



The Rattler

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

I want to wish good luck to everybody who renewed early this year. The drawing for the early renewal prize will be at the **General Membership Meeting on May 12** at 7:00 p.m. at the **Richland Library**. 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!

We only have a few more hurdles to jump before we can **pave the Rose-Iris Range parking lot**. That project will require the closure of all access into the Range from the main gate and will impact access to the Pistol Bays. We have been told it will take 2 full days to complete. I will post to the website and our Facebook page when we get a firm date. So as always, check the main page of our website for any closures before heading out to shoot.

TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 12
7:00 p.m.

RICHLAND LIBRARY
(Note: We are back at the Library)

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ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: George Hager

Howdy all! It's nice to see that Spring has finally sprung! As of April 25, I am feeling pretty sure that the white stuff is finally out of here for the next 6 - 7 months.

The wonderful thing about the shooting sports is that we all can join in and play regardless of skill level. It is nice to see families come out and enjoy our facilities. I have watched 3-generations of patrons shooting together. Grandfather's passing lessons learned down to their granddaughters (and sons), must be memories that neither will not forget soon! It is not just on our Rose-Iris Range that these memories are created. I have seen the little ones learning from their elders on just about all the facilities that comprise the TCSA. I have traveled around Eastern Washington/Oregon in the last several months and have shot in several Precision Rifle Rimfire (PR-22) Matches and watched as these younger shooters blossom and become more aware and confident as they ply their new skills. It can be a joy to behold.

I hope to see some of you and your spouses or children discovering the joys of competition. If you do give it a whirl, remember to thank your Match Directors and Range Safety Officers. It is only via their volunteer efforts are we able to play.



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**



Our next online evaluation will be on **May 14**. Registration is currently open for that session on the WDFW website.

We have decided not to offer a Traditional Class in June. That class frequently had low student numbers in the past and given the very low student numbers we have seen this year; we will not be offering that class.

Following the May Class, our next **Online Evaluation** will be on **August 13**. Registration for that Class is currently open on the WDFW website.

On **June 1**, the minimum age for students to complete the entire Online Course without having to attend an in-person range day will be raised from 9 to 12 years old. Younger students will have to complete the range and other requirements 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 when 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 always check every cartridge to make sure it is the correct ammunition for your firearm.

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

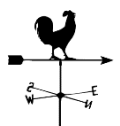
By: **Sue Verwest**

We have had an outstanding Membership Renewal response. Thanks to all of who renewed early 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 12**.



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



CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger



We had a pretty light turnout for the cleanup day at the Pistol Bays in April, but the Range is looking really good. Tumbleweeds have been largely cleared out, trash picked up pretty much everywhere (at least till the next big blow) and the dumpsters are getting a workout. **Please try to always leave the Range cleaner than you find it.**

Sign-ups for Rose-Iris Duty Days is in progress and continues through this month. The calendar is filling up fast, so get in there while there is still a good selection of open slots.

RSO INFORMATION

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

ALL MEMBERS MUST show a **2022/2023 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!**



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 times a year**.

If you would like to become a RSO or would like more information about becoming a RSO, contact **Dan Martini** at Dantini@charter.net or 509-627-3198.

RSO TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini



The next two **Range Safety Officer Classes** are scheduled for **Friday May 27** and **Friday June 24**. In order to have your name added to the next Class, you need to be a current 2022 – 2023 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 days you will be able to do.

The RSO Classes will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be conducted at the Shotgun Range House. RSO 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 and class date to Dan at dantini@charter.net.

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike Ensminger



The April Shoot had 50 guns represented, and I expect an even bigger turnout as the weather warms up. If you plan to shoot and prefer a particular group, just send us an email ahead of time with names and the number of guns each to mikeberta4@gmail.com and we will start a squad for you.

We shoot on the **1st Sunday** each month, shooter's meeting at 9:15 a.m.

COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike Ensminger



Our April Match was the **SASS Washington State Championship**, which played host to 90 shooters from all over the Northwest and wrapped up on April 24. Results are posted on practicore.com

We will be shooting every month (weather permitting) on the **4th Saturday**, with the shooter's meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Watch the calendar if there is a **5th Saturday**, we may be having a **Wild Bunch** shoot too.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: **Clint Bouslaugh**

Well April was an interesting time at the Primitive Range. Our Annual Rendezvous started out nice with sunshine and blue skies on Friday; by noon we had heavy rain followed by snow and some light hail. Things started going downhill right after midnight with heavy rain and 50 mph wind gusts. This was not the best weekend for our Rendezvous. Attendance was much lighter than a normal year. We did have some brave individuals come out to shoot. Best we can say is a good time was had by all. Hoping next year will be a little better.

Our **May Shoot** will be on the **21st** from 9:00 to noon. Come on out and enjoy a morning of muzzleloading.



PRACTICAL PISTOL



By: **Pam Harper**



PISTOL BAY CLOSURES:

**May 7 and May 13-15 -- All Bays
for the Inland Empire Sectional**

**Please DO NOT move or rearrange anything
in Bays 0-11. Thank you.**

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

Area-1 Championship: June 3 - 5, Nampa, ID
<https://clubs.practiscore.com/berry-s-2022-area-1-championship-presented-by-hawktech-arms/register>

The dates for USPSA Nationals 2022 have been released <https://uspsa.org/nationals>

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>.

