



# The Rattler

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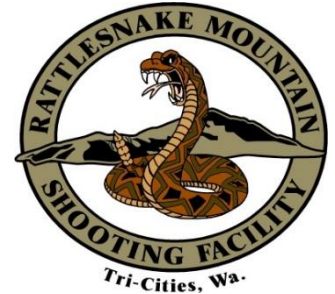
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**By: Mark Verwest**

I would like to remind the RSO's about not letting shooters haul target stands out to the 50 or 100-yard lines. There are plenty of stands there already. If you feel up to it, please go out and bring some back to the firing line so there are some available for the pistol shooters.

Check out the Calendars for the different Disciplines to see what Matches are being held. There are a lot of Events scheduled and you can probably find one that you would enjoy shooting!

### ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

**Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday**

### TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**RICHLAND LIBRARY**  
**(Gallery Room)**



## NEXT RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS

**By: Dan Martini**

Our next Range Safety Officer Class will be held on **Friday, November 7** from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Shotgun Range House. To get your name on the Class List, you have to be a current member of the TCSA. If you can make the Class date and want to become a TCSA Range Safety Officer, send a reply email message to [dantini@charter.net](mailto:dantini@charter.net) with a YES and include your name and TCSA Membership number and I will add your name to the RSO Class list.

## 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).

## 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 will have completed our last scheduled field skills evaluation on September 27. As expected, registration filled up within a few hours of registration opening.



Other available 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 store firearms and ammunition separately and locked up.

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



When you need to arrange for another RSO to cover one of your duty days at Rose-Iris, the **Swap process is on the website**. Please work out a swap the old school way (i.e., call or text RSOs scheduled for dates you can work) and when you find an RSO that agrees to swap, use the **"Request Swap"** function. It will send him/her an email requesting acceptance. When they log in and accept it all the appropriate parties will be notified and the calendar updated. Another option is to call or text me and I can complete the swap for you.

I know it is only October, but **Membership Renewal** is not that far away. If you renew in December, you will get access to the Duty Sign-up Calendar in January when Sue starts issuing renewed memberships. That's a good deal if you don't want to live with whatever duty days are left after everyone else signs up.

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

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**ALL MEMBERS MUST** show a current **Membership Card** to the RSO on duty upon arrival at the **Range**. Membership Cards need to be shown at **all Ranges** and **all Events** or you will be required to pay the non-member Range Use Fee. **EVERYONE must sign-in!**



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

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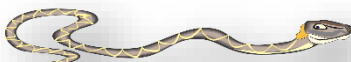


Contact **Robbie** or **Mike Ensminger** with questions or comments at [ChiefRSO@tcsa.info](mailto:ChiefRSO@tcsa.info)

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## RATTLESNAKES

Watch where you step and when you reach for things.  
Be aware of your surroundings.



## RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike Ensminger



31 guns were represented at the September ISSA Match. We will be shooting again **October 5**, probably about the time you are reading this. Shooter's meeting is at 9:15 a.m. Cash or check at the Range on the morning of the Match.

If you want us to start a squad for you ahead of time, send me a note ([mikeberta4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeberta4@gmail.com)) with names and 1 or 2 guns, so we can make sure you get to shoot together.

## COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike Ensminger

Despite several of our regulars being on their way to the nationals in Oklahoma, we had 12 shooters show up for the September Cowboy Action Match.



We will be out there again on **October 25**, shooting starts at 9 a.m.

## PRIMITIVE RANGE



By: Clint Bouslaugh

The next scheduled shoot at the Primitive Range will be held on October 18 from 9 a.m. until noon. All traditional muzzleloading firearms are welcome at the Range.

Come on out and enjoy adorning of shooting. If you are not familiar with muzzleloaders, we will be able to answer your questions.

## 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.

# SAFE SHOOTING SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

By: Dave McNeal

## SEPTEMBER REPORT

We are glad that shooters from the **Kennewick and Hanford High School Junior ROTC** detachments joined us for the September 13 **Smallbore Match** and we hope they bring more cadets with them to our future Events. The September 28 Match will be too late to make the deadline for this Newsletter, so you will have to wait in suspense until next month...

