



# The Rattler

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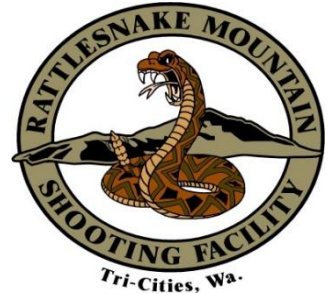
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

Thanksgiving is the time to look back and give thanks to those who have helped us along the way.

The Board and I would like to thank a longtime member and RSO for his generous donation of ammunition to the TCSA. The ammunition will be used for **First Shots** and other Introductory Classes that the TCSA sponsors. We really appreciate his thoughtful donation.

I would like to thank the TCSA Board, Discipline Boards and all of the RSO's that volunteer their time to making the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility the best Range in the Pacific Northwest. All of their efforts contribute to the smooth and efficient operation of our Range and are deeply appreciated.

We all owe our thanks to our forefathers 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. We must 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.

Have a great Thanksgiving!



## RSO TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini

To get your name on the next RSO Training Class List, contact Dan Martini at [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net). You need to be a current member of the TCSA to become a RSO.

## ADVANTAGES OF BEING A 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).

## UNITED WAY

As the United Way campaign kicks off at work, keep us mind! The **Tri-Cities Shooting Association** is a **501(c)(3) non-profit corporation** and is eligible for donations through United Way. Any donations are genuinely appreciated.



## 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

## HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: **Randy Absolon**

We have completed our Classes for the calendar year. I anticipate our next Class will be a Traditional Class starting in mid-January 2026. I haven't yet started the scheduling process for this Class, so stay tuned.



Other Field Skills Evaluations are shown on the WDFW website. As more instructors start fall hunting, there are typically fewer classes available and they tend to fill up quickly. Be prepared to travel farther to get in a class that fits your schedule.

**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 alcohol or drugs before or during shooting.

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.

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



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



## CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger



Although the 2025 Rose-Iris Duty Calendar runs to the end of March, RSOs that renew their membership by the end of December will have access to the Range Duty Sign Up Calendar when new membership cards are sent out in mid-January. If you really care what days you work at the Range and want to get there ahead of everyone else, get your renewal in early.

RSO Questions / Concerns  
Chief RSO - Mike Ensminger  
[chiefrho@tcsa.info](mailto:chiefrho@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!**



**RSO Access Key Cards and RSO Badges are not to be used in place of or as a substitute for your Membership identification card.**

### ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

### TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
7:00 p.m.

RICHLAND LIBRARY  
(Rooms A and B)

### 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.

## RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike Ensminger



We had 38 guns in October and will be shooting the **November Match** around the time you read this.

The **December Match** will be on the 7th, shooter's meeting at 9:15. As usual, sign-ups are at the Range (cash or check), but we will happily pre-squad you if you send us an email with names and 1 or 2 guns each. Send an email to [mikeberta4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeberta4@gmail.com).

## COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike Ensminger

8 shooters completed the October Match. Thanks to **Charlie Kissler** for covering for me while I wander the hills looking for elk.



Our next **Cowboy Action Match** is scheduled for **November 22**, shooting starts at 9:00 a.m.

We have a **Wild Bunch Match** on the calendar for **November 29**; yep, Thanksgiving weekend. We will be taking a look at who plans to be in town to make a go/no go decision, so keep an eye on the calendar or check with us before making the drive to the Range on the 29th.

## PRIMITIVE RANGE



By: Clint Bouslaugh

Fall is here so it must be that time of year for a Turkey Shoot. Our shoot on November 15 will be a competition to see who takes home the Thanksgiving turkey.



The Event will be \$5 for 5 shots. In the event of a tie there will be a 3 shot tiebreaker round. This Event will be for traditional muzzleloaders using patched round balls and open iron sights. Pre-registration is required. Registration closes at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday November 13. Call 509.619.4981 to register.

Shoot straight and keep your powder dry.



