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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

The Board and I would like to thank **Steve Scott** for his dedication and hard work that he has done with the **Range Scheduling** and **Facebook** page. Steve announced his retirement from his position at the last Board Meeting and we will all miss his input.

With some subtle arm twisting, **Ron Jorgensen** has volunteered to take over the position of **Range Scheduling**. I am positive that he will do a great job as he already does an excellent job with the High-Power yearly schedule. The Board welcomed Ron on to the position at the last meeting and we all appreciate his dedication to the TCSA.

Mike and Robbie Ensminger volunteered to take on our Facebook page and I am sure they will do a good job keeping the cyber folks happy.

As many of you know, **Ron Jorgensen** has been overseeing the **RCO Grant** to build the new **.22lr Range** and the **paving of the Rose-Iris parking lot**. Everything is proceeding towards that goal with just a few more sign offs needed to procure the funding to allow the start of all the work.

The weather should be getting better soon and I expect to see attendance at the Range to go up as the temperature rises. As the weather improves, we will start some projects which will necessitate the closure of some of the Ranges. Closures are posted as soon as we get a schedule but sometimes a last-minute change will occur so check the web page before you head out to make sure the Range you want to shoot at is going to be open.

I expect the **Benton County Sheriff's Range** to be up and running shortly. **It is solely for the Benton County Sheriff's Department's use and is not part of our Range.**

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: George Hager

Howdy all! As I assumed, Mother Nature did take me to task regarding last month's prediction/hope the worst of winter was in our rearview mirror. Let's not make that mistake again! I also wanted to follow-up on last month's discussion regarding different opportunities for folks of all ages that may want to try their hand at competitive shooting without breaking the bank. There are several.

First that comes to mind are the monthly speed **Steel Shooting Matches** that happen the **first Sunday** of each month at the Pistol Bays. If you can shoot it, there is probably a division for it. It is a lot of fun and your .22lr is more than welcome.

The other rimfire opportunities fall under the High-Power discipline. The first and second **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** of each month offers a **Rimfire Benchrest Match** of one flavor or another at the Rose-Iris Range. There will be two **Mini-PALMA Matches** each month up on the High-Power Range. These are fired from the prone position. There is one on the **third Tuesday** each month and the other is on a week-end morning and all competitors must use range supplied ammo, to try and level the playing field. High-Power also runs **Prone Matches** at **100/200 yards**, **ELR Matches** to 500 yards and PRS-styled Rimfire Matches.

If anything above interests you, check out the Speed Steel Shooters or High-Power discipline's web pages for more information. Good Luck!

# 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. – **Curt Berger** – 541.720.7826

**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** – 509.845.3632

**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

## “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](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. 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.



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By: **Sue Verwest**

It is not too late to renew your **Membership** and still be eligible for the **Early Renewal Drawing Prize**.

**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**)

## LIFE / PATRON / BENEFACTOR MEMBERS

Thank you to those who have already updated for the year. If you haven't already, please update your information now. Updating your information will keep your Key Card activated. Complete a Membership Renewal form with the Personal Information filled in or email this information to **Sue Verwest** at [membership@tcsa.info](mailto:membership@tcsa.info). Thank You!



## TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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



# NEXT RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS

By: Dan Martini

The next RSO Class will be **Friday, March 24**. This Class will start at 8 a.m. at the Shotgun Range House and last until about 3 p.m.

Because all annual Memberships expire on March 31<sup>st</sup> each year, we are requiring each class participant to **renew their annual membership for the 2023 - 2024 membership period. Renewals or New Memberships must be received 2 weeks before the Class.** This will ensure that each RSO will be able complete their required 3 duty days per year. **Renewing or joining the TCSA now will allow you to attend this class.**

If you wish to attend this Class and have your TCSA membership current through the 2023 – 2024 time period, send me an email to [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net) with your name and membership number and I will add your name to this RSO Class list. I will also send you a reminder message a week before that class with all the details.

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

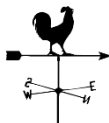
The advantages of being a RSO and obligating yourself as a volunteer at TCSA means that on days when the Range is not open to the general public - YOU - as a RSO can use the Range.



**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!**



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



# CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger

We will be holding another **RSO Training Class** at the Shotgun Range House on **March 24**.

Send an email to **Dan Martini** if you are interested in attending. See Article to the left!



Just a reminder, the centerfire plinking bay is for pistol caliber cartridges only. No rifle cartridges are allowed, even if chambered in a "pistol". If you are not sure, please ask.



