



The Rattler

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: **Mark Verwest**

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for all the things we enjoy and it is a time to thank those who have helped us along the way.

The TCSA is an **ALL volunteer organization** and we would not be the **best shooting facility in the Northwest** without ALL of our members who have stepped up and worked hard to get us to where we are now.

Big thanks to **all our RSOs** who run the Ranges safely and who are the TCSA representatives that the public sees when they come out to shoot.

I would like to thank the **TCSA Board** and all the **Discipline Boards** for all they do to help the Range run smoothly and efficiently.

The TCSA Board and I thank **Ron Jorgensen** for the huge amount of time and effort Ron put into the High-Power canyon road paving project. He dealt with several government entities over more than a year and managed to get the project completed despite several setbacks including the use of a bomb sniffing K9 Unit! Thanks Ron!

I want to thank **Scott Turner** for the excellent job he is doing keeping the toilets clean. It is a job that everyone appreciates being done well.

Thanks to **Mike Ensminger** and **Dan Martini** for their efforts and time training the new RSOs.

Thanks to **Sue Verwest** for all the work keeping up with the membership details and for the time and effort she puts in to publishing our Newsletter.

Thanks also to **Steve Steer** who maintains the Reactive Plinking Bays on a weekly basis.

I would also like to thank **Jim Petrilli** and **Dave McNeal** for keeping up with the unending job of Maintenance of the Range.

I would like to thank all the **Boy Scouts** and their **Sponsors** for their efforts on all the projects they have helped with at the Range.

There is not enough space to list everyone who helps but you know who you are and I want you to know that your efforts are truly appreciated by the entire TCSA Organization.

We all owe thanks to our Fore Fathers for their wisdom and resolve that established this great Country and gave us the **Constitution** and **Bill of Rights** that guarantee our liberties and freedoms that we all enjoy. Let us not forget that it is our responsibility to ensure that we maintain these rights and our liberties by adhering to the principles put forth in the Constitution and Bill of Rights.



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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 Representative – **Charles Kissler** – 783-8505

Nelson Thomas – 727-4678

Practical Pistol Representative – **Don Brown** – 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 Representative – **John Julian** – 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. Representative – **Randy Absolon** – 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** – 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 Representative – **Dave Otto** – 619-4494

“WELCOME” NEW MEMBERS



Welcome! In this Newsletter you can find the contact information for the Board Members and in the above Article 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 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**

As has been the case the last several months, we are not holding any **in-person Hunter Education Classes** through at least the end of the calendar year. Right now, I don't think anything is going to change the first part of 2021, but we will have to wait and see.



Students who are age 9 or older, can complete the entire course through the Online Process, including the field portion. Younger students will have to complete the field exercise in person when classes are again offered.

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 all brass.

Always remember to control the direction of your muzzle, be sure of your target and what lies in front of and beyond it, keep your finger off of the trigger until you are ready to shoot and never shoot at a flat hard surface or water.

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

VETERANS DAY

It is the **veteran**, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the **veteran**, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the **veteran**, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the **veteran**, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the **veteran**, not the lawyer,
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the **veteran**, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.



**FLY THE FLAG
NOVEMBER 11th
HONOR THE VETERANS**

CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger

Please do not hesitate to send me an email or call if you notice anything broken at any of the Ranges or any of the supplies running low at the Range. We try to stay ahead of it, but don't always notice when things are running low.



PISTOL BAY NOTES:

The below photo shows a badly shot up range table that was found at the 80-yard line in Bay 11. Until I get evidence to the contrary, I will assume it was shot up accidentally by an RSO paying no attention to what was located behind his/her target. All I can say is **PLEASE** be aware of whatever is located down range of your target. Whether it is a metal target stand, a popper, a table or a prop, **please remove it from harms way before shooting.**

Please leave the Range cleaner than you find it. Cardboard, paper, water bottles, ammo boxes, shot up 1x2 sticks and shotshells, are all trash and should be cleaned up when you are done shooting. Just make a stop at the Rose-Iris dumpster on your way out.



RSO INFORMATION

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

ALL MEMBERS MUST show their **CURRENT 2020/2021 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. EVERYONE must sign-in!**



Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!

RSO TRAINING CLASSES

By: Dan Martini

The last TCSA RSO Class being offered this year is full. Individuals wanting to have their names added to the **next 2021 RSO Class** list should send an email to me at dantini@charter.net. Dates for those next year Classes will be determined by this winters impact on driving conditions and range access availability.



ROs vs RSOs

Current **Range Officers (ROs)** who have not attended the new **Range Safety Officer (RSO) Class**, please consider the following benefits. You will get an updated copy of the Range Safety Officer guide, be briefed on all of the changes that have occurred at the Rose-Iris Range since you qualified as an RO, cover the new safety brief guidelines, receive introductory trauma training, discuss firearm and ammunition malfunctions and get a new Range Safety Officer badge. And the best part is that it is **FREE**. Send **Dan Martini** an e-mail message at dantini@charter.net and he will put your name on the next RSO Class list and send you information with all the details.