**November 2**  
**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

# SAFE SHOOTING SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

By: Dave McNeal

## OCTOBER REPORT:

We wrapped up the **2025 Youth Smallbore 25/50 Yard Match Season** with Matches on the 11<sup>th</sup> (see the High-power item in this Newsletter for details) and the 26<sup>th</sup>. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we had one new shooter (another cadet from Hanford High JROTC); using one of our loaner rifles, cadet **Jonah Niedziela** won at 25 yards with 195 8X. Pretty much as usual, cadet **Anna Winkel** won at 50 yards with 196 7X. Over the course of the season 21 youth shot at least one full Match. **Liam McNeal** was the most prolific shooter with 12 of the 14 matches to his credit and **Anna** shot 11 matches.

## COMING IN NOVEMBER:

**Free Shotgun Skeet Sunday** will be **November 9** at **12:00 Noon**. Shooters aged 18 and under, accompanied by an adult, can bring their shotguns and shells to the Rattlesnake Mountain Shotgun Range and learn about (or refresh their skills) with two free rounds of skeet. If you plan to attend and participate in this activity, please **RSVP** to [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com).

The **.22 Rimfire Sporter Match** scheduled for **November 8** is an opportunity for young shooters to match their marksmanship skills against adults and use types of .22 rifles that have not been part of our 25–50-yard season of Matches. You can find details in the Match description at: <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/match-descriptions>

Since we would lose the attendance of the many Junior ROTC Cadets, middle and high school marching band members, scout groups and other patriotic souls who will attend or participate in the **2025 Veteran's Day Parade** on **November 8**, **George Hager** has offered to host a **Make-up Rimfire Sporter Match** at 9:00 on **November 16**. Contact [TCSAYouth@tcsa.info](mailto:TCSAYouth@tcsa.info) for more information.

We will also have an introductory course on **Using Rifle Slings** on **November 9**, 2:00 p.m. at the Shotgun Range House. The Rimfire Sporter Matches don't allow the use of rests like we did with the 25/50 matches, but slings are allowed in the prone and sitting/kneeling segments of the Rimfire Sporter Matches. This will be a good opportunity for young people to learn skills that may be new to them and their supporting adults as well.

## INTO THE FUTURE:

We are compiling a list of shooting and indoor activities for wintertime. If you have Events that you would like to sponsor or that you would like to have presented, please send your thoughts to [TCSAYouth@tcsa.info](mailto:TCSAYouth@tcsa.info). Please note that many of the "adult" matches and events at RMSF are kid friendly too.

# 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: USPSA RULES** - concerning the 'external safety'.

**DQ offenses** for not having the **Safety** on while in the holster or placed on an object. **SAFETY FIRST**, people!!!

10.5.11 Holstering or placing a loaded firearm, in any of the following conditions:

10.5.11.1 A single action self-loading firearm with the safety not applied. If the primary safety on the firearm cannot be engaged due to the design of the firearm and the hammer or trigger cannot be actuated in the condition the gun is in, the safety does not have to be applied. If the gun is completely empty, the safety need not be applied.

10.5.11.2 A double action or selective action pistol with the hammer cocked and the safety not applied.

10.5.11.3 A revolver with the hammer cocked.

***All these conditions apply the entire time the firearm is in the holster or placed on an object as required by the Written Stage Briefing. See 8.1.2.5.***

**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**: have been **UPDATED** as of **April 2025** <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:

All **EWPSA Match** results can be found on Practiscore.com: <https://bit.ly/EWPSAscores>

**EWPSA** is hosting the **2026 Washington State Championship!** We had such great support for this year's 2025 WA State Championship, that we want to do it again.

Match will be May 14 - 17, 2026. More information will be on Practiscore soon. Registration will open January 1, 2026 at 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

The **Steel Challenge Match** October 12 had 21 guns with 9 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: RFRO: **Mike Czebotar** (overall winner); CO: **Curt Berger**; LO: **Megan Hughes**; Open: **Brian Humann**; PCCO: **Mike Czebotar**; RFPI: **Kevin Hawman**; RFPO: **Al Ouellette**; RFRI: **Mark Wells**.

