



# The Rattler

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

At the General Membership / TCSA Board Meeting on April 9, the winner of the Early Renewal Prize was drawn. **Glen Fillafer** was the winner and seemed very pleased to be the winner of the Early Renewal Prize !!

The TCSA really appreciates when you renew early as it helps considerably with the logistics of getting renewal forms processed. Thanks to everyone who renewed early this year and best of luck in the next year's drawing.

I am pleased to announce that **Mark Jaeger** was voted in as the new **Vice-President**. Welcome aboard and thanks for volunteering your time and expertise!

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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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### TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 14  
6:30 p.m.

RICHLAND LIBRARY  
(Conference Room A & B)

## FIRST SHOTS AN INTRODUCTION TO SHOOTING

By: Mike Ensminger

On **Saturday, May 9**, the TCSA is hosting **First Shots Handgun Classes**. This is a great opportunity for new shooters to get to get started in a low-pressure setting.

An educational introduction to the safe recreational use of firearms.

A review of the local requirements for owning and purchasing a firearm.

Individual firearm training.

A rundown of shooting sports opportunities at TCSA for all levels of interest.

A chance to give shooting a try!

**Firearms and ammunition are provided by TCSA and there is no charge to attendees.**

To sign up, email **Mike Ensminger** for times that are still available - [chiefrso@tcsa.info](mailto:chiefrso@tcsa.info).

**FREE ~ FREE ~ FREE**

## YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE

This Event will be held on **May 16**. Our Event will include muzzleloading shooting, 22. Rifle shooting, orienteering and wildlife identification.

More details for this Event check out the Primitive Article on page 4 and the Safe Shooting Sports Opportunities for Youth Article on page 5.

## 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. – **Rich Nelson** – 509.521.6529

**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. – **Mike Sowa** – 541.571.1892

**SMALLBORE COMPETITION RANGE** - A 100 Yard Range with 20 firing points. The SCR is designed for optimum support of and exclusively for .22LR (smallbore) Competition Events. The Range is only to be used for Smallbore Events scheduled and supervised by a TCSA trained Match Director. No casual use or individual practice is allowed. Future plans include covered firing points and shooting benches.

High-Power Rep. – **Mike Sowa** – 541.571.1892

Range Use and Scheduling - **Ron Jorgensen** – 509.554.0048

**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

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



## HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: **Randy Absolon**



We will have a **Field Skills Evaluation** for students who have completed the online portion of the course on **May 9**. This will be our last session this spring. We are planning on offering the evaluations again in August and September.

Our **Field Skills Evaluations** typically start at the Range at 8 a.m. in the morning, then move to the Richland Community Center in the early afternoon for a review and written test. Both parts of the Class need to be successfully completed to pass the course and get a Hunter Education Certificate.

We also have a **Traditional Hunter Education Class** scheduled in June. This Class will meet seven times and run from **June 8** through the **24<sup>th</sup>**. Registration will open on **May 18** for this Class.

**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 use a firearm unless you are familiar with how it works.

If you have questions about our Hunter Education Classes, contact me at: [randyabsolon@gmail.com](mailto:randyabsolon@gmail.com).

## “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. The Newsletter is posted on the web site the beginning of each month.

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



# CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger

I believe we are all conscious of the need for eye protection when shooting at the range, but we need to also keep an eye out behind the firing line, especially at any of the ranges where steel targets are being engaged. If you notice a spectator without eye protection we have plenty of loaners available.



We will schedule an **RSO Training Class** whenever we have enough requests to make it worthwhile, so if you know anyone interested in becoming an RSO tell them to join TCSA and get an email to **Dan Martini** so they can get on the list - [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net)

**Current RSOs need to sign up for their 2026 range dates by May 31.** The next several months are already full, and the selection gets thinner every day, so the earlier you sign up the more choices you will have available.

