



# 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!

I would like to also thank **Chuck Nay** for riding herd on the Range Gates in support of the Benton County Fire District #2 work.

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.

### WANTED

If anyone has a **10/22 stock** they would be interested in donating, we would like to make a junior sized stock or two to support our Youth Group Activities. Contact **Mike Ensminger, Chief RSO**.



*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*

## NEXT RSO TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini

Our next **Range Safety Officer Class** will be held on **Friday, August 28** from 8 a.m. to ~ 2 p.m. at the Shotgun Range House. To get your name on the Class roster, you **must be a current member of the TCSA**. If you can make the Class date and want to become a TCSA RSO, send an email message to [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net) with a YES and include your name and TCSA Membership number and I will add your name to the RSO Class list. I will send a reminder message a week before the Class date to those of you who respond.

## ADVANTAGES OF BEING AN RSO

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 a TCSA RSO, you need to have and maintain your TCSA Membership, complete an 8-hour Class and volunteer to stand 3 days per year at the Rose-Iris General Purpose Range on a Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday. You choose which of those three days you will be able to meet.

For more information and to get your name on the list for the next RSO Class contact **Dan Martini** at [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net).

### ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

## TCSA FACILITIES

**ROSE-IRIS RANGE** – A 100-yard range with 20 covered firing points. This day use Range Safety Officer supervised facility is operated for public use on a regularly scheduled basis Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

**RIMFIRE PLINKING RANGE** – A 50-yard 22-caliber Range Safety Officer supervised Shooting Range with reactive targets.

**CENTERFIRE PLINKING RANGE** – A 50-yard handgun pistol/revolver RSO supervised range with reactive targets for firearms using black powder or standard pistol cartridges.

**COWBOY / PRACTICAL PISTOL BAYS** – Ranges consisting of 13 bays of varying lengths designed to support a variety of action shooting disciplines such as; Practical (IPSC/ USPSA) 3-Gun Sports and Cowboy (SASS) groups.

Cowboy Action Rep. – **Charles Kissler** – 509.783.8505

**Nelson Thomas** – 509.727.4678

Practical Pistol Rep. – **Rich Nelson** – 509.521.6529

**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. – **Mike Sowa** – 541.571.1892

**SMALLBORE COMPETITION RANGE** - A 100 Yard Range with 20 firing points. The SCR is designed for optimum support of and exclusively for .22LR (smallbore) Competition Events. The Range is only to be used for Smallbore Events scheduled and supervised by a TCSA trained Match Director. No casual use or individual practice is allowed. Future plans include covered firing points and shooting benches.

High-Power Rep. – **Mike Sowa** – 541.571.1892

Range Use and Scheduling - **Ron Jorgensen** – 509.554.0048

**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

**SAFE SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH:**

**Dave McNeal** – 509.366.6879

## HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: **Randy Absolon**



We had 16 students in our **June Traditional Class** that was completed on June 24. Our next Traditional Class will be held in **January of 2027**.

We are planning to offer the **Field Skills Evaluations** for students who have completed the Online portion of the hybrid class on **August 8** and **September 5** and **26**. Registration for these Classes will open on the WDFW website about two weeks before the session. Check the WDFW website all available classes statewide. There is typically higher demand for classes in the fall, so expect classes to fill up rapidly and anticipate having to travel farther to get in a class.

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 (not storing them in the porta potty) 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 cross a fence, jump a ditch or cross a stream with a loaded firearm.

If you have questions about our Hunter Education Classes, contact me at: [randyabsolon@gmail.com](mailto:randyabsolon@gmail.com).

## “WELCOME” NEW MEMBERS

Welcome! In this Newsletter you can find the contact information for the Board Members and 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. The Newsletter is posted on the web site the beginning of each month.



**Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!**



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



# CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger

It is amazing to me how many different types of competition shooting are out there and especially how many of them are represented at this Range. You can shoot in a competition of some sort with pretty much any firearm you own and it need not be a high dollar item built specifically for competition.



