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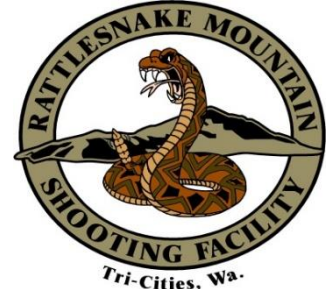
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

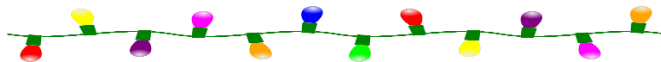
By: Mark Verwest

With winter approaching, there could be some weather-related Range closures and/or cancellations of Events. If the weather gets bad, check our Web Page and Facebook page for any updated Range closures before heading out to the Range.

Be sure to check the Discipline links on our website for the most up to date discipline events and/or cancellations.

As many of you have noticed, there is a new Range being built north of the Plinking Bays. It is being funded by the County and is intended to be a Training Range for the Benton County Sheriff's and Correction's Offices. The Benton County Sheriff's Office Range is nearing completion. The BCSO Range is strictly for their use and TCSA Members and the public will not have access to their facilities.

Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays !



ROSE-IRIS AND SHOTGUN

CLOSED

TO THE PUBLIC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

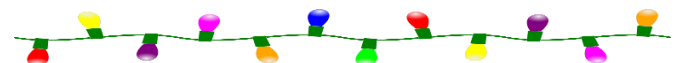
By: George Hager

Howdy all! It's 5 days after Thanksgiving and I'm still full! It's an endless cycle of leftovers followed by Christmas cookies, good Lord what is next?

I got to spend some time at the Rose-Iris Range this past weekend and damn, it was cold! Well, either that or I am now officially old. Maybe a little of both? It was a slow morning as the fog was a bit thick, but as lunchtime hit, folks managed their way out. I got to chat with some patrons and I was blamed for the cold weather? My response, you're old too! 😊

The Range Officers were their typical professional selves, it was nice to see someone else going up to a Range Officer and thanking them for their help. It was almost a kumbaya moment.

A quick update to the PR-22 Match we held at HESA earlier this month. The turn-out was good for such a cool day. We had a strong and talented field, it ran the gamut from the top three finishers at the NW Regional PRS-22 Finale, that was held here at Rattlesnake, to a couple of first time PR-22 shooters. Our next roll in the hay will be November 14, 2023. Give it a try. What's the worst thing that will happen, that you will have fun?



ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

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**



I almost have our **January – February Traditional Class** set up. It will run Monday and Thursday evenings from **January 23 – February 9**, with a range day on Saturday morning **February 4**. Once the classroom space is finalized, I will open the registration on the WDFW website. This should be complete in early December.

I am also setting up classes for Online Student Evaluations for **March 4, March 18, April 1** and **May 15**. As with the Traditional Class, when I get the classroom space finalized, I will open registration on the WDFW website.

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



With the Winter months ahead of us, be sure to **check the road conditions** before driving out to the Range. **If at anytime we need to close the Range due to weather conditions we will try to get it posted on the Website and Facebook as soon as we can.**



TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00 p.m.

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CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: **Mike Ensminger**

We will schedule RSO Training Classes whenever we have enough interest to fill a Class, so send an email to **Dan Martini** at dantini@charter.net if you are interested in becoming an RSO.



We will load the Rose-Iris Range Duty Calendar for 2023 around the first of the year and if you renew your membership early, you will be able to access it and schedule your 2023 duty days when Sue starts sending out 2023 membership cards in mid-January. A lot of the calendar will already be filled if you wait till membership renewal is mandatory to sign up.

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!



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.

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: **Mike Ensminger**



Weather was much nicer than predicted, so the forecast apparently scared off a bunch of our regular shooters, but we still had 17 guns competing in November. We will shoot again **December 4**, with the mandatory shooter's meeting at 9:15.

If you are coming for sure and would like us to start a squad ahead of time, send us an email at mikeberta4@gmail.com and we will make sure we keep your group together.

If the weather forecast looks particularly bad, please check the Rattlesnake Mountain Steel Shooters website/Facebook page before making the trip to the range.

COWBOY ACTION

By: **Mike Ensminger**

11 shooters showed up for what turned out to be a noticeably colder day than was predicted. It was nice to see a couple of new shooters included in the mix. Weather permitting, we are planning to have a Match on **Christmas Eve, December 24**.



If the weather looks bad, check the Rattlesnake Gulch website/Facebook page or give us a call the night before at 509.628.0889 just in case we wimp out. Shooting starts at 9:15.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: **Clint Bouslaugh**

November was a cold day at the Range. I do not expect December to be any warmer, so throw on your wool hat and gloves and come out for a brisk morning of shooting.