RSO Questions / Concerns  
**Chief RSO - Mike Ensminger**  
[chiefrso@tcsa.info](mailto:chiefrso@tcsa.info) or 509.521.9628

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## RSO - ROSE-IRIS DUTY DAY SCHEDULING FOR 2026 TO 2027

**Rose-Iris RSO's – Your 3 Duty Days for the year need to be scheduled by May 31.** If you have not already scheduled yourself, please do so as soon as possible. The sooner you renew, the more choices you will have !

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## APRIL started a NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR

**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!**



**RSO ACCESS KEY CARDS and RSO BADGES are not to be used in place of or as a substitute for your Membership identification card.**

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## RATTLESNAKES

Once it starts warming up, we get uninvited guests show on our Ranges. Watch where you step. Be aware of your surroundings. Watch when you reach for things!



# NEXT RSO TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini

Our next **Range Safety Officer Class** will be held on **Friday, May 29** from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Shotgun Range House. To get your name on the Class roster, you **must be a current member of the TCSA**. If you can make the Class date and want to become a TCSA RSO, send an email message to [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net) with a YES and include your name and TCSA Membership number and I will add your name to the RSO Class list. I will send a reminder message a week before the Class date to those of you who respond.

## ADVANTAGES OF BEING AN RSO

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 TCSA RSO, you need to have and maintain your TCSA Membership, complete an 8-hour Class and volunteer to stand 3 days per year at the Rose-Iris General Purpose Range on a Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday. You choose which of those three days you will be able to meet.

For more information and to get your name on the list for the next RSO Class contact **Dan Martini** at [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net).

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## RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike Ensminger



Our April Shoot managed to land right on Easter Sunday, so I have to admit I was surprised at even the 26 guns we had shooting that day.

The **May Match** is on **May 3**, so will probably already be in the books when you are reading this.

**Matches are scheduled on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month** with the shooter's meeting at 9:15. Sign-ups are at the Range on Match Day, cash or check only for fees. If you have a group you wish to keep together in the Match, send us an email ahead of time ([mikeberta4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeberta4@gmail.com)) with names and 1 or 2 guns each and we will start a squad for you ahead of time.

## COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike Ensminger

The **SASS Washington State Championship** wrapped up on Sunday, May 26.



We had 120 competitors representing 5 states and Canada. Results can be found on Practiscore.com. Search on "rattlesnake" to find all our Matches.

I think we received about half our annual rain fall when the staff were shooting the Match and of course it was brought in sideways by the wind to make it even more fun. We saw beautiful weather for the Main Match, but even then, had a dust devil pass through that ripped a tent right off its stakes and shredded it while tossing it and its content about a hundred yards across the Range. Kinda made the targets it laid down seem pretty minor.

The **May Cowboy Action Match** will be held on Saturday, **May 23** starting at 9 a.m.

Since there are 5 Saturdays in May, we will be hosting a **Wild Bunch Shoot** on Saturday, **May 30**, also starting at 9 a.m. You can plan on 6 stages, so bring lots of ammo. Match sign-ups are at the Range on Match Day, cash or check.

## PRIMITIVE RANGE



By: Clint Bouslaugh



Had a good shoot in April with several shooters in attendance. A young man showed up with a new percussion pistol and we spent a couple of hours instructing him on the proper method of loading, firing and cleaning it. Needless to say, he had fun and will return.

Our **May Shoot** will be on the **16<sup>th</sup>**. This is our Annual Youth Shoot. This year we are expanding to include a .22 Shooting Match at Smallbore Competition Range, orienteering at the Primitive Parking Lot and wildlife identification at all three sites. **This is functionally an NRA approved Youth Hunter Education Challenge.** Email [TCSAYouth@tcsa.info](mailto:TCSAYouth@tcsa.info) to register for the Event.

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Facility/TCSA

<https://www.facebook.com/RMSFTCSA/>.



