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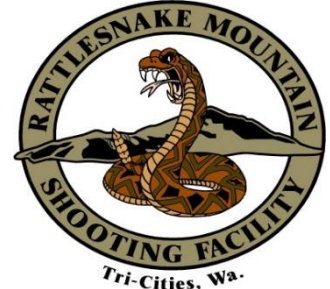
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for all the things we enjoy and it is a time to thank those who have helped us along the way.

The TCSA is an **ALL volunteer organization** and we would not be the **best shooting facility in the Northwest** without ALL of our members who have stepped up and worked hard to get us to where we are now.

Big thanks to **all our RSOs** who run the Ranges safely and who are the TCSA representatives that the public sees when they come out to shoot.

I would like to thank the **TCSA Board** and all the **Discipline Boards** for all they do to help the Range run smoothly and efficiently.

The TCSA Board and I thank **Ron Jorgensen** for the huge amount of time and effort he puts into our Grants.

I want to thank **Scott Turner** for the excellent job he is doing keeping the toilets clean. It is a job that everyone appreciates being done well.

Thanks to **Mike Ensminger** and **Dan Martini** for their efforts and time training the new RSOs.

Thanks to **Sue Verwest** for all the work keeping up with the membership details and for the time and effort she puts in to publishing our Newsletter.

Thanks also to **Steve Steer** who maintains the Reactive Plinking Bays on a weekly basis.

I would also like to thank **Jim Petrilli** and **Dave McNeal** for keeping up with the unending job of Maintenance of the Range.

I would like to thank all the **Boy Scouts** and their **Sponsors** for their efforts on all the projects they have helped with at the Range.

There is not enough space to list everyone who helps but you know who you are and I want you to know that your efforts are truly appreciated by the entire TCSA Organization.

We all owe thanks to our Fore Fathers for their wisdom and resolve that established this great Country and gave us the **Constitution** and **Bill of Rights** that guarantee our liberties and freedoms that we all enjoy. Let us not forget that it is our responsibility to ensure that we maintain these rights and our liberties by adhering to the principles put forth in the Constitution and Bill of Rights.



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 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.

TCSA GRANT APPROVAL

By: **Ron Jorgensen**

The TCSA Grant for the **Rose-Iris parking lot paving** and the development of a **High-Power Silhouette Range** and adjacent **100 Meter Smallbore Competition Range** has been approved by the State Recreation Conservation Office. The funds for the Grant will be made available shortly although we won't immediately see any work on the projects. The window for paving projects has closed for this year. We anticipate the paving of Rose-Iris will take place in the Spring of 2022. The development of the Silhouette and Smallbore Ranges will not occur until a Cultural Resources' Evaluation has been completed in the areas for development. As a result, no development work will likely occur until late spring 2022.

HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: **Randy Absolon**



Our goal is still to hold a Traditional Class starting in mid-January 2022. As we get closer to that date and details are finalized, I will put updates in this column.

Students who are age 9 or older can complete the entire course through the Online Process. Younger students still have to complete the field exercise in person.

RSOs using the HESA Range are expected to sign in at the Rose-Iris Range before going over to the HESA Range to shoot. You are also expected to clean up after you are done shooting, including returning target stands to the Rose-Iris Range House and picking up brass.

Always remember to control the direction of your muzzle, be sure of your target and what lies beyond it, keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot and never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot.

As I write this the last week of October, there was a tragic incident this week where someone was killed after being shot with a movie prop gun. All of the details have not been released yet, but it seems apparent that safety rules were violated. **This is a reminder that firearm safety rules need to be followed all the time.**

On another note, I still have the two-way radio and timer that were left at the HESA Range a couple months ago. If they are yours, contact me (**identify**) and we will figure out how to get them back to you.

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

CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger



Should winter weather impact operations at the Rose-Iris or Shotgun Ranges we will note any closures or changes in hours on the website (www.tcsa.info) and on the TCSA Facebook page. If the roads or weather looks really nasty, check on line before making the drive to the Range.

RSO INFORMATION

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

RSO TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini

To get your name on the next **2022 RSO Class** list, send an e-mail message to me at dantini@charter.net with your name and TCSA Membership #. When we have a firm Class date setup, I will send you an e-mail message with all the details. Watch future Monthly Newsletters for the dates of next year's RSO Classes.



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 **Membership Card** 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.**

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!**



RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



32 guns were represented at the October Match. Results are on www.Practicore.com under "Rattlesnake Mountain Steel Shooters". We will be out there again **November 7** with 6 stages to shoot (150 hits, minimum). Shooter's meeting is 9:15.

COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



We plan to shoot **Thanksgiving weekend**, and although we are hoping for good weather, winter rules will apply. That means wear whatever it takes to keep warm, .22's can be used even if you are over 13 years old and we will make sure there are places to stage everything. Shooter's meeting is at 9:15.

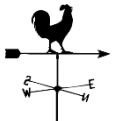
PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

The **November Shoot** will be held on the 20th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. In the holiday spirit, we will have turkey targets available. I plan on bringing my double barrel 13 gauge out, yes you read that right, 3 gauge. Might even bring a 28-gauge blanket gun. It has been a while since we last had a shotgun shoot. So, check your closets, dust off those bird guns and come on out for a fun shoot.



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



Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

November here we come! The Shotgun Range has had a lot going on the last couple of weeks with the completion of the 5-Stand League, The Best Damn League at Rattlesnake® and the 3rd Annual Phil Volkman 5-Stand League Sporting Clays Shoot up at **Rock Lake Sporting Clays** in Saint John, Washington. Back at the Range we had **Chad Ungerecht** host the first of several Fun & Games Shoots as well.

Unfortunately, we have some somber news to share. If you have shot at Rattlesnake for a while, you probably had the pleasure of shooting Skeet or 5-Stand with **Steve Conley**. Steve was a nice guy and fun to shoot with even when he was dealing with some health issues. We are sad to say that Steve passed away towards the end of October.

As stated above, 5-Stand League, The Best Damn League at Rattlesnake® has come to a close. Why do I call it the Best Damn League at Rattlesnake®? Because it is. League consisted of (10) rounds of 5-Stand, (2) BBQ's, a trip to Rock Lake Sporting Clays up by Saint John for a 100-bird shoot and more trash talking than should be allowed by a group of ladies and gentlemen holding shotguns.

When the chips settled and all targets were tallied, **John Wilgus** was overall winner again this year. The final score does not quite tell the tale, as John had some subpar scores (two 17's) and had to overcome a strong start by **Larry Zalaznik** to win again this year. When I say overcome, John had an impressive 23.66/25 average score for his final (6) rounds of league scoring, including two perfect rounds of 25/25. Final League results are below:

HOA	JOHN WILGUS	229
RU	MARK MONOPOLI	214
A1	LARRY BROWN	190
A2	KYLE MAKOVSKY	185
B1	RICK POEHLS	154
B2	MIKE BIRELEY	150

You may have noticed **Rick "The Big Quit" Poehls** was the winner of the 3rd Lewis Class for league. Obviously, Rick hasn't quit Rattlesnake just yet, but the day is close at hand. As much as it pains me to say it, I am going to miss Rick when he finally heads East. Rick is a good guy and he fits in with the Shotgun Range as well as anyone. Always one to help, Rick has been the Mower of Lawns for the past year or so and he did a pretty mediocre job of it at that. You get what you pay for, I guess. Thank you for everything Rick, we are glad **Mrs. Rick** let you finish 5-Stand League with us and we really are going to miss having you around. Not as much as you miss targets, but close to it and as you know, that's a lot.

Now we are going to shift to a man who doesn't know the meaning of the word quit, **Chad Ungerecht!** Chad with the help of **Eric Johnson** hosted the first of several **Fun & Games Shoots** on **October 24**. Even though the weather was less than ideal, they still had just over 20 shooters show up and try their hand at winning some tasty bacon! Lunch was provided as part of the shoot, so no one left hungry.

We need to give a big **Thank You** to **Ranch and Home** and **Sportsman's Warehouse** for their **very generous support** of the **Fun & Games Shoot** on October 24. We should all strive to support the businesses that help support the Shotgun Range.

Turkey Shoot
Christmas Shoot
Winter Shoot
Spring Fun & Games

November 21
December 19
January 23
February 27



Chad does a great job of making these shoots fun and enjoyable for shooters of all ages and abilities. Come on out and see what all the fun is about! See the fliers in the Shotgun Range House for more information.

DO NOT BRING TRASH AND YARD WASTE TO THE RANGE FOR DUMPING. WE ARE NOT A DUMP SITE. YES, WE HAVE CAMERAS, AND YES, WE SEE YOU.

With the onset of winter, the 5-Stand course will be shut down until spring. **The last day to shoot 5-Stand will be November 7.** Come out and help us empty the machines before they get put away for the winter.

The Skeet field is about to get more popular with the end of 5-Stand, so it is a good thing **Eric Bickel** has the new wireless system in hand and ready to be installed. If you've shot Skeet recently you know we have been using the corded puller, which isn't a bad thing, but the wireless unit is easier to carry around the field.

SHOTGUN RSO INFORMATION

The 2021 Shotgun Schedule is posted to www.tcsashotgun.com if you have any question as to when your duty days are.