We will be holding our last shoot of the year on **December 17** from 9:00 a.m. to noon.



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: **Mark Monopoli**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone! I was remiss in wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving, so Happy Thanksgiving everyone! It is amazing to think that this is the last Shotgun Report of 2022. The days and weeks are flying by, so make sure you are out and about enjoying everything life has to offer and spending time with the people you enjoy the most.

Speaking of good people, **Chad Ungerecht** and his band of merry men did a great job once again running the **2022 Turkey Shoot**. There were right at 50 shooters from places near and far. Hermiston, Yakima, Prosser, Wenatchee and the greater Tri-City area were all well represented. I believe everyone won at least one turkey if not more. **Mike Peale, Lyle Laughery** and **Ed Vander Veer** did a great job of running the "beginner" trap for the shooters who are just starting out or are your average shooter. The best part of the "beginner" trap? **Mike Tomlinson** was shooting up there and if there is one thing 10 out of 10 shooters will agree on, knocking Tomlinson out is usually the highlight of their day! The "professional" trap was run by **Chad, Marv Steele** and others for the more serious shooters that may or may not make a living at this time of year doing these "meat shoots". No matter what field you were on, everyone was having a good time. Lunch was definitely a highlight of the day with **Mrs. Ungerecht** cooking up a delicious soup with pie for dessert.



You owe it to yourself to come out and join in on the fun at the **Christmas Shoot** on **December 18th**. Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m., but if you show up early there is coffee and Tomlinson usually brings out several dozen donuts to set the mood for the day. No matter your ability, you will have a good time and with guaranteed wins, you will most likely go home with a ham or such.

2022 5-Stand League, "The Best Damn League at Rattlesnake" is done and dusted. Once again **John Wilgus** was super consistent and held onto first place with **Lindsay Nelsen** coming in a close second. There were about 20 shooters that made the trek up to *Rock Lake Sporting Clays* for the **4th Annual Phil Volkman 5-Stand League Sporting Clays Shoot**. The shoot was a resounding success followed by a great BS session at a pretty good Mexican restaurant in Ritzville. Thanks again to everyone who shot in league and **Phil Volkman** for doing a great job again this year!

Evidently **Don Lint** is the only shooter that does anything worthy of note. It was right after I knocked Don out of an Annie Oakley shoot up at the *Connell Gun Club* that he let me know he shot 50 straight at a Multiplex the weekend before and brought home over \$300 for his efforts. Good shooting Don! Now, all the rest of you need to remember is that I knocked Don out of an Annie

Oakley. Don's a good shooter, so I'll probably bring that up a few more times.

Thank you to all of the RSO's who volunteer your time week in and week out to keep the Shotgun Range open, running and safe.

One thing we need to keep in mind is that the **Shotgun Range is open until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays**. We do not close the Range early because there are no shooters. Just because there is no one there at 1:00 p.m., doesn't mean someone won't show up at 2:00 p.m. It is not a short drive out to the Range and we owe it to our fellow shooters to be open during our posted hours.

With the inevitable winter weather rolling in please be careful on the sidewalks and the trap and skeet fields as they can be icy in the morning. There is ice melt in the backroom of the Range House that can be used on any slick spots. Also be careful on the steps down into the trap houses and the ramp into the high-house on the skeet field.

As a reminder, if you take a TCSA Membership application, whether it is a renewal or a new member, you must provide that person with one of the Temporary Membership Cards found in the RSO briefcase. Be sure they understand that until they get their membership card in the mail, they need to present the temporary card to avoid paying the daily range fee. Membership cards are mailed out promptly, but still may take 3-4 weeks to reach them.

With 2022 coming to a close, I'd like to thank everyone who comes out to the Shotgun Range, volunteer or shooter, you are what make it such a fun place to shoot at.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas everyone, here's to seeing everyone in the New Year! Cheers!

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! Feel free to drop me an email at mark.monopoli@outlook.com about anything at all.



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John Hauptmann, High-Power author has turned his pen over to **Dave Baalman**.
Dave! Welcome Aboard!



HIGH-POWER

By: Dave Baalman

Scheduled Events have concluded for the year, but the High-Power Range remains open for use by any RSO's who have a High-Power Endorsement. If you are interested in obtaining the High-Power Endorsement, contact **John Hauptmann** (contact information below) to schedule.

Our High-Power 2023 Calendar will be posted any day now at <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/>. You will also find match descriptions and other match information there. For calendar year 2023 most Centerfire Matches will be fired on electronic targets, which means no pit duty required! Exceptions will be the 500 and 800 Yard Open Any Rifle Matches (which are quick enough that the e targets do not save any time) and of course all Small-Bore Matches (subsonic bullets will not work with e targets). If you have a tablet or a phone that can connect to wifi you can use it as your scoring device and can collect screen grabs of your targets. The RSO at the Match can show you how. This system can also make Matches into a bit of a spectator sport since observers can see the same target impact information the shooters can see.



