



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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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

With the high temperatures we are experiencing, remember to stay hydrated. Good hydration will help your entire body and it's also a great benefit to your sight.

The **Fire Department** has declared our area to be in an Extreme Fire Danger Warning Level. Until the fire danger level goes down, there is **NO** 50 BMG shooting allowed at the Rose-Iris, HESA and Pistol Bay Ranges.

Be sure to check the Calendars for various shooting Disciplines. Some Events have been cancelled (or rescheduled) and the Discipline Calendars are the best resource for current Events.

Remember to check the website before heading out to the Range. Any Range Closures due to work or adverse conditions, will be posted on the Welcome Page in as timely manner as possible.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: George Hager

Howdy all! Yes, it's HOT. However, do not let that stop you from enjoying one of the finest shooting facilities in the PNW. Just a little more planning and hydration may be required. One reason many dislike the Tri-Cities is a bonus now, the wind/breeze and shooting from the shade offered at the Rose-Iris Ranges means it is still comfortable for this old fat guy even as the temperature approaches the century mark. A cool drink and a slower pace can make for HOTT shooting. Planning your trigger time for a bit earlier in the day helps too. Bring your friends and family and enjoy what Rose-Iris has to offer!

I hope you remember your Range Safety Officers. These are the men and women who VOLUNTEER their time to ensure we all have a safe and secure place to exercise our freedoms. Please remember to thank them for their service to the association. Six hours can be a long time in this heat!!

TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 8
7:00 p.m.

SHOTGUN RANGE HOUSE



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 Representative – **Charles Kissler** – 783-8505
Nelson Thomas – 727-4678

Practical Pistol Representative – **Don Brown** – 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 Representative – **John Julian** – 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. Representative – **Randy Absolon** – 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** – 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 Representative – **Dave Otto** – 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 or 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.

ROSE-IRIS DUTY DAY SCHEDULING

All Rose-Iris RSOs should have their **three duty days** scheduled for the Duty Day Calendar for **May 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022**. If you have not scheduled your three duty days for the year, **this must be done immediately**. For those who have already signed-up, “Thank You”.

RSOs are required to find their own duty swaps in the event that you are unable to stand your assigned duty day. RSOs who swap dates should notify both **Mike Ensminger, Chief RSO** - chiefrso@tcsa.info and **Greg Spencer, RSO Scheduler** - rsoscheduler@tcsa.info, as well as their swap partner by email; please include your TCSA number.

If you have any questions, contact **Mike Ensminger**.

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Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!



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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

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

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CHECK OUT THE TCSA WEB-PAGE

www.tcsa.info

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HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: Randy Absolon

We are still waiting for information from WDFW on how we will be able to hold classes. I am still holding out hope we will be able to hold our planned Online Course Evaluations this fall, starting with a class in August. There are numerous logistical issues to work out in order for us to be able to do that.



Students who are age 9 or older can still complete the entire course through the Online Process. Younger students will have to complete the field exercise in person when classes are again offered.

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 all 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 never place or carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

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

RATTLESNAKE WARNING

It is that time of year when uninvited guests show up on our Ranges. Always be aware of your surroundings. Watch where you step and when you reach for things!



~~ FIRE SEASON ~~

Please use Extra Caution!



BOY SCOUTS APPRECIATION PLAQUE

By: Ron Jorgensen

The Tri-Cities Shooting Association hosted fifty-six Boy Scouts from the Blue Mountain Council for two events in March and May to assist them with earning a shooting merit badge. This was a big effort and was successful because of all the help provided by our Range Safety Officers. Each scout was paired with a Range Safety Officer when their turn to shoot came up. The Scouting organization showed their appreciation for the all the RSOs and to the TCSA for making this event possible by presenting the TCSA with a nice plaque that will be put up at Rose-Iris. The plaque was presented by **Shelia Graham** from the **Blue Mountain Council** at the last public meeting.



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

CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: **Mike Ensminger**



High fire danger is with us again and might be for a while. Please keep in mind that when classified as "High Fire Danger", .50 BMG is not allowed at the Rose-Iris Range. It is posted at the Range House, but call ahead if you are not sure so you don't haul out something you can't shoot.

In the relatively near future, we may have a driveway and event gate at the South end of the Pistol Bays which should help reduce the impact on the Rose-Iris Range and gate control during Events at the Pistol Bays. We will get the word out when/if it comes to be.

RSO INFORMATION

RSO Questions / Concerns
Chief RSO - **Mike Ensminger**
chiefrso@tcsa.info or 509-521-9628

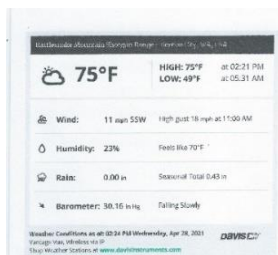
RSO Access Key Cards or RSO Badges are not to be used in place of or as a substitute for a Membership Card.

