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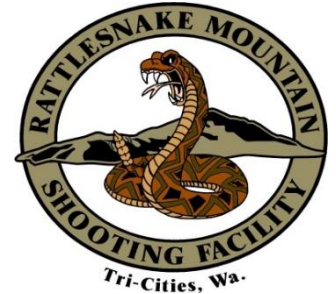
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

With September here, we can expect to see an increase in visits at the Rose-Iris Range in preparation for hunting season. A little more vigilance from the Rose-Iris RSO's will be in order watching for handling of firearms when the range is "cold" and poor muzzle control.

Due to **Extreme Fire Danger, 50 BMG is still NOT allowed** at HESA, Pistol Bays or Rose-Iris Range until further notice.

I would like to thank **Nick Hertelendy** for his generous contribution and efforts building new rifle racks at the Rose-Iris Range. He also upgraded the table tops at the HESA Range.

I would also like to thank **Chuck Nay** for keeping up on range supplies. It is a thankless but extremely important job and **Chuck** is nailing it. And also want to thank **Steve Steer** for keeping the reactive target ranges squared away. **Steve** is out there every week fixing, painting and maintaining all those targets.

Our Range is as nice as it is because of all the volunteers that make it so.

TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
6:30 p.m.

RICHLAND LIBRARY
(Conference Room A & B)

NEXT RSO TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini

Our next **Range Safety Officer Class** will be held on **Friday, October 23**. To get your name on the Class roster, you **must be a current member of the TCSA**. The Class starts at 8 a.m. at the Shotgun Range House and will last until about 2 p.m. If you want to become a TCSA RSO, send an email message to 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. I will send a reminder message a week before the Class date to those of you who respond.

ADVANTAGES OF BEING AN 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.

ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

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

SAFE SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH:

Dave McNeal – 509.366.6879

HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

By: **Randy Absolon**

Our last two **Field Skills Evaluations** for students who have completed the Online portion of the hybrid class will be on **September 5 and 26**. The **September 5** Class is already full. Registration for the **September 26th** session will open on the WDFW website on **September 11** and will likely fill up within a few hours. Check the WDFW website all available classes statewide. There is typically higher demand for classes in the fall, so expect classes to fill up rapidly and anticipate having to travel farther to get in a class.



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 (not storing them in the porta potty) 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 point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot.

If you have questions about our Hunter Education Classes, contact me at: randyabsolon@gmail.com.

“WELCOME” NEW MEMBERS

Welcome! In this Newsletter you can find the contact information for the Board Members and 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. 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



Please keep in mind that there should never be any firearm handling behind the firing line at the Rose-Iris/Hunter Ed Ranges other than simply transporting to and from the line while the line is hot.

I know we rarely worry about shooters leaving brass behind on the range, especially the reloadable kind and frankly can't picture how to collect .22 brass in gravel anyway, but shotshells really qualify as trash and should always be picked up and either discarded or taken home. We see a few on the ground at Rose-Iris now and then, but it often becomes a noticeable problem at the Pistol Bays. Please pick up your shotshells along with any other trash generated while you are shooting.

Although we do not allow open carry of handguns at Rose-Iris and Hunter Ed, concealed firearms are fine as long as they stay concealed. If a shooter wishes to shoot their concealed carry firearm, the process for controlling it is described in the RSO handbook on page 13.

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

COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike Ensminger

We had a couple of pretty small Matches in August, even though the weather was not nearly as brutal as we expected. Since there were 5 Saturdays August also include a Wild Bunch Match, which is very much like a Cowboy Shoot but with the revolvers replaced by a 1911 .45ACP.



The next **Cowboy Action Match** will be **September 26**, with the shooter's meeting at 9 a.m. Signups are at the Range on Match Day.

Scores are posted every month on Practiscore.com under Rattlesnake Gulch Rangers.

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



Our next Match will be **September 6**, with the shooter's meeting at 9:15 a.m. Sign-ups are at the Range on Match Day, starting at 8:30, cash or check only.

If you plan to shoot with a group, please send us an email ahead of time (mikeberta4@gmail.com) with names and 1 or 2 guns each. We will start a squad for you so you can be sure to keep your group together.

Scores are posted on Practiscore.com under Rattlesnake Mtn Steel Shooters.

