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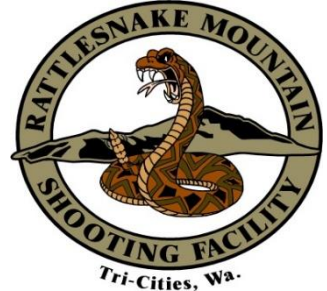
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~~ ATTENTION ALL RSO'S ~~

ALL OF THE RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN SHOOTING FACILITY RANGES WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL SHOOTING ON MARCH 8, 9 AND THE 11 FOR WEED AND PEST CONTROL.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Verwest

It is a new year and the anti-gun crowd are gearing up for all out assault on your 2nd Amendment Rights.

On the **National level** there is **HR127**. Do an internet search for this Bill to get a good idea of what is in store for gun owners. It is really easy to let your Senators and Congress Critters know how you feel about this and any other legislation. Just search "How Do I Contact Senator's and Congressmen". With a couple of clicks, you can contact all of your elected representatives and **NOW** is the time to do so.

On the State level, **SSB 5078** might interest you. It deals with a "High-Capacity Magazine Ban", you know the ones that come from the factory with any number of handguns and rifles.

Also, of note is **SSB 5038** and **HB 1283**, limiting your right to open carry in many places and events. Once again, to read the bills, it is extremely easy to locate them and to contact your elected representatives to let them know how you feel about the proposed legislation.

Stay safe and shoot more!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By: Sue Verwest

It is not too late to renew your **Membership** and still be eligible for the drawing for the **Ruger 10/22**.

RSOs: To maintain your RSO status your renewal must reach us by **MARCH 31**. Mail by **MARCH 25!**

There are limited number of **coupons** from **Sportsman Warehouse** still available.

- Adult Memberships** - \$50.00
- Spousal Memberships** - \$75.00
- Junior Members with Membership Card** - \$10.00
- Printed / Mailed Newsletter** - \$10.00
- Donations** – Always Appreciated (**100% of Donations go directly to the Range**)



TCSA PUBLIC MEETING

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11
7:00 p.m.**

SHOTGUN RANGE HOUSE

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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 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 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**



This column will look like the last several. We are still unable to hold in-person Hunter Education Classes. Hopefully, that will change sometime this summer, but that remains to be seen.

Students who are age 9 or older can still 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 the trigger until you are ready to shoot and know your zone of fire and stick to it.

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

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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/>.

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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.

CHIEF RSO REPORT

By: Mike Ensminger



PISTOL BAY RSOs NOTE: The Pistol Bays will be closed to general RSO use **April 19th through the afternoon of the 25th.**

We will be conducting a **clean-up day** at the **Pistol Bays** (and **HESA and surrounding areas**) **April 3**, starting at 10:00 a.m. Activities planned include general range clean up, tumbleweed burning, trash pick-up, prop tear down and maybe even some repair work here and there.

If you can stop by for a couple of hours and bring along gloves and any appropriate tools, we would appreciate the help.

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RSO INFORMATION

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

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ALL MEMBERS MUST show their **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!**

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Hearing and Eye protection required when shooting!

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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 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.**

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING CLASS

By: Dan Martini



We are going to be conducting two more **RSO Classes**. One will be on **Friday March 26** and the other on **Friday April 2**. If you are able to make one of those dates and are a **current TCSA member**, send me an e-mail message with your name and membership number, which class you are confident that you can attend and I will add your name to that Class Roster. Classes will be filled on a first confirmed basis. The classes start at 8 a.m. at the Shotgun Range House and will last until 3 p.m. My e-mail address is 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 or at 627-3198.

ROSE-IRIS DUTY DAY SCHEDULING FOR 2021 TO 2022

The web site calendar for scheduling duty days at Rose-Iris is currently being worked on. **Greg Spencer**, RSO Scheduler will send out an email to all Rose-Iris RSOs and let you know when it is ready for scheduling !!