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!****



Check out the weather before you head to the Range!



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 to four times a year**.

If you or someone you know would like to attend the next RSO Training Class or would like more information about becoming a **Range Safety Officer**, contact **Dan Martini** at Dantini@charter.net or at 627-3198.

This is on the Home Page – www.tcsa.info



Did you know... If you are a **Member of TCSA** this is **your** Range! In the Newsletter there are names mentioned of members who volunteer for all of us so that we can have a safe place to shoot. There are many volunteer names we never read or hear of. TCSA is all volunteers: **board members, range safety officers, discipline heads, the volunteers who clean up the Range and volunteers who show up for the work parties.** We have volunteers maintaining the **web site, teaching range safety officer classes, repairing targets, maintaining the ranges; cleaning bathrooms...** the list goes on. What you see is because of the **members who volunteer!** The volunteers all pay their yearly membership dues and then "step up to the plate" to help make the **Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility** a safe, family friendly place to shoot. Attend a Monthly General Meeting and meet some of the people who make the Range possible. **What can you do?** Do you see something that needs to be done? Perhaps it is **your turn to "step up to the plate"** and **volunteer** your time or talent! Don't just sit back and let someone else do it! Volunteer!! Your reward is a safe, clean place to shoot and the chance to meet some great people!



RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



We had 48 guns competing at the June Match. Thanks to **Nelson Thomas** and **Alan Openshaw** for stepping in while Robbie and I were out of town.

July 4 will be the next shoot; shooter's meeting will be at 9:15 and you must be signed in by then to shoot. And the **August shoot will be on the 1st**.

COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



The June Match was called off on account of the crazy heat, but we plan to be shooting again **July 24**. Shooter's meeting is at 9:15.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

Through the summer months we will be continuing to have our **Monthly Shoot** on the **third Saturday** of the month from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Monthly meets will be canceled only if we are in an extreme fire hazard condition due to shooting over dry vegetation. Remember, the **Primitive Range does not have a water source**, so ensure you bring plenty of liquids to keep yourself hydrated.

The Primitive Range is for traditional muzzle loading firearms using flint or percussion cap ignition systems. This includes rifles, shotguns, pistols and percussion revolvers. If you have an interest in any of this type of firearm or are just curious about them, come on out to the Range on a shoot day and check us out. **We are always willing to help new shooters.**



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/templates-and-other-resources/>

NATIONAL NEWS: www.uspsa.org

The dates for USPSA Nationals 2021, at CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park in Alabama, have been released <https://uspsa.org/nationals>

The USPSA Rules

https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/2019_USPSA_Competiti_on_Rules.pdf can be downloaded for easy access or get the **USPSA App** at <https://uspsa.org/app> for your phone.

The Steel Challenge Rules <https://uspsa.org/viewer/2021-SCSA-Rulebook-March-2021.pdf> can be downloaded for easy access.

LOCAL NEWS: The **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun June Match** had 17 competitors with 2 divisions represented. The Division winners were: Tactical: **Gerald Olson** (overall winner) and Open: **Aaron Laws**.

Complete Results at:

<https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/138349>

The **USPSA Monthly June Match** had 38 competitors with 5/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: PCC: **David Blosser** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Justin Scotch**; Limited: **Erik Peterson**; Open: **Mark Bradley**; and Production: **Genjuro Quale**.

Complete Results at:

https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/139084?q_division=0

Next **Steel Challenge Match** will be held **July 11**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at: <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-07-steel-challenge/register>.

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match** on **July 18**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-07/register> and you can be waitlisted. 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 a **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Match** on **August 8**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-08-fun-2-gun-in-the-sun/register>.

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](#)

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

SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

And now we know what June had planned for us, heat, heat and more heat. While temps in the 112° range won't affect your shooting, it can and will affect you. Please take precautions if you are going to shoot during the hotter time of the day. Drink plenty of water, try to stay in the shade and take advantage of the AC in the Shotgun building. Shooting in the morning is bearable, the afternoon not so much.

Skeet League 2021 is in the books and we have a new Skeet League Champion this year. **Dave Otto** did a fine job of keeping the shooters in check again this year. Congratulations to **Doug Fearing** for outshooting **Gary Maxi** and **Kyle Mayovsky**. It was with only 4 birds separating 1st from 3rd this year. Rumor has it Kyle was feeling a little froggy and shot his 20 gauge for a couple of rounds. Could it have made a difference? We'll never know.