That said, all Matches held at the RMSF are open to the membership and the public and I encourage you to take a look at the calendar and come out and watch any match that looks interesting.

Watching and visiting with the shooters is always free, and most of the competitions are not really very intimidating when you actually see how they work. You may also find out you are much better equipped to compete than you thought.

The discipline links on the TCSA home page provide quite a bit of detail to help explain what you see on the calendar, but you can also get more information from the listed Match Directors. Worst case, give me a holler and I'll get you in touch with someone to answer your questions.

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

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**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!**



**RSO ACCESS KEY CARDS** and **RSO BADGES** are not to be used in place of or as a substitute for your **Membership identification card**.

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## FIRE AND RATTLESNAKE SEASON

**PLEASE USE EXTRA CAUTION!**

We have uninvited guests on our Ranges. Watch where you step. Be aware of your surroundings. Watch when you reach for things!



# RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike Ensminger



The June ISSA Match only saw 32 guns in action and **Kevin Hawman** pretty much walked away with it, taking both 1st and 2nd overall, with scores separated by only 0.01 seconds. Detailed and category results are on Practiscore.com, look for Rattlesnake Mtn Steel Shooters.

We will be out there again on **July 5**, starting at 9:15. Send us an email ([mikeberta4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeberta4@gmail.com)) with names and one or 2 guns and we will pre-squad your group so you can all shoot together.

The Event Gate at mile 7.4 will be open and registration is at the Range on Match Day, cash or check only, kids shoot free.

Additional details can be found at:  
<https://rattlesnakegulch.org/rattlesnake-mountain-steel-shooters/>.

## COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike Ensminger



15 shooters competed in the June Cowboy Match, which was immediately followed by an introductory Cowboy Action session for the TCSA Youth Group.

The kids got to try out a selection of lever action rifles, single action revolvers, (.22 and centerfire) and both double barrel and 1897 Winchester shotguns and shoot a course of fire for score. It started getting windy before the ammo ran out or we might still be there.

Thank you to the cowboy shooters that hung around to help the kids and thank you to **Dave McNeal** for organizing it.

The next **Cowboy Action Match** will be on **July 25** starting at 9 a.m. The Event Gate at mile 7.4 will be open and registration is at the Range that morning; \$10 cash or check, kids shoot free.

## PRIMITIVE RANGE



By: Clint Bouslaugh

June shoot was uneventful. Nothing major occurred. We scoped out locations for some new gong targets.

The **July Shoot** will be on the 18th from 9 a.m. until noon. Hope to see you there.

# SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli



**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July everyone!** Summer is moving fast and now is a great time to come out to the Shotgun Range to shoot a few rounds. And remember, the **Shotgun Range is open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays** during the Summer months.

We had our **Annual Shotgun Board Meeting** on June 24 at the Shotgun Range House. It was a good meeting and the Board acted on quite a few range improvements and maintenance items that needed to be addressed. The major items that were approved are:

Purchase a TurfTeq power broom to remove target chips from the fields and to use on the sidewalks during the winter months for snow removal. This will hopefully reduce the time and effort that whole process takes.

Replacing the stone stairs on Skeet field 1 at the high-house and add a concrete slab on the upper level to make delivering targets via the forklift a bit safer and to make the stairs a lot less treacherous.

The access road for the trap houses will be re-done to reduce the forklift getting stuck in the loose soil during the summer months.

The Sport Clays Road will be going through a revitalization in anticipation of opening a Sporting Course in the somewhat near future. The road will be leveled a bit and then graveled from the parking lot to the turn-around point up the main draw. Actually, the grading work on the roads will most likely be done by the time you read this.