We shoot a lot of varying disciplines at the High-Power Range, so we have decided to use up a bit of Newsletter space each month describing one of the disciplines a bit. We will feature a different discipline each month, so be sure to check us out in the coming months.

This month we will describe **Conventional High-Power**. Conventional High-Power has its roots in late 19th Century Military Competition. The current form is any centerfire rifle under 35 caliber fired from 3 positions in 4 stages: 200 yard standing slow fire, 200 yard sitting rapid fire, 300 yard prone rapid fire and 600 yard prone slow fire. Rifles can either be a service rifle (M-1 Garand, M-14 variant or M-16 variant) or a match rifle (anything else). Iron sights or scopes up to 4.5 power are allowed on service rifles and irons sights or unlimited scopes are allowed on match rifles.

We shoot this discipline about once per month through the shooting season, with a few minor variations. Most common is the **Regional Match Course (RMC)**, which is 20 shots in each stage. There is also the **Civilian Marksmanship Program's Excellence in Competition (EIC) Matches**, which are 10 shots on the short line stages and 20 from slow prone. This match can earn shooters points towards the distinguished rifleman

award. More about the distinguished programs through CMP can be found on their website:

<https://thecmp.org/competitions/distinguishedbadges/>

High power contacts: **John Julian** High-Power Chairman 509.308.0376 / b24jcj@gmail.com

John Hauptmann High-Power Secretary at 509.308.9230 / jlhauptmann@gmail.com



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.



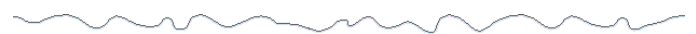
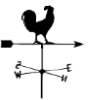
CHECK OUT THE TCSA WEB-PAGE

www.tcsa.info

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



WEATHER CONDITIONS for the Range can be found on our homepage - www.tcsa.info



Check out the **"For Sale"** items on our web-site
www.tcsa.info

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

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: EWPSA will be hosting a USPSA Level 1 RO Seminar, scheduled for March 18 and 19. Information is available by logging in to [USPSA.org](https://uspsa.org), then click here <https://uspsa.org/seminars/details/392>. \$65 includes the seminar and lunch on Saturday and Sunday's Match. Questions can be addressed to **Pam Harper** at EWPSA.sectional@gmail.com

NATIONAL NEWS: www.uspsa.org

The dates for USPSA Nationals 2023 have been released <https://uspsa.org/nationals>

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

LOCAL NEWS: All **EWPSA Match** results can be found at <https://bit.ly/EWPSAscores>

The **USPSA** November 20 Match had 34 competitors with 6/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Ryan Barnes** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Richard Mettler**; Limited: **James Thomas**; PCC: **Mike Czebotar**; Production: **Peter Bayuk**; and Revolver: **G Simon**.

COMING UP:

All upcoming **EWPSA Matches** and **Registrations** can be found here at Practiscore.com:

<https://bit.ly/EWPSAmatches>

EWPSA will be hosting a **Monthly 2-Gun** Monthly Match **December 3**. Gate will open at 8:30 a.m., new shooters briefing at 8:30 a.m., shooting begins at 8:30 a.m. The Match costs \$20. More details on Practiscore.

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match** **December 18**. 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.

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](#)

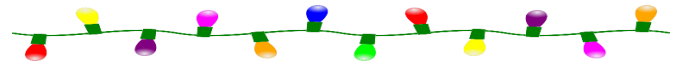
Any questions or comments can be directed to **Don Brown** at dl_brown@charter.net.

RENEWAL SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER

By: Sue Verwest

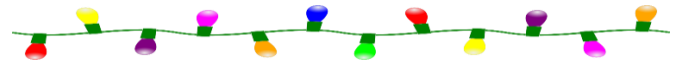
Renewals are already being received. The 2023 Membership Card is being designed! For those of you who have already renewed for this next coming year – your new membership card(s) **will be mailed in January**. Once again – we will have a firearm which will be given away to one lucky winner who renews early. Details will be in next month's Newsletter.

Renewal Forms can be found at the Rose-Iris Range and the Shotgun Range. They can also be printed from our website... www.tcsa.info, click the Join/Renew Tab at the top of the page and then click the link to the Membership Form.



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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CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS!

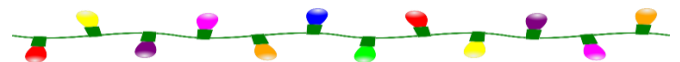
TCSA HATS are available at the **Rose Iris Range**. They are \$ 20.00 each (includes tax)

ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP

for your shooting buddy!

\$ 50.00 for 1 Adult Membership

\$ 75.00 for a Spousal Membership



Merry Christmas