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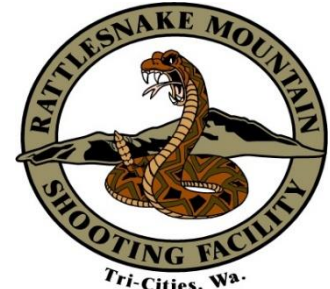
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: **Mark Verwest**

As most of you are probably aware of by now, the construction of the Benton County Sheriff's Range has started. For the duration of the project, the north side of the Rose-Iris Range including the Centerfire and Rimfire Plinking Ranges will be closed to all shooting from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

I would like to thank our secret gardener(s) that have been keeping the Flag Garden area clear of weeds. I don't know who you are but my wife and I sure appreciate it!

I would also like to thank Scott Turner for the excellent job he has been performing keeping the toilets clean. Everybody appreciates a clean bathroom. If you catch him out there working, be sure to thank him!

Also, it is that time of the year again when the Range sees an increase in use by the general public for pre-hunting season firearms sight in. I would like to remind the RSOs that this is a good time to be extra aware of safety violations. In the past we have seen a number of inexperienced shooters show up and they are sometimes in need of some extra supervision. Handling of firearms when the Range is cold and poor muzzle control are some commonly seen violations, so a little extra vigilance will be appreciated by all your fellow shooters.

NEXT AND PROBABLY LAST RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS FOR THIS YEAR

By: **Dan Martini**

The next and probably the last TCSA RSO Class for this year is scheduled for **Friday October 14**. This class will start at 8 a.m. at the Shotgun Range House and last until about 3 p.m. Classes are limited in size to 12 participants each and will be filled on a first confirmed basis. The next RSO Classes will be scheduled sometime in late spring 2023.

You will need to be a current 2020-2023 TCSA Member before your name can be added to the RSO Class list. If you are not a current member, either join at the Range or download the TCSA Membership Application form from our website at www.tcsa.info, fill it out and send the Membership form along with your \$50 Individual OR \$75 Spousal check to the address on the form.

If you can and want to attend this last RSO Class, send an e-mail message **along with your TCSA Membership number** to dantini@charter.net.

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 or 509.627.3198.

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**



Our next **Online Evaluation** will be on **September 24**. Registration for that Class is currently open on the WDFW website. This will be our last Class this calendar year. Check the WDFW website for other Classes in the area and since it is nearing fall students may have to travel farther to find a Class.

Congratulations to the fourteen students that passed our August Evaluation.

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 were 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 place or carry a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle.

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

TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
7:00 p.m.

RICHLAND LIBRARY

ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

RATTLESNAKE WARNING

Always be aware of your surroundings. Watch where you step and when you reach for things!



CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger



This is worth repeating ... It's hard to miss the earthwork that has started North of Rose-Iris for the County Law Enforcement Range. The work schedule is limited to days when the Range is not open, but RSO's should check the calendar and website before heading to the Range on off days for the next couple of months to note specific range closures.

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!



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.

~ FIRE SEASON ~

Please use Extra Caution!



ROSE-IRIS AND SMALLBORE RANGE GRANT UPDATE

By: Ron Jorgensen

Finally, we are making some real progress towards being able to begin work on our grant. Gram Northwest has begun the Cultural Resource Survey and hopes to have in completed in the next two weeks. Once the documentation for the survey is completed, the survey results will be forwarded to a few agencies for review. If there are no issues identified in the survey, we can begin development of the Smallbore Range. We will also be able to proceed with the paving of the Rose-Iris parking lot. We are hoping to complete both projects this fall, however; work may not be completed until next spring.

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike Ensminger



We had 22 guns in August and will quite possibly have already had our scheduled **September 4 Match** by the time you read this. We will be shooting again **October 2** and right through the winter unless the weather gets really bad.

Send us an email at mikeberta4@gmail.com if you want us to start a squad for you ahead of time. All we need is names and number of guns and you get to shoot with the group you choose.

Mandatory shooter's meeting is at 9:15.

COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike Ensminger

A pretty good number of our regulars were traveling so only 8 shooters showed up for the best weather we have had in a while. RP Dodge won it with Lady T as high lady for the day.



We will be out there again **September 24**, starting at 9:15.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

The August Shoot was another hot day at the Range. Just a good morning for punching holes in paper.

Our **September Shoot** will be on the **17th** from 9:00 a.m. to noon.



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

September already. Time flies while you're having fun, I guess. With the warm weather and the oddly mild winds it really is a good time to come out and shoot some clay targets. With the warehouse full, we have plenty of targets on hand.

2022 5-Stand League, "The Best Damn League at Rattlesnake" has kicked off with a bang! The first day of League featured a good course set by none other than the legendary **Phil Volkman**. There were some challenging targets, but nothing that was unhittable. Most shooters elected to score (3) rounds and everyone had scores that varied as no one was able to put together consistent results. As you are reading this, the second week of shooting has completed as well. While I was not there, word on the street is that it may have been a slightly stiffer course.

There is still plenty of time to join league and there are plenty of days left to score all (10) rounds required. With the 100 bird sporting clays shoot that is part of League you only need to score (6) rounds for regular League and then you can use your sporting score for the final (4) rounds. That is a tough way to win league though, as you won't be able to replace any of your scores.