The **USPSA Match** on October 19 had 54 competitors with 5/9 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Carry Optics: **Adam Grimm** (overall winner); Limited 10: **Dwight Hughes**; Limited Optics: **Shane Hill**; Open: **Ryan Barnes**; and PCC: **Matt Newburn**.

**Red October 2-Gun Match** October 25 had competitors with 4 Divisions. The Division winners were: Modern Western Spy: **Derek Small** (overall winner); Cold War AK: **Jeffrey Knight**; Cold War Western Spy: **Jack Dorian**; and Modern AK: **Matt Newburn**.

#### 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 November 1.** Sign-in begins at 9:00 a.m. Shooting briefing at 9:20, shooting begins at 9:30 a.m. Set-up begins at 7:30 a.m. The Match cost is \$20 per TCSA member and \$25 per non-member. More details on Practiscore.

**USPSA Monthly Match November 16.** Gates will open at 9:00 a.m., New Shooters briefing at 9:30, shooters meeting at 9:45 a.m., shooting begins around 10:00. The Match cost is \$20 TCSA members / \$25 non-members. More details on Practiscore.

**Action 2-Gun Match November 22.** Sign-in begins at 9:00 a.m. Shooting briefing at 9:20, shooting begins at 9:30 a.m. Set-up begins at 7:30 a.m. The Match cost is \$20 per TCSA member and \$25 per non-member. More details on Practiscore.

**Monthly 2-Gun Match December 6.** Sign-in begins at 9:00 a.m. Shooting briefing at 9:20, shooting begins at 9:30 a.m. Set-up begins at 7:30 a.m. The Match cost is \$20 per TCSA member and \$25 per non-member. 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:  
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**Kevin Bensema** - Treasurer  
**Daniel Hughes** - CRO  
**Dave Wright** - At Large



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.



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Contact **Robbie** or **Mike Ensminger** with questions or  
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Send your "For Sale" or "Wanted" items to  
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# HIGH-POWER

By: Dave Baalman

Well, it is November already and with that the season is winding down. There will be plenty of time for all you High-Power certified RSO's to get some range time on some upcoming weekends. If history is any indication, you should get a nice mix of no wind zeros and significant wind practice, with little between. Enjoy it while you can! Also, it is a good time to remind everyone to watch your email for unexpected closures. If we get a big accumulation of snow, we will shut the High-Power Range down to prevent damage to the roads.

Schedule wise for November, it is almost all Smallbore. We have got an **NRL22 Match** on **November 1**, **PRS22** on **November 2**, **50/100-Yard Dewar** **November 4**, **Vintage Smallbore** **November 6**, **CMP Rimfire Sporter** **November 8**, **50-Yard USBR Smallbore** **November 11**, and **50-Yard ARA Smallbore** **November 13**. Our lone Centerfire Match is the "**Black Friday I'm Not Going Shopping**" Match on **Friday November 28**.

Looking back at the end of September and October, which again was a smallbore heavy month, at the September 28 **Youth Smallbore Match**, we had excellent shooting conditions for temperature, wind was light, along with the usual exemplary behavior and safety practices by our shooters. Of the eight shooters, three competed at 25 yards and five stretched their competitive skill out to 50 yards. **Elyse Winkel** won at 25 yards with 197-10x, and **Eli McNeal** won at 50 yards with 197-13X (closely followed by **Anna Winkel** with 196-6x).

At the September 30 **Mini-Palma**, weather was beautiful, warm temperatures and light breeze turned out some good scores. Two shooters shot a clean 450 and a third shooter shot 449 and three shooters shot 447, with the remaining shooters not far behind. **Ben Cook** won the Match based on a higher X count. **John Julian** also shot 450 but ended up second the result of an X count tie breaker.

