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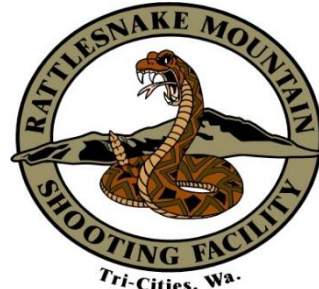
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

Renewal notices have been emailed out and already we have received quite a few renewals. Early renewals really help the TCSA not only in postage but they also help take some of the load off of our volunteers who process the mailed renewal notices. Also, if you renew early, you are eligible for the Early Renewal Drawing in our annual give away prize.

**Thanks to all of you who have responded and a heartfelt thanks to those of you have also generously submitted a donation!**

Thanks to **Tom Holt** for donating and installing a new hinge and hardware on the handicap porta-potty at the Pistol Bays. The last big wind all but tore the door off and it was getting tough to find washers big enough to cover all the tears in the old hinge.



### TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9  
7:00 p.m.

Richland Public Library



### ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: George Hager

Howdy all!! It is a balmy 26° outside as I wipe the frost from my brow. At the risk of raising the ire of Jack Frost, Cold Miser or Ullr, I am feeling confident (or hopeful) that this is winter's death throws and the worst is behind us. I am ready for some serious trigger time and shoot with and against some of my favorite folks in the world. I would like to invite ALL of you to come out and give your favorite discipline a whirl. Contrary to common belief most of our disciplines can be played and enjoyed for a modest investment. True, the upper tiers of competition are spendy (like any sport). You would be amazed what an average firearm and a person that practices can do well. You will find that our shooters are more than willing to help and are quick to lend a hand to new competitors. Ask around or email me at [george.hager@gmail.com](mailto:george.hager@gmail.com). Next month I will talk about some of our Rimfire Matches (which I am most familiar with). Folks use rifles ranging from \$3-4k but the bulk of us use simple rifles including the plain Jane 10/22.

Last but not least and at the risk of sounding like a broken record, I want to thank all the men and women who selflessly serve as RSO's and are the true work horses of the Range and make all that is here possible. If you are interested in serving as an RSO, feel free to reach out and we will get you in touch with the **Chief Range Safety Officer Mike Ensminger**.



**If you haven't Renewed your Membership  
Renew NOW !!**

**YOU may be the winner of the  
Early Renewal Prize**

# 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. – **Curt Berger** – 541.720.7826

**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** – 509.845.3632

**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

## “WELCOME” NEW MEMBERS

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

New members from this past month should have already received their membership card(s). If you have not received your card, contact **Sue Verwest** at [membership@tcsa.info](mailto:membership@tcsa.info) or 509.735.1662.

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

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**By: Sue Verwest**

Thank you to all who have responded to the recent Renewal Email. If you did not receive an email, we do not have your current email address – or the email may have ended up in your Spam File... yikes!

Membership Renewal forms can be found on our web site [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info) under the tab “**Join/Renew**” found **on the top of the homepage**. Membership Forms are also available at the Rose-Iris and Shotgun Ranges. **Your early renewal will ensure you receive your Membership card in time for your next visit to the Range.**

An Early Renewal Prize will be given away to one lucky winner who renews early. Your chance of winning is doubled if your renewal is received by **FEBRUARY 28**. The drawing for the Prize will take place at the General Membership Meeting in May.



Those who renew early will also receive a **coupon** from **Sportsman Warehouse**. Coupons are limited – Renew Now!

**Adult Memberships** - \$50.00

**Spousal Memberships** - \$75.00

**Junior Members with Membership Card** - \$10.00

**Printed / Mailed Newsletter** - \$10.00

**Donations** – Always Appreciated (**100% of Donations go directly to the Range**)

## LIFE / PATRON / BENEFACTOR MEMBERS

Thank you to those who have already updated for the year. If you haven't, please update your information now. Life Members who are RSOs – **updating your information will keep your Key Card activated**. Complete a Membership Renewal form with the Personal Information filled in or email this information to **Sue Verwest** at [membership@tcsa.info](mailto:membership@tcsa.info). Thank You!