League is held on Sunday starting at 9:00 a.m. and will go until we run out of shooters for the day. Regular League rules still apply, cold gun, no kicking and have fun out there! Come out and join the fun, regardless of your ability, you will have a good time!

Rattlesnake was once again well represented at the **2022 Idaho State Shoot** which was held at the Rock Creek Sporting Clays facility outside of Emmet, Idaho. If you have a chance to shoot at that facility it is well worth the trip. One thing to know is there is not a flat spot on the entire course, you are either shooting up, down or across the hills. **Lindsay Nelsen, Mark Monopoli, Mike Tomlinson** and **Phil Volkman** all struggled through to post some good, some bad and some downright awful scores. **Lindsay Nelsen** is the **AA Class Idaho State Champ** for Super-Sporting while **Mark Monopoli** managed to come away with the B Class Idaho State trophies in the Main Event, FITASC and True Pairs.

We are always looking for results for shooters from Rattlesnake to post in the Shotgun Report. Feel free to send me a note if you go to a shoot, do well and want the world to know it. Really you don't even have to shoot well, just let me know you went and a few interesting details and I'll take it from there! No promises if you come out looking like the hero or the villain though.

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.

Wanting to become one of the cool kid Shotgun RSOs? It's not too hard to do. Look for the next available training class scheduled by the legendary **Mr. Dan Martini** in this very Rattler Newsletter (page 1), take and pass the class, then come get certified at the Shotgun Range. It's that easy to get your very own access card to the Shotgun Range and all the shooting time you could want.

If you are a current Shotgun RSO and find yourself doing one of your duty days on a day with little to no shooters, do not fret, there is always something to do at the Shotgun Range! A couple of things that get overlooked on a regular basis are:

1. Make sure all the empty cardboard boxes are removed from the trap and skeet houses.
2. Sweep out the trap and skeet houses to remove any target chips or debris.
3. Make sure garbage cans are emptied if full.
4. If no one is shooting, we can pick up target chips off the grass areas of the fields.
5. Straighten up the tables and chairs in the range house.
6. Etc.

While we do have a cleaning service that comes out once a month, they only do cleaning inside the range house. All of the items listed above and everything else, is done by your fellow RSOs and volunteers. The more we stay on top of things, the easier it is for all of us.

As a reminder, 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.

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

We survived another Summer and are ready for the cooler weather in September and October! There are Smallbore Events on the 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th and 23rd; Mid-Range on the 17th and 27th; Service Rifle on the 24th and 25th; and Long Range on the 9th and 10th; and 50 BMG the 29th of September through the 2nd of October. To review our full 2022 schedule and associated match programs, please visit the High-Power page at: www.TCSAHighPower.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to help with the Service Rifle Championships on September 23 and 24 and the Long-Range Regional on October 13 - 16. If you are willing and available, please contact John Hauptmann at jhauptmann@gmail.com / 509.308.9230. Thank you!

The following COVID adjustments to Match Operations will carry over into our 2022 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. It is definitely fire season, so behave accordingly.



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 / b24jci@gmail.com or **John Hauptmann** High-Power Secretary at 509.308.9230 / jhauptmann@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.

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>

Carry Optics Nationals: Sept 9 - 11, Talladega, AL
***SIG Sauer Back to Back Nationals** Presented by Federal

CMP Marksmanship Park, Talladega, AL
The MasterPiece Arms **RaceGun Nationals**
Featuring Open & Limited Divisions

October 14 – 15 - 16 (Staff compete October 12 - 13)

The Blue Bullets **PCC & Production Nationals**

October 21 – 22 - 23 (Staff compete October 19 - 20)

*Updated dates and place

The USPSA Rules:

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

LOCAL NEWS: All **EWPSA Match** results can be found here (Practiscore.com): <https://bit.ly/EWPSAscores>

The **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Match** on August 14 had 20 competitors, 3 divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Brian Humann** (overall winner); Limited: **Trevor VanArsdale**; Tactical: **Don Brown**.

Shotgun Side Match on August 14 had 6 competitors. Shotgun winner: **Kelly Hill**.

The **USPSA Match** on August 21 had 50 competitors with 6/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Ryan Barnes** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Richard Ingram**; Limited: **David Blosser**; Limited 10: **Eli Pugsley**; PCC: **Scott Meredith**; Production: **Steve Wagg**.

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

EWPSA will be hosting a **Steel Challenge Match** on **September 11**. 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, shooting a second gun is +\$5 and juniors shoot for free. More details on Practiscore.

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match** on **September 18**. 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 **2-Gun 2022 Championship Match** on **October 9**. 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, shooting a second gun is +\$5 and juniors shoot for free. 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.

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 the United Way. Any donations are genuinely appreciated.



WHEN THE RANGE IS COLD
NO HANDLING OF ANY FIREARMS

WHEN THE RANGE IS HOT
HANDLING OF FIREARMS IS PERMITTED

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

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

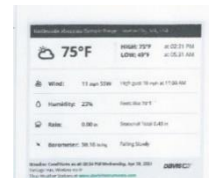
TCSA HATS are available at the **Rose-Iris Range**.
\$20.00 each (includes tax)



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