PRIMITIVE RANGE



By: Clint Bouslaugh

The **August Shoot** was canceled due to extreme fire danger conditions. Current conditions with lower temperatures and higher humidity levels should allow for range use in September.

The **September Shoot** is scheduled for the **19th** from 9 a.m. until noon. Hope to see you there.

300-LONG GONG MATCH

By: Mark Jaeger

The August **300 Long Gong Match** was held on the 30th. Turnout was slightly stronger. The sun was out. the mirage cooperative, the wind was mostly tailing but there was enough whirling and swirling to make things interesting. **Brandon Tinker** had a tough ammo day and secured 5th. **David Downing** was 4th, **Glen Buxton** and **Scott Downing** tied for third. **Ron Icayan** was 2nd. **Mark Jaeger** managed the #1 spot.

There is no **300 Long Gong Match** in September due to other Events. **Come join the fun October 25.**

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

Contact **Robbie or Mike Ensminger** with questions or comments at
ChiefRSO@tcsa.info



SAFE SHOOTING SPORTS FOR YOUTH

By: Dave McNeal

We had six shooters for the **Youth 25/50 Match** on August 8. All competitors shot over 185; with **Drazen Brown** winning at 50 yards with 198 11X and **Tyler Casella** won at 25 yards with 197 6X. This was Tyler's first Rifle Match.

The August 23 **Youth Rimfire Sporter Match** drew three shooters, each firing their first Sporter Match. They were a competitive group. **Mack Macatangay** was high score with 491 6X. **Gabby Macatangay** scored 474 3X (her first time shooting an autoloader) and **Tyler Casella** shot 443 4X with open sights.

IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday September 12 - Youth Rimfire Sporter Match. Registration at 7:00 a.m. at the **Smallbore Competition Range**. With .22 repeater rifles. Slow-fire and rapid-fire from prone, sitting and offhand positions. 60 shots for record.

https://www.tcsahighpower.org/_files/ugd/e01b6a_6818c268db154c53b53c3ceeae708d97.pdf

Sunday September 20 - Youth Free Shotgun Sunday. Instruction and shooting start at noon at the Shotgun Range. Shooters bring a shotgun and some shells and an adult and shoot two rounds of clay pigeons. Please RSVP to president@tcsashotgun.com

Sunday September 27- Youth Smallbore 25/50 Yard Match. Registration at 7:00 a.m. at Smallbore Competition Range. Bolt action .22 rifles. Shooters select their distance. Slow-fire from a bench rest or prone position. Unlimited sighters and 20 shots for record.

https://www.tcsahighpower.org/_files/ugd/e01b6a_ef7056a0dade46f5b80f9c958fd7279b.pdf

Please let us know of additional Events that you would like to see us present to attract more youth participation. We will plan for more shooting as well as indoor activities as we move into the cooler months.

Youth 17 and under shoot for free and must be accompanied by an adult. Loaner rifles and ammunition are available for the .22 Events.

You can learn more about these Events at:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586545546901&sk=about>

If you have questions or comments about Safe Shooting Sports for Youth, email:
TCSAYOUTH@TCSA.INFO

PRS-22 MATCH

By: Scott Downing

With the Regional Finale in the books, I want to take a moment to thank all the shooters that came out for the 2026 season.

Thank you to **TCSA** and **TCSA High Power** for letting us put on these Matches at the Range. The northwest has very few ranges that host these matches. We hosted more matches than most of the other venues in the region. We couldn't have done it without your support.

Thank you to **Chris Rhnyalds** and **Jeff Davis** for all your help setting up this season.

Good luck to any of the Northwest shooters heading to the **2026 National PRS Rimfire Championships** in Tennessee.

We had 10 shooters attend the August **PRS-22 Match**. We had 9 stages with a round count of 112. Congratulations to the winner's: 1st-**Sergey**, 2nd-**Wade**, 3rd-**Chaz** and Top Senior-**Chris**.

Our upcoming **September 20 Match "FALL BRAWL"** will be inspired by the regional finale, it will be 10 stages, 105 par times and 10 shots each. If you are interested in what we do, please stop by. Hope to see you there!



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**.