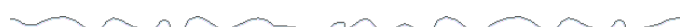
## RSO INFORMATION

RSO Questions / Concerns  
**Chief RSO - Mike Ensminger**  
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## RSO -- ROSE-IRIS DUTY DAY SCHEDULING FOR 2023 TO 2024

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



## 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.



## DAYLIGHTS SAVINGS – MARCH 12



# RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike Ensminger



We had a pretty small and quick Match in February, but hope for better weather for the **March Match** on the 5th.

Send us an email ([mikeberta4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeberta4@gmail.com)) if you have a group you would like to squad with and we will start a squad for you ahead of time. Shooter's meeting is at 9:15 a.m.

## COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike Ensminger

So many of our regular shooters were out of town in February that we canceled the Match. March 25 will be our next Match. Shooting will start at 9:00 a.m., so get out there a few minutes early to be ready.



## PRIMITIVE RANGE



By: Clint Bouslaugh

We had a good shoot in February. After the shoot, **Rick Robert's** and I walked the Range discussing improvements we could make to the trail walk targets. We will be installing new target identification tags soon.

We also discussed having a **Youth Shoot** on **June 17** or **July 15**. To put on this Event, **we will need more RSO support**. If there are any RSO's with muzzleloader experience that would like to help, please contact me. The Primitive Range will be supplying all firearms and equipment. We just need more manpower.

## 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:** EWPSA will be hosting a **USPSA Level 1 RO Seminar**, scheduled for **March 18** and **19**. Information is available by logging in to [USPSA.org](https://uspsa.org), then click here <https://USPSA.org/seminars/details/392>. \$65 includes the seminar and lunch on Saturday and Sunday's Match. Questions can be addressed to **Pam Harper** at [EWPSA.sectional@gmail.com](mailto:EWPSA.sectional@gmail.com)

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

The dates for USPSA Nationals 2023 have been released <https://uspsa.org/nationals>

The **USPSA Rules** <https://uspsa.org/viewer/USPSA-Competition-Rules-Sep-2021.pdf> can be downloaded to your phone for easy access.

**LOCAL NEWS:**

The **Inland Empire Sectional Match** opened on January 1 and sold out in under 3 hours! Thank you all for your support. You can get on the waitlist at <https://practicore.com/2023-inland-empire-sectional/register>

All **EWPSA Match** results can be found here (Practicore.com): <https://bit.ly/EWPSAscores>

The monthly **2-Gun Match** on February 4 had 19 competitors with 3 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Grant Fujimoto** (overall winner); Tactical: **Kurt Bearchum**; and Armored **B. Griffiths**.

The **USPSA Match** on February 19 had 66 competitors with 5/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Ryan Barnes** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Rachel Harper**; Limited: **James Thomas**; PCC: **Mike Czebotar**; and Production: **Genjuro Quale**.

**COMING UP:**

All upcoming EWPSA Matches and Registrations can be found at Practiscore.com - <https://bit.ly/EWPSAmatches>

EWPSA will be hosting a **Monthly 2-Gun Match** on **March 4**. Gate will open at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. The Match costs \$20. More details on Practiscore.

EWPSA will be hosting a **Steel Challenge Match** on **March 12**. Gates will open at 9:00 a.m., shooters meeting at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins after the meeting. More details on Practiscore.

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match** on **March 19**. 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.

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/groups/267093763957174/?ref=bookmark)

Any questions or comments can be directed to **Curt Berger** at [bergercj@icloud.com](mailto:bergercj@icloud.com)

# SHOTGUN REPORT

By: **Mark Monopoli**

We are getting there! Spring weather and longer days are getting closer with each passing week. All in all, the Shotgun Range has had pretty consistent weeks when it comes to rounds. Currently we are still averaging 200 rounds per week and for this time of year that is pretty darn good. We did have a humdinger of a windstorm last week and some dang cold weather that will reduce the round count for this coming week though.

A lot of shooters are getting in the practice rounds for the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Don Klages Side-by-Side and Pump Gun Shoot!** That's right, you only have until **April 8** to dust off your side by side and/or pump gun and make sure they are ready for a winning performance. The shoot will consist of the ever popular 30 Yard Crossers on the Skeet Field along with a standard round of Skeet. Finally, there will be a round of Trap Doubles to finish off the day. It is shaping up to be a fun and somewhat competitive shoot and the more shooters we can get, the more fun it will be. Lunch is included and we all get to ridicule Don if things don't go well, so win, win in my book! How do I know people are taking this shoot seriously? When you see **Tom Walchuk** shooting trap, you know it's about to go down.

