The dates for **USPSA Nationals 2025:**

**August 22 - 24 - IPSC Nationals** at Cardinal Shooting Center, Marengo, OH.

**October 24 - 26 - Racegun Nationals** (Open, Lim, Lim10, LO, PCC) at Southern Utah Practical Shooting, Hurricane, Utah.

The **USPSA Rules:**

<https://uspsa.org/viewer/2024-USPSA-Competition-Rules.pdf> can be downloaded to your phone for easy access.

The USPSA Rules Change Log is located here

<https://uspsa.org/viewer/Competition-Rules-Change-Log.pdf>



## LOCAL NEWS:

All **EWPSA Match** results can be found on Practiscore.com: <https://bit.ly/EWPSAscores>

**EWPSA** is planning to host the **2026 Washington State Championship!** We had such great support for this year's 2025 WA State Championship, that we want to do it again. The dates for the Match will be May 14 - 17, 2026. Staff will shoot May 14 and 15 (Thursday PM/Friday AM). Competitors will choose to shoot either May 15/16 (Friday PM/Sat AM) or May 16/17 (Sat PM/Sun AM). More information will be on Practiscore soon. Registration will open January 1, 2026 at 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

### EWPSA Board Members:

Rich Nelson – President  
Curt Berger - Vice President  
Warren Harper - Secretary  
Kevin Bensema - Treasurer  
Daniel Hughes - CRO  
Dave Wright - At Large

**Monthly 2-Gun (Heavy Metal Month!) Match** July 5 had 29 competitors with 4 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Tactical: **Derek Small** (overall winner); Heavy Metal: **Kevin Bensema**; Limited: **Hugo Vergara**; and Open: **Grant Fujimoto**.

The **Steel Challenge Match** July 13 had 19 guns with 6 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: PCCO: **Mike Czebatar** (overall winner); CO: **Tyler Hecker**; Prod: **Kevin McCurry**; RFPO: **Carl Carbon**; RFRI: **Mark Wells**; RFRO: **Kevin Hawman**.

**Thursday Night Pistol Match** July 18 had 10 competitors with 2 Divisions. The Division winners were: CCW: **Skeetz Guilbeau** and Duty: **Rob Lee**.

The **USPSA Match** on July 20 had 68 competitors with 8/9 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Ryan Barnes** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Gage Winden**; Limited: **Aron Gorham**; Limited 10: **Dwight Hughes**; Limited Optics: **Sam Wagg**; PCC: **Bart Mandrist**; Production: **Kevin McCurry**; and Revolver: **Andrew Hall**.

### COMING UP:

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

**EWPSA** will be hosting:

**Monthly 2-Gun Match August 2.** Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Shooting briefing at 8:40, shooting begins at 9:00 a.m. The Match cost is \$20 per TCSA member and \$25 per non-member. More details on Practiscore.

**SCSA Steel Challenge Match August 10.** 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.

**USPSA monthly Match August 17.** 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. The Match cost is \$20 TCSA members / \$25 non-members. More details on Practiscore.

**Thursday Night Pistol Match August 21.** Registration will open at 6:30 p.m., setup will begin at 6:45 p.m. and shooting will start once setup completes. **If you want to shoot the Match, you need to be there for setup.** The Match costs \$11.

**Summer 3-Gun Match August 23.** Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Shooting briefing at 8:40, shooting begins at 9:00 a.m. The Match cost is \$20 per TCSA member and \$25 per non-member. More details on Practiscore.

**Action 2-Gun Match September 6.** Sign-in begins at 9:00 a.m. Shooting briefing at 9:20 a.m., shooting begins at 9:30 a.m. The Match cost is \$20 per TCSA member and \$25 per non-member. More details on Practiscore.

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)

~ ~ FIRE SEASON ~ ~

Please use Extra Caution!



Check out the “For Sale” items on our web-site

[www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info)

Send your “For Sale” or “Wanted” items to

[membership@tcsa.info](mailto:membership@tcsa.info)



# SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

Welcome back to the dog days of summer! I'm pretty sure I have said that before, but it's still true today with hot sunny weather the norm currently.

Thanks to the coordination of **John Wilgus**, we had our first impromptu work party at Shotgun. Not sure why it is called a "party" as it seemed to be mostly just work. Thanks to **John, Rick Poehls, Phil Volkman, Don Klages, Jay Judy, John Dyes** and **Gabe Hall** for spending the morning of July 4 pulling weeds around the various fields. All in all, the weather was about perfect that day for a little manual labor. The whole place looked A LOT better afterwards.

