



The Rattler

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

The winner of the **early renewal Ruger 10/22** was **Kaye Roberson**. She was elated to learn that she was the lucky winner. The TCSA would like to give a big thanks to ALL the members who renewed early!

On behalf of the TCSA, I would like to thank **Tex Long** and all the **Fire Departments** that participated in cutting the firebreaks around the Range. Tex puts in quite a bit of effort and time coordinating the work and it is a major undertaking for the Fire Department crews and machinery.

Many of our older members will remember **Paul Toberg**. It is with regret that I have to inform you that Paul passed away in April. As many of you know, Paul supported **Rose-Iris** both financially and time wise with her quest to form the TCSA and help make the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility the **best Range** in the Northwest. Paul accompanied Rose-Iris on all her trips and volunteered an extraordinary amount of time helping make Rose-Iris's dream of having a great Range in the Tri-Cities a reality. Rest in Peace Paul.

TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 10
7:00 p.m.

SHOTGUN RANGE HOUSE

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: George Hager

Howdy all! As I sit and type this blurbiest of blurbs I am watching tumbleweeds fly and dust clouds pass by my window at work (I am on lunch). I was wondering how anyone could go shoot in this weather, but then I realized that most of our members are not married to the almighty rimfire such as I (what a wimp ... right). This thought leads me down two simultaneous paths. The first, is the thoughts of those servicemen and service-women who were and now are permanently on "watch", as those are the folks that gave their all so that we can enjoy the liberties granted us by the All Mighty. We now know the full cost of those hot dogs and hamburgers we savor over Memorial Day weekend. Whilst you need not dwell on this, please remember, if not just for a moment.

The second path of thought is towards our forefathers who braved a whole new world and the wild and unknown frontiers once arriving. They did not have the luxury of worrying if there .22lr was blown off course by the winds, but if their powder got wet and was going to fire when life depended on it. If the romance and mystique of these rifles (and pistols) calls to you, read on page 5 about our Primitive Shooters and their Discipline. Contact **Clint** if you have any questions and how you can "earn" your coonskin cap!

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

The RSO duty year runs from **May 1 through March 31**. If you have not scheduled your three duty days for the year by **JUNE 30**, your gate access card will deactivate. You will then have until **JULY 31** to sign up for your three duty days or your RSO or RO qualification will be revoked.

“Thank You” to those who have already scheduled themselves.

All 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** - chiefrso@tcsa.info and **Greg Spencer** - rsoscheduler@tcsa.info, as well as their swap partner by email; please include your TCSA number.

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

FIRST SHOTS®

An introduction to Safe Handgun Shooting

By: **Mike Ensminger**

We are still hoping to host several First Shot Classes sometime this summer. I have compiled quite a list of people interested in attending and will be sending emails and making phone calls when we set a date. Keep an eye on our Facebook page too for updates.

If you are interested and have not previously been in touch, contact me at chiefrso@tcsa.info or 509-521-9628 and I will add you to the list for attendance. If you are an RSO who has offered to help, you will be hearing from me at the same time.

CHECK OUT THE TCSA WEB-PAGE

www.tcsa.info

Calendar of Events

Range Photos

Shooting Venues

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Items For Sale

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Range Rules

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HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: Randy Absolon



WDFW with input from the State is developing plans and procedures on how we would be able to hold Classes. We are not there yet, but are getting closer. I don't think we are going to be ready to hold the June Traditional Class we were originally hoping to do, but I am holding out hope we will be able to have the **August Online Course Evaluation**. There are still 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 use all the same 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



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/>

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!



BOY SCOUTS SHOOTING MERIT BADGE

By: Ron Jorgensen

On Saturday, May 22, the TCSA hosted a second event for nineteen scouts from the **Blue Mountain Council** at the Range to work on their shooting skills towards earning a Shooting Merit Badge. The Scouts lucked out with the weather and conditions being very good. The Scouts were organized into two groups. Each Scout was paired with a Range Safety Officer when their turn to shoot came up. The days event began with an initial safety briefing and discussion of shooting fundamentals. Once that was completed the scouts began the shooting portion with each scout being coached by an RSO. For several of the scouts this was their first-time handling and shooting firearms. By the end of the day, their hard work and the work of the RSO's paid off and they were displaying some very good skills. Several of the scouts met the accuracy requirements for a Merit Badge. A special thanks goes out to the RSO's that volunteered their time to make this event so successful.



CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger



The new website is working well and the RSO Duty Calendar is filling up for the rest of this Duty Calendar Year.

If any of you RSOs have not yet logged into the new system, you will be required to reset your password on your first visit. Once you get in, signups work like what you have seen before.

Give me a call if you have trouble getting into the system or signing up.

RSO INFORMATION

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

~ ROSE-IRIS RSOs ~ INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE WEB-SITE FOR SWAPPING DAYS

FIRST arrange a swap by phone. Log into the RSO Secure area of the TCSA.INFO website, click on "Request Duty Swap". **Locate a suitable date and contact by phone** the RSO to request the swap.

SECOND - Return to the secure part of the website and click on "Swap" and fill in the information for the date and person with whom you have already arranged the swap by phone. The person with whom you have arranged the swap will be notified via email. Once they log in to the site, they will go to the "Swap" link and accept the swap.

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.**

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.

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!**



~ FIRE SEASON ~

It is that time of year again!
Please use Extra Caution!



Check out the weather before you head to the Range!
This is on the Home Page – www.tcsa.info



RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



Although we didn't realize we had scheduled a Match on Mother's Day, it turned out worthwhile with 43 guns competing. Results are posted on Practiscore.com under Rattlesnake Mountain Steel Shooters.

