



# The Rattler

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I hope you have a great New Year!

With winter coming on, there could be some unexpected Range closures due to bad weather. In those cases, we will try to keep the web site updated and post notices on our Facebook page.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: George Hager

Howdy all and I hope your 2021 is off to a good start and finds you and yours well. This past year has presented many challenges for some of us, the Range underwent a prolonged closure to our members and the public. Each of the disciplines had to cancel one or more of their larger Matches/Shoots. It wasn't all bad news, we used funds we received from a **State Grant**, along with assistance from the **Benton County Park Board** and the **TCSA** general fund; the road from the Shotgun gate up to the High-Power Range was paved. This should minimize the biannual effort needed to maintain this access. Regardless of the issues, the RSO's were there with minimal interruptions to keep the Range open and all of us safe!! Thank-you!

Whether your 2020 was one to forget or was one for the record books, I hope your 2021 is even better!!

**WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By: Sue Verwest

Happy 2021! With the start of a new year comes the start of what I call "**Renewal Season**". We currently have just over 2,500 members! There are several members who have already sent in their renewals for this coming year! "Thank you" for being so prompt! This helps tremendously!

**Membership Renewal forms** can be found on our web site [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info) under the tab "Join/Renew". Membership Renewal Forms are also available at both the Rose-Iris Range and the Shotgun Range. Please feel free to print out a Membership Form or get one from the Range and send in your renewal! Your early renewal is a great way to help out TCSA!

And as always -- each year we have a firearm which is given away to one lucky winner who renews early. The firearm is a **Ruger 10/22**. You will double your chance of winning if your renewal is post marked / received by **FEBRUARY 28**. You will have a single entry if your renewal is post marked / received **during the month of MARCH**. **The drawing for the Ruger will take place at the General Membership Meeting in May.**

Those who renew early will also receive a **coupon** from **Sportsman Warehouse**. Coupons will be given away until they run out!

Adult Membership - \$50.00  
Spousal Membership - \$75.00  
Junior Members wanting a Membership Card - \$10.00  
Printed Newsletter - \$10.00

## 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](mailto:membership@tcsa.info) or 735-1662.

Check out our TCSA web site [www.tcsa.info](http://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 for months now, we are still unable to hold in person Hunter Education Classes. We are all looking forward to when classes can safely be held again.



Students who are age 9 or older can complete the entire course through the Online Process. 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 beyond it, keep your finger off of the trigger until you are ready to shoot and store firearms and ammunition separately.

If you have questions about our **Hunter Education Classes** you can contact me at [absolon@gorge.net](mailto:absolon@gorge.net)



### ROSE-IRIS RANGE

**Hours of Operation**

**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday**



### TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Shotgun Range House**



## Keep the Range Clean

Keep **your** Range clean of trash and spent cartridges. Garbage cans are available and buckets are provided for spent cartridges.



Please take a moment to clean up after yourself when you are done shooting.

# CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger

We are working on an update to the **Pistol Bay Non-Match Use Procedure** that should be issued shortly. If you have Pistol Bay access you will receive an email in the next month or so requiring review of the updated procedure to maintain your access. We want to make sure everyone gets the update, but hope to make it fairly painless, so you will be able to mail it, email it or drop it off at the Range.



## RSO INFORMATION

RSO Questions / Concerns  
Chief RSO - Mike Ensminger  
[chiefrso@tcsa.info](mailto:chiefrso@tcsa.info) or 509-521-9628

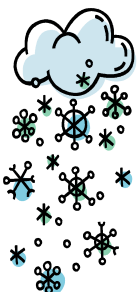
**ALL MEMBERS MUST** show their **CURRENT 2020/2021 Membership Card** to the RSO on duty upon arrival at the **Range**. Membership Cards need to be shown at **all Ranges** and **all Events** or you **will be required to pay the non-member Range Use Fee. EVERYONE must sign-in!**



**Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!**

**RSO Access Key Cards** are 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.**



Be sure to **check the road conditions** before driving out to the Range. **If at anytime we need to close the Range due to weather conditions we will try to get it posted on Facebook and the website as soon as we can.**

# RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS

By: Dan Martini

We are conducting two **RSO Classes** in January - weather permitting. The one on **January 8** - is currently full and the other on **January 15** - we still have **4 openings**. If you are able to make the **January 15** date and are a current TCSA member, send me an e-mail message with your name and membership number and I will add your name to the Class Roster. These Classes will start at 8 a.m. on Friday at the Shotgun Range House and will last until 3 p.m. My e-mail address is [Dantini@charter.net](mailto:Dantini@charter.net).



**YOU MUST BE SIGNED UP TO ATTEND THE CLASS. CONTACT DAN MARTINI TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

## 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 a RSO, you must be a **current member**, attend the **RSO Training Class** and obligate yourself to volunteer at the Range three to four times a year.

