



# The Rattler

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Official Newsletter of the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility and the Tri-Cities Shooting Association, Inc.

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Steve Scott

Range Use Request and Facebook  
[Events@tcsa.info](mailto:Events@tcsa.info)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and I hope you have a wonderful New Year!

With winter coming on, there could be some unexpected Range closures due to bad weather. In those cases, we will try to keep the web site updated and post notices on our Facebook page.



## ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday



## TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13  
7:00 p.m.

Shotgun Range House



WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By: Sue Verwest

Happy 2022! With the start of a new year comes the start of what I call "Renewal Season." We currently have just over 2,600 members! To the members who have already sent in their renewals for this coming year, - thank you!

Membership Renewal forms can be found on our web site [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info) under the tab "Join/Renew". Membership Renewal Forms are also available at both the Rose-Iris Range and the Shotgun Range. Print out a Membership Form or get one from the Range and send in your renewal. Your early renewal will ensure you receive your Membership card in time for your next visit to the Range.

As always -- each year we have a firearm which is given away to one lucky winner who renews **early**. The firearm is a **Ruger 10/22**. You will double your chance of winning if your renewal is post marked / received by **FEBRUARY 28**. You will have a single entry if your renewal is post marked / received during the month of MARCH. The drawing for the Ruger will take place at the General Membership Meeting in May.

Those who renew early will also receive a coupon from **Sportsman Warehouse**. Coupons will be given away on a first come basis.

Adult Membership - \$50.00  
Spousal Membership - \$75.00  
Junior Members wanting a Membership Card - \$10.00  
Printed Newsletter - \$10.00

## 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. – **Dave Otto** – 509-619-4494

## “WELCOME” NEW MEMBERS

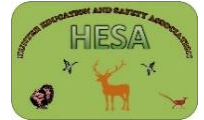
Welcome! In this Newsletter you can find the contact information for the Board Members and above you can find contact information for the different Ranges. The Ranges were built and are maintained by volunteers. We encourage you to get involved and be a part of TCSA.

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.

## HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: **Randy Absolon**



We are making some progress with organizing a January Traditional Hunter Education Class. We have room space reserved, but still have details to work out on how students will register for the Class. The Class will be held from **January 24** through **February 10** on Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. There will also be a required Range Day on **Saturday February 5**. If you are interested in taking the Class, send me an email and when details get finalized, I will let you know.

Students who are age 9 or older can complete the entire course through the Online Process. Younger students still have to complete the field exercise in person. We are also planning to offer the one day in person evaluation for students who have completed the Online Course starting in March and are hoping to do four evaluations in the March – May timeframe.

**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 after you are done shooting, including returning target stands to the Rose-Iris Range House and picking up brass.**

Always remember to 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 unload firearms when they are not in use.

I still have the two-way radio and timer that were left at the HESA Range several months ago. If they are yours, contact me, identify and we will figure out how to get them back to you.

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

# CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger



If Range operations are affected by adverse weather, it will be posted on [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info) and the TCSA Facebook page. We will also directly contact any RSOs whose scheduled Duty Days are affected.

## RSO INFORMATION

RSO Questions / Concerns  
Chief RSO - Mike Ensminger  
[chiefrso@tcsa.info](mailto:chiefrso@tcsa.info) or 509-521-9628

# RSO TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini

To get your name on the next 2022 RSO Training Class list, send an e-mail message to [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net) with your name and TCSA Membership Number. When we have a firm Class date setup, I will send you an e-mail message with all the details. Watch future Monthly Newsletters for the dates of next year's RSO classes.



RSO Access Key Cards or RSO Badges are not to be used in place of or as a substitute for a Membership Card.

RSOs must have their Membership Card confirming they are a current RSO. Without your current Membership Card, you will need to pay the \$10.00 Daily Use Fee and shoot with the general public.

ALL MEMBERS MUST show their **CURRENT 2021 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!



# RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



We had nice weather and 37 guns represented at the December Match and hope to already be done with our Match on **January 2** by the time you read this.

We plan to shoot on the **first Sunday every month**, weather permitting. Check the TCSA web page and Facebook page if the weather looks questionable.

Send us a note at [mikeberta4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeberta4@gmail.com) to start a squad ahead of time if you want to make sure you get properly squadded.

Shooter's meetings are 9:15 every month.

# COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



We chose not to shoot on Christmas day, so had no December Match, but plan to be out there again **January 22** if the weather cooperates. Shooter's meeting is at 9:15.

If the weather looks questionable, please check [www.rattlesnakegulch.org](http://www.rattlesnakegulch.org) or the TCSA Facebook page before making the drive out, just in case we wimp out.

We also have a **Wild Bunch Shoot** scheduled for **January 29**; same timetable and cautions about the weather.

# PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

We will be continuing our Monthly Shoots throughout the winter months, weather dependent. Our next scheduled shoot is **January 15**.