## COMING IN OCTOBER

**25-50 Yard Youth Smallbore Matches** will be **Saturday October 11** and **Sunday October 26**. Registration will run from 8:00 until 8:30 a.m. and the mandatory safety briefing will be at 8:45. Shooters aged 18 and under, accompanied by an adult, are invited to participate in Matches at the **TCSA Smallbore Competition Range**. Enter through the Shotgun Gate and take a left turn. Prospective participants who have not previously competed in the matches should contact [TCSAYouth@tcsa.info](mailto:TCSAYouth@tcsa.info) for information on the course of fire and the allowable equipment. Loaner rifles, ammunition and accessories can be made available.

**Free Shotgun Trap Sunday** will be **October 5** 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 Trap. If you plan to attend and participate in this activity, please **RSVP** to [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com).

## INTO THE FUTURE

We will continue the monthly **Free Shotgun Sunday** for as long as there is interest, and the twice-a-month **Smallbore Matches** will conclude for the year on October 26.

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 rifles that have not been part of our 25–50-yard season of matches. 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** on **November 16** as well as an **Introductory Course on using rifle slings** on **November 9**. Watch for updates on these Events as we get closer to November.

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.

**Action 2-Gun Match** on September 6 had 26 competitors with 3 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Elijah Bovensi** (overall winner); Armored: **Grant Fujimoto**; and Retro: **Koey Guilbeau**.

The **Steel Challenge Match** on September 14 had 18 guns with 8 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: RFRO: **Mike Czebotar** (overall winner); CO: **Carl Carbon**; LO: **Daniel Hughes**; LTD: **Daniel Hughes**; PCCO: **Bart Mandrist**; RFPI: **Kevin Hawman**; RFPO: **Carl Carbon**; RFRI: **Mike Czebotar**.

**Thursday Night Pistol Match** on September 18 had 13 competitors with 3 Divisions. The Division winners were: Duty: **Chris Patrick** (overall winner); CCW: **Kevin Bensema**; and Open: **Caleb Holland**.

The **USPSA Match** on September 21 had 70 competitors with 7/9 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **James Thomas** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Tyler Hecker**; Limited: **Daniel Hughes**; Limited 10: **Dwight Hughes**; Limited Optics: **Shane Hill**; PCC: **Bart Mandrist**; and Revolver: **Andrew Hall**.

## COMING UP:

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

**EWPSA** will be hosting:

**SCSA Steel Challenge Match October 12.** Gates will open at 9:00 a.m., shooters meeting at 9:30 a.m. We start shooting after the meeting. The match cost is \$15 per TCSA member and \$20 per non-member. Shooting a second gun is \$5. Refunds for cancellation are -\$2. More details on Practiscore.

**USPSA monthly Match October 19.** 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.

**Red October 2-Gun Match October 25.** 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 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.

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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[www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info)

Send your “For Sale” or “Wanted” items to  
[membership@tcsa.info](mailto:membership@tcsa.info)



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## HIGH-POWER

By: Dave Baalman

It is October, which means increased Range use for hunter sight in. If you haven't been to the High-Power Range in a while, here is a **few high points on the Rules:**

**Remember to put the bravo flag up at the highway gate and the one at the east end of the pit berm, sign in at the west container in the pits, pay your day use fee, stay on the gravel roads and parking areas, and DON'T drive on the firing point berms.**

Schedule wise for October, on the **Centerfire** side of things we have got the **Washington State Long Range Championship October 3 - 5** and **600-Yard Mid-Range October 18**. On the **Smallbore** calendar we have got a **50/100 Yard Dewar October 7**, **Vintage Smallbore October 9**, **Youth Smallbore October 11** and **October 26**, **100/200 Yard Smallbore October 12**, **50 Yard USBR Smallbore October 14**, **50 Yard ARA Smallbore October 16** and **100 Yard Mini-Palma October 28**.