**February can still have some dicey weather! If we get bad weather, 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 post it on the Website and Facebook.**

# NEXT RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS

By: Dan Martini

We have decided to schedule for the next RSO Class for **Friday, February 17**. This Class will start at 8 a.m. at the Shotgun Range House and last until about 3 p.m.

Because all annual Memberships expire on March 31<sup>st</sup> each year, we are requiring each class participant to **renew their annual membership through the 2023 to 2024 membership period. Renewals or New Memberships must be received 2 weeks before the Class.** This will ensure that each RSO will be able complete their required 3 duty days per year. **Renewing or joining the TCSA now will allow you to attend this Class.**

If you can make the **Friday, February 17** class date, and have your TCSA membership current through the 2023 – 2024 time period, contact **Dan Martini** at [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net) with your name and membership number and I will add your name to this RSO Class list. I will also send you a reminder message a week before that Class with all the details.

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

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.



**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!**



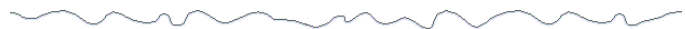
# CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger



It is nice to see the Duty Calendar starting to fill in with RSOs that have renewed early. The earlier you renew the more selection you have when you sign up.

We will schedule RSO Training Classes whenever we have enough people signed up to make it worthwhile, so if you are interested in becoming an RSO please email **Dan Martini** at ([dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net)) so you will be notified as classes are scheduled.



## RSO INFORMATION

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



# RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike Ensminger



The January/New Year's Day Match got canceled when we realized the entire Range was closed for the holiday, and I think the weather wasn't particularly good anyway.

The **February Match** will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup>, with the mandatory Shooter's Meeting at 9:15.

Please send us an email ([mikeberta4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeberta4@gmail.com)) if you want us to start a squad for you ahead of time. We just need names and whether each is shooting 1 or 2 guns.



## 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.

# COWBOY ACTION

By: **Mike Ensminger**

Only 8 shooters signed up for the January Match and one of them bailed before a shot was fired, but 7 of us finished the Match despite the icy wind off the mountain.



Please check the calendar before heading to the Range for a February Match, even if the weather looks decent. Most of our local crew will be in Arizona that week so we will be polling those that don't head South to decide if there will be a Match.

We are changing Match start time to 9:00 a.m. going forward, so plan to be there early enough to get unpacked and onto the Range by 9:00.

# PRIMITIVE RANGE



By: **Clint Bouslaugh**

We are continuing to hold our **Monthly Shoots** on the **third Saturday of the month. Februarys Shoot** will be on the **18th** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We are currently working on creating new targets for the Range. Hoping to have some new interactive targets set-up at varying distances by May.

With the better weather coming, hope to see you at the Range. We are always glad to have new shooters attend our meet.

# 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](mailto:EWPSA.sectional@gmail.com)

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

**Don Brown** is stepping down as EWPSA President and **Curt Berger** is our new EWPSA President. I would like to thank Don Brown for his outstanding work as our past EWPSA President.

The **Inland Empire Sectional Match** opened on January 1 and sold out in under 3 hours! Thank you all for your support. You can get on the waitlist at <https://practiscore.com/2023-inland-empire-sectional/register>

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

The monthly **2-Gun Match** on January 7 had 22 competitors with 4 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Grant Fujimoto** (overall winner); Armored: **Matt Newburn**; Retro: **Brian Humann**; and Tactical: **Paul Hughes**.

The monthly **2-Gun Side Match** on January 7 had 22 competitors with 4 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Tactical: **Kurt Bearchum**; Armored: **Matt Newburn**; Open: **Grant Fujimoto**; and Retro: **Parker Rollison**.

The **USPSA Match** on **January 15** had 39 competitors with 5/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Ryan Barnes** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Mark Bradley**; Limited: **Alex Riendeau**; PCC: **Mike Czebotar**; and Production: **Genjuro Quale**.

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

EWPSA will be hosting the monthly **2-Gun Match** on **February 4**. Gate will open at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. The Match costs \$20. More details on Practiscore.

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match** on **February 19**. 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 the monthly **2-Gun Match** on **March 4**. Gate will open at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. The match costs \$20. More details on Practiscore.

EWPSA will be hosting a **Steel Challenge Match** on **March 12**. Gates will open at 9:00 a.m., shooters meeting at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins after the meeting. More details on Practiscore.

