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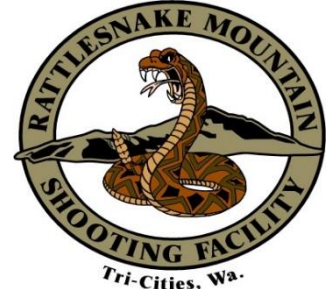
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

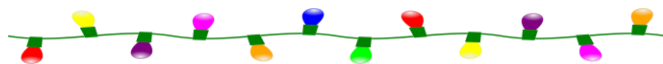
With winter approaching, there could be some weather-related Range closures and/or cancellations of Events.

If the weather gets bad, check our Web Page and Facebook page for any updated Range closures before heading out to the Range.

Be sure to check the Discipline links on our website for the most up to date discipline events and/or cancellations.

I would like to thank **Mike Ensminger** and **Ron Jorgensen** for all the help they have given me over the last couple of months. I have been out of commission and they have picked up the ball and run with it. They have also kept me up to date on all the latest developments with the Range and I really appreciate all their efforts. Thank You!

Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays !



ROSE-IRIS RANGE

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

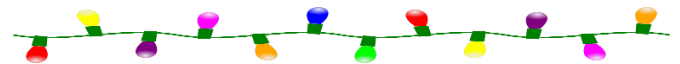
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

RENEWAL SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER

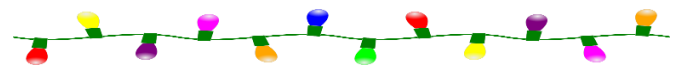
By: Sue Verwest

Renewals are already being received. The 2022 Membership Card is being designed! For those of you who have already renewed for this next coming year – your new membership card(s) **will be mailed in January**. Once again – we will have a firearm which will be given away to one lucky winner who renews early. Details will be in next month's Newsletter.

Renewal Forms can be found at the Rose-Iris Range and the Shotgun Range. They can also be printed from our website... www.tcsa.info, click the Join/Renew Tab at the top of the page and then click the link to the Membership Form.



ALL RANGES ARE
CLOSED
TO THE PUBLIC ON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1



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. – **Dave Otto** – 509-619-4494

“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 goal is still to hold a Traditional Class starting in mid-January 2022. As we get closer to that date and details are finalized, I will put updates in this column.

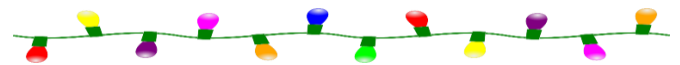
Students who are age 9 or older can complete the entire course through the Online Process. Younger students still have to complete the field exercise in person.

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 brass.

Always remember to 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 shoot at a flat hard surface or water.

I still have the two-way radio and timer that were left at the HESA Range a couple months ago. If they are yours, contact me (**identify**) and we will figure out how to get them back to you.

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

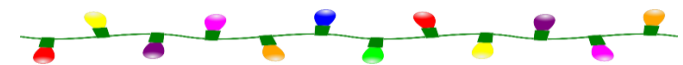


TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00 p.m.

Shotgun Range House



With the Winter months ahead of us, 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 the Website and Facebook as soon as we can.**

CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger



We held what is likely our last RSO Class for a while on November 19. Our class schedule is driven purely by demand, so if you or someone you know is interested in becoming an RSO, send an email to Dan Martini (dantini@charter.net) to get on the list. When we have enough commitments to make it worthwhile, we will schedule another Class.

3 range duty days a year for a key to the gates is a pretty good deal.

RSO INFORMATION

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

RSO TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini



Our last RSO Class for this year was conducted on November 19. To get your name on the next 2022 RSO Class list, send an e-mail message to dantini@charter.net with your name and TCSA Membership #. When we have a firm Class date setup, I will send you an e-mail message with all the details. Watch future Monthly Newsletters for the dates of next year's RSO classes.

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

ALL MEMBERS MUST show their **CURRENT 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!**



SCOUT LEADERS RECEIVE SHOOTING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

By: Ron Jorgensen

On November 20, five scout leaders from the **Blue Mountain Council** received training at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Range. The leaders developing their instructor skills that would better enable them to work with the Boy Scouts at the Range. The training was a follow-up to classroom training presented by **Dan King**, an NRA certified instructor. The Event was organized by **Sheila Graham** with **Blue Mountain Council**. **Ron Jorgensen** provided Range Safety Officer oversight for the event.



RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger

39 guns were represented at the **November Match** and the weather was better than predicted.



We plan to shoot again **December 5**, weather permitting. If the forecast looks especially bleak, please check www.rattlesnakegulch.org or the TCSA Facebook page before you make the drive to make sure we have not wimped out.

If you want us to start a squad for you ahead of time, send a note to mikeberta4@gmail.com and give us the names and number of guns each are shooting.

Shooter's meeting will be at 9:15 a.m.

COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



12 shooters were not traveling over Thanksgiving and showed up for the November Match. We **do not have a Match** scheduled for December as our regular date falls on Christmas Day.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

The December Shoot will be held on the 18th from 9:00 to noon. Come on out for our final shoot of the year and burn some powder. If you are not familiar with black powder firearms, this is a good time to come by for an introduction to a new shooting sport. We can answer any questions and let you take a few shots. Fair warning, it came get addictive.