RSO Access Key Cards are only for opening gates. Access key cards are not to be used in place of or as a substitute for your Membership identification card.

RSOs must have their Membership Card 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.**



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.



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/templates-and-other-resources/>

NATIONAL NEWS: www.uspsa.org

Results of the **2020 USPSA Factory Gun Nationals** (<https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/120572>).

Special recognition in Carry Optics to **Rachel Harper** in placing 57th, 2nd Lady and 4th Junior; **Mark Bradley** in placing 93rd and 2nd Senior and **Larry Romaine** 180th and 13th Senior and **Jodi Humann** 196th. **Warren Harper** in Production placing 108.

Results of the **2020 Race Gun Nationals**

(<https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/121099>)

Special recognition in Open to **Mark Bradley** in 61th and 6th Senior and **Jodi Humann** 219th; **Dwight Hughes** in Limited 119th and 4th Super Senior.

The USPSA Rules

https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/2019_USPSA_Competition_Rules.pdf can be downloaded to your phone for easy access or get the **USPSA App** at <https://uspsa.org/app> for your phone.

LOCAL NEWS: EWPSA hosted their final **Fun 2-Gun in the Sun Match** for 2020 on October 11. Division winners were: Open: **Brian Humann** and Tactical: **Gerald Olson**. Complete Results at: (<https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/120340>)

The **USPSA October Match** had 35 competitors with 8/8 USPSA divisions represented. Social distancing fun was had by all! The Division winners were: Limited: **David Blosser** (Overall); Carry Optics: **Lane Plumlee**; Limited 10: **Bronwyn Bensema**; Open: **Ryan Barnes**; PCC: **Shane Hill**; Production: **Perry McBreairty** and Revolver: **Gerald Ashbeck**; Single Stack: **Brian Humann**. Complete Results at: https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/118451?q_division=0

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match** on **November 15**, limited to **40** participants is required, so sign up early. **Registration should be done on Practiscore** at <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2020-11/register>. 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.

Set-up for the Match will begin November 14 at 9:00 a.m. If you sign up as Staff, help set up and tear down, then you can 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.

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



We started the **October Match** with 49 guns and most of them finished. We plan to be out there again **November 1**. Shooting starts at 9:15. Send us a note at mikeberta4@gmail.com if you have a group you would like to shoot with and we will start a squad for you ahead of time.

COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger

13 hardy souls showed up, including 3 brand new to the game and the wind started blowing as we started shooting. It kept getting stronger, and we finally cut the Match off at only 5 stages. **We will be taking November off for Thanksgiving, but weather permitting, will be out there again the day after Christmas.**



PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

Had a great day at the Range this month. Had a new target to shoot at... a charging grizzly bear. Need to start looking for more different styles of targets to change up the shoots.

Our next scheduled shoot will be on **November 21** from 9:00 to noon. Maybe I can find some turkey targets and have a black powder shotgun shoot!



SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

What an interesting year. It seems like it went by fast, but it also seems like 2019 was 5 years ago. Chalk it up to 2020 being a year of years. Luckily things at the Shotgun Range have gone relatively smoothly during this tumultuous year. We do have a couple of housekeeping issues to go over before I go off the rails and talk about 5-Stand League, so pay attention kids there will be a quiz on Wednesday.

ALL FUN SHOTS HAVE BEEN CANCEL. No fun for anyone! Sorry for the confusion, but due to the continuing issues surrounding gatherings and the Virus it was deemed best to cancel the (2) Turkey Shoots mentioned in previous Newsletters.

2020 SHOTGUN BOARD MEETING. We will be holding the **Shotgun Board Meeting** on **November 15** at 8:30 a.m. in the Shotgun Range House. The Meeting is open to all Shotgun Members to attend.

PLEASE, NO DOGS AT THE SHOTGUN RANGE. For the time being. We have an issue with rodents and mice chewing wires and building nests. Mouse poison has been placed in all the trap and skeet houses, plus sprinkler boxes, out buildings and around the main house. Unfortunately, dogs like the bait as much as the mice do. We have already had one close call, so for now, please leave the dogs at home.



RANGE OFFICERS NEED TO SELECT 2021 DATES. 2021 Duty dates are first come, first served, so if there are dates you would like, please get them scheduled with **Chris Quinton**. Even if your schedule is completely open, go ahead and get it taken care of early.

A COUPLE MORE THINGS. The patterning board will be moving up near Trap Field #1 in the near future. The irrigation system has been winterized and the lawn has been mowed for the final time much to the dismay of **Dave Otto**. The wireless Skeet controller may still be having some issues, parts are on order and we hit it with a stick, but feel free to use the wired puller if need be.

TRAP LEAGUE 2021 NEEDS A LEADER. We are anticipating having a **Trap League** that begins in **February**. We need one of you good looking, charismatic trap shooters to take charge and return Trap League to its former glory!