HIGH-POWER

By: Dave Baalman

Welcome to September everyone! In case you haven't heard, the major fires that swept through Spokane recently caused major damage at the Spokane Rifle Club. While that one was arson that started elsewhere and spread to the range, it's a great reminder about why we are so vigilant about fire safety. Our Range is a perfect tinderbox every summer, so we have to be extra careful about staying on the roads and following the ammo rules. The couple of days we are shut down every year to maintain the fire breaks is well worth the effort.

Schedule wise for September, on the Centerfire side we've got the **Washington State Service Rifle Championship September 19** followed by a **CMP EIC Match September 20**. The next weekend is a **50 BMG Match September 25-27**.

On the Smallbore side we have got a **Vintage Smallbore September 3**, **50 Yard USBR Smallbore September 8**, **ARA Smallbore September 10**, **Youth Rimfire Match September 12**, **100/200 Yard Smallbore September 13**, **PRS 22 September 20** and a **Youth Smallbore Match September 27**.

Looking back at Match reports, at the July 28 **Mini-Palma Match**, as always, the wind came up just as the Match started. Even with the wind there was some great shooting done and close scoring. **Glen Clifford** was Match winner (449-26x) followed by **Ben Cook** (448-33x) who edged **John Julian** by a X for 2nd place.

At the August 6 **Dewar Match**, a smokey haze set over the Range just as shooters took to their benches. The sun was hardly visible as the first shots rang out. Hardly any wind and cool conditions made for pleasant shooting throughout the Match. It was a tight contest with everyone shooting over 97%. **Ben Cook** took the Match with a 400-34x with **Glen Buxton** close behind with a 400-33x for a second-place finish and closing up with third place was **Mike Bunch** with a 399-35x.

The August **Vintage Match** was a cool and smoky one. This was a no handicap match for scoped rifles. Welcome **Chris Rhynalds** for your first Vintage Match, hope to see you again. Winning the Match by a whisker is just what happened. **Mike Bunch** and **Glen Buxton** were tied with a score of 400-39x. It came down to the tie breaker dot and Mike edged Glen by about .010 of an inch on the edge of the dot, nice shooting. Mike Bunch was match and high card winner, Glen Buxton 2nd, and **Glen Clifford** was 3rd with a 400-37x center punching the tie breaker dot, and **Lisa Bunch** 4th with a 400-37X. **Tom Walchuk** used iron sights and scored a new club record of 400-34x.

The August 8 **ARA Match** was pretty good at the start but became a little tricky towards the end with some light swirling winds in all directions. **Ben Cook** continued his winning ways capturing the Match win and high card (4250-23x). **Chris Rhynalds** was 2nd (3860-15x) and **Tom Halecki** came in 3rd (3825-12x).

And finally, the August 25 **Mini-Palma** had a great turnout. Conditions were excellent with no wind to deal with. **Ben Cook** and **Tom Walchuk** took advantage of the conditions, and both shot a perfect 450. Ben was declared the winner with a higher X count of 44 out of 45, Tom took 2nd with 42 x's. **John Julian** and **Mike Bunch** both shot 449s, Mike took 3rd with a slightly higher X count of 31 to John's 29.



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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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: In USPSA, Rule **1.1.5.6** says, "In any stage or string procedure that stipulates **strong hand or weak hand use**, the **specified hand/side must be used exclusively from the point stipulated for the remainder of the stage or string**." Procedural Penalties: "Rule 10.2.8 If a course of fire stipulates shooting strong or weak hand only, a competitor will not be penalized for using the other hand (i.e. the other arm from the shoulder to the hand) to disengage an external safety, to reload or to correct a malfunction. **However**, the competitor will be issued one procedural penalty per shot fired while: 10.2.8.2 Using the other hand to support the handgun, wrist or shooting arm while firing shots.

NATIONAL NEWS: www.uspsa.org

Mark your Calendars. The dates for USPSA Nationals 2026:

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 **March 1, 2026**.

<https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/current/2026/USPSA-Competition-Rules-2026.pdf>

The USPSA Rules Change Log is located here

<https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/current/2026/Competition-Rules-Change-Log-2026.pdf>

LOCAL NEWS:

All **EWPSA Match** results can be found here

([Practiscore.com](https://practiscore.com) search EWPSA in the Results tab):

<https://rebrand.ly/EWPSAscores>

EWPSA Results:

Monthly 2-Gun Match on August 1 had 21 competitors with 4 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Josh Henden** (overall winner); Armored: **Kevin Bensema**; Limited: **Nick Habakangus** and Tactical: **Alex Summa**.