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>

NATIONAL NEWS: www.uspsa.org

2021 USPSA HICAP Carry Optics/PCC Nationals: October 16 - 18 results

<https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/150048>

2021 USPSA HICAP Limited/Open Nationals: October 22 - 24 results <https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/150676>

Congratulations to our National Staff: **Jodi Humann, Warren Harper, Pamela Harper and Rich Nelson.** Congratulations to USPSA's newest RMs **Warren and Pam Harper!**

The USPSA Rules:

<https://uspsa.org/viewer/2021-USPSA-Competition-Rules-Sep-2021.pdf> can be downloaded for easy access or get the **USPSA App** at <https://uspsa.org/app> for your phone.

The Steel Challenge Rules <https://uspsa.org/viewer/2021-SCSA-Rulebook-March-2021.pdf> can be downloaded for easy access.

LOCAL NEWS: The **Steel Challenge November Match** had 22 guns with 8 divisions represented. The Division winners were: RFRO: **Mike Czebotar** (overall winner); RFPO: **Mike Czebotar**; PCCO: **Mark Wells**; CO: **Jon Dayton**; OSR: **Eugene Econ**; Prod: **Adam**

Ziegler; SS: **Robert Spangler**; and RFRI: **Cheryl-Lynn Young**. Complete Results at:

<https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/html/c753296b-634b-43df-8035-e7479d4ea82c>

The **USPSA** monthly **November Match** had 36 competitors with 5/8 USPSA Divisions represented. The Division winners were: PCC: **Brain Humann** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Warren Harper**; Limited: **Genjuro Quale**; Open: **Ryan Barnes**; and Production: **Randall Bauk**. Complete Results at:

https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/153645?q_division=0

COMING UP: EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match December 19**. Registration should be done on Practiscore at:

<https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-12/register>.

Gate will open at 9:00 a.m., new shooter briefing at 9:30 a.m., shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. Results will be posted on Practiscore, search EWPSA.

Mark your calendars for the EWPSA Matches next year: **USPSA matches: 3rd Sunday of every month**

Steel Challenge Matches: 2nd Sunday of March, May, July, September, November and December.

2 Gun Matches: 2nd Sunday of April, June, August and October

Check out our Inland Empire Section News at:

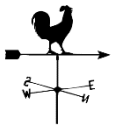
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/267093763957174/?ref=bookmarkmarks>

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.

WEATHER CONDITIONS at the Range can be found on our homepage -



Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!



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

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

SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

The final Shotgun Report of 2021, where did the time go? Lucky for all of you, I still plan on composing this high-class piece of journalism for another year. It seems like just last week I made a new folder labeled "2021" and now I am a couple weeks away from the "2022" label, crazy. One thing I seem to not be very good at is tying the Shotgun Report into upcoming holidays. Pretty sure if you go back and read it again, Thanksgiving is not mentioned one-time last month. So, **Happy Thanksgiving everyone!**

One thing that was mentioned and is tied into Thanksgiving was the November 21 **Turkey Shoot**. **Chad Ungerecht** did a great job once again putting this shoot together. The weather was darn near perfect for the 40 or so shooters who came out to enjoy the day and try their hand at winning a turkey. Trap 1 had the less experienced shooters and **Mike Tomlinson** hooting and hollering all day, while Trap 2 had the "professional" shooters having just as good a time as the upper field. Our esteemed Treasurer for the Shotgun Range, **Eric Johnson** was on hand to help collect everyone's money, and **Roberta Johnson** once again cooked up a full turkey dinner that was exceptional.

If you were there then you were witness to the shoot-off of shoot-offs between **2017 Trap League Champion Don Lint** and **2017 Skeet League Champion Chris Quinton**. These two shooters were in sync and when Don missed his bird, Chris would miss it as well, it was like a sympathy miss! Likewise, when Chris would miss his bird, Don would miraculously forget how to shoot and miss it as well. Remember these are (2) past League Champions and they were locked in a miss for miss battle of mediocrity! To be fair, they would also go on short runs of a hit for a hit, but that's not nearly as much fun to write about. How long did the shoot-off last? Well, they had to stop for ammo twice and other shooters were heckling and offering to buy them each a turkey to finally give up. In the end Chris Quinton managed to finally put Don and the rest of us watching out of our misery. Great shooting Chris! That's just one instance of the fun times you can have at these Fun & Games Shoots throughout the year.

The **Christmas Shoot** is on **December 19** and well worth the time to come out and shoot. If you can't make the Christmas Shoot, there are more to come. See below.

Christmas Shoot	December 19
Winter Shoot	January 23
Spring Fun & Games	February 27

Chad does a great job of making these shoots fun and enjoyable for shooters of all ages and abilities. Come on out and have a great time! See the fliers in the Shotgun Range house for more information.

5-Stand has been closed down for the winter. It is always a sad day when we bring in all of the machines, but as they say, absence makes the heart grow fonder. 5-Stand will open again in the spring, so keep an eye out for the date in this Newsletter or on the Shotgun Website.

