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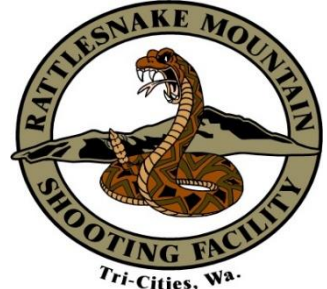
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

Jim Petrilli has stepped down from his position as **Operations Officer**. If any member is interested in filling that position, please email or call me. The job entails being available on weekdays, so if you are retired and would like to volunteer, please let me know.

The TCSA Board would like to thank **Jim** for a job well done and wish him the best in his new endeavors.



TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 10
7:00 p.m.

SHOTGUN RANGE HOUSE

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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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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: George Hager

Howdy ladies and gentlemen! It has been a while since I have put finger to the keyboard. It's not because there's not much going on at the Range. There is a lot happening even as the cold weather snaps back in for what I hope is its last stand in 2022! Each discipline has started holding Matches again (some haven't stopped)! I was able to shoot in the **Legend Match** earlier this month and it was a lot of fun (and challenging). It was a Charity Match and those in attendance raised \$700 for **Camp Patriot**. It is a great organization that helps our veterans that return home a little (or lot) less whole than when they left with an experience that leaves them feeling better about themselves.

It is going to be an exciting time coming up this spring as we are preparing to have the parking lot at Rose-Iris paved along with our normal tasks that are accomplished every spring by our dedicated volunteers! Please, we ask for your patience and understanding as we try to get all these tasks completed without inconveniencing our members and guests. But there will come a time when it happens and appreciate all you can do to make it as seamless as possible.

I have been trying to get to Rose-Iris more often and enjoy meeting our membership and Range Safety Officers and hearing about everyone's concerns. We take them seriously and have acted on several suggestions. Next time you see me, say HI and if you have something to pass on, I will put it in my notebook and share it with the person who may (or may not) be able to get your issue resolved. Also, next time you are at the Range Thank your RSO for the service they provide all of us!

TCSA FACILITIES

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

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

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

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

Cowboy Action Rep. – **Charles Kissler** – 509-783-8505
Nelson Thomas – 509-727-4678

Practical Pistol Rep. – **Don Brown** – 509-582-6993

1000-YARD, HIGH-POWER RANGE – A Range consisting of 100, 200, 300, 600, 800, 900 & 1000-yard firing lines that can support 20 firing stations on each firing line (utilizes manned target operation). The 400-yard line has 5 firing stations and the 500-yard line has 10 firing stations. This Range supports High-Power Rifle, Long Range PALMA and Precision Shooting Events of various disciplines, including 50-Caliber.

High-Power Rep. – **John Julian** – 509-308-0376

HUNTER EDUCATION RANGE: This Range has been designed to support Hunter Education Training Classes and also has a practical field exercise area containing obstacles hunters could expect to encounter in the field. The covered firing line can be used independently by current RSO's as an overflow from the Rose-Iris Range and may be available for RSO supervised public event use when not being used for the conduct of Hunter Education Classes.

Hunter Ed. Rep. – **Randy Absolon** – 509-628-3899

PRIMITIVE USE RANGE: - A Range Area for muzzle loading and primitive Sagebrush Free Trappers reenactment events with parking, staging and various range areas.

Primitive Range Rep. – **Clint Bouslaugh** – 509-585-6415

SHOTGUN RANGE: Includes a set of two ATA regulation Trap Fields, two Skeet Ranges and a Sporting Clay Range supporting five firing stations and a Pattern Board.

Shotgun Rep. – **Dave Otto** – 509-619-4494

“WELCOME” NEW MEMBERS

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

New members from this past month should have already received their membership card(s). If you have not received your card, contact **Sue Verwest** at membership@tcsa.info 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**

We finished our Traditional Class on February 17. It was a small Class, but it was nice to be able to offer a class again after almost two years.



Registration is currently open on the **WDFW** website for students who have completed the Online Course. We are offering sessions on **March 5** and **March 19**, with additional evaluations planned for **April 2** and **May 14**.

At this time, students who are age 9 or older can still complete the entire course through the Online process. Younger students have to complete the field exercise 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 after you are done shooting, including returning target stands to the Rose-Iris Range House and picking up brass.

Always remember to control the direction of your muzzle, be sure of your target and what lies beyond it, keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot and never use alcohol or drugs before or during shooting.

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



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By: **Sue Verwest**

It is not too late to renew your **Membership** and still be eligible for the drawing for the **Ruger 10/22**.

RSOs: To maintain your RSO status your renewal must reach us by **MARCH 31**.