The October 7 **Dewar Match** was a little chilly early with a light wind. The scores were a little off due to changing wind direction but not too bad. Congratulations to **Ben Cook** who took Match win and High Card honors (400-28x & 200-17x respectively) followed by a three-way tie between **Mike Bunch** (398-28x) who edged out **Tom Halecki** (398-27x) and **John Julian** (398-24x) for 2<sup>nd</sup> place by X count alone.

The October 9 **Vintage Smallbore Match** went well as far as the weather and wind cooperating. **Tom Halecki** took overall match honors as well as high card with a 400-38x. **Mike Bunch** was second with a 400-35x, and **Lisa Bunch** was third with 400-27x. Great shooting and great fun for all competitors.

At the October 11 **Youth Smallbore Match**, we had seven shooters show up just after the rain showers stopped and the wind velocity dropped. We welcomed **D'Aaron Orr** as a new shooter and two of our regular shooters had to drop out because of targeting issues during the match. **Anna Winkel** won at 50 yards with 198-7x and **Dylan Gray** won at 25 yards with 196-7x using a new rifle for the first time. Well done!

At the October 16 **ARA Smallbore Match**, the weather was pretty dang cool starting the Match with an occasional fog bank rolling through the targets. The weather necessitated frequent scope adjustments and ammo changes during the Match, possibly from the dense air and 37-degree temperature. The scores didn't reflect the lack of wind we enjoyed however. **Mike Bunch** took Match win and high card honors (4225-24x & 2200-15x respectively) barely edging out **Ben Cook** (4175-24x) and **Tom Halecki** (3260-12x).

And finally, the October **USBR Match** was rescheduled to the 21<sup>st</sup> due to extreme wind on the scheduled day. Conditions this time around were far more favorable and shooter friendly. Cool temps and hardly any wind, but what wind there was workable, it made wind reading more of a consideration rather than a requirement. The light breezes would move in and then after a few seconds dissipate long enough for you to take a shot and this repeated itself through the two-card match. **Ben Cook** was Match winner and High Card (493-12x & 247-5x respectively). Thanks to **Mike Bunch** for helping out and thanks to all our participants for helping keep the range clean and the matches running!



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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# SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

Fall weather has finally arrived with slightly cooler temperatures, some wind, rain and all the other things we love about fall. Well, some people love about fall anyways.

With impending cold weather coming, the Shotgun Range is starting to get winterized. The main water tank has been drained and **Ed Vander Veer** was kind enough to blowout the sprinkler system again this year. Lawn mowing has thankfully slowed down and now we start to deal with leaves, dropped limbs and the elk coming in and decimating some trees and shrubs.

One of the good things that comes along with the fall weather are our fun shoots! That's right, the **Turkey Shoot** and **Christmas Shoot** are back on the calendar again this year. Along with our monthly shoots, November and December have plenty of chances to join the fun.

## NOVEMBER SHOTS AT RATTLESNAKE

- **November 2** 100 Bird Trap Shoot
- **November 9** 50 Bird Skeet Shoot
- **November 9** Youth Skeet Day
- **November 16** 50 Bird 5-Stand Shoot
- **November 23** TURKEY FUN SHOOT



Our regular monthly shoots will go off like normal with the addition of the **2025 Turkey Shoot on November 23**. **We start shooting at 9:00 a.m. for all of the shoots, with sign-up starting no later than 8:45 a.m.**

Speaking of the Monthly Shoots, winners are listed below. With new winners and an impromptu fish fry thrown into the mix, it was a pretty good month to join in. The **100 Bird Trap Shoot** saw **John Dyes** take the win with an impressive 86/100. We will say **Lindsay Nelsen** was hot on his heels with a 78/100, but he wasn't. **Don Lint** took third place with a 77/100 from the wheelchair he still thinks he needs. Then comes the tie of the century, **John Wilgus** and **Mike Inglima** both shot a 74/100. It is one of those times where you say good shooting to Mike and sorry to John. Good shooting Mike! Sorry John.

