

The Rattler

Official Newsletter of the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility and the Tri-Cities Shooting Association, Inc.

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Steve Scott Range Use Request and Facebook Events@tcsa.info

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

PLEASE clean up after you are finished shooting at the HESA Range and at the Rose-Iris Range. Sweep up your brass and take back any targets you brought over from the Rose-Iris Range. Also, please remind **EVERYONE** that is shooting to clean up their brass.

PLEASE do not pile up broken target stands or target holders next to the Range House. Take a few extra steps and throw them in the **dumpster**. If the target holders are badly shot up, throw them in the dumpster instead of in the garbage cans or piling them in the Range House.

If you notice that a garbage can is full, it only takes a few minutes to toss the full bag in the dumpster and put in a new liner. If EVERYONE helps with keeping the Range clean, it is less work for the few VOLUNTEERS that try to keep the Range clean and neat. This is YOUR RANGE and we should all show some pride in ownership by keeping the Ranges neat and clean.

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ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday



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 vou 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 to four times a year.

If you or someone you know would like to attend the next RSO Training Class or would like more information about becoming a Range Safety Officer, contact Dan Martini at Dantini@charter.net or at 509-627-3198.



TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 7:00 p.m. SHOTGUN RANGE HOUSE

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 <u>membership@tcsa.info</u> or 509-735-1662.

Check out our TCSA web site <u>www.tcsa.info</u> 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.

CHECK OUT THE TCSA WEB-PAGE

www.tcsa.info

Calendar of Events Range Photos Shooting Venues Frequently Asked Questions Items For Sale TCSA Forms Monthly Newsletter Weather Range Rules Banned Ammo



Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!





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 <u>Events@tcsa.info</u>

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility/TCSA <u>https://www.facebook.com/RMSFTCSA/</u>.



Keep your Range clean of trash and spent cartridges. Garbage cans are available. Be sure the enclosure tops are closed so the garbage cannot blow out. Buckets are provided for spent cartridges.

Please take the time to clean up after yourself when you are done shooting.



HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: Randy Absolon

As I mentioned last month, the prospect of having Classes this fall was becoming less likely. We have decided not to try and hold the two Online Evaluations we were hoping to



offer this Fall. Our goal is to start next year by holding a **Traditional Class** starting in **mid-January 2022**.

Students who are age 9 or older can still 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 cross obstacles with a loaded firearm.

On another note, I was given a two-way radio and a timer that were left at the HESA Range over a month ago. If they are yours, contact me (be able to 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 <u>absolon@gorge.net</u>

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS

By: Dan Martini

Our last RSO Class for this year is scheduled for October 1. This Class is currently full.



To get your name on the next **2022 RSO Class** list send an e-mail message to me to <u>dantini@charter.net</u> with your name and TCSA Membership #. Watch the future Monthly Newsletters for dates for next year's classes.

CHIEF RSO REPORT



By: Mike Ensminger

Our last RSO Class of the year took place October 1. Our Range Duty Calendar looks pretty good right now, with more scheduled RSOs than I recall ever managing to have

before. If you go to the Range and see both sides of Rose-Iris and the Plinking Bays open at the same time, it reflects a minimum of 5 RSOs on duty. That was a rare luxury in the past, so I am really happy to see enough volunteers to achieve it.

Thanks again to all the volunteers that allow us to keep this Range open.

RSO INFORMATION

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

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 <u>Membership Card</u> 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. <u>EVERYONE</u> must sign-in!



FOR

SALE

As a TCSA Member you can place "gun" related items on the web site for free.

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 ad to membership@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 <u>https://nroi.org/templates-and-other-resources/</u>

NATIONAL NEWS: www.uspsa.org

The dates for USPSA Nationals 2021, at CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park in Alabama, have been released <u>https://uspsa.org/nationals</u> HICAP Carry Optics/PCC: Oct 16-18, HICAP Limited/Open: Oct 22-24

The USPSA Rules:

<u>https://uspsa.org/viewer/2021-USPSA-Competition-Rules-</u> <u>March-2021.pdf</u> can be downloaded for easy access or get the **USPSA App** at <u>https://uspsa.org/app</u> for your phone.

The Steel Challenge Rules <u>https://uspsa.org/viewer/2021-</u> <u>SCSA-Rulebook-March-2021.pdf</u> can be downloaded for easy access.

LOCAL NEWS: The Steel Challenge September Match had 23 guns with 8 divisions represented. The Division winners were: PCCO: Mike Czebotar (overall winner); RFRO: Mike Czebotar; RFPO: Larry Davis; RFPI: Robert Spangler; Limited: Curt Berger; Open: Paul Hughes; CO: Dan Gookin; OSR: Eugene Econ. Complete Results at:

https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/html/17c7b4f3-63b7-40e6-b816-f82aabf0c2c4

The **USPSA** monthly **September Match** had 44 competitors with 6/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: PCC: **Shane Hill** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Rachel Harper**; Limited: **David Blosser**; Open: **Brian Humann**; and Production: **Warren Harper**; Single Stack: **Jim Steward**. Complete Results at: https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/147889?q_divisio n=0

COMING UP: EWPSA will be hosting a **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Championship Match** on **October 10**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at <u>https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-10-fun-2-gun-in-</u> <u>the-sun-championship/register</u>. 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** on **October 17**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at <u>https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-</u><u>10/register</u>. 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.