Adult Memberships - \$50.00

Spousal Memberships - \$75.00

Junior Members with Membership Card - \$10.00

Printed / Mailed Newsletter - \$10.00

Donations – Always Appreciated (**100% of Donations go directly to the Range**)

CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger



The next RSO Classes are March 25 and April 1. According to **Dan Martini's** Article below, both Classes are currently full.

We are tentatively planning a clean-up day at the Range on the first Saturday in April. This will be our shot at burning the winter accumulation of tumbleweeds, general trash pickup and bay clean-out at Rose-Iris, Hunter Ed and the Pistol Bays.

I will send an email with details as plans firm up. Or, if you are not a RSO and want to help, contact me towards the end of March.

RSO INFORMATION

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

RSO TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini



The next two Range Safety Officer Classes for Friday **March 25** and Friday **April 1** are currently full. When we get some new dates set up, I will send all of those on my **next** RSO Class list an e-mail message with all the details.

In order to have your name added to the next Class, you need to be a current member of the TCSA and agree to volunteer for 3 duty days at the Rose-Iris Range per year. You pick which Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday Duty Day you will be able to do.

RSO Classes run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a Friday and are conducted at the Shotgun Range House. Classes will be filled on a first confirmed basis. To get your name added to the next Class list, send an e-mail message with your membership number to Dan at dantini@charter.net.

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!**



RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



The sun actually came out for our February Steel Shoot and you can tell everyone has been cooped up for a while as we had 51 guns competing.

We are hoping for even better weather for the **March 6** Shoot. Plan on 6 stages, 150 hits minimum and the shooter's meeting is at 9:15.

Send us an email (mikeberta4@gmail.com) if you want us to start a squad for you ahead of time (and no, we are not signing up on Practiscore).

COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



We had so many of our regular shooters either out of town or out of commission that we canceled the February Cowboy Shoot. Weather permitting, we plan to be out there again **March 26**. Shooter's meeting is at 9:15 and you can plan on 6 stages.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

February's scheduled shoot was a very windy day. Due to the weather, we ended up doing a tomahawk throw instead of shooting.

Our next scheduled shoot will be **March 19** from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. If not, knife and tomahawk throwing is always fun.

Dust off your old muzzleloaders and join us in March. If you don't have one and are curious about muzzleloaders, come on out and learn about the discipline and take a few shots to see what you are missing.



Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

It appears we made it through. The Shotgun Range has had fairly pleasant weather for the past couple of weeks and the token count for Trap and Skeet reflect that. Knock on wood, everything appears to be working well, and there is no real excuse to not come out and shoot a few rounds.

One of the original members of the Shotgun Range, **Wendell Lewis** passed away on February 4. Wendell was a good man who dedicated his time and energy to the Shotgun Range during the early years and would travel down to Oregon to pick up targets before we were big enough to have them delivered. Wendell was also an accomplished shooter and he will be missed by many.

The Fun & Games Shoot that was scheduled for February 27 was cancelled. **Chad Ungerecht** has done a great job with the previous shoots and this one would have been a fun time as well. Thank you, Chad, for all of the work you have put into these shoots over the years.

Speaking of shoots coming up at the Shotgun Range, we have a couple you are going to want to put on your calendar!

First up we have **SKEET LEAGUE 2022** which will be held on Saturdays starting **April 23** at 9:00 a.m. and will run until **May 14**. Same rules apply as last year: 10 rounds of Skeet, cold gun and every round counts. The esteemed **Mr. Dave Otto** will be presiding over the festivities again this year, so expect quick pulls and no tolerance for slowing the game down. Come on out and enjoy the game while ridiculing your fellow shooters!

Next up is a chance to fly your **Rattlesnake Shotgun Range** colors when we take on the lowly **Walla Walla Gun Club** and the ever backwards **East End Rod and Gun Club** in the time-honored **BIRDSHOT CHALLENGE** on **April 30** and **May 1**. This is a 2-day shoot split between all 3 clubs. Rattlesnake has won the last 3 years, but last year was very close and we only won by one bird. Every Rattlesnake member is welcome to shoot and the more shooters we have the better chance we have of hanging onto the trophy for another year!

Last but not least, we have the longest running sub-gauge shoot this side of the Mississippi River! That's right the **John Wilgus** sponsored **SUB-GAUGE SHOOT** is scheduled for **June 12**. Rumor has it John will personally be adding money to the pot for the winner this year! After coming together to defend our Birdshot title as a group, it is back to business as usual, as there can only be one winner, is it going to be you? More details will follow in the coming months.