The final major change that was approved is the purchase of a card system to replace our aging token system. The tokens have served us well, but it is time for an upgrade. The Board chose to go with a system from LongRange that will allow for shooters to still purchase their own targets through a self-serve kiosk. It is essentially a more high-tech version of our token system. The biggest change will be going from an all-cash system to a credit card system for purchasing targets. As we get closer to making the change there will be more information sent out and we will let everyone know the process for making the change. In the meantime, it would be great if we could all get to the range and shoot up those tokens you have laying around.

Unfortunately, with changes, upgrades and raising costs associated with just about everything, the Board also voted to increase the cost of a round of trap and skeet to \$6/round + tax. 5-Stand will go to \$7/round + tax. New pricing will take effect when the new card system is in place and operational. Please **do not** go out and buy a bunch of tokens in order to avoid the new pricing. When we make the change over, tokens will no longer be redeemable for targets and we want to avoid having a bunch of them out there to deal with.

Another upgrade taking place is the approach to the Shotgun Gate is being paved as I type this. **Tri-Cities Asphalt** is performing the work under the watchful eye of **Tom Walchuk**. This work is part of the work package for the new **.22LR Competition Range** that is being finished up and paid for by the **TCSA mothership** in conjunction with a grant from the **Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office**.



As always, if you have questions or concerns shoot me an email at [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com).

July and August are looking to have quite a bit of activity going on at the Shotgun Range with our regular monthly Sunday shoots plus a **Multiplex Trap Shoot** and the **First Annual Geiger Open Skeet Shoot**.

## UPCOMING SHOTS AT RATTLESNAKE

- **July 5 100 Bird Trap Shoot – Free for Youth**
- **July 12 50 Bird Skeet Shoot**
- **July 19 50 Bird 5-Stand Shoot**
- **Aug 1 Multiplex Trap Shoot**
- **Aug 8 Geiger Open Skeet Shoot**

June was another great month for our **Monthly Non-League League Shoots**. If you are ever looking for a fun time with just the right amount of competitiveness, these are the shoots for you!

Per the norm, the **100 Bird Trap Shoot** was up first and the word of the day was “tie”. We had a 3-way tie for top honors between **Mark Monopoli**, **John Wilgus** and **Lindsay Nelsen** all with scores of **90/100**. Then for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis Class** we had a 4-way tie with **Steve Williams**, **Don Klages**, **David Russie** and **John Dyes** at **77/100**. All (7) winners earned (2) more yards for their handicap yardage. Great shooting!

Next up we had our famous **50 Bird Skeet Shoot** where oddly enough there was only a single tie that was out of contention. **Mark Monopoli** took first place with a perfect **50/50** while **John Wilgus** shot a **49/50** for second. The **2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis Class** saw **Don Klages** and **Phil Volkman** take first and second respectively with scores of **45/50** and **43/50**. Scores ranged from 50/50 to 29/50 so no matter your ability you will most likely be competitive with someone.

Father's Day weekend saw the **50 Bird 5-Stand Shoot** take place with pretty good weather. With a lucky number (13) shooters and some added money from **Phil Volkman** it turned into a pretty good shoot. The brothers **John Wilgus** and **Mike Wilgus** tied for the win with **44/50** scores and **Mike Tomlinson** took second with a **40/50**. That's probably more of an accomplishment for John than Mike, but we won't mention that. **John Dyes** took first place in the second lewis class ahead of **Don Klages** and **Trey Judy** with scores of **33/50**, **32/50** and **31/50**. With the added money we paid (3) places. Thanks Phil, and great shooting everyone!

Several of our Shotgun members received some pretty cool honors in the past month or so. **Andrew Gould** and **Dawson Van Diest** were named to the **All State Skeet Team** while **Bill Fisher** was named to **Second Team** and **Jacob Witherel** received an **Honorable Mention**.