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN STEEL SHOOTERS

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger



We had 48 guns competing at our **February Shoot**, showing that at least a few folks have enough ammo to keep shooting these days. We will be shooting again on **March 7**, starting at 9:15 a.m. Send us a note (mikeberta4@gmail.com) if you have a group or would like to start a squad ahead of time.

COWBOY ACTION

By: Mike and Robbie Ensminger

16 shooters came out for a beautiful day of shooting, catching the first calm day all week. Results are posted on [Practicoscore.com](https://www.practicoscore.com); search on "rattlesnake". We will be shooting 6 stages again **March 27**, shooter's meeting at 9:15 a.m.



In **April** we will be hosting the **Washington State Championship**, being held the **22nd to the 25th**. Applications are available at www.rattlesnakegulch.org.

PRIMITIVE RANGE

By: Clint Bouslaugh

Well, this month's shoot was interesting. I was able to blaze a path through the snow and fishtail up the hill to get to our shooting shack... Just to find out no one else wanted to brave the trip. Maybe the March shoot will have better weather.

Our next Shoot will be on **March 20**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Come on out and shoot about the only thing you can still get ammo for.

We are always happy to help new shooters learn how to feed and care for their muzzleloaders



HIGH-POWER

By: John Hauptmann

The snow in mid-February set us back a bit and we closed High-Power the end of the month to minimize damage to the roads. The Range opens again for informal High-Power RSO use on Monday, March 1, but please maintain social distancing and use common sense when you do so. Our full 2021 Match Schedule is posted on the High-Power web page at: <https://www.tcsahighpower.org/>.

RANGE CLOSURES: Except for the RMC on March 6, High-Power will be closed **March 4 - 7** for **Oregon National Guard Training**. **Rose-Iris, HESA** and the **Pistol Bays** will be closed on **Thursday, March 11** and **High-Power Range** will be closed **March 11, 12** and **15** as we mobilize and demobilize targets for the **Cold Bore Challenge**. Please contact **John Hauptmann** if you have questions regarding either of these closures.

MATCH REVISIONS: The **March Regional Match Course (RMC)** has been moved from **March 13** to **March 6**. The **Cold Bore Challenge** was moved to **March 13** and **14**.

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. Be aware the upper roads may still become soft if we get a good rain, so be careful.

CANYON GATE COMBINATION: As a TCSA High-Power RSO you were either provided the combo when you signed up for your 2020 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 currently being scheduled on an as needed basis. 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.

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
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, open registration is FULL, but you can get on the waitlist <https://practiscore.com/world-speed-shooting-championship-2021-presented-by-psa/register>
LOCAP Nationals: May 7 - 9, open registration started February 1, <https://clubs.practiscore.com/2021-beretta-locap-uspsa-nationals/register>
HICAP Carry Optics/PCC: October 16 - 18,
HICAP Limited/Open: October 22 - 24,

The USPSA Rules 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: Registration for the **Inland Empire Sectional Match** opened **February 1**. <https://clubs.practiscore.com/2021-inland-empire-sectional/register>

EWPSA is hosting a **USPSA Level 1 RO Class March 20 - 21**. The Class costs \$65 and includes classroom

instruction on Saturday and part 2 of the Class is in conjunction with the EWPSA Monthly Match. Registration for the Class can be done on the USPSA website <https://uspsa.org/seminars/details/263>
Payment for the Class and Match can be done on Practiscore <https://clubs.practiscore.com/events/ewpsa-ro-class/participants/create>

The **USPSA February Match** had 27 competitors with 8/8 USPSA divisions represented. Social distancing fun was had by all! The Division winners were: Open: **Ryan Barnes** (overall winner); Carry Optics: **Rachel Harper**; Limited: **Wade Meyer**; Limited 10: **Stephen Froehlich**; PCC: **Cody Caulkins**; Production: **Genjuro Quale**, Revolver: **Bill Sahlberg**, and Single Stack: **Thilo Nuebert**.

