

The Rattler

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Official Newsletter of the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility and the Tri-Cities Shooting Association, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

The TCSA would like to thank the Team of software engineers that built our new website and for all the time and hard work they put in to get it up and running. The new format looks great and is much easier to interface with for the various functions that are needed to operate more smoothly and efficiently.

As most of you probably know, the TCSA's new web site is up and running. All of the RSO's should have received an email about the new web site and the Duty Date Calendar being opened up for scheduling for the new Duty Year. If you did not receive an email, check your spam or junk email file.

I want to wish good luck to everybody who renewed early this year. The drawing for the early renewal prize will be later this month at the **General Membership** and **Board Meeting** on **May 13** at 7:00 p.m. at the **Shotgun Range House**. As usual, you do not have to be present in order to win. I really would like to thank everyone who renewed early. Your early renewals help us out in both time and money. Good Luck!

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TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 13 7:00 p.m.

SHOTGUN RANGE HOUSE

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: George Hager

Howdy all! The weather is beautiful and so am I! OK maybe not, but I can see no better way to spend a morning, afternoon or day than spending time with loved ones and friends at one of Rattlesnake's hidden gems. Be it some fun paper punching for load development or ringing steel on the hillside at 450 yards at Rose-Iris. The young and young at heart love the Rimfire Plinking Range, nothing brings a smile faster than the ding of steel as satisfaction of a well-placed shot.

There are many different disciplines through-out our Shooting Complex. Many folks know about Rose-Iris, but did you know we have one of the finest Shotgun facilities in the region about ½ mile north of the Rose-Iris Range and it is open to the public. Check out their website for hours and other goin'ons. Over the next couple months, I will try to point out other areas of the Range you and yours may not know exist but could bring hours of fun to your weekend!! If you don't want to wait read the rest of the Newsletter for some insight as to what we offer!

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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.

FIRST SHOTS®

An introduction to Safe Handgun Shooting

By: Mike Ensminger

We are deferring First Shots once more, but still hoping to host several classes by sometime early 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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By: Sue Verwest

We have had an outstanding Membership Renewal response. Thanks to all of you who renewed and continue to support the TCSA! And "thank you" to all who gave an additional donation to help with the TCSA projects.

Those who renewed before March 31 will have a chance in winning the Ruger 10/22. The drawing for the Ruger will take place at the General Membership Meeting on May 13.

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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/.

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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!



CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger

Thanks to everyone that showed up for our Cleanup Day on April 3. The wind had pretty much saturated the sage brush with trash all the way to the Rose-Iris Range and several bays were getting choked with tumbleweeds. It was a productive day; we filled a 30-yard dumpster, all the props were torn down, several new ones put up and the Pistol Bays look great for the shooting season.

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RSO INFORMATION

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

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ROSE-IRIS RSOs DUTY DAY SCHEDULING CALENDAR

Duty Day Calendar Year MAY 1 2021 through MARCH 31 2022

The Duty Day Calendar is open for Rose-Iris RSOs to sign up for their **THREE** duty days. **ALL THREE** duty days need to be scheduled by **JUNE 30.**

RSOs are required to find their own duty swaps - it is your responsibility to stand your assigned duty.

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

By: Greg Spencer

Log into the RSO Secure area of the <u>TCSA.INFO</u> website, click on "Request Duty Swap" from the Range Officers links near the middle of the page. Locate a suitable date and contact <u>by phone</u> the RSO to request the swap. <u>DO NOT click on "Request Swap"</u> yet.

Once you have arranged a swap by phone, return to the "Request Duty Swap" page and then click on "Request Swap" for the date and person with whom you have already arranged the swap. 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 "Swaps" link and accept the swap.

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini

Our next RSO Class will be conducted on Friday May 14. The Class will start at 8 a.m. at the Shotgun Range House and last until about 3 p.m. You will need to be a TCSA Member before your name can be added to the RSO Class list. Either join at the Range or download the TCSA Membership Application form from our website at www.tcsa.info, fill it out and send the membership form along with your \$50 or \$75 check to the address on the form.

To get your name on the Class list send an e-mail message to me at dantini@charter.net.

YOU MUST BE SIGNED UP TO ATTEND THE CLASS.

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 a 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.

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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!

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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 <u>Membership Card</u> 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.

HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: Randy Absolon

The State and WDFW are developing plans and procedures on how we would be able to hold classes when that becomes possible. Right now, we do not know when that will be.

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 never carry two different sized cartridges or gauges of shotgun ammunition.

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

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CHECK OUT THE NEW WEB-SITE

WWW.TCSA.INFO

Check out the weather before you head to the Range!
This is on the Home Page



RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger

I have to admit that when we set the schedule for the year, we didn't realize we had an ISSA shoot on Easter Sunday and almost canceled it when the realization hit. Looks like we worried for no reason as we had 34 guns competing on April 4.