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



Write a review and share your opinion about TCSA's Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility! Let us know how we are doing. Contact **Steve Scott** with questions or comments at [Events@tcsa.info](mailto:Events@tcsa.info)

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

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

# SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

Número Uno 2021! That's Number One 2021, meaning this is the first Shotgun Report of the New Year for you slow kids in the group. Usually, I would have some encouraging words about how the new year brings new beginnings, good tidings, blah, blah, blah. In reality who the heck knows what is coming next. One thing that is not going to change is we have a top-notch facility run by a great group of volunteers.

Speaking of cool new things, the **Shotgun Range** and the **Mothership (TCSA)** have purchased a new forklift to replace the badly aging one currently in use. **Mark Wilson** and **Shawn McQuarry** are RSO's at the Shotgun Range and they both work at Mid-Columbia Forklift and were instrumental in the selection process of the new machine. I mention them because they are both great guys and if anything goes wrong, we are throwing them under the proverbial bus. Thank you to **Dave Otto** and the **TCSA Board Members** for making this happen!

**Trap League 2021?** We are getting ready to put this one to bed as no one has stepped up to run the fun and popular league. If you want more information on the perks and benefits of running **Trap League** just shoot me a note to [mark.monopoli@outlook.com](mailto:mark.monopoli@outlook.com).

The good news? We are a go for **Skeet League 2021!** **Dave Otto** will once again be in charge and it will be kicking off in May. Stay tuned for more details.

If you fancy yourself a sub-gauge shooter or if you just like a competitive shoot that doesn't take all day, **John Wilgus** is holding a **Sub-Gauge Shoot** on **March 13**.

There will be a combination of Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand to make up the 100-bird shoot. Qualifying sub-gauges are 16, 20, 28 and .410. See the shoot flier in the Shotgun Range house for more information.

With 5-Stand closed for the season, you have trap and skeet to shoot right now. I shoot skeet when I most definitely should probably shoot trap. I won't go into my hate/hate relationship with the game of skeet, but I will go into hanging out around the fire ring on the skeet field. More accurately the conversations that happen around that fire. Not *those* conversations Dave, the ones safe for sharing.

Somehow the topic of the best tasting wild game meat came up between **Dave Otto**, **John Wilgus**, **Ray Warren** and a few of us onlookers. Wilgus fires the first shot and mentions cougar as being his favorite, to which I second his opinion. Otto, not a fan of cougar gives Wilgus his best "You're an idiot" look. Then out of the blue Ray throws down the hippo card! Hippo! I can't even spell it out let alone interject anything about how it tastes, so I'm just waiting to see where we go from here.

Otto then asks "So you sat down in a restaurant in Africa and ordered hippo?" Ray then gives Dave his best "You're an idiot" look and proceeds to explain about shooting the hippo, waiting for it to float back up, hooking it to the winch line on his Land Cruiser, dragging it out of the river, paneling it out, starting a fire on the river shore and grilling part of it. Game over, Ray wins. The real kicker is it seemed like this was an everyday occurrence for Ray, I brush my teeth, Ray drops hippos. It was not a long conversation, but it was interesting, and I learned a lot. Did you know you cannot have any other large game trophies in the same room as a Cape Buffalo because it dominates the room? I missed that in the latest Martha Stewart Living magazine.

Please join me in wishing **Mike Tomlinson** a speedy recovery from his surgery this past month. Mike is a great guy, and a good friend to many of us at the Range. After many years of playing tennis together every week, we now shoot together every week and I wouldn't have it any other way. Get well buddy!

I would like to thank **Lindsay Nelsen** for coming out on Wednesday mornings to help load the trap and skeet houses. Also, I need to thank **Phil Volkman** for taking care of that thing with that guy in Arizona. Respect.

Here's to another fantastic year of shooting clays at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shotgun Facility! Thank you to everyone who takes time out of their lives to make it such a great place to shoot.

## **RSO INFORMATION**

***Get your 2021 Duty dates scheduled before the rush.***  
*Range Officers please get your Shotgun duty days scheduled for the year. It is important to get them scheduled before dates fill up.*

*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](mailto: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](http://www.tcsashotgun.com) and [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info).

Thanks for reading! Don't be shy, shoot me a note at [mark.monopoli@outlook.com](mailto:mark.monopoli@outlook.com) and let me know what you think about anything at all.



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# RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



The weather was not at all pleasant but we had a good turnout anyway for the December Shoot. We plan to shoot again **January 3**, shooter's meeting at 9:15. Send us a note if you have assembled a group you would like to shoot with and we will start a squad for you.

If the weather looks questionable, check with us at [mikeberta4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeberta4@gmail.com) or the Rattlesnake Mountain Steel Shooters Facebook page before you make the drive.

## COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger

We decided to cancel the December shoot due to freezing rain and no one seemed to mind sleeping in on the day after Christmas anyway.



If the weather cooperates, we will be shooting Cowboy **January 23** and **Wild Bunch** on the **30th**. Shooter's meeting at 9:15 in both cases.