5-Stand should be opening in the next couple of months. Currently we are looking at getting the machines out of storage and onto the lower field around the beginning of April. Once everything is calibrated and fine-tuned the field will be opened and the rounds shall commence.

Garrett Gottschalk has assumed the duties of mowing the lawns this year and is off to a great start! Garrett went out and knocked the top off of the fields and they are looking good. Thank you for volunteering your time Garrett!

It's like a competition now. **Tomlinson** got mentioned last month for gall bladder surgery, which apparently made **Dave Otto** jealous. So not to be out done, Dave decided to have his own surgery schedule for this month. Dave does a lot for the Shotgun Range and we all wish him a speedy recovery. Get better soon Dave!

Remember to get your Membership Renewal in early for you chance to win a cool prize! The day is coming up when you will need to be showing your 2022 Membership card to the friendly RSO working the counter.

With the possibility of winter weather still please dress accordingly when you come out to shoot. Likewise, if the weather turns particularly nasty with snow and ice on the roadways, please check www.tcsashotgun.com for Range closures before heading out.

That's all we have for this month, but if you have anything you would like to add to future Shotgun Reports just shoot me a message to the email listed below.

SHOTGUN RSO INFORMATION

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

Remember current Membership Cards need to be presented **every time** you sign in to avoid the Daily Range Fee.

SHOTGUN RANGE HOURS

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Current weather conditions at the Range can be found at www.tcsashotgun.com and www.tcsa.info.

Thanks for reading! If you have anything to share, drop me an email at mark.monopoli@outlook.com



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HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

March kicks off our Match Season with **Smallbore Matches** on the 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th & 20th; **Service Rifle** on the 5th & 6th; **Mid-Range** on the 22nd; **Long Range** on the 18th & 19th; and **50 BMG** the 24th – 27th. Please visit the High Power web page at <https://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.
- If you have been vaccinated you don't need to wear a mask outdoors on the High-Power Range; no verification of vaccination is required.
- Bring exact match fees and your own writing instruments / tablets.
- State and County guidelines will be followed.

THE Legend Fundraiser Match: Thanks to everyone who joined us for our annual THE Legend Match. We raised \$700 for **Camp Patriot**, ate some pretty good kraut dogs, did a little shooting, told a few lies and generally enjoyed the spring-like weather.

E-TARGET USE: Virtually all our High-Power Matches will be run on e-targets this coming 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. Be aware that conditions in the Canyon may be different than elsewhere on the Range and avoid soft or muddy areas as best you can.



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 / 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.



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/>

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

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

Send your "For Sale" or "Wanted" items to
membership@tcsa.info

Keep the Range Clean

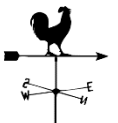
Keep your Range clean of trash and spent cartridges. Garbage cans are available. Please be sure the enclosure tops are closed so the garbage can't blow out. If the trash blows out, "someone" has to pick it up. Buckets are provided for spent cartridges.



Please take a moment to clean up after yourself when you are done shooting.

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



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>

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

Area-1 Championship: June 3 - 5, Nampa, ID

<https://clubs.practiscore.com/berry-s-2022-area-1-championship-presented-by-hawktech-arms/register>

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

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

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

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

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

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

LOCAL NEWS: The **USPSA** monthly **February Match** had 52 competitors with 6/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Brian Pepper** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **John Morgan**; Limited: **David Blosser**; PCC: **Shane Hill**; Production: **Sean Carothers**; Revolver: **Trevor VanArsdale**. Complete Results at: https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/160005?q_division=0

COMING UP: EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match March 20**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2022-03/register>. Gate will open at 9:00 a.m., new shooters briefing at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. The Match costs \$15 TCSA members, \$20 non-TCSA members and juniors shoot for free. More details on Practiscore.

Set-up for the Match will begin March 19 at 9:00 a.m. If you sign up as Staff, **help set up and tear down**, then you can shoot for FREE! More details on Practiscore.

EWPSA will be hosting a **Steel Challenge Match** on **March 13**. 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-2022-03-steel-challenge-1/register>

EWPSA will be hosting a **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Match** on **April 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://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2022-04-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](https://www.facebook.com/EasternWashingtonPracticalShootersAssociation)

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

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If you haven't Renewed your Membership

Renew NOW !!

**YOU may be the winner of the
the Ruger 10-22**

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**RSO -- ROSE-IRIS DUTY DAY
SCHEDULING FOR 2022 TO 2023**

Rose-Iris RSO's – Once you have received your new Membership Card for 2022/2023 you will then be able to immediately schedule your 3 Duty Days for the year. The sooner you renew, the more choices you will have !



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



DAYLIGHTS SAVINGS – MARCH 13