Next **Steel Challenge Match** will be held **November 14**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at <u>https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-11-steel-</u>challenge/register. Check out our Inland Empire Section News at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/267093763957174/?ref=boo</u> <u>kmarks</u>

Check out local news on Facebook – Eastern Washington Practical Shooters Association

Any questions or comments can be directed to **Don Brown** at <u>dl brown@charter.net</u>.

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger

41 guns were represented at the September Match. The October Match may be over by the time you read this, but we plan to be shooting on the **1st Sunday every month**, starting at 9:15. If the weather forecast looks really bad, please check the TCSA facebook page or call 509-628-0889 to see if we are shooting.

If you have a group you would like to shoot with, send us an email ahead of time (<u>mikeberta4@gmail.com</u>) and we will start a squad for you.

COWBOY ACTION



By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger

Although most of our regular crowd was out of town either shooting, vacationing or attending out of state weddings, we still ended up with 9 shooters at the September Match.

Thanks to **Nelson Thomas** for stepping in and both designing and setting up the Match single handedly.

We will be out there again on October 23, shooter's meeting at 9:15.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

October's Shoot will be held on the 15th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Come on out and sight in for hunting season.

On a sad note, it was announced on September 27 that GOEX black powder production will cease by the end of this year. May need to start looking at other black powder manufacturers.



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

October, really? Let's start off with a reminder that the family of **Dwayne "BJ" Bjorklund** invites everyone to a **Celebration of Life** at the **Shotgun Range** on **October 9**. It will begin at noon and all are invited to attend. Also, the first of several fun shoots kicks off later this month with the **Chad Ungerecht** run **Fun & Games Shoot** on **October 24**.

Last month we may have been all about business, but this month we are all about guitting. More precisely, there are a lot of quitters at the Shotgun Range right now and we need to quit with the quitting! First up, my favorite subject of ridicule, Mr. Rick Poehls. Rick is a good guy or at least he was before the guit got into him and "he" decided "he" is moving to Tennessee. Others liked him, I never cared for the guy personally. Maybe I pushed him a little too hard and his fight or flight response went full flight. No way, when you meet Rick, he comes across a little slow, so I doubt this move was his idea at all. That's right, Mrs. Poehls, this finger is pointing at you. Why do you hate us so and why are you taking Rick from us? This is where he belongs. Scheduling the realtor to come by your soon to be up for sale house on SUNDAY at 11:00 a.m., in the middle of 5-Stand League, The Best Damn League at Rattlesnake, it is painfully obvious you are jealous. Shame on you for manipulating a simpleton like Rick!

Next up, **Mr. Phil Volkman**! I need to tread lightly here, as I like having a place to stay in Arizona, but still. How in the heck does the guy who literally begs every year to run 5-Stand and 5-Stand League, not shoot in 5-Stand League? And, to add insult to injury, we name a super cool shoot after the guy, and he isn't even going to shoot in it! That's right, we will be shooting at the **3**rd **Annual Phil Volkman 5-Stand League Sporting Clays Shoot** on **October 24** WITHOUT Phil Volkman. Is it even worth it now?

Finally, we have **Mr. Eric Bickel**. Now Eric is not a quitter like the two above, but he did quit shooting 5-Stand with us. I, and many others, think it is time for Eric to come home. Make the short trip back down the hill and rejoin the 5-Stand family. Besides, as you read above, we are losing Phil, we voted, and you're it.

5-Stand League, The Best Damn League at Rattlesnake is off to a grand start. The first day of League we shot (44) rounds and held an impromptu BBQ down on the newly landscaped 5-Stand field. John Wilgus was the brains and the provider of the burgers for the BBQ. It was a good time and if you want to join League, there's still time! We shoot at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays! There are (20) shooters in league, so if you want to shoot earlier rather than later you may want to show up a little early. A word of caution, as noted above, our course setter and leader, Mr. Volkman is not shooting League, and the courses set so far have been, shall we say, challenging. Coincidence? I think not.

Chad Ungerecht will be the man in charge of the various Fun & Games and Meat shoots that are scheduled for the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022. Save these dates and plan on having a great time!



Fun & Games Shoot Turkey Shoot Christmas Shoot Winter Shoot Spring Fun & Games October 24 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!

2021 5-Stand League began on September 12 and will conclude on October 24 with the 3rd Annual Phil Volkman 5-Stand League Sporting Clays Shoot.