Our next Match will be on **June 6**, starting at 9:15.

COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



We had 13 shooters at the May Match, so apparently not everyone was off camping for the holiday weekend. Results are posted on Practiscore.com under Rattlesnake Gulch.

We will be shooting again **June 26**, starting at 9:15.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

The next **Monthly Shoot** is scheduled for **June 19** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Take a break from burning up all that pre-made ammo and come out and enjoy some inexpensive shooting. Bring the kids out and teach them a new skill on how to load and shoot blackpowder. Our Range Officers are always willing to help new shooters promote our sport.



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.



HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

We are taking full advantage of daylight in June with **Smallbore Matches** on the 1st, 6th, 8th, 10th, 13th, 15th and 20th; **Service Rifle Practice** on the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th and a **Service Rifle (RMC) Match** on the 12th; **50 BMG Practices and Matches** the 17th to the 20th; **High Power Short and Mid-Range Matches** on the 5th, 18th and 22nd; **Long Range Practice** on the 25th and the **Pacific Northwest Long Range Championship Matches** on the 26th and 27th. 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: None.

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.

SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

Not sure what is going on this year, April was like May, May is more like April and it is anyone's guess as to what June has in store for us. The good thing is that the wind still blows at Rattlesnake, not sure most of us could shoot without it.

I made a mistake in the last Shotgun Report. After going on and on about what a good guy Jack is, how much I have enjoyed seeing him on Wednesday mornings and how much we are going to miss him, I then go and misspell his last name. Do me a favor, grab some whiteout and go change Jack's last name to Critchfield on each of your copies. Do not use whiteout on your computer screen, use black nail polish so it blends in when the screen is off. Sorry about that Jack.

Skeet League 2021 is up for grabs! Although, someone probably has most likely grabbed it by the time you read this. Word on Geiger Field is that past Winner for damn near every year, **John Wilgus**, bowed out as the pressure of trying to repeat for the 843rd time was just too much. This left the door open for a new Champion to be crowned. The wind that I mentioned earlier has been playing havoc on the scores and several shooters are all in contention to get their name engraved on the prized Skeet League trophy. Cue the suspenseful music and hold your breath, results are coming next month.

Another thing that is coming up next month is **The Birdshot Challenge** on **June 5 and 6** and you really want to be a part of it. Not sure what it is? Well, believe you me, this is the most important shoot of the year, and the more shooters we have from Rattlesnake the better. The Birdshot Challenge is a **FUN** competition between **East End Rod and Gun Club in Milton-Freewater**, the **Walla Walla Gun Club** of, you guessed it, Walla Walla, and our beloved **Rattlesnake**. On Saturday, June 5 we carpool down to **East End** and shoot 2 rounds of 5-Stand, break for lunch and then head to **Walla Walla** and shoot a combo of Trap and 5-Stand, all together about 150 rounds. Then on Sunday, June 6 we all congregate at **Rattlesnake** to shoot some 5-Stand, Trap Doubles and crossers on the Skeet field. This really is for fun, there are no prizes, the cost is low, and the winning club is determined by who has the best top 5 scores from their shooters. At the conclusion of Sundays shooting **Jose's Authentic Tacos** will be onsite so lunch will be available while the brain trust determines who won. Rattlesnake won last year, and even though it is for fun, we sure would like to win it again this year. Not that we are taking it seriously, but practice for the 27-yard Skeet crossers is at 9:00 a.m. sharp each Wednesday and Sunday.

Ever heard the saying, "Good fences make good neighbors."? Well **Lindsay Nelsen** has a neighbor who is probably looking for a fencing contractor. In the Move of the Month Lindsay lured his poor neighbor out to the

Shotgun Range under the guise of shooting targets only to have the old bait and switch pulled on him! Instead of shooting at targets, Lindsay had him help load targets. Moral of the story? The rest of you need to take some initiative and trick some of your neighbors into coming out and working at the Range.

We may have 100° heat coming next week, but we are still looking for wood. Firewood that is. If you are having a tree trimmed or have firewood laying around bring it out to the Shotgun Range. We are stock piling for the next 12 winters. Please be a little selective though, rounds are ok, twigs are not.

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! Expect great things this year, you will probably get the same old thing, but optimism never hurts.



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, it would help a great deal with maintaining our lush field.

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

RSO INFORMATION

The complete 2021 Shotgun Schedule has been 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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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 **USPSA Inland Empire Sectional Championship Match** had **180 competitors** with 7/8 USPSA divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Brennan Conaway** (overall winner from TN); Carry Optics: **Keith Tyler** (WA); Limited: **Gianni Giordano** (NV); PCC: **David Blosser** (WA); Production: **Eric Beerbaum** (CA); Revolver: **Gerald Ashbeck** (OR), and Single Stack: **Mark Weaver** (ID).

Complete Results at:

https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/135630?q_division=0

The **Steel Challenge May Match** had 30 competitors with 9 divisions represented. The Division winners were: RFRO: **Mike Czebotar** (overall winner); ISR: **Charles Kissler**; OSR: **Gerald Ashbeck**, PROD: **Christopher England**, CO: **Dan Gookin**, LTD: **Curt Berger**, RFPI: **Randy Bayuk**; RFPO: **Mike Czebotar**; and PCCO: **Robert Thompson**. Complete Results at: <https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/html/212b5573-1c14-46a7-8bd1-ca342f68521b>

EWPSA will be hosting a **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Match June 13**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at: <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-06-fun-2-gun-in-the-sun/register> .

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match June 20**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-06/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.

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>.

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.

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



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FLY THE FLAG – JUNE 14



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 20**