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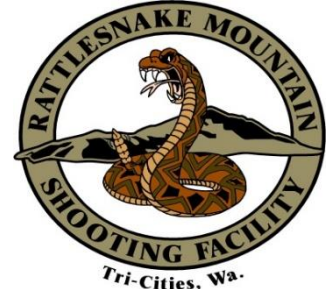
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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 has put into our current RCO Grant.

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.

Thanks to **Steve Scott** for maintaining our Events Calendar and our Facebook page.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: George Hager

Howdy all! Hard to believe October is gone and Christmas is just around the corner. We made it past the busy season! I was out at the Range several times over the "Sighting-in" season and got to talk to several folks whilst there. I was happy to hear from RSO's, members and the public alike how smoothly things went this year. Not only a testimony to the professionalism of our Range Officers, but also a tribute to the shooting public's patience and understanding. Thank-you!

I want to bring to your attention a new discipline that has been gaining traction here at the Range over the last year and a half. Rimfire Precision Rifle (PR-22) is similar to speed steel shooting but with .22lr rifles from a variety of positions on the clock and was hard to find in Eastern WA until recently. The **NW Regional PRS-22 Finale** was held here this past weekend and a great time was had by all. Our **next Match** is scheduled for **November 12** at 9 a.m. and is tentatively scheduled at the HESA Range. Feel free to contact me with any questions at george.hager@gmail.com.

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. – **Mark Monopoli** – 509.531.6929

“WELCOME” NEW MEMBERS



Welcome! In this Newsletter you can find the contact information for the Board Members and above you can find contact information for the different Ranges. The Ranges were built and are maintained by volunteers. We encourage you to get involved and be a part of TCSA.

New members from this past month should have already received their membership card(s). If you have not received your card, contact **Sue Verwest** at membership@tcsa.info 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**

As I noted last month, we have completed the Classes we are going to offer this fall. With hunting seasons in full swing, it is too difficult to get enough instructors together to offer classes. I anticipate our next Class will be a Traditional Class starting in mid-January of 2023.



In 2023, we anticipate offering our usual mix of Traditional and Online Classes. Our first Online evaluations will probably be in March, with classes also offered in April and May.

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 make sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.

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

ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7:00 p.m.

RICHLAND LIBRARY



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/>.

CHIEF RSO REPORT



By: **Mike Ensminger**

We have completed our last scheduled RSO Class for this year, but will schedule additional classes in the future as needed.

If you would like to become an RSO, send an email to Dan Martini at dantini@charter.net and he will let you know when one is being planned.

RSO INFORMATION

RSO Questions / Concerns
Chief RSO - Mike Ensminger
chiefrso@tcsa.info or 509.521.9628

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!**



Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!



WHEN THE RANGE IS COLD
NO HANDLING OF ANY FIREARMS

WHEN THE RANGE IS HOT
HANDLING OF FIREARMS IS PERMITTED

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. For more information contact **Dan Martini** at Dantini@charter.net.

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: **Mike Ensminger**



We had nice weather but another small Match, with only 31 guns represented in October. We will be out there again on **Sunday, November 6** (note time change below this article), with the mandatory shooter's meeting at 9:15. We will be shooting 6 stages, with 150 hits minimum.

If you are planning to attend with other shooters you would like to be squadded with, send us an email with names and number of guns to mikeberta4@gmail.com and we will start a squad for you ahead of time.

If the weather forecast looks bad as Match Day approaches, please check the web page, TCSA Facebook page or even give us a call the night before in case we have to cancel.



November 6~
Daylight Savings Time Ends

COWBOY ACTION

By: **Mike Ensminger**

We had a small Match in October with only 8 shooters, as several of us were out of town at the time. Our next Match is planned for **November 26**, yes, Thanksgiving weekend. The shooter's meeting will be at 9:15 for 6 stages of shooting.



This time of year, the weather can affect whether we shoot or not, so if the forecast looks bleak, please check the TCSA web site/Facebook page or give us a call the night before in case we have to cancel.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: **Clint Bouslaugh**

Had a good day at the Primitive Range in October. Had two new black powder shooters show up. After a little instruction on safety and how to load the guns, they were off to an enjoyable morning of sending lead down range.