**John Wilgus** was named to the **All State Team for Sporting Clays** in AA Class for 2026 and **Phil Volkman** was named to the **Arizona All State Team** as a Super Veteran. And not to be outdone, **David Russie** shot his first **25 straight** in Trap at the **Washington State Trap Shoot** in Walla Walla this past weekend. **Phil Volkman** also tied for **1<sup>st</sup> place** in AA Class Preliminary Event at the **Washington State Sporting Clays shoot**. **Lindsay Nelsen** tied a really good shooter in almost every shoot he entered over the past month. Who is that really good shooter? The author.

While not the honor he is looking for, it is worth mentioning that **Don Klages** hit all three or tied for the second lewis class at each shoot last month! Good job Don! If you go to a shoot and do good, let me know so we can all live vicariously through your greatness!

Want to receive **monthly emails** about **upcoming events** and **Shotgun Range information**? Send me an email to [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com) and I will add you to our list. Also keep an eye on our **calendar** at [www.tcsashotgun.com/calendar](http://www.tcsashotgun.com/calendar)

**Shotgun RSO's** - We appreciate everyone volunteering their time at the Range again this year. You can reach **David Russie** at [roscheduler@gmail.com](mailto:roscheduler@gmail.com) or 509.979.3664

Have a great month everyone!

### SHOTGUN RANGE HOURS

Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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 [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com)



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## HIGH-POWER

By: Dave Baalman

Welcome to July! For anyone who might be living under a rock or otherwise not paying attention, it's fire season. Let's make sure the next big fire isn't named after us, stay on the gravel roads and remember the ammo rules!

I had an interesting experience while putting the flag up by the Shotgun/High-Power gate last weekend, a small bird (a killdeer I believe) tried to attack me. I'm not the world's smallest person, but this little 4" tall bird was ready to kill! I gave it a wide berth and went on with my day. Upon returning to pull the flag down after the Match, I realized the problem, there's a nest on the ground right on the edge of the gravel about half way between the flag pole and the mailbox where the flags are stored. Until further notice, watch where you step, if mamma is there, she'll let you know you're intruding but if she's not it's very tough to see, so be on the lookout!



On the good news front, the calendar is fixed, including both the desktop site and the mobile site. If you have an old printout or marked your own calendar, please compare to make sure you aren't crossed up!

On that topic schedule wise for July, on the Smallbore side we have got **Vintage Smallbore July 2**, **Youth Smallbore July 11** and **July 26**, **50 Yard USBR Smallbore July 14**, **PRS 22 July 19** and **100 Yard Mini Palma July 28**. On the Centerfire side we have got a **1000 Yard V2 Points Match July 11**, **Reduced Yardage Regional Match Course July 19** and a **300 Yard Long Gong July 26**.

Looking back at June, at the June 3 **Dewar Match**, we had a soft breeze blowing back-and-forth under bright sunny summer skies and stayed that way through the entire Match. A combination of light mirage and light wind kept things interesting. **Ben Cook** managed a first place with a 400-28x, **Mike Bunch** followed close behind with a 397-27x and **Glenn Buxton** came in third with a 395-22x.

For the June 5 **Vintage Smallbore Match**, as Pooh Bear would say, "It was a very blustery day at the Range". Four shooters turned out despite the conditions. **Tom Halecki** had rifle malfunctions and had to pull out of the Match. Sorry about the bad luck Tom. **Mike Bunch** being the great guy that he is, helped **Kirk Rapport** with loaning him a front rest, helping him set it up and get his rifle dialed in for the Match. Then Kirk proceeded to beat Mike in the Match. LOL. It came down to the X count to crown the winner. **Glen Buxton** placed 1st with a 400-37x, **Kirk Rapport** was

second with a 400-33x and **Mike Bunch** was 3rd, with a 400-31x.

At the June 18 **ARA Smallbore Match**, as seems to be typical we had beautiful weather during morning practice but once the Match started, so did the wind. Scores were low as expected because of the gusts. **Ben Cook** was the Match and high card winner, followed by **Randy Hoge** in second and **Tom Halecki** in 3rd. Randy also had the high X count of the Match.