Speaking of **Mr. Don Klages**, he was on fire last weekend while practicing for the 30 Yard Crossers Event. It was obvious he wanted to put a stamp on the fact that his name is on the shoot and he is going to be the man to beat. Don had maybe 3 misses during the first round and was shooting so well everyone was quiet as no one wanted to incur his wrath if we interfered with his zen state. The beauty of shooting crossers with someone who is shooting well? Just wait, all good things come to an end. Let's just say the second round didn't go quite as well. Instead of beating **Wilgus** again, Don ended up tying some guy shooting a pump gun he had bought just that morning. Moral of the story? Come shoot crossers, it's fun!

What's even more fun than that? **Skeet League 2023** will follow soon after "The Don's" Shoot with a start date of **May 6** this year. League will be held on each Saturday during the month of **May**, ending on **May 27**. Skeet League goes pretty quickly, so if you usually come out and shoot a couple of rounds on the weekend you should consider trying to get your name on the Skeet League trophy this year! You can join **Chris Quinton** and **Gary Maxey** as the only winners not named **John Wilgus**.

**Dave Otto** will be running Skeet League again this year, and while we are thankful to Dave for this, we are even more thankful that he gave our lawn edger a tune up and for edging all of the fields last week. Thanks Dave!

I wanted to wish our go to RSO for Wednesday mornings, **Bill Cooney**, a speedy recovery from surgery.

While Bill has been out **Eric Gauerke** and **Stu Bruce** have been doing a stupendous job of filling in for him. While both Eric and Stu fill in for Bill, Eric gets the nod for being the best at it by bringing chocolate chip cookies out with him. Come on Stu, step up your game.

Big shout out also to **Don Knowlton** for being our Wednesday afternoon RO for the Noon – 3 p.m. shift. I'm sure it is probably the loneliest shift of the week.

We will be ordering another load of targets in the near future so if you want to come out and help shoot some of the ones we have, that would be great. Of course, when we shoot the targets, we have to load new targets into the trap and skeet houses. Most of the time **Lindsay Nelsen** takes our fancy forklift for a spin and gets this task taken care of with little fanfare. But Lindsay slipped into "retirement" life and escaped to Arizona for a couple of months to escape the cold. I blame **Phil Volkman** for putting that absurd idea in his head. Where am I going with this? Well with Lindsay shirking his duties others have had to step up to the plate to save the day. **Hero of the Day** for this month is **John Dyes** for helping to load targets. Hero of the Day, part 2, would go to **Tom Walchuk** for fixing the part that I may, or may not have broken. Thanks to everyone who volunteers large and small at the Shotgun Range.

If the winter weather rolls in again please be careful on the sidewalks and the trap and skeet fields as they can be icy in the morning. There is ice melt in the backroom of the Range House that can be used on any slick spots. Also be careful on the steps down into the trap houses and the ramp into the high-house on the skeet field.

**With Membership Renewal Season upon us, please remember if you take a TCSA Membership application and they are a new member, you must provide that person with one of the Temporary Membership Cards found in the RSO briefcase.** Be sure they understand that until they get their new membership card in the mail, they need to present the temporary card to avoid paying the Daily Range Fee. Membership cards are mailed out promptly, but still may take 3-4 weeks to reach them.

## 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](http://www.tcsashotgun.com) and [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info).

Thanks for reading! Feel free to drop me an email at [mark.monopoli@outlook.com](mailto:mark.monopoli@outlook.com) about anything at all.



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# HIGH-POWER

By: **Dave Baalman**

March kicks off the competition schedule at the High-Power Range. We have got **Smallbore Benchrest** on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, **Vintage Smallbore** on the 9<sup>th</sup> and **ARA Smallbore** on the 16<sup>th</sup>, all at the Rose-Iris Range. Filling out **Smallbore** are a **100/200 Yard** and **Extreme Long Range Smallbore** on the 19<sup>th</sup> and a **Mini-Palma** on the 21<sup>st</sup>, both at the High-Power Range. The across the course centerfire season starts with the **Korean War Memorial Service Rifle Match** on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. **Long Range** gets started on the 18<sup>th</sup> with a **V2 Points Series Match** (5 strings at 1000 yards). Finishing out the month is a **200/300 Yard Match** on the 28<sup>th</sup>. 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>

The **Korean War Memorial Match** on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> is great opportunity to drag your M1 out of the safe. There's a special award for the top M1, a proof Korean War commemorative silver dollar. Any service rifle is eligible for the overall win and any safe rifle is welcome to compete for fun.