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

## PRACTICAL PISTOL



By: Pam Harper



**ATTENTION - Pistol Bays – CLOSED**

**May 2, 4, 5** - Bays 0-4

**May 9** - Bays 5-9

**May 10** - Bays 11 and 12

**May 11-17 - PISTOL BAYS CLOSED**  
for Washington State Championship.

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>

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

Mark your Calendars. The dates for USPSA Nationals 2026:

**May 27 – 31: World Speed Shooting Championship** (Steel Challenge) @ CMP Marksmanship Park, Talladega, AL

**July 17 – 19: USPSA Multigun Nationals** @ Forest Lake Sportsmans Club, Forest Lake, MN

**August 19 – 23: USPSA Race Gun Nationals** (Open, Lim, Lim10, LO, PCC) @ Cardinal Shooting Center, Marengo, OH

**September 16 – 20: USPSA Factory Gun Nationals** (Carry Optics, Prod, SS, and Rev) @ Southern Utah Practical Shooting (SUPS), Hurricane, UT

**October 2 – 4: IPSC US Nationals** @ Greater Pittsburgh Gun Club, Bulger, PA

The **USPSA Rules:**

<https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/current/USPSA-Competition-Rules.pdf> can be downloaded to your phone for easy access.

The USPSA Rules Change Log is located here

<https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/current/Competition-Rules-Change-Log.pdf>

**LOCAL NEWS:**

**EWPSA** is hosting the **2026 Washington State Championship!** We currently have 360 registered competitors. Get on the wait list at:

<https://practiscore.com/2026-washington-state-championship/register>

All **EWPSA Match** results can be found here - [Practiscore.com](https://practiscore.com) search EWPSA in the Results tab):  
<https://rebrand.ly/EWPSAscores>

**Action 2-Gun Match** on April 4 had 25 competitors with 4 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Armored: **Jeff Givens** (overall winner); Limited: **Brandin Noland**; Open: **Elijah Bovenzi**; and Tactical: **Tallin King**.

The **Steel Challenge Match** April 12 had 32 guns with 13 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: RFRO: **Mike Czebotar** (overall winner); CO: **Curt Berger**; LO: **Alex Larmey**; Limited: **Trevor VanArsdale**; Open: **Alex Larmey**; OSR: **Eugene Econ**; PCCI: **Grey Mandrist**; PCCO: **Sabrina**

Larmey; PROD: **Nick Habakangas**; RFPI: **Kevin Hawman**; RFPO: **Mike Czebotar**; RFRI: **Al Ouellette**; and RRO: **Eugene Econ**.

The **USPSA Match** on April 19 had 83 competitors with 7/9 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Limited Optics: **Adam Grimm** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Micah Lau (KCTC)**; Limited: **Aron Gorham**; Limited 10: **Dwight Hughes**; Open: **Brian Humann**; PCC: **Mike Czebotar**; and Production: **Nethanel Lipson**.

#### COMING UP:

All upcoming **EWPSA Matches** and **registrations** can be found here (Practiscore.com): <https://bit.ly/EWPSAMatches>

**EWPSA** will be hosting:

**Monthly 2-Gun Match May 2 – NOTE** - starts at 9:00 a.m. this month, half an hour earlier! Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. The Pistol Bay gate will be open for you. Shooter's meeting at 8:50 and shooting starts at 9:00. The Match is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for TCSA members and setup/teardown staff shoots for free. Typically 3-4 stages and 150 rounds rifle and 150 rounds pistol. Reminder that no green tip, iron core, AP, incendiary or other TCSA banned ammo is permitted. For more information, email [ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com](mailto:ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com)

**SCSA Steel Challenge Match May 10**. Gates open at 9 a.m. and shooters meeting at 9:30. Shooting after the shooters meeting. The Match is \$20 for non-members, \$15 for TCSA members. Shooting a second gun is \$5. Withdrawal requests before Match Day will be refunded minus Stripe fees. Note that this will be an official Steel Challenge Match, rules are at: <https://scsa.org/rules>. If you are a new shooter, feel free to contact the Match Director if you have any questions at: [bergercj@icloud.com](mailto:bergercj@icloud.com)

**PISTOL BAYS – CLOSED - May 11 - 17** for the **WA State Championship**. The **USPSA 2026 WA State Championship Match** is SOLD OUT!