The **Steel Challenge Match** August 9 had 20 guns with 6 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: RFRO: **Mike Czebotar** (overall winner); CO: **Curt Berger**; Open: **Rafael Madrigal**; PCCO: **Mike Czebotar**; Prod: **Nick Habakangus**; RFPO: **Carl Carbon**.

USPSA Monthly Match on August 16 had 47 competitors with 9/9 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Open: **Adam Grimm**; Carry Optics: **Brandon Borrows**; Limited: **Jason Rodriguez**; Limited 10: **Dwight Hughes**; Limited Optics: **Charlie Perez**; PCC: **Mike Czebotar**; Production: **Colton Ferriole Rice**; Revolver: **Andrew Hall**; and Single Stack: **Genjuro Quale**.

DMR Championship on August 22 had 20 competitors with 3 Divisions represented. The Division winners were: Tactical: **Trey Judy** (overall winner); Limited: **Brian Humann**; and Open: **Noah Perez**.

COMING UP:

All upcoming **EWPSA Matches** and **registrations** can be found here (Practiscore.com):

<https://rebrand.ly/EWPSAmatches>

EWPSA will be hosting:

Team 2-Gun Match September 5. Both you and your teammate need to sign up independently. Please try to find a teammate, but if you cannot, sign up with the "I need a teammate" checkbox, and I will try to match you. Worst case you get me. At least one team member needs to fill out the Teammate Name field and the Team Name. A Team Name is required. There are no divisions for this Match, everyone is in Open. There is no Trooper and no Categories. Registration opens at 8:30. Shooter's meeting at 8:50 and shooting starts at 9:00 a.m. The Match is \$20 for each teammate for non-members and \$15 for TCSA members and setup/teardown staff shoots for free. Setup

starts at 7:00 a.m. Typically, 3-4 stages and 150 rounds rifle and 150 rounds pistol. Reminder that no green tip, iron core, AP, incendiary or other TCSA banned ammo is permitted. Stages will be a mix of relays, division of labor and team engagement.

Questions: Email ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com

SCSA Steel Challenge Match September 13. Gates open by 9 a.m. and a shooter's meeting at 9:30. Shooting starts after the meeting. The Match is \$20 for non-members, \$15 for TCSA members. Shooting a second gun is \$5. Withdrawal requests before Match Day will be refunded minus Stripe fees. This will be an official Steel Challenge Match, rules are at: <https://scsa.org/rules> If you are a new shooter, feel free to contact the Match Director if you have any questions.

Match Director Contact: bergercj@icloud.com

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

Night 2-Gun Match September 25. IMPORTANT: You must have 3 Matches with us and a good safety record to sign up. I will be checking Practiscore and also exercising a veto if your weapon handling scares me. Absolutely no new shooters. Instead of our regular division, we will have white light and IR divisions. Everyone in your squad will be in the same division if possible. Registration at 7:30 p.m., Then a shooter's meeting and shooting starts around 8:00 p.m. The Match is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for TCSA members and setup/teardown staff shoots for free. Setup starts 2 hours before the Match. We will have 3-4 fast stages with no or low reset. Targets will be out to 200 yards for rifle and 35 yards for pistol.

Questions? Email ewpsa.multigun@gmail.com

Check out our Inland Empire Section News at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/267093763957174/?ref=bookmarks>

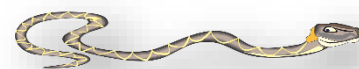
Check out local news on Facebook –

[Eastern Washington Practical Shooters Association](#)

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FIRE AND RATTLESNAKE SEASON

PLEASE USE EXTRA CAUTION!



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

And here we are in September. If you have plans to get something done before the weather changes, you better get to getting. Other than that, I have no questionable advice for you this month. Carry on.

There have been some questions coming in about the end of the token era at Shotgun. The first misconception is that you can "cash in" your tokens. This is incorrect. Shotgun will offer scheduled times for you to come out to the range and turn in your tokens and receive credit on the new shooter cards. We are not buying tokens back. The best thing for all parties involved is to come on out and put those tokens to good use shooting trap, skeet or 5-Stand! We are accepting donations of tokens to be used towards our "Learn to Shoot" days at Shotgun.