We will be shooting again **May 2**; 6 stages (150 hits) starting at 9:15 a.m.

COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger

We just finished hosting the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Washington State Championship. We had 92 registered shooters representing Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and 85 finished the Match.

Luckily for all of us the weather did not quite live up to the forecasts and even Saturday's rain was not quite enough to settle the dust.

The 4th Saturday in May will be the SASS

Washington State Blackpowder shootout in Medical Lake and enough of our shooters will be attending that we are shifting the Monthly Match to the 5th Saturday, in place of

the Wild Bunch Shoot normally held that day. Shooter's meeting will be at 9:15 a.m. with 6 stages of shooting.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

This month was our annual **Rendezvous**. We had more people in attendance than expected with the COVID restrictions still in place. Numbers were still not high, but not bad considering. We had shooters from Coeur d'Alene, Yakima and Ellensburg show up. One of the shooters was new to the sport, only starting earlier this month attending a Rendezvous in Montana. We also had a new vendor this year, **Raven Art Trading** from La Grande.

Our next scheduled shoot is May 15 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Feel free to come out and join us, we are always ready to help new shooter.



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

It is May. They say less is more, so there you go. The Shotgun Range is humming right along. Knock on wood, nothing exciting has been going on. We did take possession of 22 pallets of targets though, so we have plenty to go around now.

With the arrival of spring weather, again, the irrigation system is up and running, an appropriate amount of fertilizer has been applied to the fields, and **Rick "Super Hunky" Poehls** is out mowing every Friday like a man possessed. Now Rick gets a lot of glory with mowing the lawns, "Rick, you do such a good job.", "Rick, you managed to not hit any sprinklers this time.", "Good job Rick, you remembered to start the blades this week." It's all Rick, Rick, Rick all the time. Just kidding, we love you big guy, just no more speedos ok?

Meanwhile, the unassuming and quiet **Lindsay Nelsen** works tirelessly behind the scenes making sure targets get loaded into the trap and skeet houses on a weekly basis. Lindsay retired last year from a paying job and now works at manual labor for free, so one could question his life choices. Lindsay did have the Quote of the Month though with, "Yeah, I came out to load targets into Trap 2, and no one came to help."

Then there is **Jack Crutchfield**, known to all simply as **The Man**. Jack has been the regular RSO on Wednesday mornings for the last couple of years and does a great job. If you show up at 9:00 a.m. to shoot and everything is ready to go, be sure to thank Jack. Unfortunately, Jack has decided to move on and will not be there for too many more Wednesday mornings. I know I'm not the only one who is going to miss Jack, so be sure to shake the man's hand and thank him for all of his hard work over the years. Of course, if Jacks not a handshaker, maybe knuckle bump or a head nod will do. I'll leave that up to Jack. **Thank you, Jack, for everything you have done for our little Shotgun Range, you will be missed!**

Of course, now we need to find a new Wednesday morning guy or gal to take over for Jack, a Jack 2.0 if you will. If you think you have what it takes to fill Jacks shoes get in touch with Dave Otto. We can guarantee you'll need to do all the same work, but no promises on a super cool nickname like The Man.

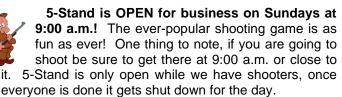
And there is no better time or place to catch up to our **Supreme Leader, Mr. Otto** than at **2021 Skeet League** which began on **May 1!** League is held every Saturday during the fine month of May and there is no limit to the number of rounds you can score on a single day! Want to score all (10) rounds in one day, go for it! Skeet League is a good time, come out, sit around and watch the lost birds rack up for squad after squad. I personally plan on leaving a lot of birds on stations 2 and 6. That's just how I roll.

A good time to not catch up to Dave? When he and **Eric Bickel** are changing the hydraulic cylinder on Trap 2. After a seal blew out the dynamic duo got it ordered and changed out in record time. Great job!

Speaking of **Eric Bickel**, he does a lot of the trouble shooting around the Shotgun Range. Whether it is the voice calls on trap, the wireless system on skeet or one of the many token machines, Eric has probably fixed it at one time or another. Thanks, Eric, for everything you do for the Range! Please join us in wishing Eric a speedy recovery from his knee replacement surgery. Get better soon Eric!

We had a couple of shooters travel down to the Western Regionals for Sporting Clays held at Ben Avery outside of Phoenix, Arizona. Ace 5-Stand boss **Phil Volkman** did the SxS contingent proud by winning his SxS class while **Mike Tomlinson** managed to master the 410 long enough to win his Class as well. Great shooting guys!

Got wood? Firewood that is. If you are having a tree trimmed or have firewood laying around bring it out to the Shotgun Range. We're stock piling for next winter, but please be a little selective.



Safety is priority one whether you are shooting trap, skeet or 5-stand. Please remember, if you see an orange cone out on any of the fields it means the field is closed until the cone is removed. If you see something, say something.