Looking back at September, at the September 9 **Dewar Match**, as usual, the practice session was in mild temperatures and a very slight breeze. Once the Match started however, so did the wind (as usual). A mixture of no wind, multi directional breezes and then gusts 15-20 mph made for difficult conditions. **Ben Cook** took Match honors (397-22x) followed by **John Julian** in 2<sup>nd</sup> (394-25x) and **Tom Halecki** in 3<sup>rd</sup> (393-22x). **John** also shot high card of the Match (199-14x).

At the September 11 **Vintage Smallbore Match**, **Glen Buxton** took high honors with a 3(399-29x), with **Tom Walchuk** 2<sup>nd</sup> (397-21x) and **Tom Halecki** took 3<sup>rd</sup> (396-33x) after the handicap for scoped rifles was applied.

At the September 13 Youth Smallbore Match, we enjoyed great weather and were honored to host three new shooters. **Dylan Gray**, **Leland Sanchez** and **Stella Martinez** from **Kennewick High School Air Force JROTC** joined us for the shoot and we are expecting them back for more trigger time. Our own **Anna Winkel** now represents **Hanford High School Army JROTC** as well. The **Air Force Cadets** shot remarkably well for first timers with borrowed rifles, but Army took the day with **Anna** winning at 50 yards with 191-8x. **Izaiah Lane** won at 25 yards with 199-17x, edging **Elyse Winkel** who shot 198-12x.

At the September 16 **USBR Smallbore Match**, the wind was blowing 5 to 10 mph when we started and it was blowing when we left. Managing the wind was problematic at best and the scores reflected that. Most of the wind was coming out of the west and then moving back and forth across the Range with an occasional 360 which kept the frustration high and the scores low. **Tom Halecki** tied with **Ben Cook** with a numerical score of 466 each but the tie

breaker was **Tom's** 7 x's to **Ben's** 6 and took the Match. **Tom** also took high card of 236-4x. Congratulations **Tom**. **Tom Walchuk** came in third with a 456-5x.

For the September 18 **ARA Smallbore Match**, the weather was great and the scoring was much higher than our last month shooting in the wind. **Ben Cook** took Match win and high card (4550-28x & 2300-14x), **Mike Bunch** was 2<sup>nd</sup> (4085-15x) and **Tom Halecki** took 3<sup>rd</sup> (3850-12x).

And finally for Centerfire results, Spokane's **Dusty McQuary** took the **Washington State Service Rifle Championship** for the second year in a row and third time overall with a 765-19x. Since **Dusty** is already state distinguished, his extracted 479-11x didn't matter in the state leg and instead Oregon's **Travis Kasner** earned 6 points toward the Washington State distinguished award with a 467-15x. Sunday's wind and rain storm turned scores around, especially at 600 yards, for the **Civilian Marksmanship Program EIC Match**. Walla Walla's **Mark Tennier** took the Match and the 6 point leg with a 463-6x. **Mark** shot on the relay with the worst wind conditions, with first shots at 600 yards (in a Match with no sighters) requiring wind corrections of more than the target width. **Mark** beat 2 current and former state champions and 4 distinguished riflemen for top honors and his 600 yard score was only one point off of the top score, which was shot on a relay with half the wind. Well done Mark!



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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## UNITED WAY

Keep us in mind when the United Way campaign kicks off at work. The **Tri-Cities Shooting Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation** and is eligible for donations through United Way. We have received donations from members in the past through United Way, so we know it works. Any donations are genuinely appreciated.



# SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

Happy Halloween everyone! As weird as it is to type that, it is in fact the next "holiday". Of course that means we are steaming towards Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and the year 2026! It's all fun and games until the snow starts to fly and we're staring down the barrel of Valentines Day.

Why hit the fast forward button on the remainder of this year? To help you realize that time is moving on and it is a great time of year to come out and shoot a few rounds of Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand, 30 Yard Crossers, Trap Doubles, Continental, Skeet Doubles, etc. Not sure what all those games are? Well come out to one of the Monthly Shoots and learn all about it. Now we don't shoot all of those games each week, but we can if enough people show an interest. To be honest most of us have enough trouble with the basic games let alone getting all fancy with the exotic ones. Anyways, come out and join us one of these days, you'll probably have a good time.