Speaking of the new card system, **Eric Bickel** made an appearance this past month during our monthly 5-Stand Shoot. While it is always good to see Eric out at the Range, it was the work it took dismantling part of the old wired 5-Stand system he installed all those years ago that made me mention him.

We began installing one of the card readers on the lower Skeet field and needed to remove the old system to make some room. It is hard to describe, but there were a lot of wires and terminal blocks installed to make that old system work and for the most part it worked really well. Anyways, a bit of a side bar there, but I wanted to thank Eric and anyone else who had a hand in coming up with that system and installing it before we ultimately remove it. One thing I won't miss though is getting stabbed by the cutoff zip ties on the wiring for the old punch button controller.

Thanks again Eric, and everyone else for all of the hard work. As far as the new system is concerned you will begin seeing pieces of it being installed either in anticipation of being used or for testing purposes as we learn it. Current timeline we are looking at is to have the new system in place and working during the month of September. As always, if you have any concerns shoot me an email to president@tcsashotgun.com.

August was a busy month for Shotgun with (6) shoots and (1) Fish Fry all in 3 weeks' time! **David Russie** kicked off the month with the first of the **PITA Registered Multiplex Trap Shoots**. These are a fun registered 150 bird shoot where you compete against several other shoots at the same time. Look for the **Multiplex Shoots** to happen on the **first Saturday of each month** for the foreseeable future.

Next up we had our regular **100 Bird Monthly Trap Shoot** on the Sunday following the Multiplex Shoot. The usual contingent of shooters showed up and it was so long ago that that is about all I can recall. I'm sure it was a good time though. **John Wilgus** returned to his winning ways and took the overall win with a score of 89/100. **Jay Judy** took second place with 87/100. **Don Klages** took the win in the second lewis class with 77/100, just besting **John Dyes** for the second second with a 76/100.

The following weekend shall forever be known as the **Skeet Extravaganza of 2026!** The **Geiger Open Registered Skeet Shoot** was bookended by two non-registered skeet shoots. On Friday we put together a non-registered **Skeet Doubles shoot**, Saturday was the **200 Bird Geiger Open** and then Sunday was our regular monthly **50 Bird Skeet Shoot** followed by a very fun **Fish Fry!** We spent a lot of hours at the Range that weekend, and it was awesome!

The Friday night **Skeet Doubles** was won by **Dawson Van Diest** with 49/50. **John Wilgus** and **Mike Tomlinson** tied for second with 45/50. **Mark Monopoli** and **John Dyes** tied for the second Lewis Class with scores of 43/50. The best way to describe this shoot? It was HOT. With the wind blowing it felt like a furnace out there. Still fun though.

Saturday saw the **Geiger Open** take place, and yes it was still HOT. Unlike the last registered shoot, Rattlesnake shooters did more winning at this one. Unfortunately, you're going to have to take my word for that as I do not have the results with me. I'm pretty sure **Dawson, Jacob Witherel** and **Andrew Gould** all shot well and did some winning. That may or may not be fake news though. What I do remember is that the food was fabulous with break-fast and lunch being served thanks to **Monica Veiga** once again. It really is worth attending just for the food.

Next up to complete the trifecta of skeet weekend was our regular **50 Bird Skeet Shoot** followed by a **Fish Fry!** Why didn't we combine all of these shoots into one? Because that's not how we roll. (21) shooters showed up on Sunday meaning we were able to do (3) Lewis Classes which makes for at least (6) winners without ties. But this is Skeet and there are almost always ties. In fact, with the aforementioned ties there were (11) winners across the (3) classes.

Starting from the top we had a 3-way tie at 49/50 between **Phil Volkman, Lindsay Nelsen** and **Gabe Hall**. Second Lewis class saw **Mark Monopoli** take the top spot with a 45/50 and then we had a 4-way tie for second at 44/50 between **John Wilgus, Mike Inglima, Matt Lynn**, and **Rob Johnson**. The third and final Lewis class also saw a tie of the 3-way kind between **Tom Walchuk, David Russie** and **Rick Poehls** with scores of 39/50. That's a lot of winners right there! Not only was the shooting fun and competitive, but we were done by 11:00 a.m.