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 High-Power season comes to an end in November, but we do have three **Smallbore Events** scheduled for the 2nd, 9th and 11th and a **Vintage Military Rifle (VMR) Match** on **Veteran's Day**. The remainder of our 2021 Match Schedule, Match Director contacts, and match programs are posted on our High Power web page at <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/>. Our 2022 schedule has been finalized, and will be posted soon as well.

MATCH REVISIONS: None

MATCH ADDITIONS: None

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

- Social distancing is encouraged and will be maintained to the extent possible.
- If you have been vaccinated you don't need to wear a mask outdoors on the High-Power Range; no verification of vaccination is required.
- Bring exact match fees and your own writing instruments / tablets.
- State and County guidelines will be followed.

RANGE CONDITIONS: The Range is in good shape, but please use common sense as we move into wetter weather. Keep your speed down, particularly on the corners and only drive on the graveled areas. Avoid any activities that may cause a fire and report all fires immediately.



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 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 / b24cjc@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.



SUMMARY OF THE TUESDAY SMALLBORE MATCHES

By: Gary Meerdink

The October 5 **50/100 Yard 22LR Match (Dewar)** held at the Rose-Iris Range was attended by six competitors. It was a breezy but not a "Dark and Stormy" day. **Ben Cook** displayed his remarkable wind reading skills and shot a Match clean with 400-31 X's. Fabulous job Ben! **David Vance** placed second with a very good score. **Jack Smith** was behind David by one point, also with a very good score. **Gary Meerdink** was a point behind Jack. Do you see a pattern here? The top places are very close, so a point or an X makes a difference. Great shooting everyone! Thanks to **Tex Long** for running the shooting line and helping score targets.

A **50-Yard Smallbore Benchrest Match** was held on October 12 at the Rose-Iris Range. Nine shooters attended. It was a good day for slack winds. Match Winner **Tom Halecki** shot an astounding 245-5X for a possible new record for 2021. Great job Tom! We had a good turn out and despite all the construction noise and dust, everybody shot well. Thanks to **Tex Long** for helping us keep safe and assisted with the score keeping and match administration.

A **100-Yard Smallbore Slowfire Match (Mini-Palma)** was held at the High-Power Range on October 19. There were several interruptions (the motorized kite air force and the driving target pickup truck) and the poor wind conditions for the second relay. Our 2021 final **100-Yard Smallbore Match** will be remembered by those who attended today. Big congratulations to **Phil Keuhlen** for shooting a "match clean!" Phil shot a 450-28X. There were several other scores well over 400, also great shooting. A good way to finish the season and start the planning for 2022. I want to thank all of those who helped with the range equipment. A big thanks to **Ben Cook** for running the second relay and helping tabulate the final scores.



TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00 p.m.

SHOTGUN RANGE HOUSE



FLY THE FLAG
NOVEMBER 11th
HONOR THE VETERANS

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

PCC/CO National results:

<https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/150048>

Race Gun Nationals results:

<https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/150676>

The USPSA Rules:

<https://uspsa.org/viewer/2021-USPSA-Competition-Rules-March-2021.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: The **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Championship October Match** had 29 competitors with 3 divisions represented. The Division winners were: Tactical: **Jerad Betker** (overall winner); Open: **Mike Czebotar**; and Limited: **R. Trim**. Complete Results at: <https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/149850>

The **USPSA Monthly October Match** had 32 competitors with 7/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: PCC: **Matt Newburn** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Mikayla Hill**; Limited: **David Blosser**; Open: **Mark Bradley**; Production: **Koey Guilbeau**; Revolver: **Gerald Ashbeck**; and Single Stack: **Robert Spangler**. Complete Results at: <https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/150549>

Next **Steel Challenge Match** will be held **November 14**. Registration should be done on **Practiscore** at <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-11-steel-challenge/register>. Gate will open at 9:00 a.m., new shooter briefing at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. Results will be posted on Practiscore, search EWPSA.

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match November 21**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-11/register>. Gate will open at 9:00 a.m., new shooter briefing at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. Results will be posted on Practiscore, search EWPSA.

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.



It is the **veteran**, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the **veteran**, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the **veteran**, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the **veteran**, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the **veteran**, not the lawyer,
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the **veteran**, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.



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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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: **George Hager**

Howdy all! As per my norm, I am late getting this to press so now I am on the back page. You will either never make it this far OR my words may be the last ones read this month. I wanted to thank all of our members for your patience AGAIN this hunting season as we managed to get through the many rifle sight-ins without significant incident. Seemed not quite as busy as years past for the times I visited and most folks seemed in good spirits. **I want to thank our Range Safety Officers for their dedication to maintaining a professional and safe environment for us all.**

I look forward to seeing some of you over the winter months at Rose-Iris and in the spring too!