Speaking of the Monthly Shoots, we managed to squeeze all three into this past month along with an attempt at a Youth 5-Stand Day. The Trap and Skeet shoots enjoyed beautiful weather with a good turnout of shooters. 5-Stand had a good turnout of shooters, but the weather went from calm and sunny to strong winds and rain and then back to calm and cloudy in the course of 3 hours. The strong winds made for some interesting target presentations and the rain reminded us that summer is going to come to an end one of these days. But, all in all it was a good month of shooting especially for the winners listed below.



## MONTHLY SHOOT WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Trap Winner: John Wilgus 90/100  
Skeet Winner: Mark Monopoli 49/50  
5-Stand Winner: Jacob Witherel (tie) 42/50  
Lindsay Nelsen (tie)

The weather and traffic challenges for the Iron Man Event proved too much of a challenge for the youth as we did not have anyone show up for the **5-Stand Youth Day**. All is not lost; we will try again this month on **October 5** for the **Youth Trap Day**.

RSVP to [president@tcsashotgun.com](mailto:president@tcsashotgun.com) if you want to join, 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? Go to the Calendar at [www.tcsashotgun.com](http://www.tcsashotgun.com) to see what's what. 97% of the information contained there is 95% correct.

October will have all (3) of the Monthly Shoots once again. All ages and abilities are welcome to join the fun. Everyone has a chance to win with the Lewis Class format we use. See the dates below:

## OCTOBER SHOOT AT RATTLESNAKE

- **October 5** **100 Bird Trap Shoot**
- **October 5** **Youth Trap Day**
- **October 12** **50 Bird Skeet Shoot**
- **October 19** **50 Bird 5-Stand Shoot**

As I mentioned last month, if you are bogarting some of those little tokens why not come out to the range and let them fulfill their destiny? It would be helpful to get some back into circulation plus shooting clay targets is fun. Win win. One quick note about tokens though, a token is good for (1) round of Trap or Skeet, which is (25) birds. Just because you have extra shells, please do not shoot extra birds. We are trying our best to not raise target prices, but as you can guess, everything is getting more expensive. Help us in reducing our target loss by only shooting the (25) birds allowed.

Big **THANK YOU** to **Don Klages** for bringing one of his tractors out to Shotgun and mowing down the weeds and some of the sagebrush on the Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand fields. Things were getting a little out of hand, but Don bravely handled the situation. Thanks to **John Wilgus, John Dyes, Mike Inglima** and **Phil Volkman** for helping out as well. Once the weeds were under control Phil and John were able to get the 5-Stand machines back in the field and set for the monthly shoot.

Also, thank you to whoever blew off the skeet field. While not the most enjoyable job, it really does make the place look sharp. Don't be afraid to help out, you may just find you enjoy it.

**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).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Friday October 3

WA State Long Range Championship

Saturday October 4

WA State Long Range Championship

Sunday October 5

ISSA Steel

100 Bird Trap Shoot

Shotgun Youth Trap Shoot Day

WA State Long Range Championship

Tuesday October 7

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

Thursday October 9

TCSA General Meeting – Richland Public Library

Vintage Smallbore Match - Rose-Iris Range

Saturday October 11

Youth Smallbore Match - Smallbore Range

Sunday October 12

SCSA Steel Challenge – Pistol Bays

100-200 Yard Rimfire Match

50-Bird Skeet Shoot

Tuesday October 14

50 Yard Benchrest – Rose-Iris

Thursday October 16

50 Yard ARA Smallbore – Rose-Iris

Saturday October 18

600-Yard Mid-Range Match

Primitive Match

Sunday October 19

50-Bird 5-Stand Shoot

USPSA Match

Saturday October 25

Cowboy Match

EWPSA Red October

Sunday October 26

Youth Smallbore Match - Smallbore Range

Tuesday October 28

100 Yard Smallbore Mini-Palma - HESA Range



## ONCE UPON A TIME



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