The Skeet field is a little busier now that the 5-Stand faithful have moved up one field. The new wireless controller seems to be working flawlessly so we should be all good to go on that front.

With the onset of winter weather please dress accordingly when you come out to shoot. Likewise, if the weather turns particularly nasty with snow and ice on the roadways, please check www.tcsashotgun.com for Range closures before heading out.

In an effort to look towards the future.....**MERRY CHRISTMAS** and **HAPPY NEW YEAR** everyone!!! Hopefully you all resolve to shoot more next year as we have 27 pallets of targets sitting in the shop waiting to be shot.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out around the Shotgun Range again this year. Keeping the Range open and everything running smoothly takes a lot of volunteer hours. If you would like to volunteer, the easiest way to get started is by getting certified as a Range Safety Officer and serving your duty dates to learn the inner workings of the Range.

DO NOT BRING TRASH AND YARD WASTE TO THE RANGE FOR DUMPING. WE ARE NOT A DUMP SITE. YES, WE HAVE CAMERAS AND YES, WE SEE YOU.

SHOTGUN RSO INFORMATION

All RO's should have received an email from Chris Quinton concerning 2022 duty dates for the Shotgun Range. If you have not received anything from Chris please let him know.

Remember current Membership Cards need to be presented every time you sign in 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! If you have anything to share, drop me an email at mark.monopoli@outlook.com



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[@rattlesnakemountainshotgun](https://www.facebook.com/rattlesnakemountainshotgun)

HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

Our 2021 High Power season has come to an end, but we are already planning for next year. Our 2022 schedule is posted to our High Power web page at <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/>, with match specific programs soon to follow.

NEXT MATCH: The **John Garand Birthday Match** on New Year's Day. This is a modified Service Rifle Match; contact Match Director **John Julian** at 509-308-0376 or b24jci@gmail.com with questions.

The following COVID adjustments to Match Operations will remain in place for the 2022 Match season:

- Social distancing is encouraged and will be maintained to the extent possible.
- If you have been vaccinated you don't need to wear a mask outdoors on the High-Power Range; no verification of vaccination is required.
- Bring exact match fees and your own writing instruments / tablets.
- State and County guidelines will be followed.

RANGE CONDITIONS: The Range is in good shape, but please use common sense as we move into the winter season. Keep your speed down, particularly on the corners and only drive on the graveled areas. Be aware that conditions in the Canyon may differ than elsewhere on the Range. Avoid soft or muddy areas during wet conditions.



HIGH-POWER RSO ENDORSEMENT: For any interested TCSA RSO, the 1KYD High Power Endorsement Training is currently being scheduled on an as-needed basis. **Our next scheduled training is Friday, December 3rd at 1:00 p.m.** 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 or **John Hauptmann** High-Power Secretary at 509-308-9230 / 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 for additional details, match highlights, photos and related links.

Merry Christmas

SUMMARY OF THE TUESDAY SMALLBORE MATCHES

By: Gary Meerdink

The last 50/100 Yard Smallbore (Dewar) Match of 2021 was held on November 2 at the Rose-Iris Range. Ten competitors attended. There was some great shooting on display. **Joel Moberly** shot a "match clean" with 400-32 X's. Outstanding Joel!! **Phil Keuhlen** shot a 50-yard clean with 16 X's and was only three little points behind Joel with 397-29X (99.25%). **John Schneider** was one point behind Phil with 396-25X (99%). **Ben Cook** was one point behind John with 395-29X (98.75%). **Tom Halecki** was one point behind Ben with 394-23X (98.5%). Then we get to **Gary Meerdink** whose score will not be discussed in public. Oops! As you can see the point spread in the top shooters is very small. One little error and you get run over. **Bryon Christoffersen** shot his best score ever at 391-19X (97.75%). If he practices all winter, the rest of us should beware. I hope more smallbore shooters will join in 2022 for some good times.

The last 50-Yard Smallbore USBR Benchrest Match of 2021 was held on November 9 at the Rose-Iris Range. Nine shooters attended. It was a cold day and the chattering teeth and shivering bodies were abundant amongst the competitors. Match Winner **Tom Halecki** shot 240-3X (96%). An obvious champion! **Phil Keuhlen** was not far behind with 237-2X (94.8%). Phil was followed by three 232 scores (**John Schneider** 4X, **Joel Moberly** 2X and **Ben Cook** 1X.) It seemed a good time was had by all and despite the "black powder artillery" at the HESA Range and the cold weather, some good shooting was on display. Thanks to **Tex Long** for helping us keep safe and assisted with the score keeping and match administration.

HIGH-POWER WEBSITE

By: Ron Jorgensen

The **High-Power website** is currently being updated to include the activities being scheduled for 2022. The 2022 calendar has been updated and is available for you to review. The Match descriptions will be updated shortly. Check out the calendar and begin planning your schedule for next year. The High-Power website can be accessed directly at www.tcsahighpower.org or via the TCSA website at www.tcsa.info

New "For Sale" items have been posted on the web-site this past month! Check it out at www.tcsa.info