New shooters are always welcome and instruction is available if required. If you are new to primitive firearms or an old hand at it, come on out and spend a morning with us.



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

And...welcome to November! Weather wise we finally had some rain and wearing shorts out to the Range may or may not be a good idea these days. All in all, it's been a pretty nice start to fall with plenty of great weather for shooting clays. I'm sure the cold and nasty weather is coming, but it's not here yet!

Speaking of cold and nasty weather, the fan favorite "Fun Shoots" are coming up! That's right **Chad Ungerecht** is going to work his magic again this year with the **103rd Annual Turkey Shoot on November 20** followed by the **210th Annual Christmas Shoot on December 18**. Yes, I'm exaggerating on the number of times the shoots have been held, but I bet if you ask Chad, it feels like he has run that many over the years. Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m. for each of the shoots and the format will be the same as years past. These Fun Shoots are a good time for shooters of all abilities. There is Trap 1 for the "beginner" shooters and Trap 2 for the "Legend in Their Own Mind" shooters. Come out, join the fun and try to win a Turkey for the dinner table!



Most likely by the time you read this the **5-Stand** field will be shut down for the year. It is a sad day when we put the machines away for the winter, but it means we can move up to an upper field and annoy everyone who has stayed loyal to that mental game we call Skeet.

Another thing that is being closed down for the year will be the sprinkler system at Shotgun. We ran it a little longer this year due to warm weather sticking around but it has come time for **Ron Geiger** to drain the main tank in preparation for **Ed Vander Veer** to get the lines blown out. Ed handles the winterizing of the irrigation lines each year and he does a great job of it! **Thank you for your help Ed!**

Every month I ask people to let me know if they go to a shoot and to let me know how they did. Well, I'm slightly embarrassed to say that **Mr. Don Lint** actually took the time to let me know that he did go to a shoot somewhere and I believe he said he did pretty well, but... I forget the details. Now, in my defense, being the good President I am, I tried to give Rattlesnake some credit for Don shooting so well as he "trains" out at Rattlesnake 2-3 times a week. Unfortunately, Don wasn't having any of it and he proceeded to give me a dissertation on everything he feels could be better about shooting trap targets at Rattlesnake. Once again, being the good President that I am, I completely blocked out any and all criticism about the Shotgun Range. Two things to take away from that story. First, make sure I write things down, I can forget stuff. Secondly, shooters never pass up the chance to complain about targets. Random thought of the week: While he is shorter, Don has a striking resemblance to Jack Palances' character "Curly" from the movie City Slickers. Check it out and let me know if I'm wrong.

Shotgun RSO Scheduler Chris Quinton will be sending out an email in the next week or so for Shotgun RSO's to start scheduling for 2023. Keep an eye out for it and get your duty days selected early as the good days fill up fast!

Thank you to all of the RSO's for volunteering your time week in and week out at the Shotgun Range. Also, thank you and welcome to all of the new RSO's who came on board in the last couple of months. Without all of you volunteering for your minimum of (3) duty days per year the Range would have a hard time staying open consistent hours.

While we all do a pretty good job each week, there have been a couple of instances where we could have done a slightly better job of closing down the Range. Each time we close the Shotgun Range the following need to be done:

1. Make sure all trap and skeet machines are full loaded with targets.
2. Remove all empty target boxes from the trap and skeet houses.
3. All microphones and controllers need to be turned off to preserve the battery life and placed in their respective house.
4. Makes sure all machines are turned off and the arm released for safety reasons.
5. All trap and skeet houses need to be locked.
6. **Take the time to neatly fold our American Flag and place it on the table behind the RSO desk.**

If you take a **TCSA Membership application**, whether it is a renewal or a new member, *you must provide that person with one of the Temporary Membership Cards found in the RSO briefcase.* Be sure they understand that until they get their membership card in the mail, they need to present the temporary card to avoid paying the Daily Range Fee. Membership cards are mailed out promptly, but still may take 3-4 weeks to reach them.

Come out and shoot while we are experiencing this great weather. Before we know it, we'll be trying to shoot while also trying to keep feeling in our fingers.