As usual for this time of year, check the Rattlesnake Gulch Facebook page, [www.rattlesnakegulch.org](http://www.rattlesnakegulch.org) or contact us before making the drive if the weather looks iffy.

## PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

The December Shoot went well, it was a good day to be at the Range. Our next scheduled **Shoot** will be on **January 16** from 9:00 until noon.

I need all **Primitive Range RSO's** to contact me to schedule their 2021 duty days. Each RSO needs to schedule 3 duty days for 2021.



# 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](http://www.uspsa.org)

The dates for USPSA Nationals 2021, at CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park in Alabama, have been released <https://uspsa.org/nationals>

The Steel Challenge:	April 14-18
LOCAP Nationals:	May 7-9
HICAP Carry Optics/PCC:	Oct 16-18
HICAP Limited/Open:	Oct 22-24

The USPSA Rules

[https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/2019\\_USPSA\\_Competiti\\_on\\_Rules.pdf](https://uspsa.org/documents/rules/2019_USPSA_Competiti_on_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:** The USPSA **December Match** had 40 competitors with 7/8 USPSA divisions represented. Social distancing fun was had by all! The Division winners were: Open: **Scott Meredith**; Carry Optics: **Rachel Harper**; Limited: **Pa Krenz**; Limited 10: **Steven Froehlich**; PCC: **Warren Harper**; Production: **Perry McBreairy** and Single Stack: **Patrick Kelley**.

Complete Results at:

[https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/125196?q\\_division=0](https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/125196?q_division=0)

**EWPSA** will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match** on **January 17** limited to **40** participants is required, so sign up early. **Registration should be done on Practiscore** at <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-01/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 **January 16**, at 9:00 a.m. If you sign up as Staff, **help set up and tear down**, 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](https://www.facebook.com/EasternWashingtonPracticalShootersAssociation)

Any questions or comments can be directed to **Don Brown** at [dl\\_brown@charter.net](mailto:dl_brown@charter.net).

# HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

By the time you are reading this we will have kicked off our **2021 Match Season** with the **John Garand B-day Match** on **New Year's Day**. January remains a bit slow for us, but things really pick up in February with **THE Legend Long Range Fundraiser** on the **February 6**, the **Korean War Memorial RMC** on **February 13** and **14**, the **Cold Bore Challenge Precision Rifle Match** on **February 20** and **21**, a **300/500 Yard Open Any Rifle Match** on **February 27** and a **Smallbore Mini-Palma** on **February 28**. Our full **2021 Match Schedule** is posted on the High-Power web page at [www.tcsahighpower.org/](http://www.tcsahighpower.org/). The Range remains open for informal High Power RSO use, but please maintain social distancing and use common sense when you do so.

**RANGE CLOSURES:** None

**MATCH REVISIONS:** None.

The following COVID-19 adjustments to Match Operations will remain in place for the 2021 Match season:

- 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 when wet, so be careful.

**CANYON GATE COMBINATION:** As a TCSA High-Power RSO you were either provided the 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 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. It only takes an hour and allows you unrestricted access to the High-Power Range outside our scheduled Matches. The only prerequisite is that you be a current TCSA RSO. Please contact **John Hauptmann** with questions or to schedule your training.

**HIGH-POWER CONTACTS:** **John Julian** High-Power Chairman at 509-308-0376 / [b24jci@gmail.com](mailto:b24jci@gmail.com) or **John Hauptmann** High-Power Secretary at 509-308-9230 / [jlhauptmann@gmail.com](mailto:jlhauptmann@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](http://www.tcsa.info/disciplines/highpower) for additional details, match highlights, photos and related links.

## HIGH-POWER CALENDAR AND MATCH DESCRIPTIONS

By: Ron Jorgensen

The **High-Power Range Calendar of Events and Match Descriptions for 2021** have been updated. The new calendar is now available on the High-Power website, [www.tcsahighpower.org](http://www.tcsahighpower.org). The Match Descriptions are also revised and are also available on the website. The Match Descriptions provide detailed information on how the Match will be run and also include a complete listing with dates for the match being described. Take a look at the match descriptions and mark your calendars for the matches you want participate in. A new **.22 LR 50-Yard ARA Benchrest Match** hosted by **Phil Keuhlen** has been added and looks to be very challenging. First Match of the year is the **Garand Birthday Match** on **January 1**.

Changes to Matches will be posted on the entry page on the High-Power website. It is suggested that you review the website for changes or match cancellations prior to heading out to the Range. At this time, do not rely on the [www.tcsa.info](http://www.tcsa.info) General Calendar for the latest Match information.



### LIFE / ENDOWMENT / PATRON / BENEFACTOR MEMBERS

It is time to update your information with us. Please take a moment to do so. Complete a Membership Renewal form with the Personal Information filled in or email this information to **Sue Verwest** at [membership@tcsa.info](mailto:membership@tcsa.info). Thank You!