I need to perform some repairs to the target board prior to the next shoot, it seems the high winds caused a little damage.

As always, new shooters are invited to join us. We are more than happy to help you learn how to use your new muzzleloaders. Kids are always welcome.



# SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

January 2022, here we are. Hopefully everyone had a fun and safe Christmas and New Year's. Now that we are done with all of that it is time to get to the Shotgun Range and shoot some targets. Yes, we have winter weather coming in full force this final week of 2021, but the machines are still loaded and running and the token machine is waiting for your \$5, \$10 or \$20 bills! Get all dressed up in your winter clothing and come on out to shoot! You will probably regret it halfway through your round, but it is all for a good cause.

**Chad Ungerecht** worked his magic once again for the **Christmas Fun & Games Shoot** held on December 19. Plenty of hams were won by the Shooters who were present as well as some gift cards if you were lucky enough to break one of the many special-colored birds used for the event. If you are feeling like you missed a fun time and are feeling less than good about yourself there is another chance to join in on the fun. The **Winter Fun & Games Shoot** is going to be held on **January 23!** That's right, the first shoot of the New Year for the Shotgun Range is just around the corner. Be there or be square!

**Winter Shoot**  
**Spring Fun & Games**

**January 23**  
**February 27**

One of the year-end tasks that we just completed is the tabulation of total visits to the Shotgun Range for 2021. We had 209 visitors from out of state, 438 visitors from outside the Tri-City area and 4089 local visitors for a total of 4736 visitors to the Shotgun Range for 2021! Considering the challenge of finding ammo throughout the year, that is a pretty good number.

How do we track these numbers you ask? That would be one of the reasons we are all asked to sign-in each and every time we visit the Shotgun Range. The first part of the sign-in sheet is your name of course and then there is your signature followed by the date you visited the Range. Most everyone is pretty clear on all of that. The next (3) little boxes are for visitors to indicate if they are "**Local**", "**Out of Area**" or "**Out of State**" and this is where there is some confusion, with a little bit of the Lemming Disease mixed in for good measure. The visitor should select which box fits them best. If they traveled all the way from Kennewick, they should still select "Local". If, by chance they are named **Gene Curcio**, and they live in some place called Touchet, Washington, then they would be considered "Out of Area", and last but not least when **Mr. Don Witte** travels from his comfy home in Pendleton, Oregon he should select "Out of State". Easy-peasy, lemon squeezy!

I have the distinct honor of reviewing and tabulating each and every sign-in sheet for the year and while it is undoubtably a glamorous job, it can also be a little tedious. Most times it is as simple as adding up all the

different type of visitors we have each day and putting the information into a spreadsheet that does all of the heavy lifting. There are times though when I notice something that seems a little odd. This is the first year I have noticed the Lemming Disease. We all know about the little furry animals that run towards a cliff and because they follow each other the whole little herd of them goes over the edge without a second thought. Well, I am here to tell you, I know it happens on the sign-in sheets at the Shotgun Range as well. For example, the esteemed **Ron Geiger** who I am pretty sure lives in Richland, if not Kennewick, has selected "Local", "Out of Area" and "Out of State" at one point or another during 2021. Add to that **Mr. Marv Steele**, who I am 100% certain lives in Richland and has done the exact same thing as Ron on a couple of occasions and the Lemming Disease is as real as the 142<sup>nd</sup> variant of the Kung-Flu! Each and every time the aforementioned men of distinction signed-in; they selected the exact same box as the person who signed in above them. Case closed, it's time to go with the triple mask and a breath mint to stop the insanity!

So, the moral of the story is that the Benton County Parks Board asks us to track that information and we need to be as accurate as possible so please pay attention and make sure we are all selecting the appropriate boxes. Plus, anytime I can call out two of our Elite Level members you know I am going to do it. Carry on everyone.

With the onset of winter weather please dress accordingly when you come out to shoot. Likewise, if the weather turns particularly nasty with snow and ice on the roadways, please check [www.tcsashotgun.com](http://www.tcsashotgun.com) for Range closures before heading out.

## **SHOTGUN RSO INFORMATION**

*All RO's should have received an email from Chris Quinton concerning 2022 duty dates for the Shotgun Range. If you have not received anything from Chris please let him know.*

**Remember current Membership Cards need to be presented every time you sign in 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! If you have anything to share, drop me an email at [mark.monopoli@outlook.com](mailto:mark.monopoli@outlook.com)



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# HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

We hope everyone a wonderful Christmas and is ready to ring in the New Year with a bang!. Our 2022 schedule is posted to the High Power web page at: <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/>, with Match specific programs soon to follow.

**NEXT MATCH:** The **John Garand Birthday Match** on New Year's Day. This is a modified Service Rifle Match; contact Match Director **John Julian** at 509-308-0376 or [b24jcj@gmail.com](mailto:b24jcj@gmail.com) with questions.