On the Centerfire side, we had an **80 Shot Regional Match Course** on June 27 followed by a **50 Shot CMP EIC** on June 28. Schedule conflicts with the Oregon Championship the same weekend and a regional at Paul Bunyan (Puyallup, Washington) the following weekend made for a low turnout. **Dave Baalman** took top honors both days with a 759-12x on Saturday and a 472-10x on Sunday, both under challenging wind conditions. Everyone who didn't come missed out on some great wind practice, not to mention a chance at a win as those are very beatable scores!



The full schedule is available at <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/>.

You can see a full description of each match on our website as well <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/match-descriptions>

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## PRS-22 MATCH

By: **Scott Downing**

The next scheduled **PRS-22 Match** is scheduled for **July 19**. Contact me for more information – 509.302.0443.

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### 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. Buckets are provided for spent cartridges. Take a moment to clean up after yourself when you are done shooting.



**FLY THE FLAG – JULY 4**

## 300-LONG GONG MATCH

By: **Mark Jaeger**

The third 300 Long Gong Match was held May 31. It was an interesting day for shooting steel which means the wind was squirrely and about 10 mph. Thankfully the direction was mostly tailwind. Competitors shot 50 shots for record with the result that **Mark Jaeger** was first, **Chris Rhynolds** was second, **Glenn Collins** caught third, **Jeff Davis** fourth and **Glen Buxton** fifth. A good time was had and it was all over before 11:00.

The fourth 300 Long Gong Match was held June 21 (Father's Day). As such, the turnout was light but it was a beautiful light-wind temperate day for shooting steel. Competitors shot well with the result that **Chris Rhynolds** was first with 50, **Mark Jaeger** came in close second with 49 and **Glen Buxton** captured third. The next event is **July 26** with a beat-the-heat registration time of 7:15. Shooting should start at 7:30. Come join in. It is challenging but fun. The description linked to the web calendar event (July 26) provides a complete description of the Match.

## SAFE SHOOTING SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

By: **Dave McNeal**

**We held five Shooting Events for kids in June**

The **Youth Steel Mini-Match** on June 6 had four shooters competing with autoloading .22 LR pistols and rifles. **Tyler Casella** scored best time with 38.64. It was a first-time Event for all the shooters and they all improved remarkably from the first to the second set. At the end of the competition those who wished to do so had the opportunity to shoot a 9mm carbine at the same targets as well as some knock-downs. By then they were really blazing away...

The June 13 **Youth 25/50 Yard .22 Rifle Match** was moved to the HESA Range due to construction on the Smallbore Competition Range. This allowed shooting from benches rather than prone. Six shooters participated. **Dylan Gray** was the top shooter at 25 yards with 198 8X. **Liam McNeal** won at 50 yards with 188 3X using metallic sights on a target rifle.

The June **Free Shotgun Sunday for Youth** Event on June 21 (Father's Day) was 5-Stand. One family had three generations participating in the Event.

The June 27 **Cowboy Experience** introduced youth to the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting. Kids got to shoot single action revolvers, lever action rifles and old-time shotguns at reactive targets in this Event. We had 7 kids shoot, including two from out of state.

The last Event for June was the **Youth Rimfire Sporter Match** on June 28. This Match was moved to HESA as well. We had eight shooters including six **from Troop 100, Blue Mountain Council, Scouting America;** and **Liam McNeal** was high score with 521 2X.

Thanks to **Mike Ensminger** for hosting the Steel Mini-Match and Cowboy experience. And thanks to the **several RSO's** who make all the events possible.