**SUMMER HOURS!** Remember the **Shotgun Range is still open on Wednesdays until 7:00 p.m.** for your shooting enjoyment.



Reading back through the Shotgun Reports, I have noticed they are getting a bit bland and I apologize for that. I should at least tell the story of **Wilgus** breaking a perfect (50) straight at Walla Walla with only (49) shells or him not letting us shoot his hat afterwards, or finding a bar on the way home that has \$2 beers. And that all happened in a span of 4 hours on a Wednesday afternoon! Moral of the story is that we have a good time shooting at Shotgun and it would be great if more of you came out to join us.

You do not have to be a good shot to have fun, trust me, there are plenty of us who forget how to hit targets on a regular basis. Take **Matt Lynn** for instance, Matt ran a perfect score of 25/25 on the first round of 5-Stand to follow it up with a 19/25. Then just to show off Matt shot another 25/25, unfortunately it was a practice round and didn't count towards his score. But still.

5-Stand not your game? The Trap and Skeet shoots are very competitive no matter your abilities. We had a four-way tie for the second Lewis class in Skeet. Actually, with all of the ties half the shooters won money this past month.

So how did Wilgus shoot 50 straight with only 49 shells? Well, the final true pair of the final station, the birds flew close enough that John was able to hit both with a single shot. In Sporting Clays, that is allowed so 50 birds, 49 shells. It was pretty cool to see.

**VOLUNTEERS are still needed.** If you are so inclined to help out, get in touch with me at [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com) or you can call/text me at 509.531.6929.



**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON RSO DUTY, still looking.** With our long time Wednesday afternoon RO, **Don**

**Knowlton** out recovering we need to cover the Noon - 3:00 p.m. RSO shift on Wednesdays. It is a short 3-hour period so if you would like to sign up for those duty days get in touch with **David Russie** at [roscheduler@gmail.com](mailto:roscheduler@gmail.com) or at 509.979.3664 call/text.

We will be having our regular Monthly Shoots again in August, but there may be some changes to our regular weekend schedule due to several shooters attending the **Washington State Shoot for Sporting Clays**. Please pay attention to the calendar posted to [www.tcsashotgun.com](http://www.tcsashotgun.com) for any changes. You can always email, call or text me with questions.

## JULY SHOOTS AT RATTLESNAKE

- **August 3 100 Bird Trap Shoot**
- **August 10 50 Bird Skeet Shoot**
- **August 10 Youth Skeet Day**
- **August 17 50 Bird 5-Stand Shoot**

Our monthly **Youth Skeet Day** will happen again on **August 10**. RSVP to [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com) if you want to join or if you have any questions. As usual Shotgun will provide the birds and instruction, attendees are required to supply their own shotgun and ammo.

Monthly Shoot Winners for July.

**Trap Shoot Winner:** Wilgus/Monopoli (tie)  
**Skeet Shoot Winner:** Monopoli/Wilgus (tie)  
**5-Stand #1 Winner:** Wilgus/Mathis (tie)  
**5-Stand #2 Winner:** Wilgus (no tie)

Great shooting everyone!

**RSO Scheduler for Shotgun, David Russie has been handling scheduling and such.** We appreciate everyone volunteering their time at the Range again this year. You can reach **David Russie** at 509-979-3664 call/text or email at [roscheduler@gmail.com](mailto:roscheduler@gmail.com).

Have a great month everyone!

## SHOTGUN RANGE HOURS

Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
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 [mark.monopoli@outlook.com](mailto:mark.monopoli@outlook.com).



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# HIGH-POWER

By: Dave Baalman

As I write this the **National Matches** are going on at **Camp Perry, Ohio** (alas, without me again this year). There is a nice Pacific Northwest flavor to the podium so far. Oregon's **James Fox** took the cup match, beating out the Army Marksmanship Unit's (and former Washington State Junior) **Zevin Linse** by just one point across the 3-day, 2400-point match. It came down to the last shot and I got to watch it all live on my PC at work, thanks to the CMP's electronic target system being posted up to the minute on their website! We have a similar system at Rattlesnake, and it has finally made high-power a bit of a spectator sport. If you are interested, come out to a match, you can link your phone or tablet right into the system and see the results of each shot in real time. I will also make this offer again like last month: we have got a reduced yardage across the course match on August 23. This is a great opportunity if you want to try out High-Power, just about any repeater centerfire that can hold 5 or more rounds can be made to work. If you want to try it out and can come up with 88 rounds of .223 factory ammo, get in touch with me at the email below and I will set you up with my backup rifle so you can try it out.