Both the **Korean War Match** and the **Long-Range Match** will be fired on the electronic target system. If you are not familiar with the e-targets, you should check them out. The system is made by Shotmarker and it is all set up so that the individual shooters don't need any special software or hardware other than a wifi capable smart phone, tablet or laptop at the firing point. Each target has 4 sensors at the corners of the frame that detect the supersonic shock wave of the bullet passing. By comparing the timing of the shockwave's arrival at each sensor, it can compute the location of the impact point and it is incredibly accurate. This information is transmitted to the firing line via radio signal and then to each shooter's tablet via wifi. Along with the impact point and scoring of each shot, you can see the velocity at the target for each shot. Each person at the line (not just the shooters and scorers) can look at the results of each target, so it can make each string into a spectator sport. This system has eliminated the need to have a person in the pits pulling and marking targets. That eliminates the need for a pit change and gets rid of one relay, so the matches go considerably quicker.



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# SHOOTING COMPETITIONS GEAR UP IN MARCH

By: **Ron Jorgensen**

Shooters it is time to get those rifles out and ready to participate in the TCSA Shooting competitions. Nearly every **Tuesday** and **Thursday Smallbore Matches** will be held at the Rose-Iris Range. Additional **Smallbore Matches** and **Centerfire Matches**, held at the High-Power Range, are scheduled on most **Saturdays** and **Sundays**. Registration for most Matches 8:00 a.m. with Matches beginning at 9:00 a.m. On Rose-Iris match days the Rose-Iris Range opens at 7:30 a.m. to allow getting in a few sighters before competition begins.

A **Match Calendar** and **Match Descriptions** are available on the TCSA High-Power website at [www.tcsahighpower.org](http://www.tcsahighpower.org). There is a separate Match Description for each type of Match. The Match Descriptions contain a complete listing of dates and times for the matches as well as complete details for the match. Monthly **PR-22 Matches** will once again be offered, with the Matches held at the HESA Range. A new **.22 LR Match** is being held this year that will require you to use club supplied ammo. The Match is what is known as a **Mini-Palma**. All shooting is at the High-Power Range and from 100 yards. Shooters shoot at targets that simulate 800, 900 and 1000 yards. If you are new to competition shooting, feel free to come out and observe or give it a try. Shooters are a friendly bunch and are willing to share information.



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

Contact **Robbie or Mike Ensminger** with questions or comments at [ChiefRSO@tcsa.info](mailto:ChiefRSO@tcsa.info)



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# HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: Randy Absolon

We completed our **Traditional Hunter Ed Class** the first week of February with fifteen students successfully completing the Class.



We have evaluations for students who have completed the **Online Course** coming up on **March 4, March 18, April 1** and **May 15**. Registration is currently open for the March and April sessions on the **WDFW website**. These Classes take most of the day. We start at the HESA Range in the morning, then move to the Richland Community Center in the afternoon.

We anticipate offering another **Traditional Class** in **June** and **Online Evaluations** in **August** and **September**. I will announce those Classes in future articles when the details have been finalized. Information on our Classes and all other Hunter Ed Classes is available on the WDFW website.

**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 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 shoot at a flat hard surface or water.

If you have questions about our **Hunter Education Classes**, you can contact me at [absolon@gorge.net](mailto:absolon@gorge.net)



**FIRST LAW... THE GUN IS ALWAYS LOADED!**

**SECOND LAW... NEVER POINT THE GUN AT SOMETHING YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO DESTROY!**

**THIRD LAW... ALWAYS BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEHIND IT**

**FOURTH LAW... KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOUR SIGHTS ARE ON THE TARGET**



## TEN RULES OF SAFE GUN HANDLING

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
2. Firearms should be unloaded when not in use
3. Do not rely on your gun's "safety"
4. Be sure of your target and what's beyond
5. Use correct ammunition
6. If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with care
7. Always wear eye and hearing protection when shooting
8. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting
9. Do not alter or modify your gun and have your guns serviced regularly
10. Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of the firearm you are using



## FREE TARGETS

For shooters looking for something different to shoot at, check out the **Free Targets** tab on our website ([www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info)):



There are many types of interesting free target. However, targets in the "Novelty" section are not allowed to be used at any of the TCSA Ranges.



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



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