**DMR Match May 23**. A DMR match is a rifle only match emphasizing longer range shooting - for a "designated marksman's rifle". Ranges will be between 100 and 800 yards, with target sizes of 2+ MOA. This will be somewhat similar to a Gas Gun Show Match, if you are familiar with those. Stages will have par times of around 2 minutes. These run faster than Monthly 2-Gun Matches. If you have a spotting scope, please bring it. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. The Pistol Bay gate will be open. Shooter's meeting at 8:50 and shooting starts at 9:00. The Match is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for TCSA members and setup/teardown staff shoots for free. Expect 4-6 stages, requiring probably around 100 rounds of rifle ammunition. Some stages will allow only a fixed number of rounds,

some will be "shoot until you hit". For more information email [ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com](mailto:ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com)

**Monthly 2-Gun Retro Match June 6**. You can shoot any division you want, but this is our designated "retro division month" where if you want to shoot against other people in Retro Division, this is your best bet. The cutoff this year is firearms and optics in service before January 1, 1997, or close functional equivalents thereof. (Examples: a flat-top AR-15 with a carry handle upper to simulate an M16A2, or a later generation iron sights Glock that is feature-equivalent to a 1996 one). Registration at 8:30 a.m. The Pistol Bay gate will be open. Shooter's meeting at 8:50 and shooting starts at 9:00. The Match is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for TCSA members and setup/teardown staff shoots for free. Typically, 3-4 stages and 150 rounds rifle and 150 rounds pistol. Reminder that no green tip, iron core, AP, incendiary or other TCSA banned ammo is permitted. For more information email [ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com](mailto:ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com)

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:  
**Rich Nelson** at [Chickadeeranch@gmail.com](mailto:Chickadeeranch@gmail.com)

## SAFE SHOOTING SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

By: **Dave McNeal**

*Shooters under 18 must be accompanied by an adult while participating in Events.*

*Loaner rifles and ammunition are available at our .22 and Mussleloader Events.*

### MARCH AND APRIL UPDATES

**March 29 Youth Rimfire Match Clinic** - We had 7 kids and their family members show up. Participants were updated on the changes in our **Youth 25/50 Yard Matches** and learned how the new **Youth Rimfire Sporter Matches** will be conducted.

**April 4 Quest for Accuracy** -- Six kids and their families plus 3 RSOs attended. The kids and adults learned a lot about which ammo shot best in their rifles.


**April 11 Youth Rimfire 25/50 Match results** - The threat of rain, medical issues, beach and camping trips, birthday parties and aftermath of Spring Break cut into our participation with only 4 shooters showing up. Shooters have the option of competing at either 25 or 50 yards. **Clay Revis** was the only shooter at 25 yards, so he won that

Event. By the way, Clay shot 197 7X. And Clay is 7 years old. **Eli McNeal** won at 50 yards with 198 8X, but he has turned 16, so he won't be a youth competitor much longer.

**April 26 Youth Rimfire Sporter Match results** - We had a perfect morning for our first Match; there was barely a whisper of breeze and strong sunlight. Brothers **Eli and Liam McNeal** contended closely for first place shooting 518 6X and 513 6X. **Dylan Gray and Drazen Brown** were very competitive, both shooting over 400.