Schedule wise for August, besides the aforementioned reduced yardage match, we have got a smallbore heavy month. We have got the usual **50/100 Yard Dewar** on the **5th**, **Vintage Smallbore** on the **7th**, **100/220 Yard Smallbore** on the **9th**, **50 Yard USBR Smallbore** on the **12th**, **50 Yard ARA Small-bore** on the **14th**, **200/300 Yard Smallbore** on the **16th**, and **100 Yard Mini-Palma** on the **26th**. For the youths out there, we have got **Smallbore Youth Matches** at the new Smallbore Range on the **9th** and the **24th**.

Looking back at July, the July 8 **Dewar Match**, we started off with a perfect dead quiet day for shooting but when we came out of the safety briefing, we found the wind had started kicking up with gusts up to 16 mph and swirling winds. **Glen Clifford** overcame the wind and shot a very nice 399-20x for the Match win and high card. We welcomed back **John Schneider** to our shooting Match, and he shot a 396-22x for 3rd place with all the rust, great shooting John!

At the July 10 **Vintage Smallbore Match**, the wind was once again a large factor. **Mike Bunch** pulled out a win with a 399-25x and was a breath away from a clean score with iron sights. **Lisa Bunch** came in second with a 400-26x raw score, which equated to a 396-26x when the scope handicap was applied. Great job for her first time shooting this Match. **Larry Meerdink** came in 3rd with a 399-30x raw for 395-30x after the handicap. The August Match will have no handicap for scoped rifles.

The July 15 **ARA Benchrest Match** was what you could call a challenge. Strong, constantly changing wind right in the shooter's face was common, but those that could read the wind and stay ahead of the changes did well. (The scores were not as high as normal but the effort was greater.) **Mike Bunch** came out on top shooting a 476-8x. In second place was **Tom Halecki** with a 463-5x. Both hard fought scores, congratulations!

At the July 20 **100/200 Yard Smallbore Match**, three shooters braved the windy conditions. Gusting tricky wind were the norm for both the 100- and 200-yard portions. The match winner was **John Julian** with a 388-9x. **David de Jong** was second place with a 375-12x, and **Ron Jorgensen** was third with a 374- 8x.

At the July 21 **ARA Match**, despite a 1 hour early start, 3 shooters showed up to beat the heat. The first card was shot in a mild breeze but a swirly wind showed up for the second card. **Ben Cook** took top honors with the Match win and high card with a 4375-24x, Congratulations Ben!

And finally at the July 20 **Reduced Yardage** across the course match, **Dave Baalman** was the match winner with a (not very good, but good enough to win) 744-14x. See if you take me up on my offer to shoot the Match in August, you can shoot the rifle that won the July Match!



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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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

**Saturday August 2**

**2-Gun Match – Pistol Bays**

**Sunday August 3**

**ISSA Steel**

**100 Bird Trap Shoot**

**Tuesday August 5**

**50-100 Yard SBR Dewar Match - Rose-Iris Range**

**Thursday August 7**

**Vintage SBR Match - Rose-Iris Range**

**Saturday August 9**

**100-200 Yard Smallbore Match**

**Hunter Education Class**

**Youth Smallbore Match - Smallbore Range**

**Sunday August 10**

**SCSA Steel Challenge**

**50-Bird Skeet Shoot**

**Shotgun Youth Skeet Shoot Day**

**Tuesday August 12**

**50 Yard Benchrest – Rose-Iris**

**Wednesday August 13**

**TCSA General Meeting – Richland Public Library**

**Thursday August 14**

**50 Yard ARA Smallbore – Rose-Iris**

**Saturday August 16**

**200/300 Yard Smallbore Prone**

**Primitive Match**

**Sunday August 17**

**50-Bird 5-Stand Shoot**

**USPSA Match**

**Thursday August 21**

**EWPSA Thursday Night Pistol**

**Friday August 22**

**RSO Training**

**Saturday August 23**

**Cowboy Match**

**EWPSA Summer 3 Gun**

**High-Power Rifle SC**

**Sunday August 24**

**Youth Smallbore Match - Smallbore Range**

**Tuesday August 26**

**100 Yard SBR Mini Palma - HESA Range**

**Saturday August 30**

**Wild Bunch**

## ONCE UPON A TIME



Cowboy



Youth Shoot



Shotgun