Ok. The boring stuff is out of the way, so now we will move onto the one highlight of the year, **2020 5-Stand League!** Well maybe not the only highlight, but it was one heck of a fun League to be a part of! We had a hybrid League with 19 shooters, shot 12 total rounds over 8 weeks, dropped our lowest (2) scores and then travelled 2 hours to Landt Farms Sporting Clays for the

optional **Phil Volkman 5-Stand League Sporting Clays Invitational Shoot** which league shooters could use to replace their (4) lowest scores only if it improved their overall score. It sounds complicated, but it really keeps the overall results competitive until the last day.

League was fun, but the sporting clays shoot and subsequent league wrap up at the bar in Medical Lake was the icing on the cake. Apart from (3) shooters, everyone made the trip to Landt Farms and I dare say all had a good time. League consisted of new shooters all the way up to not new shooters, so if you want to have a good time while shooting join us next year!

John Wilgus was the big winner again this year with **Lindsay Nelsen** and **Larry Zalaznik** tying for second overall. League uses a Lewis class payout system so we had (3) different class winners. In addition to the cream of the crop mentioned above, **Don Witte** was first in B-Class with **Chris Quinton** taking second following a strong score in the sporting clays shoot. **Buck Taft** and **Jeremy VanderVogt**, both new league shooters, tied for the win in C-Class. Great shooting everyone!

Honorable mention for **Larry Brown** as he had the high score for the Sporting Clays Shoot with an impressive 89/100. Larry jumped (3) positions with his performance. **Dave Russie** improved the most by adding 23 birds to his league score all while shooting a pump gun and putting up with bad advice from his squad mates.

A huge thank you to **Phil Volkman** for putting together a great league again this year! And when the COVID was threatening our after-shoot bar visit, **John Wilgus** worked tirelessly to find The Fischn' Hole Saloon in Medical Lake who would allow our group in while social distancing. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in League this year!

While the weather holds out 5-Stand will be open every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. One caveat, if the weather is bad, 5-Stand may not open. We will probably be shooting skeet, so join us up there.

RSO INFORMATION

Get your 2021 Duty dates scheduled before the rush.

Please remember when you close up the skeet and trap houses at the end of each day, we need to make sure all of the machines are full to the top with targets, and that we take all of the empty boxes to the dumpster.

Thank you for volunteering your time and keeping the Shotgun Range open and running smoothly.

RSO scheduling questions? Contact Mr. Chris Quinton at roscheduler@tcsashotgun.com.

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! Don't be shy, shoot me a note at mark.monopoli@outlook.com and let me know what you think about anything at all.



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HIGH POWER

By: John Hauptmann

COVID related match restrictions and social distancing protocols will remain in place for the remainder of the year; updates and schedule revisions will be posted on the High Power web page at www.tcsahighpower.org. Outside of our scheduled Matches the Range is open for informal High-Power RSO use but please maintain social distancing and use common sense when you do so.

RANGE CLOSURES: Due to COVID protocols, our **Annual Scheduling Meeting** on November 5 has been canceled. We are currently scheduling for 2021 on line.

MATCH REVISIONS: None. The remaining Matches are posted on the High-Power web page at: <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/>.

The following adjustments to Match operations will be in place for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency:

- Social distancing will be required by all attending.
- Bring exact match fees; Match Directors will not be making change. Alternatively match fees may be waived at the Match Director's discretion.
- Registrations and scores will be taken verbally.
- Shooters MUST bring their own writing instruments.
- CDC and State guidelines will be followed when social distance cannot be maintained

HIGH-POWER RANGE OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES: We are scheduling a couple work parties this coming Spring, so please let **John Hauptmann** know if you are available and willing. No experience is required and all you need to bring are season appropriate clothes and a good attitude.

ROAD CONDITIONS: The roads remain in good shape, but please still use common sense and keep your speed down, particularly on the corners. The Canyon can get a bit slippery in the winter and upper roads soft in the spring, so be careful.

CANYON GATE COMBINATION CHANGE: The Canyon gate combo was changed last Spring. As a TCSA High-

Power RSO you were either provided the new combo when you signed up for your 2019 High-Power duty day or as part of your initial range briefing. If in doubt, contact **John Hauptmann** to get yourself squared away; Life Members with High-Power endorsement are exempt from the duty day requirement, but you still have to contact John for the new combo



HIGH-POWER RSO ENDORSEMENT: For any interested TCSA RSO, 1KYD High-Power Endorsement Training is scheduled on an as-needed basis throughout the year. **The next Class is November 7 at 8:00 a.m. we will meet at the main High-Power / Shotgun Gate, right off SR225.** 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: Contact High-Power Chairman **John Julian** at 509-308-0376 / b24jci@gmail.com or High-Power Secretary **John Hauptmann** 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: www.tcsa.info/disciplines/highpower for additional details, match highlights, photos and related links.

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TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
7:00 p.m.

Shotgun Range House

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