Doug Fearing	222	Champion
Gary Maxi	219	R.U.
Kyle Mayovsky	218	

Don Lint	212	B Class 1st
Gabe Hall	209	R.U.
Rick Poehls	190	

Aaron Howell	170	C Class 1st
Mark Wilson	162	R.U.
Rick Westbury	161	
Phyllis Quinton	118	



The **Birdshot Challenge** was fun and challenging again this year. It was so challenging that Rattlesnake Mountain Shotgun Range had to mount a come from behind win to beat the combined Walla Walla Gun Club/East End Rod and Gun Club team by 4 birds. The official rules use the top 5 scores from each club to determine the winner, meaning Rattlesnake won by a score of 794 to 790. Even when you factor in all 9 of our shooters against their top 9, we win by 7 birds or 1299 to 1292. Like I said, it was a competitive shoot. The cool part about this shoot, other than the fact that we won, is that it was a good time. Everyone took it just serious enough to make it interesting, but not so serious that we all couldn't sit down afterwards and eat some delicious tacos together as a group. Now, we did have our hiccups on a couple of events, but some sage advice from our de facto leader **John Wilgus** was always inspiring. My trap doubles game was not as strong as it could have been and to say my first station didn't go well is an understatement. No problem! I had Wilgus shooting to my left and at the first station change he walked over with some well-timed advice. Not one to sugar coat things John lays this pearl of wisdom on me "Pull your head out of you're a** and try shooting at the bird

instead of out in space somewhere." Well, I still shot out into space my fair share, but at least I was thinking about it now!

5-Stand is **OPEN** for business on **Sundays** at 9:00 a.m.! The ever-popular shooting game is as fun as ever! One thing to note, if you are going to shoot be sure to get there at 9:00 a.m. or close to it. 5-Stand is only open while we have shooters, once everyone is done it gets shut down for the day. Later this summer **5-Stand League** will be making its triumphant return! When? Not sure yet. Where? On the same field as always. What? A damn good time!

Safety is priority one whether you are shooting trap, skeet or 5-stand. If you see something, say something.

We need some help from everyone, if we all could take a few minutes and pick up some of the target chips off the Skeet field each time you shoot, it would help a great deal with maintaining our lush lawn and keep the mower of lawns sane.

Dust, I am not a fan, and I am willing to bet neither are you. Please mind your speed on the road and in the parking lot so you're not rolling in with a cloud following you.

RSO INFORMATION

The 2021 Shotgun Schedule is posted to www.tcsashotgun.com if you have any question as to when your duty days are.

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 and www.tcsa.info.

Thanks for reading! Seriously, shoot me a note with something to make fun of somebody about. Rick would appreciate it. mark.monopoli@outlook.com



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I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

We are taking full advantage of daylight in July with **Smallbore Matches** on the **3, 6, 11, 13, 15, 20, 24** and **25**; **Service Rifle Practice** on the **6, 13, 20** and **27**, and a **Service Rifle (RMC) Match** on the **10th**; a **200/300 Prone Slow Fire Match** on the **27th**; **Long Range Practice** on the **16th**, and **Long Range Matches** on the **16** and **17**. Our full **2021 Match Schedule**, Match Director contact, and Match Programs are posted on our High-Power web page at <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/>.

RANGE CLOSURES or MATCH REVISIONS: Match Director **George Hager** has added a **Smallbore PRS Match** on **July 25**. The **Range will be closed** the afternoon of the **24th** while George and his minions get set up for the Match.

The following COVID adjustments to Match Operations will remain in place for the 2021 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; no verification of vaccination is required.
- As a general courtesy, try to bring exact match fees and your own writing instruments / tablets.
- State and County guidelines will be followed.

RANGE CONDITIONS: The Range remains in good shape, but please use common sense and keep your speed down, particularly on the corners.



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 / b24jci@gmail.com or **John Hauptmann** High-Power Secretary at 509-308-9230 / jlhauptmann@gmail.com if you have questions about an Event or how to get involved with High-Power at any level or discipline. Please keep an eye on our **Facebook** page at TCSA High-Power and our **web page** at: www.tcsa.info/disciplines/highpower for additional details, match highlights, photos and related links.

FLASHBACK TO ... JULY 1999

By: Sue Verwest

Looking back at some of the first Newsletters that were published... Rose-Iris Toberg was the TCSA President and part of her Monthly Report read...

"The High-Power and Shotgun Ranges are still under constructions with concrete being poured. We can finally see these two areas nearing completion. We now have two wells and next month we will be putting in lines and pipe to run water. Imagine, water finally. Horn Rapids will soon have electricity so hopefully we may be able to extend it to the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility."

And looking back at the Monthly Calendar... we were open on only Saturday's and Sunday's and the Range was managed by only 2 Range Officers. Wow! We have come a long way !!

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 the time to clean up after yourself when you are done shooting.

FOR SALE ADS

As a TCSA Member you can place "gun" related items on the web site for free.

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 ad to membership@tcsa.info