The following COVID adjustments to Match Operations will remain in place for the 2022 Match season:

- Social distancing is encouraged and will be maintained to the extent possible.
- If you have been vaccinated you don't need to wear a mask outdoors on the High-Power Range; no verification of vaccination is required.
- Bring exact match fees and your own writing instruments / tablets.
- State and County guidelines will be followed.

**RANGE CONDITIONS:** The Range is in good shape, but please use common sense as we move into the winter season. Keep your speed down, particularly on the corners and only drive on the graveled areas. Be aware that conditions in the Canyon may different than elsewhere on the Range. Avoid soft or muddy areas during wet conditions.



**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 only 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 / [b24jcj@gmail.com](mailto:b24jcj@gmail.com) or **John Hauptmann** High-Power Secretary at 509-308-9230 / [jlhauptmann@gmail.com](mailto: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: [www.tcsa.info/disciplines/highpower](http://www.tcsa.info/disciplines/highpower) for additional details, match highlights, photos and related links.

# HIGH-POWER CALENDAR AND MATCH DESCRIPTIONS

By: Ron Jorgensen

The **High-Power Range Calendar of Events and Match Descriptions for 2022** have been updated except for a few of the Smallbore .22 caliber Matches. The 22 matches that have been updated will appear with an underline. The remaining matches will be updated shortly. The new Match Descriptions and Calendar are available on the High-Power website, [www.tcsahighpower.org](http://www.tcsahighpower.org).

The Match Descriptions provide detailed information on how the Match will be run and include a complete listing with dates for the Match being described. Look at the Match descriptions and mark your calendars for the Matches you want to participate in. A new **.22 LR 50-Yard Vintage Smallbore Match** is being added on the **first Thursday of each month**. The Match will be hosted by **Phil Keuhlen** and looks to be a fun Match. Check out the Match descriptions for details for this Match. First Match of the year is the **Garand Birthday Match on January 1**.

I will continue to post changes to Matches on the entry page on the High-Power website. It is suggested that you review the website for changes or Match cancellations prior to heading out to the Range. Do not rely on the [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info) General Calendar for the latest Match information.

Progress on finalizing details for the new **High-Power Silhouette Range** and **100-Meter Smallbore .22 Caliber Range** is moving ahead. A cultural survey is required prior to any development being performed. We have just received a proposal for that work to be completed. Also, due to a recent requirement we are required to complete a project design self-certification. Prior to the self-certification being completed, a detailed development plan is required.



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](mailto:Events@tcsa.info)

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

# PRACTICAL PISTOL



By: Pam Harper



USPSA National Range Officers Institute, **NROI**, has a website that has valuable information about the Rules and interpretations of the Rules. Check it out at <https://nroi.org>

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

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

USPSA Multigun Nationals: April 1 - 3, Clinton, SC

World Speed Shooting Championship: April 27 - May 1, Talladega, AL

Classic Nationals (SS/Rev/L10): May 21-22, Talladega, AL

2Gun Nationals (PCC/Pistol/Multigun): June 11 - 12, Palisade, CO

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

USPSA Nationals Open/Prod/PCC/Lim: Oct 14 - 17, Palisade, CO

The USPSA Rules:

<https://uspsa.org/viewer/2021-USPSA-Competition-Rules-Sep-2021.pdf> can be downloaded for easy access or get the **USPSA App** at <https://uspsa.org/app> for your phone.

**LOCAL NEWS:** The **USPSA** monthly December Match had 26 competitors with 5/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: PCC: **John Morgan** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Curt Berger**; Limited: **Sam Wagg**; Open: **Ryan Barnes**; and Production: **Randall Bayuk**.

Complete Results at:

[https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/155806?q\\_division=5](https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/155806?q_division=5)

**COMING UP:** EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match January 16**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at:

<https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2022-01/register>.

Gate will open at 9:00 a.m., new shooter briefing at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. Results will be posted on Practiscore, search EWPSA.

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match February 20**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at:

<https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2022-02/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.

Set-up for the Match will begin January 15 at 9:00 a.m. If you sign up as Staff, **help set up and tear down**, then you can shoot for **FREE!** More details on Practiscore.

Check out our Inland Empire Section News at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/267093763957174/?ref=bookmarkmarks>

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](mailto:dl_brown@charter.net).



## Keep the Range Clean

Keep your Range clean of trash and spent cartridges. Garbage cans are available. Please be sure the enclosure tops are closed so the garbage can't blow out. 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.

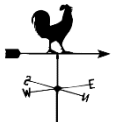


## LIFE / ENDOWMENT / PATRON / BENEFACTOR MEMBERS

It is time to update your information with us. Please take a moment to do so. 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!



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



Check out the "For Sale" items on our web-site [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info)