The Skeet Shoot also saw a winner who was long overdue in earning a W. **Mike Tomlinson** put a beat down on everyone with a 48/50 while **Mark Monopoli**, **Lindsay Nelsen** and **John Dyes** tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 47/50. **Tom Walchuk** took a break from shooting stationary targets to take 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 46/50. Tomlinson being Tomlinson he probably should have shot a perfect 50/50, but he decided to miss low house 8, twice on his first round. If you know

Mike, that's just how he rolls. With **John Dyes** placing in both shoots, maybe there's a new "John" in town?

At the suggestion of **John Wilgus**, following the super fun Skeet Shoot, we had a super fun and rather tasty fish fry. Between the fish that Wilgus and Dyes supplied and cooked, the always popular Tomlinson beans, world famous Tater Salad by **Mike Inglima** and tater tots supplied and cooked to perfection by **Don Klages**, it really was a fun time to sit down with everyone and enjoy a meal. To everyone that helped and everyone that joined in, thank you! Look for another one in the future.

**Youth Shooters** RSVP to [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com) if you want to join our monthly Skeet Day or if you have any questions. As usual Shotgun will provide the birds and instruction, attendees are required to supply their own shotgun and ammo.

Want to know what's going on at the Shotgun Range? See the Calendar at [www.tcsashotgun.com](http://www.tcsashotgun.com) to see what's what. 97% of the information contained there is 95% correct most of the time.

**RSO Scheduler for Shotgun, David Russie has been handling scheduling and such.** We appreciate everyone volunteering their time at the Range again this year. You can reach **David Russie** at [roscheduler@gmail.com](mailto:roscheduler@gmail.com) or at 509.979.3664 call/text.

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).

Thanks for reading! Feel free to drop me an email at [mark.monopoli@outlook.com](mailto:mark.monopoli@outlook.com).



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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

**Saturday November 1**

**EWPSA Monthly 2 Gun**

**NRL 22 Rimfire Match - HESA Range**

**Sunday November 2**

**Day Light Savings Time Ends**

**ISSA Steel**

**100 Bird Trap Shoot**

**PRS 22 Rimfire Match - HESA Range**

**Tuesday November 4**

**50-100 Yard Smallbore Dewar Match - Rose-Iris Range**

**Thursday November 6**

**Vintage Smallbore Match - Rose-Iris Range**

**Friday November 7**

**RSO Training Class**

**Saturday November 8**

**CMP Rimfire Sporter - HESA Range**

**Sunday November 9**

**50-Bird Skeet Shoot**

**Shotgun Youth Skeet Shoot Day**

**Monday November 10**

**WA Dept Corrections Training - High Power**

**Tuesday November 11**

**50 Yard Benchrest - Rose-Iris**

**Thursday November 13**

**TCSA General Meeting - Richland Public Library**

**50 Yard ARA Smallbore - Rose-Iris**

**Saturday November 15**

**Primitive - Annual Turkey Shoot**

**Sunday November 16**

**50-Bird 5-Stand Shoot**

**USPSA Match**

**PRS 22 Rimfire Match - HESA Range**

**Saturday November 22**

**Cowboy Match**

**EWPSA Action 2 Gun**

**Tuesday November 25**

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

**Friday November 28**

**Black Friday (I'm Not Going Shopping) 200 Yard BMR Match**

**Saturday November 29**

**Wild Bunch**



**Did you know...** If you are a **Member of TCSA** this is **your** Range! TCSA is made up of all volunteers: **Board Members, Range Safety Officers, Discipline Heads, the volunteers who clean up the Range and volunteers who show up for the work parties.** We have volunteers maintaining the **web site, teaching range safety officer classes, repairing targets, maintaining the ranges;** the list goes on. What you see is because of the **members who volunteer!** These volunteers all pay their yearly membership dues and then “step up to the plate” to help make the **Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility** a safe, family friendly place to shoot. Attend a Monthly General Meeting and meet some of the people who make the Range possible. Do you see something that needs to be done? Perhaps it is **your turn to volunteer** your time or talent! Your reward is a safe, clean place to shoot and the chance to meet some great people!

**To ALL our VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU!**

