



The Rattler

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

On behalf of the Tri-Cities Shooting Association, I would like to thank the Benton County Fire District #2 for cutting the fire breaks around our Ranges. Just in time for the hot and dry season ahead of us. Thanks!

With the high temperatures expected for this summer, you need to stay hydrated while out at the Range. Bring plenty of fluids and remember to drink them. If you need a break from the sun and heat, the Rose-Iris Range House and Shotgun Range House are air conditioned.

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ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

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TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 14
7:00 p.m.

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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!

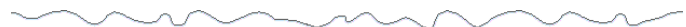
To become an RSO, you must be a **current member**, **attend the RSO Training Class** and obligate yourself to **volunteer at the Range three times a year**.

If you would like to become a RSO or would like more information about becoming a RSO, contact **Dan Martini** at Dantini@charter.net or 509-627-3198.

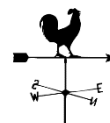


~ FIRE SEASON ~

Please use Extra Caution!



WEATHER CONDITIONS at the Range can be found on our homepage – www.tcsa.info



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



Our next **Online Evaluation** will be on **August 13**. Registration for that Class is currently open on the WDFW website. We are also tentatively planning an **Online Evaluation** for **September 24**, but the details for that Class have not been finalized at this time.

As noted in last month's Newsletter: On June 1, the minimum age for students to complete the entire Online Course without having to attend an in-person range day was raised from 9 to 18 years old. Students younger than 18 will have to complete the range and other requirements in person.

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 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 follow all the same safety rules when handling an air gun that are used when handling any firearm.

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

RATTLESNAKE WARNING

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



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](#)

CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: **Mike Ensminger**



Our Range calendar looks good, so I can't think of anything to complain about (at the moment). Although we try really hard to avoid any Range closures that affect days we are open to the public, it is still worth checking the calendar before you drive to the Range.

It sounds like construction may start soon on the Law Enforcement Range north of the Plinking Bays. Earthwork on the hill will result in some Range closures on non-public days. RSOs should check the calendar before heading to the Range to avoid any disappointment.

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!



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.

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS



By: **Mike Ensminger**

37 guns were represented at the June Steel Shoot and **Curt Berger** took the overall top position. Results are posted on www.practicore.com, just search on "rattlesnake" and you will find them.

We will be shooting again **July 3**, with the Shooter's Meeting at 9:15. Send us a note at if you want us to start a squad for you ahead of time – mikeberta4@gmail.com.

COWBOY ACTION

By: **Mike Ensminger**



We had 15 shooters show up for the June Match, and yes it was HOT, but mostly after we left the Range. No one cleaned the Match, but **RP Dodge**, **White Bluffs Ranger** and **Sonova Jack** almost did, with only 1 miss each, so worth mentioning.

We will be out there again **July 23**, Shooter's Meeting at 9:15. It's always free to watch.

On **July 30** we will be holding a **Wild Bunch Match**. You can plan on 6 stages, with possibly as many as 200 pistol, 60 rifle and 40 shotgun rounds required. Shooter's meeting will be at 9:15.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: **Clint Bouslaugh**

We had a couple of new shooters show up this month to check out the Range. Nice to have new people here.

Now that summer has arrived, we would like to remind everyone to bring water with you when coming to the Primitive Range. Also, with the warm weather comes the possibility of rattlesnakes. We try to keep the area by the shooting boards mowed, but you still need to be on the lookout.

Our **July shoot will be on the 16th** from 9:00 to noon.



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: **Mark Monopoli**

Summer is here! It may have still been spring weather a week ago, but we've hopefully turned that corner. I realize not everyone enjoys the heat, but it is a darn sight better than a perpetual spring and not the good kind of spring either. With the arrival of the hot weather please be safe, stay hydrated and don't overdo it while out shooting.

After two Shotgun Reports dealing with Board Member changes, July is going to come off as kind of boring. No big personnel changes this month, but we do get to put the **Ron Geiger**, back in **Ron Geiger Field!**

That's right, after months and months and months, better known as a year, of watching from the sidelines, Ron finally had enough of the commoners messing up his field. Now, in our defense, "we" (that's the, "royal we", kids) did a pretty mediocre job, but it wasn't a horrible attempt at keeping things up to the Geiger Standard. Obviously, Ron wasn't impressed and it only took him a week to whip things back into shape. Welcome back Ron, you'll single handedly make the trap and 5-Stand field look worse while the Skeet Field looks country club-ish.

One big deal did happen on June 12, which was the 2022 version of the **Sub-Gauge Shoot!** There were (19) shooters signed up this year and spirits were high as past winner **John Wilgus** had not been shooting for a couple of weeks and everyone else could smell the proverbial blood in the water! Yes sir, this was the year someone was going to rip the non-existent trophy from the hands of the Wilgus. Well, long story short, Wilgus did what Wilgus does and he was high overall for the shoot once again. I guess we always have next year. the funny thing about Wilgus always winning? He has managed to turn his last name into a swear word. Shooters utter it the same way as the more popular 4 letter swear words that **Sue Verwest** won't let me use here.

The shoot did go well, and we owe a big thank you to **Phil Volkman** for setting and running a very good sub-gauge course on the 5-Stand field, **Dave Otto** and **John Dyes** for pulling and scoring on the Skeet Field and of course **John Wilgus** for not only doing a half-ass job of organizing the shoot, but he also provided the burgers for the lunch afterwards. No one got food poisoning that I know of, so we'll chalk that whole thing up as a success. Next year we will have a fashion award inspired by none other than **Gene "Guido" Curcio** for his inspired outfit that blended bad taste with ill-fitting in a way not seen since Danny DeVito played the Penguin in Batman. Google it, it's not pretty.