SHOTGUN RSO INFORMATION

Remember current Membership Cards need to be presented **every time** a shooter signs in if they want to avoid the Daily Range Fee.

SHOTGUN RANGE HOURS

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Current weather conditions at the Range can be found at www.tcsashotgun.com and www.tcsa.info.

Thanks for reading! Feel free to drop me an email at mark.monopoli@outlook.com about anything at all.



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HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

November puts a bow on our 2022 season, while still offering the potential for some of the finest shooting weather of the year. There are **Smallbore Events** on the 1st, 3rd and 10th, and our annual **Veteran's Day Match** on the 11th. Please visit the High-Power page at www.TCSAHighPower.org to review our full 2022 schedule and associated match programs.

The following COVID adjustments to Match Operations will carry over into our 2023 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. Watch the conditions as we transition into damper weather and use common sense to avoid unnecessary damage to the roads.



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 / b24jcyj@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: <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/> for additional details, match highlights, photos and related links.

WEATHER CONDITIONS for the Range can be found on our homepage - www.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>

TIDBITS: Correct Range Commands are: 1) "Make Ready", 2) "Are You Ready", 3) "Stand By", start signal, 4) "If you are finished, unload and show clear", 5) If clear, hammer down holster or flag, or cylinder closed, holster, 6) "Range is clear".

NATIONAL NEWS: www.uspsa.org

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

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

LOCAL NEWS: All **EWPSA Match** results can be found at <https://bit.ly/EWPSAmatches>

Monthly **2-Gun Match** on September 30 had 14 competitors, 4 divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Brain Humann** (overall winner); Limited: **Trevor VanArsdale**; Tactical: **Gerald Olson**.

The **2-Gun Side Match** on September 30 had 14 competitors, 4 divisions represented. The Division winners were: Tactical: **Adam Zeigler** (overall winner); Red October!: **Grant Fugimoto**; Open: **Mark Barkley**; Armored: **Rob Lee**.

The **Shotgun Side Match** on September 30 had 14 competitors, 4 divisions. The Division winners were: Red October!: **Grant Fugimoto** (overall winner); Armored: **Kelly Hill**; Tactical: **Nicolas Espitia**; Open: **Mark Barkley**.

The **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Match** on October 8 had 40 competitors, 3 divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Brain Humann** (overall winner); Limited: **Trevor VanArsdale**; Tactical: **Gerald Olson**.

The **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Side Match** on October 9 had 13 competitors, 2 divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Kelly Hill** (overall winner); Tactical: **Gerald Olson**.

The **USPSA** on October 16 Match had 32 competitors with 6/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: PCC: **Mike Czebotar** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Jim Speedy**; Limited: **James Thomas**; Limited 10: **Steve Froehlich**; Open: **Warren Harper**; Revolver: **Brit Hey**.

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

EWPSA will be hosting a **Monthly 2-Gun Match** on **November 5**. 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 \$20. More details on Practiscore

EWPSA will be hosting a **Steel Challenge Match** on **November 13**. Gate will open at 9:00 a.m., shooters meeting at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins after the meeting. The Match costs \$15 TCSA members, \$20 non-TCSA members, shooting a second gun is +\$5 and juniors shoot for free. More details on Practiscore

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match** on **November 20**. Gate will open at 9:00 a.m., new shooters briefing at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. The Match costs \$15 TCSA members, \$20 non-TCSA members and juniors shoot for free. More details on Practiscore.

EWPSA will be hosting a **Monthly 2-Gun Match** on **December 3**. 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 \$20. More details on Practiscore

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 dl_brown@charter.net.

Check out the “For Sale” items on our web-site
www.tcsa.info

Ads will run for 3 months. If you wish to run your ad again, you will need to resubmit it. If your item(s) sells, contact us and we will remove it. No Business-related ads!



Send your “For Sale” or “Wanted” items to
membership@tcsa.info



FLY THE FLAG
NOVEMBER 11th
HONOR THE VETERANS

Vote
NOVEMBER 8



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.



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 TCSA WEB-PAGE

www.tcsa.info

Calendar of Events
Range Photos
Shooting Venues
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