LOCAL NEWS: The **USPSA Classifier Match** had 52 competitors with 8/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Gen Quale** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Jim Speey**; Limited: **Mikayla Hill**; Limited 10: **J Merrill**; PCC: **Rich Nelson**; Production: **J Arneson**; Revolver: **Bill Salberg**; Single Stack: **M Lin**. Complete Results at:

https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/109?q_division=8

The **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Match** had 26 competitors with 3 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Gen Quale** (overall winner); Limited: **Trevor VanArsdale**; and Tactical: **Gerald Olson**. Complete Results at:

https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/164530?q_division=0

COMING UP: EWPSA will be hosting the **Inland Empire Sectional**. Registration should be done on **Practiscore** at <https://clubs.practiscore.com/2022-inland-empire-sectional/register>. The Match is full, but you can be waitlisted. More details on Practiscore.

EWPSA will be hosting a **Steel Challenge Match** on **May 8**. 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-2022-05-steel-challenge/register>

EWPSA will be hosting a **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Match** on **June 12**. 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-2022-06-fun-in-the-sun-2-gun/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](#)

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



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



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

As they say, April snow and sleet bring May flowers. Add to that our not uncommon high winds and this year's April weather was a bit unusual. Luckily, other than one of the chairs off the skeet field ending up about 80 yards down Range, the Shotgun Range escaped any major issues.

Big changes on the Shotgun Range Executive Board this past month. After being at the helm of the Shotgun Range finances for the past 8 years, **Eric Johnson** decided it was time to take a step back and vacate his position as Treasurer. Eric has done a great job and has been instrumental in many positive changes over the years. From the implementation of the current token system and token machine, website development, tax considerations, security camera system and many other things that went unnoticed, we all owe Eric a debt of gratitude for his hard work. To say Eric went above and beyond in his role as Treasurer is an understatement. **Thank you, Eric, for everything you have done for the Shotgun Range over the years!**

Out with the old, and in with the new! Although Lindsay is older than Eric, so that may not be the best intro. Please join me in welcoming **Lindsay Nelsen** as the new Treasurer for the Shotgun Range! The Shotgun Board voted unanimously to appoint Lindsay to the vacated position on April 7. Many of you will know Lindsay for his shooting abilities and for being an all-around nice guy, but he can also count! Lindsay, along with his wife Jo have agreed to take on the responsibilities of the Treasurer. Since retiring from a paying job that took him all around the world, Lindsay has been volunteering for shotgun projects and took the lead on keeping the trap and skeet houses stocked with targets as the Target Manager. Lindsay is also an active participant in most of the shoots held at Rattlesnake and around the country for that matter. Jo Nelson worked for many years in her family's large business doing the books and keeping up with accounts before retiring. Between the two of them, they have the situation more than covered. Thank you both for volunteering your time!

SKEET LEAGUE 2022 began on **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. **Mr. Dave Otto** will be in charge once again, so expect little patience for slow shooters and cigar smoke. Even though League has begun you can still join. There are no restrictions to the number of rounds you can shoot for score on a particular Saturday. Come join us, no matter your ability or commitment, you are guaranteed getting to shoot at 250 skeet targets!

5-Stand is up and running on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00 a.m.! The first couple of weekends have been great courses to shoot with a wide variety of

target presentations. Unfortunately, due to high demand and Phil's sharpie running out of ink we had to cancel the autograph sessions. Word is that Phil's free advice single handedly lowered the scores of several shooters, which if we were golfing would be a good thing.

You will probably be reading this about the same time we are shooting the **BIRDSHOT CHALLENGE** on **April 30** and **May 1**. If not, and you want to join in on the fun shoot me an email or visit our website for more details. The flier is posted at the top of the screen. The "menu" has been set for all 3 of the clubs we are visiting. 5-Stand, Super Sporting, Continental Doubles, Skeet and Skeet Crossers are all being served up in one variation or another. It will be a fun shoot consisting of 200 total rounds for the weekend.

The **SUB-GAUGE SHOOT** is scheduled for **June 12**. If you are a fan of shooting Sub-Gauges this is the shoot for you! Expect to shoot a variety of Skeet/Trap/5-Stand and all things in between. Each gauge will be reverse handicapped to even the playing field a bit. Last year if you shot a .410 you received an extra 5 birds per event over the 20-gauge shooters. This is a fun shoot that moves quickly, has a low entry fee, pays back well and is a great reason to dust off your little guns.

Maddox McQuary and **Troop 249** have completed the landscaping project on the hillside between the Skeet and 5-Stand field. Maddox and company did a great job digging the holes for the new plants, completing the drip irrigation lines and then getting the new plants in the ground. We appreciate their hard work and attention to detail on completing this project for the Shotgun Range. Thank you, Maddox!

That's all we have for this month. Tune in again next time for more of the hard hitting and informative misinformation we are known for.

SHOTGUN RSO INFORMATION

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

Our Match season will hit its stride in May with **Smallbore Matches** on the 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th, 17th and 29th; **Service Rifle** on the 21st and 22nd; **Mid-Range** on the 1st and 24th; and **Long Range** on 12th - 15th. Please visit the High-Power web page at <https://www.tc21st & 22ndsahighpower.org/> to review our full 2022 schedule and associated Match Programs.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to help with the **Palma Long Rang Regional** on **May 12 - 15** and the **Regional Match Course (RMC)** on **May 21 - 22**. If you are willing and available, please contact **John Hauptmann** at jlhauptmann@gmail.com / 509-308-9230.

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.
- Bring exact match fees and your own writing instruments / tablets.
- State and County guidelines will be followed.

E-TARGET USE: Virtually all our High-Power Matches will be run on e-targets this 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.

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!



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

The Rose-Iris Duty Day Calendar is from
April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

**Scheduling for the 3 Duty Days for this Calendar
Year needs to be done by May 31, 2022.**



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.

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

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



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

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