As far as shoots go, there is nothing currently on the books for Rattlesnake. If you have an idea for a shoot, and are willing to take the reins and runs with it, we are always open to new and exciting things.

Things have been humming right along at the Shotgun Range and we should probably take the time to go over a couple of housekeeping items for when we're performing our RSO Duty Days.

- When new shooters come out to the Range, please make them feel welcome, answer their questions to the best of your ability and make sure they understand our safety rules as well as how the tokens and machines work. Be sure they understand if they are talking on the line and birds are flying, they could run out. We do not replace tokens due to this.
- Trash cans need to be emptied when they are ½ to ¾ full or so. If we let them get filled to the top, they are extremely heavy. Likewise, we don't need to waste trash bags if they have barely anything in them.
- Please remember to top off the machines with targets at the end of the day and *remove all of the empty card board boxes from the houses and bring to the dumpster.*
- If you go out to shoot on a day the Range is closed, make sure you sign in and you are responsible to reload the machines after you are done shooting. Throw away the empty target boxes as well.
- Finally, have fun out there and enjoy yourself. We have one of the nicest Shotgun Ranges you could ever want to shoot at and we should all be happy to show it off. Having just finished a State Shoot down in Oregon at a nice club, I would have to roll around in our parking lot to get close to as dirty as I got just walking around their course.

Keep up the great work everyone! We succeed as an organization because of all the volunteers like you!

5-Stand is still up and running on **Sunday mornings** starting at **9:00 a.m.!** Be there and don't be late.

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! If you have anything to share or have questions, concerns or comments feel free to drop me an email at mark.monopoli@outlook.com



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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: Before going to a L2/3 Match, check your equipment using **Appendix D**. EWPSA has a mag gauge that we can check your mag lengths. You do not want to be moved to Open, if your equipment is out of compliance.

NATIONAL NEWS: www.uspsa.org

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

Carry Optics Nationals: September 9 - 11, Talladega, AL
*SIG Sauer Back to Back Nationals Presented by Federal CMP Marksmanship Park, Talladega, AL

The MasterPiece Arms **RaceGun Nationals**

Featuring Open & Limited Divisions

October 14 – 15 - 16 (Staff compete October 12 - 13)

The Blue Bullets **PCC & Production Nationals**

October 21 – 22 - 23 (Staff compete October 19 - 20)

*Updated dates and place

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>.

LOCAL NEWS: The **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Match** on June 12 had 23 competitors, 3 divisions represented. The Division winners were: Tactical: **Gerald Olson** (overall winner); Open: **Grant Fujimoto**; Limited: Trevor **VanArsdale**. Complete Results at:

https://practiscore.com/results/new/171032?q_division=0

Shotgun Side Match on June 12 had 23 competitors.

Shotgun winner: **Mike Czebotar**. Complete Results at:

<https://practiscore.com/results/new/171034>

The **USPSA June Match** had 52 competitors with 5/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Mark Bradley** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Rachel Harper**; Limited: **Mikayla Hill**; PCC: **Ann Blosser**; Production: **Peter Bayuk**. Complete Results at: https://practiscore.com/results/new/171820?q_division=0

COMING UP: EWPSA will be hosting a **Steel Challenge Match** on **July 10**. 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, shooting a second gun is +\$5, and juniors shoot for free. More details and registration on Practiscore: <https://practiscore.com/ewpsa-2022-07-steel-challenge/register>

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match** on **July 17**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at <https://practiscore.com/ewpsa-2022-07-uspsa/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.

EWPSA will be hosting a **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Match** on **August 14**. 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, shooting a second gun is +\$5, and juniors shoot for free. More details and registration on Practiscore: <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2022-08-fun-in-the-sun-2-gun/register>

Check out our Inland Empire Section News at:

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

Check out local news on Facebook –

[Eastern Washington Practical Shooters Association](https://www.facebook.com/groups/267093763957174/?ref=bookmarks)

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

HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

Things are definitely heating up on High-Power and we are offering the full gamut of Smallbore and High-Power Events throughout the month. Please visit the High-Power page at www.TCSAHighPower.org to review our full 2022 schedule and associated match programs.

The following COVID adjustments to Match Operations will carry over into our 2022 Match season:

- Social distancing is encouraged and will be maintained to the extent possible.
- Bring exact match fees and your own writing instruments / tablets.
- State and County guidelines will be followed.

GATE COMBINATION: The Canyon Gate combination has been changed and all High-Power RSOs were notified via email. Contact **John Hauptmann** if you did not receive the email.

E-TARGET USE: Virtually all our High-Power Matches will be run on e-targets this season, so make sure you bring Android tablet or i-Pad with you to the Match (you can also use your cell phone, but its beneficial to have a larger screen). *Unfortunately, our current e-targets do not work for smallbore, but we will adopt that technology once it becomes cost effective to do so.*

RANGE CONDITIONS: The Range is in good shape, but please use common sense. Keep your speed down, particularly on the corners and only drive on the graveled areas. It is definitely fire season, so behave accordingly.



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 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 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: <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/> for additional details, match highlights, photos and related links.

Check out the “For Sale” items on our web-site
www.tcsa.info

New items are being posted and sold on a regular basis!

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

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



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/>



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!



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.