It is that time of year when we need to hold a **Meeting** of the Shotgun Board that is open for all to attend. This year the meeting will be held on October 3 at 8:00 a.m. in the Shotgun Range House and of course, all are welcome to attend.

With the recent announcement by Rick "I'm going to run away" Poehls, the turf war that has been building in the Shotgun shop building now has an end date. Stay tuned, this isn't over just yet.

Safety is priority one whether you are shooting trap, skeet or 5-stand. If you see something, say something.

If we all could take a few minutes and pick up some of the target chips off the Skeet field each time you shoot, it would help a great deal with maintaining our lush lawn and keep the mower of lawns sane.

SHOTGUN RSO INFORMATION

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

Remember current Membership Cards need to be presented <u>every time</u> 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 <u>www.tcsashotgun.com</u> and <u>www.tcsa.info</u>.

Thanks for reading! If you have anything to share drop me an email at <u>mark.monopoli@outlook.com</u>



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HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

We are putting a bow on our season with **50 BMG Benchrest Practice** and **Matches** on **September 30** and **October 1 - 3**; **Smallbore Matches** on the 5th, 12th, 14th, **19th** and **23rd**; a **300/ 500-Yard Prone Slow Fire Match** on the **10th** and **200/300 Yard Prone Slow Fire Match** on the **26th** and finally our annual **Long Range Regional Match** on the **15th - 17th**. Not much happening in November, but we will have three **Smallbore Events**, 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/.

MATCH REVISIONS: Due to the ongoing Canadian border closure we are **canceling** the **Palma Practice** on **Thursday, October 14**. Practice can be fired the following day concurrent with the **Long-Range Team Matches**. The format for the weekend's Regional will be revised from Palma to Long Range (1000 yard) only.

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 remains in good shape, but please use common sense and keep your speed down, particularly on the corners. **Drive only on the graveled areas and avoid any activities that may cause a fire. 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 / <u>b24jcj@gmail.com</u> or John Hauptmann High-Power Secretary at 509-308-9230 / <u>ilhauptmann@gmail.com</u> 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

A 50/100-Yard Smallbore (Dewar) Match was held on September 7 at the Rose-Iris Range. Six shooters attended. It was a pleasant morning at the Range both nice weather and compatible companions. The shooting was phenomenal with nobody scoring below 96%. Tom Halecki, Match winner, 400-29X (100%) was astounding with Ben Cook, second place, 399-30X (99.75%) being astounding -1. Ben had more X's at a total of 30. Wow! Tom had wow -1. Phil Keuhlen place third with 394-24X (98.5%.) Further down the list, Gary Meerdink 390-18X (97.5%) and Jack Smith 389-19X (97.25%) were only one point apart with similar reversed X symmetry. Jack had 19 and Gary 18, but Gary had the extra point. Great shooting everyone! Thanks to Tex Long for running the shooting line and helping score targets.

A 50-Yard Smallbore Benchrest (USBR) Match was held on September 14 at the Rose-Iris Range. Ten shooters attended. It was certainly a pleasant morning at the Range. This time of year is wonderful. The wind and heat pixies did not haunt us. Fun was had by most everybody, although, I did hear some muttering about "flyers." Phil Keuhlen and Tom Halecki had an absolute tie for Match Winner (243-4X, 97.2%.) After some discussion, it was decided that "the first X" should break the tie. By this criteria, Phil was declared Match Winner. Jack Smith was close behind and placed third (235-4X, 94%.) On the second optional card, Phil was very consistent and shot the exact same score that he had on the first card. Tom was second by one point. Jack increased his score from the first card (239-4X, 95.6%) but not enough to move up in the ranking. Welcome to Bryon Christoffersen who shot with us for the first time today. Welcome back to Scott Jacobs who disappeared for a while. Thanks to Tex Long for helping us keep safe and assisted with the score keeping and match administration.

A **100-Yard Smallbore (mini-palma) Match** was held on September 21 at the 1000 Yard Range. Ten competitors attended. **Ben Cook** our Match Winner, was really kicking it with a near perfect score overall 449-27X (99.78%) and cleans at 800 and 1000. Congratulations Ben! **John Schneider** 445-19X (98.89%) had a great score for 2nd place. **Phil Keuhlen** and **Jack Smith** had an absolute numeric and X tie 441-18X (98%) for 2nd and 3rd.

Phil shot a higher score, by one point, at the longest simulated distance (1000 yards) and took the higher standing. Great shooting Phil and Jack! Larry Meerdink placed 5th 436-19X (96.89%) and beat his brother 422-17X (93.78%) who placed 6th. The winds were moderate to nasty and bugged almost everyone. I want to thank all of those who helped with the range equipment. Pleasant helpful company is always appreciated by everyone competing. A big thanks to **Ben Cook** who helped officiate the Match.