**UPCOMING EVENTS - Enter the Shotgun Gate at 97457 N SR225 for the May Youth Events.**

**May 9 Youth Rimfire Sporter Match** - Gates to the **Smallbore Competition Range** open at 8 a.m. for registration. Mandatory safety briefing is at 8:45 and firing begins at 9:00. Shooting will be at 25 and 50 yards from prone, sitting and offhand positions. Shooting will be slow-fire and rapid-fire. **Shooters should have some previous competitive experience to fully enjoy this match.** [https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a\\_6818c268db154c53b53c3ceeae708d97.pdf](https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a_6818c268db154c53b53c3ceeae708d97.pdf)

**May 16 Youth Hunter Education Challenge** - On-site registration will be at the **Primitive Range Parking Lot** at 9:00 a.m. Preregistration is requested. A registration form for this Event is in the next column.  Event will be limited to 30 participants. This Event will include **Muzzleloader Shooting, .22 Rifle Shooting, Orienteering and Wildlife Identification.** This is a local Event which is associated with a national program. More information is available at <https://yhec.nra.org/> or email [TCSAYouth@tcsa.info](mailto:TCSAYouth@tcsa.info) or text 509-366-6879. Lunch will be hotdogs and beans.

**May 24 Youth Rimfire 25/50 Match** - Gates to the **Smallbore Competition Range** open at 8:00 a.m. for registration. Mandatory safety briefing is at 8:45 and firing begins at 9:00. Shooting will be from the prone position (or from bench rests if construction is completed). Shooting will be slow-fire. **This is a great match to begin competitive shooting.** [https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a\\_ef7056a0dade46f5b80f9c958fd7279b.pdf](https://www.tcsahighpower.org/files/ugd/e01b6a_ef7056a0dade46f5b80f9c958fd7279b.pdf)

After May - **Youth Rimfire Matches** continue 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month through October. **Steel Mini-Match** will be on **June 6.** **Cowboy Experience** will be on **June 27.** And more Events are under development.

**Our Facebook Page--**  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586545546901>  
For general information about Safe Shooting Sports for Youth at RMSF, inquire at: [TCSAYouth@tcsa.info](mailto:TCSAYouth@tcsa.info)

**YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE**  
**RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN SHOOTING FACILITY**  
**9 A.M. – MAY 16, 2026**

Events will include **Muzzleloader shooting, .22 Rifle shooting, Orienteering, and Wildlife Identification.** Firearms and ammunition and compasses will be provided or you can bring your own (primitive muzzleloader for loose powder and patched ball, any safe .22 LR rifle). All firearms must be left in your vehicle until after a safety briefing has been conducted. If you have eye and hearing protection, bring it. We'll have loaners too. The Event is free and we'll have hot dogs for lunch.

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility is located on State Road 225, north of Benton City, Washington. Enter the Shotgun Gate, make a right turn to follow the trail to the Primitive Range Parking Lot.

General information at <https://yhec.nra.org/>  
For details email [TCSAYouth@tcsa.info](mailto:TCSAYouth@tcsa.info)

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**Youth aged 17 or under, accompanied by an adult, are invited to register for attendance. Participation will be limited to 30 youth, so preregistration is advised.**

**Send registration forms to [TCSAYouth@tcsa.info](mailto:TCSAYouth@tcsa.info) or to Dave McNeal, 113422 North Harrington Road, West Richland, WA 99353.**

**YOUTH**

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** \_\_\_\_ **Hunting interest and experience level (if any)**  
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**ADULT**

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

## HIGH-POWER

By: Dave Baalman

They say March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. I think we need a similar saying about May. How about May comes in like a wind storm and goes out like a typhoon? I think that's a pretty common May at Rattlesnake anyway. We are about to find out if it holds true in 2026.

This is where I usually lay out the schedule for the upcoming month for High-Power, but I'm unable as of this writing. We are in the process of reviewing and updating the Calendars between the High-Power Calendar and the TCSA Main Calendar. So rather than give out bad information, I will just throw out some suggestions. Please confirm upcoming dates before going to a High-Power Match. If you are at all uncertain about a Match date, don't hesitate to contact the Match Director to confirm.