Next up was the fish fry which was well worth the price of admission. **John Wilgus** was once again the driving force behind putting this together and providing the walleye along with **John Dyes**. We did pretty good this time around with a good variety of food for the potluck. We had guacamole, cobbles, beans, garlic bread, walleye, tater tots, chips, cookies, lasagna, asparagus and a bunch of other foods I'm probably forgetting. Thanks to **John Wilgus, John Dyes** and **Don Klages** for running the fryers in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who brought something to share and for making for a great weekend out at Shotgun!

And to top off said weekend we had our "Learn to Shoot Skeet" day for the month immediately following the fish fry. (5) brave individuals came out and shot trap on our Learn to Shoot Skeet Day. Why did we shoot trap? Not real sure, but

we did and I believe everyone had a great time at it. Thanks for everyone who came out and gave it a go.

And then there was our monthly 5-Stand Shoot on the third Sunday of the month. Once again, we had a pretty good crowd show up with (16) shooters and (4) cheer-leaders for **Mark Kimmel**. Yeah, I don't get it either. Mark is a nice guy and all, but people showing up just to watch him shoot? Maybe he paid them. I shouldn't pick on Mark as he brought out several friends to shoot with us, but then again, I pick on everyone. It was a challenging shoot in more ways than one. If memory serves, it was hot once again, I know, shocking. **Mike Tomlinson** was kind enough to set a pretty spicy menu that humbled just about everyone from the top on down.

Matt Lynn and **John Wilgus** tied for the top spot with scores of 40/50. Second place was another tie between **Jay Judy** and **Mark Monopoli** at 38/50. The second lewis class was won by **Kelly H** with a 27/50 and then there was a 4-way tie for second second between **Bart G**, **Mike Inglima**, **Jacob Witherel** and **Huck Welch** all with scores of 24/50. Apologies to Kelly and Bart for not getting your last names.

And that, as they say, was that for a very busy first 3 weeks of August. Thanks to everyone for putting things together and also for coming out to shoot with us. These shoots are a very fun time, even if we get a little owly with each other occasionally.

Of course, with the start of September, we begin all over again. Luckily, we're only doing four shoots this month. Maybe more if we get bored on a Friday or something. Keep an eye on the Shotgun Calendar for our regular and any off-the-wall shoots at www.tcsashotgun.com/calendar. Also make sure I have your email as we sometimes communicate that way as well.

Random fact of the month. Did you know that **King Detrich** made the cool Men's and Women's restroom signs that have the target pieces inlaid in them? Well now you do.

UPCOMING SHOTS AT RATTLESNAKE

September 5	PITA Multiplex Trap Shoot	8:30 a.m.
September 6	100 Bird Trap Shoot	8:45 a.m.
September 13	50 Bird Skeet Shoot	8:45 a.m.
September 20	50 Bird 5-Stand Shoot	8:45 a.m.
	Free Youth Sunday	

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RSO Scheduler for Shotgun, David Russie is your go to guy for all things RSO scheduling and PITA Multiplex Shoot. You can reach **David Russie** at roscheduler@gmail.com or at 509-979-3664 call/text.

Wow, a two pager for the Shotgun Report, that's a record! Have a great month everyone!



SHOTGUN RANGE SUMMER HOURS

Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Thursday September 3

Vintage SBR - Rose-Iris

Saturday September 5

EWPSA Team 2-Gun

Multiplex Trap Shoot

Hunter Ed Class - HESA

Sunday September 6

ISSA Steel Match

100 Bird Trap Shoot

Tuesday September 8

50 Yard SBR - Rose Iris

Thursday September 10

50 Yard ARA Smallbore - Rose Iris

TCSA General Meeting - Richland Public Library

Saturday September 12

Youth Rimfire Sporter Match

Sunday September 13

100/200 Yard SBR

50 Bird Skeet Shoot

Steel Challenge

Saturday September 19

Primitive

WA St Service Rifle & SE District Championship

Sunday September 20

EWPSA Match

HP Rifle CMP

PRS 22 - HESA Range

50-Bird 5-Stand Shoot and Free Youth Shotgun Sunday

Thursday September 24

Ladies Shooting Event

Friday September 25

50 BMG 1000 Yard

EWPSA Night 2-Gun

Saturday September 26

50 BMG 1000 Yard

Cowboy Match

Hunter Ed Class - HESA

Sunday September 27

50 BMG 1000 Yard

Youth 25/50 Yard .22 Rifle Match

Tuesday September 29

100 Yard SBR Mini Palma - HESA Range