### EVENTS IN JULY

**Free Shotgun Sunday for Youth** will be on **July 5** at noon with Trap as the Event. Shooters bring a shotgun and some shells and an adult. Please RSVP to [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com)

The **Youth Rimfire Sporter Match** will be on **July 11**. For details see: [https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a\\_6818c268db154c53b53c3ceeae708d97.pdf](https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a_6818c268db154c53b53c3ceeae708d97.pdf)

The **Youth 25/50 Yard .22 Rifle Match** will be on **July 26**. For details see: [https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a\\_ef7056a0dade46f5b80f9c958fd7279b.pdf](https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a_ef7056a0dade46f5b80f9c958fd7279b.pdf)

We hope we can be back in business at Smallbore Competition Range in time for the July Matches, but we may have to stay at HESA. If you would like to help install the shooting benches at SCR as soon as the concrete dries, let us know.

You can learn more about these Events on the Safe Shooting Sports for Youth Tri-Cities Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586545546901&sk=about>

If you have questions or comments about Safe Shooting Sports for Youth, email: [TCSAYOUTH@TCSA.INFO](mailto:TCSAYOUTH@TCSA.INFO)

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### TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**RICHLAND LIBRARY**  
(Conference Room A & B)

## 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:** In USPSA, NEW Rule **1.1.5.6** says, "In any stage or string procedure that stipulates **strong hand or weak hand use, the specified hand/side must be used exclusively from the point stipulated for the remainder of the stage or string.**" Procedural Penalties: "Rule 10.2.8 If a course of fire stipulates shooting strong or weak hand only, a competitor will not be penalized for using the other hand (i.e. the other arm from the shoulder to the hand) to disengage an external safety, to reload or to correct a malfunction. **However**, the competitor will be issued one procedural penalty per shot fired while: 10.2.8.2 Using the other hand to support the handgun, wrist or shooting arm while firing shots." Once you go WHO/SHO, you cannot go back to freestyle.

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

Mark your Calendars. The dates for USPSA Nationals 2026:

**July 17 – 19: USPSA Multigun Nationals** @ Forest Lake Sportsmans Club, Forest Lake, MN

**August 19 – 23: USPSA Race Gun Nationals** (Open, Lim, Lim10, LO, PCC) @ Cardinal Shooting Center, Marengo, OH

**September 16 – 20: USPSA Factory Gun Nationals** (Carry Optics, Prod, SS, and Rev) @ Southern Utah Practical Shooting (SUPS), Hurricane, UT

**October 2 – 4: IPSC US Nationals** @ Greater Pittsburgh Gun Club, Bulger, PA

The **USPSA Rules:** Can be downloaded to your phone for easy access.

<https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/current/2026/USPSA-Competition-Rules-2026.pdf>

The USPSA Rules Change Log is located here

<https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/current/2026/Competition-Rules-Change-Log-2026.pdf>

### LOCAL NEWS:

All **EWPSA Match** results can be found here ([Practiscore.com](http://Practiscore.com) search EWPSA in the Results tab): <https://rebrand.ly/EWPSAscores>

**Monthly 2-Gun Retro Match** on June 6 had 45 competitors with 4 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Elijah Bovenzi** (overall winner); Armored: **James Hurd**; Retro: **Matt Newburn**; and Tactical: **Logan Rossbacher**.

**USPSA Monthly Match** on June 14 had 57 competitors with 7/9 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Limited Optics: **Charlie Perez**; Carry Optics: **Mark Andersen**; Limited: **Hayden Gorham**; Limited 10: **Aron Gorham**; Open: **James Thomas**; PCC: **Eric Zuspan**; and Production: **Andrew Kilgore**.

**DMR Match** on June 20 had 10 competitors with 3 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Limited: **Alex Summa** (overall winner); Open: **Matt Newburn**; and Tactical: **Trey Judy**.

The **Steel Challenge Match** June 21 had 8 guns with 4 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: RFRO: **Kevin Hawman** (overall winner); CO: **Curt Berger**; RFPO: **Curt Berger**; and RFRI: **Kevin Hawman**.