Looking back at Match results for the end of March and April; March 31 was a **100 Yard Mini-Palma**. **Ben Cook** took full advantage of the weather and won the Match with a perfect score of 450-45x, following a review with a scoring plug. **Tom Walchuk** and **Tom Helecki** also shot scores of 450 (though with lessor x counts) for second and third respectively.

The April 12 **100/200 Yard Smallbore Match** was another great day weather wise. **John Julian** cleaned the course with a 400-25x, a new Match record. John was followed closely by **Ben Cook** (399-24x) and **Jeff Davis** (398-26x).

The nice weather didn't hold out for the April 16 **ARA Match**. Match Director **Mike Bunch** called it "the worst wind I've ever experienced shooting", which is really saying something for a guy who runs matches at Rattlesnake! Constantly changing speeds and directions combined for some low scores, though the usual suspects seem to have still prevailed. **Ben Cook** was top score with a 3360-10x, followed by **Glen Clifford** (3020-3x) and **Mike Bunch** (3000-10x).

And finally on the Centerfire side, we had a Reduced Yardage Regional Match course match on April 4. **Dave Baalman** prevailed (760-20x) shooting a "holdout from the late iron age" iron sighted match rifle that hadn't seen the light of day this decade. Maybe my iron sight days aren't behind me after all!



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>

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## PRS-22 Event

By: Scott Downing

The first PRS-22 Qualifier of the Northwest Region was held at the HESA Range on April 19. We had a total of 26 shooters, 20 of those shooters came from outside of Tri-Cities and 6 were from out of the state. The COF was 10 stages and the round count was 110. The targets ranged anywhere from 45 yards to 224 yards. It's amazing what match 22lr ammo is capable of. Come out with us next month on **May 17** to ring some steel!!!



Scott Downing with Ava Duffy who won Top Lady and Top Junior



Chris Rhynalds

# SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

Have you noticed month after month there is another one of these Shotgun Reports to report on? Well, there is.



After the passionate plea in the Shotgun Report for volunteer help last month, I'm happy to report that not a single person reached out to take on any of the weekly chores we have at Shotgun. In case you are wondering, yes, we are still looking for volunteers.



As you read this, Shotgun is probably in the middle of hosting our first Registered Skeet Shoot. **Andrew Gould, Dawson Van Diest** and **Jacob Witherel** have been the driving force behind this shoot. If Andrews name seems familiar it may be because he works for the Benton REA and somehow seems to get his picture in every one of their monthly publications. Don't believe me, go look at the last two months. They have been doing a lot of work getting the machines adjusted, adding alignment stakes, marking shooting stations, etc. in preparation for the **Spring Rattler Skeet Shoot**. Thanks for all of the hard work you guys have put in getting things ready.

**Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** will see **Skeet Doubles** kick off at **3:00 p.m.** with **12ga and 20ga Events** happening on **May 2 at 9:00 a.m.** And if that isn't enough, we still have our regular **100 Bird Non-League Trap League shoot** on **Sunday May 3 at 9:00 a.m.** That is a full weekend of shooting right there!

## MAY SHOTS AT RATTLESNAKE

- **May 1 Registered Skeet Doubles**
- **May 2 Registered Skeet Shoot**
- **May 3 100 Bird Trap Shoot**
- **May 10 50 Bird Skeet Shoot**
- **May 17 50 Bird 5-Stand Shoot**

If you've been out to Shotgun in the last couple of weeks you may have noticed a change on the upper Skeet Field. One of the trees closest to the low house has been removed. While we will miss the shade during the summer, the roots were causing issues with sidewalks, and the tree outgrew its placement. **Tom Walchuk** was adamantly against removing the tree, but luckily, we don't listen to Walchuk. In an act of contrition Walchuk and I planted (2) new "trees" between the Skeet Fields. These trees will be forever known as the "**Tom Walchuk National Forest**".

April saw our regular Monthly shoots happen once again. I'm here to tell you these shoots are a fun time. Good, bad, or ugly, it does not matter your shooting style as it is just fun to get together and shoot a couple rounds. Come out and give it a try.