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

Check out local news on Facebook – [Eastern Washington Practical Shooters Association](https://www.facebook.com/groups/267093763957174/?ref=bookmark)

Any questions or comments can be directed to **Curt Berger** at [bergercj@icloud.com](mailto:bergercj@icloud.com)



# SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

Fingers crossed February's weather is mellow this year, but we shall see. January was a pretty decent month for shooting. The weather was mostly agreeable, or at least tolerable and we had pretty consistent token counts each week. Hopefully we see more of the same for the coming weeks. Remember you can always check the weather station at the Shotgun Range by visiting [www.tcsashotgun.com](http://www.tcsashotgun.com) and selecting the "Current Weather" link at the top of the page.

The Shotgun Board saw some changes to start off the new year. After several years of being **Vice-President, Eric Bickel** has decided he would like to come out to the Shotgun Range to shoot rather than work. Seems odd to me, but to each their own. Eric has done a lot of work around the Range over the years and unlike a lot of the projects, most of what Eric did was behind the scenes, or not readily noticeable because things just worked. Eric was our go to guy for fixing all things electronic on the fields. This includes in no particular order, the token machine, voice calls, wiring the 5-stand field, fixing and re-programming the main brain for the trap fields, troubleshooting the wireless system on the skeet field, repairing the token boxes, buying supplies, ordering parts, etc, etc, etc. In short, Eric is awesome.

The good news is I don't think Eric is going anywhere, which I'm grateful for because he is an endless vault of knowledge about all things related to shotguns. Don't believe me, just ask him anything about a shotgun, anything. "Hey Eric, why does it look like there's a thumb print in the finish of this 1913 LC Smith side by side?" "Well, that gun was built on pizza Friday at the factory on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Now the factory usually ordered from Giuseppe's Pizza, but because it was Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Giuseppe was superstitious, he was closed. So, they ordered from Tony's Pizza, and Tony's Pizza is slightly more acidic and no matter how many times they told Bob to wash his hands after eating, he never did. So, that's Bobs thumbprint." Try it, you'll be amazed!

All joking aside, we all owe Eric a thank you for the work he has done over the years at the Range. Eric is a good person and someone I enjoy seeing out at the Range. Thanks for everything Eric!

Enough of that touchy feely stuff for now. Our new Vice-President is the likeable **Don Klages**. Don does an adequate job of shooting Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand and 30 Yard Crossers on a weekly basis. Don is going to fit into the role just fine and he is even going to host a **SxS and Pump Gun Shoot** in honor of himself!

The other addition to the Shotgun Board is **Mr. Stuart Bruce**, better known as "Stu" around the Range. Now Stu used to be known for his trap shooting prowess, *he did shoot his first 50 straight last month*, but Stu is also quickly becoming a top Skeet and 30 Yard Crosser

shooter as well! Stu has assumed the role of Secretary, and will be taking care of everything that comes with that title. Stu also has the distinction of being tied in perpetuity for the lead of Trap League 2020 with yours truly. That's right, we both had perfect scores when we had to shut the thing down due to the Kung Flu. Stu is already doing a great job, much better than the last Secretary!

Speaking of the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Don Klages Side-by-Side and Pump Gun Shoot**, you are not going to want to miss it! As the title says, Side-by-Sides and Pump Guns only, unless you are over 70. We will be shooting a variety of targets, lunch is included and you can shoot both disciplines if you want! **Save the date of April 8**, sign-up at **9 a.m.**, shooting starts at **10 a.m.** See fliers in the Range House for more details. In honor of our elders, the **70's Rule** is in effect! Over 70? You get the advantage of shooting either your regular gun or you get a (1) bird per event advantage. It should be a great time as usual!

**Skeet League 2023** will begin on **May 6** and end on **May 27**. As usual League will consist of 10 rounds of Skeet, cold gun and you can only score your rounds on Saturdays. Look for the flier in the Range House in the next couple of weeks.

If the winter weather rolls in again 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.

**With membership renewal season upon us, please remember if you take a TCSA Membership application, and they are 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 new 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.

## 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](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) about anything at all.