RSO INFORMATION

RSO scheduling questions? Contact **Mr. Chris Quinton** at roscheduler@tcsashotgun.com.

The Shotgun RSO Duty Day 2021 Schedule has been posted - www.tcsashotgun.com.

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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HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

We are taking full advantage of daylight in May with Smallbore Matches on the 1, 2, 4, 11, 13, 18 and 30th; Service Rifle Practice on the 4, 11, 18 and 25th and an NRA Approved Service Rifle (RMC) Match on the 22nd and 23rd; a High Power Short and Mid-Range Match on the 25th; Long Range Practice on the 13th and Long Range Matches the 14, 15 and 16th. 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.

PALMA MATCH REVISIONS: Between COVID keeping our Canadian brothers on their side of the fence and a low anticipated turnout from our traditional sling shooters, we have changed the May Palma Match format to encompass more 1000-yard matches. On Friday, May 14 we are going try a modified Palma aggregate, where we will shoot 2x800, 2x900 and 2x1000. On Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16, we will shoot a Long-Range aggregate of 8x1000. All firing will be done on e-targets, so things should still move along pretty quickly. Checkout the Spring Thing Long Range Match Program on our web page for more details, or get a hold of John Hauptmann at ilhauptmann@gmail.com / 509-308-9230.

MATCH ADDITIONS: We are hosting our first Small-bore Precision Rifle Match on May 2. Contact Match Director George Hager at George.Hager@gmail.com for details.

The following COVID adjustments to Match Operations will remain in place for the 2021 Match season:

- · Social distancing will be required by all attending.
- Bring exact match fees; Match Directors will not be making change.
- · Registrations and scores will be taken verbally.
- · Shooters MUST bring their own writing instruments.
- CDC and State guidelines will be followed when social distance cannot be maintained.
- The Range is open for informal High-Power RSO use, but please maintain social distancing and use common sense when you do so.

RANGE CONDITIONS: The Range remains in good shape, but please still use common sense and keep your speed down, particularly on the corners.



HIGH-POWER RSO ENDORSEMENT: For any interested TCSA RSO, the next 1KYD High-Power Endorsement Training is currently being scheduled for **Saturday**, **May 8**,

at 7:30 a.m. We will meet at the main Shotgun / High-Power gate, right off the highway. The training will take about an hour and all you need to bring is a jacket or whatever is suitable for the weather that day. 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 / b24jcj@gmail.com or John Hauptmann High-Power Secretary at 509-308-9230 / jlhauptmann@gmail.com if you have questions about an Event or how to get involved with High-Power at any level or discipline. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page at TCSA High-Power and our web page at:

<u>www.tcsa.info/disciplines/highpower</u> for additional details, match highlights, photos and related links.

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Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!



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GENERAL FIREARM HANDLING SAFETY TIPS

Treat every firearm as being loaded.

Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. Do not rely on your firearm's "safety device".

Keep the firearm unloaded when not in use.

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FOR SALE ADS

As a TCSA Member you can place "gun" related items on the web site for free.

All ads will run for 3 months and will then be deleted. If you wish to run your ad again, you will need to resubmit it. If your item(s) sell or you want to delete it, contact us and we will remove it. No Business-related ads!

Send your ad to membership@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/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 Competition 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: I have 2 openings for the Sectional! Registration for the Inland Empire Sectional Match can be done with the following link: https://clubs.practiscore.com/2021-inland-empire-sectional/register

The USPSA Classifier April Match had 55 competitors with 7/8 USPSA divisions represented. The Division winners were: PCC: Shane Hill (overall winner); Carry Optics: Justin Scotch; Limited: Erik Peterson; Open: Scott Meredith; Production: Stephen Froehlich; Revolver: Kevin Imel and Single Stack: Art Tordini.

Complete Results at:

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The Fun 2-Gun in the Sun April Match had 24 competitors with 3 divisions represented. The Division winners were: Tactical: Jared Betker (overall winner); Limited: Kevin Bensema; and Open: Matt Newburn. Complete Results at:

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EWPSA will be hosting their USPSA L2 Inland Empire Sectional Match May 15 and 16. The Match has 2 openings! Registration should be done on Practiscore at https://clubs.practiscore.com/2021-inland-empire-sectional/register and you can be waitlisted. Gate will open at 6:30 a.m., shooting begins at 8:00 a.m. Results will be posted on Practiscore, search 2021 Inland Empire Sectional. Come out and watch the first Major USPSA Match in the PNW.

Next **Steel Challenge Match** will be held **May 9**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at: https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-05-steel-challenge/register.

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-2021-10-fun-2-gun-in-the-sun/register .

Check out our Inland Empire Section News at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/267093763957174/?ref= bookmarks

Check out local news on Facebook – Eastern Washington Practical Shooters Association

Any questions or comments can be directed to **Don Brown** at <u>dl brown@charter.net</u>.

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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. 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.



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



OBSERVED MAY 31