The first Sunday once again was **100 Bird Trap Shoot** with a familiar name at the top of the list. **John Wilgus** and **John Dyes** decided to shoot a pair of 86/100 scores to share first place honors. 2<sup>nd</sup> place once again went to **Don Lint** with an **86/100**. Second lewis class saw **Steve Williams** victorious with a 74/100 and **Stu Bruce** take second in class with a 70/100.

The second Sunday saw us shoot the **50 Bird Skeet Shoot** where **Jacob Witherel** took the win with a perfect **50/50**. **Dawson Van Diest** and **John Wilgus** tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 49/50. If memory serves me correctly Dawson was shooting his 410ga again. Second Lewis class saw **Mike Tomlinson** and **Jay Judy** tie with respectful 46/50 scores. 15 shooters showed up for a very respectful Skeet shoot.

**50 Bird 5-Stand Shoot** occupied the third Sunday of April as is the norm. **Mark Monopoli** and **Lindsay Nelsen** tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with scores of 40/50. The new "Mr. Average" **Mike Tomlinson** and "Professional Skeet Shooter" **Jacob Witherel** tied for the 2<sup>nd</sup> lewis class with 35/50 scores.

We have **cancelled** the "**Learn to Shoot**" day for May as it falls on Mother's Day. Look for the next one in June. Always feel free to pop in on our monthly shoots if you're interested, we will always help new shooters.

Want to receive **monthly emails** about **upcoming events** and **Shotgun Range information**? Send me an email to [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com) and I will add you to our list. Also keep an eye on our **calendar** at [www.tcsashotgun.com/calendar](http://www.tcsashotgun.com/calendar)

**Shotgun RSO's** - We appreciate everyone volunteering their time at the Range again this year. One thing to remember is that you need to serve the duty days you signed up for. Finding last minute substitutes can be difficult so please sign up for days you can make. You can reach **David Russie** at 509.979.3664 call/text or [roscheduler@gmail.com](mailto:roscheduler@gmail.com).

Have a great month everyone!



## 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).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY

**Saturday May 2**

**EWPSA Monthly 2-Gun**  
**Liberty Christian School Kids**  
**Spring Rattler Skeet Shoot**

**Sunday May 3**

**100 Bird Trap Shoot**  
**ISSA Steel**

**Thursday May 7**

**Vintage SBR - Rose-Iris**

**Saturday May 9**

**First Shots - Pistol Bays**  
**Hunter Education - HESA Range**  
**Youth Rimfire Sporter Match**

**Sunday May 10**

**50-Bird Skeet Shoot**  
**SCSA Steel Challenge**

**Monday May 11**

**WA State Championship - USPSA**  
**Pistol Bays Closed May 11 through May 17**

**Tuesday May 12**

**50 Yard USBR SBR - Rose Iris**

**Thursday May 14**

**TCSA General Meeting – Richland Public Library**

**Saturday May 16**

**WA State Championship - USPSA**  
**Primitive – Annual Youth Shoot**  
**Youth Hunter Education Challenge**

**Sunday May 17**

**WA State Championship - USPSA**  
**PRS 22 Rimfire Match - HESA Range**  
**50-Bird 5-Stand Shoot**

**Saturday May 23**

**Cowboy Match**  
**EWPSA DMR Match**

**Sunday May 24**

**Youth 25/50 Yard Smallbore Match**

**Tuesday May 26**

**100 Yard SBR Mini Palma - HESA Range**

**Friday May 29**

**TCSA RSO Training**

**Saturday May 30**

**Wild Bunch Match**

**Sunday May 31**

**300-Yard Long Gong**

## 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. Buckets are provided for spent cartridges. Take a moment to clean up after yourself when you are done shooting.



**Hats** are available at the **Rose-Iris Range**  
\$25.00 each (includes tax)



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The Handicapped Parking spot is only for those with a state approved handicapped permit.



**Fly the Flag – May 25**