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# HIGH-POWER

By: Dave Baalman

Our schedule is up for the 2023 calendar year at <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/> There are no events scheduled for the month of February, but March will kick off our competition schedule with just about every weekend day having an event through October. In the meantime, the High-Power Range remains open for RSO's with a High-Power Endorsement. Other than a couple weeks so far, we have had a pretty mild winter, but be aware of weather conditions before you head to the Range. If there is snow in town, the roads at the range are likely to be covered in drifts. If the roads are impassible consider the range closed until conditions improve. Damage to the roads is expensive to fix!

If you are interested in trying out some competition at other ranges in the state, the state competition schedule is available at the State Rifle and Pistol Association website <https://wsrpa.org/>. While you are there be sure to join the association, a big part of your membership helps send the state junior team to Camp Perry each year!

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. This month it is Smallbore/Rimfire's turn. A quick glance at the schedule will show that we have 8 different Rimfire Match styles scheduled for the year. We do not have the space here in the Newsletter to do them all justice (plus I have only shot about 4 of them), so we will let you look them up on the website to find the one that's best for you and instead we'll take a grander approach to describing Smallbore/Rimfire in general.

Most of our Smallbore and Rimfire Matches are not registered or approved events, but instead just a local match. This gives us the opportunity to have a Match that is quite laid back and allows us to make sure that anyone who shows up will get a chance to compete no matter what equipment they have. You will find that at most of the Matches that are set up for prone shooting, most competitors will shoot an F-class style set up with a scoped rifle and bipod. So do not let a match name like "Mini-Palma" scare you into thinking you need an Anschutz with target iron sights and a sling, bring that scoped Savage with a bipod and have some fun!

One of the biggest factors in rimfire accuracy is the ammo. Most off the shelf ammo does not perform all that well at 100 yards or more because the bullet is falling through the trans-sonic barrier at that range. Even the high velocity rounds that carry hypersonic speeds past 100 yards do not perform too well due to the pressures needed at the chamber to create that velocity. You will find instead that most competitors shoot subsonic match

ammo. Manufacturers like Lapua, Eley, Wolf, SK and Aguila all sell various subsonic match ammo and you can find them online at places like Midway for decent prices (relatively speaking). Before going whole hog buying cases of ammo, you should try it out in **your** rifle. 22 rimfire rifles are notoriously picky about ammo and what groups great in one rifle will look like a shotgun blast pattern in another.

To equal the playing field in that regard, this year we have introduced a new 100 yard Mini-Palma Match where competitors **must** fire the ammo provided as part of your entry fee. This is expected to be a fun match and a great way to get started in mini-palma competition. There are 6 of these matches scheduled this year in April, June, July, August, September and October. Check the website for a full description.



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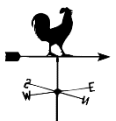
## TCSA HATS

Available at the **Rose Iris Range**  
\$20.00 (includes tax)

(we have muddy girl "pink" !!!)



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



# HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: **Randy Absolon**

We are in the middle of our **January Traditional Hunter Ed Class**. We have a full roster for the Class, which is exciting for us after having low numbers of students last year.



Registration is also open for **Online Student Evaluations** for **March 4, March 18, April 1** and **May 15** for students who have completed the Online Course. These classes take most of the day. We start at the HESA Range in the morning, then move in to the Richland Community Center in the afternoon.

We anticipate offering another **Traditional Class** in **June** and **Online Evaluations** in **August** and **September**. I will announce those Classes in future articles when the details are finalized. Information on our Classes and all other Hunter Ed Classes is also available 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 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 point a firearm at anything you don't want to shoot.

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



**CHECK OUT THE TCSA WEB-PAGE**  
[www.tcsa.info](http://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**

## TEN RULES OF SAFE GUN HANDLING

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
2. Firearms should be unloaded when not in use
3. Do not rely on your gun's "safety"
4. Be sure of your target and what's beyond
5. Use correct ammunition
6. If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with care
7. Always wear eye and hearing protection when shooting
8. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting
9. Do not alter or modify your gun and have your guns serviced regularly
10. Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of the firearm you are using



## FREE TARGETS

For shooters looking for something different to shoot at, check out the **Free Targets** tab on our website ([www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info)):



There are many types of interesting free target. However, targets in the "Novelty" section are not allowed to be used at any of the TCSA Ranges.



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