#### COMING UP:

All upcoming **EWPSA Matches** and **registrations** can be found here (Practiscore.com):  
<https://rebrand.ly/EWPSAMatches>

**EWPSA** will be hosting:

**Monthly 2-Gun Retro Match June 6** – We are going to do something special for **America's 250<sup>th</sup>**, a couple themed states. Stage count will depend on turnout - 4-6. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Shooter's meeting and new shooter's brief at 8:50. Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m. The Match is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for TCSA members and setup/teardown staff shoots for Free. Setup starts at 7:00 a.m. Typically 3-4 stages and 150 rounds rifle and 150 rounds pistol. Reminder that no green tip, iron core, AP, incendiary, or other TCSA banned ammo is permitted.

Questions: Email [ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com](mailto:ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com)

**SCSA Steel Challenge Match July 12** - Gates open by 9 a.m. and there will be a shooter's meeting at 9:30. Shooting starts after the meeting. The Match is \$20 for non-members, \$15 for TCSA members. Shooting a second gun is \$5. Withdrawal requests before Match Day will be refunded minus Stripe fees. Note that this will be an official Steel Challenge Match, rules are at: <https://scsa.org/rules> If you are a new shooter, feel free to contact the Match Director if you have any questions. Match Director Contact: [bergercj@icloud.com](mailto:bergercj@icloud.com)

**DMR Match July 18.** A DMR Match is a rifle only match emphasizing longer range shooting for a "designated marksman's rifle". Ranges will be between 100 and 800 yards, with target sizes of 2+ MOA. This will be somewhat similar to a Gas Gun Show Match. Stages will have par times of around 2 minutes. If you have a spotting scope, please bring it to help call hits.

Registration at 8:30 a.m. Shooter's meeting at 8:50 and shooting starts at 9:00. The Match is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for TCSA members and setup/teardown staff shoots for Free. Setup starts at 7:30 a.m. Expect 4-6 stages, requiring around 100 rounds of rifle ammunition. Some stages will allow only a fixed number of rounds, some will be "shoot until you hit".

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**USPSA Monthly Match July 19** - Gates will open at 9:00 a.m., new shooters briefing at 9:30, shooters meeting at 9:45, shooting begins at 10:00. The Match cost is \$20 TCSA members / \$25 non-members. More details on Practiscore.

**Monthly 2-Gun Match August 1** - Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Shooter's meeting at 8:50 and shooting starts at 9:00. The match is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for TCSA

members and setup/teardown staff shoots for Free. Setup starts at 7:00 a.m. Typically, 3-4 stages and 150 rounds rifle and 150 rounds pistol. Reminder that no green tip, iron core, AP, incendiary or other TCSA banned ammo is permitted. Questions: Email [ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com](mailto:ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com)

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](#)

Any questions or comments can be directed to:

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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY

**Thursday July 2**

**Vintage SBR - Rose-Iris**

**Saturday July 4 – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July !!**

**EWPSA Monthly 2-Gun Heavy Metal**

**Sunday July 5**

**Free Youth Shotgun Trap**

**100 Bird Trap Shoot – Learn to Shoot Trap**

**ISSA Steel**

**Thursday July 9**

**TCSA General Meeting – Richland Public Library**

**Saturday July 11**

**1000 Yard High-Power V2 FPS**

**Youth Rimfire Sporter Match**

**Sunday July 12**

**Steel Challenge**

**50-Bird Skeet Shoot**

**Tuesday July 14**

**50 Yard ARA SBR - Rose Iris**

**Saturday July 18**

**DMR Match**

**Primitive Shoot**

**Sunday July 19**

**EWPSA Match**

**Reduced Yardage RMC**

**PRS 22 - HESA Range**

**50-Bird 5-Stand Shoot**

**Saturday July 25**

**Cowboy Match**

**Sunday July 26**

**300-Yard Long Gong**

**Youth 25/50 Yard .22 Rifle Match**

**Tuesday July 28**

**100 Yard SBR Mini Palma - HESA Range**