Complete Results at: https://clubs.practiscore.com/results/new/128496?q_division=0

EWPSA will be hosting a **Steel Challenge Match March 14**. 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 for TCSA members, \$20 non-TCSA members, shooting a second gun is +\$5 and Juniors shoot for free. More details on Practiscore <https://practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-03-steel-challenge-1/register>

EWPSA will be hosting their monthly **USPSA Match March 21** limited to **40** participants is required, so sign up early. **Registration should be done on Practiscore at** <https://clubs.practiscore.com/ewpsa-2021-03/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 for TCSA members, \$20 non-TCSA members, and Juniors shoot for free. More details on Practiscore.

Set-up for the Match will begin **March 20**, 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.



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

SHOTGUN REPORT

By: Mark Monopoli

In the course of one month, we have seen the entire spectrum of weather, minus triple digit heat. Somehow, we went from Fall to Spring, jumped back to Winter, then Fall again, and now it looks like we are heading back into Spring? Those February snows were a pain in the butt, luckily the Shotgun Range made it through with only minor disruptions.

The professional snow removal crew of **Phil Volkman, Eric Bickle, Mark Monopoli, John Wilgus** and our esteemed leader **Dave Otto** did a good job of clearing paths and getting most of the access road passable. In addition to three snow blowers of various size **Wilgus** brought out his Farmall tractor to help where need be. Now the snowblowers did most of the heavy lifting with clearing the paths while the Farmall did a pretty good job of clearing the road. Thank you to everyone who helped keep the Range open as much as possible. Hopefully, we are done with removing snow and moving towards watering and mowing once again. The snow did get the new trees and shrubs on Trap field 2 trimmed up though. It seems the Hanford Elk made a pitstop during that crazy weather and trimmed things back while aerating the lawn.

Coming up in just a couple of weeks we are hoping the lawn is green and there is decent weather for the **2021 Sub-Gauge Shoot on March 13**. **John Wilgus** will be hosting the **Sub-Gauge Shoot** that will combine Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand into one Event. The advantage of shooting a 410 is pretty significant in the form of (4) added birds per event for a total of (16) birds added to your overall score. If you are not quite that brave the 28ga offers (2) birds per event or (8) total birds. 20ga and 16ga are even, so no advantage other than load size there. Qualifying sub-gauges are 16, 20, 28 and .410. If you have a sub-gauge come out and shoot with us. There are load restrictions per gauge so be sure to see the official flier for details. There will be a winner for each sub gauge class this year as well as an overall winner. That's right everyone is a winner! **See the shoot flier on www.tcsashotgun.com for more information.**

Maybe you will like shooting your sub-gauge so much you will want to carry right on into **2021 Skeet League** with it. That's right, **Skeet League** is coming up quick and will begin **May 1 at 9:00 a.m.!** League will be held every Saturday during the fine month of May and **Dave Otto** will be doing the pulling and scoring! We all know Dave has the patience of a saint, but he does use a modified version of the 3 second rule for Skeet League. We call it the **Otto 6 second rule**, once you enter the station and Dave thinks you might be taking a little too long, he can pull the bird up to 3 seconds before or after you call pull. How does he know when you're going to call? If you have time to think about that, you

were too slow, and that bird is already gone. This is the way.

5-Stand is OPEN for business on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.! The ever-popular shooting game is back, and we are picking up where we left off in 2020. Never shot 5-Stand? This is a great time to come out and give it a try as the courses are setup with sub-gauges in mind which means they are pretty soft and fun for the 12-gauge shooters. Don't get me wrong, it is still challenging, just maybe not as challenging. One thing to note, if you're going to shoot be sure to get there at 9:00 a.m. or close to it. 5-Stand is only open while we have shooters, once everyone is done it gets shut down for the day.

Safety is priority one whether you are shooting trap, skeet or 5-stand. Please remember, if you see an orange cone out on any of the fields it means the field is closed until the cone is removed. If you see something, say something.

It would seem like we are off to another great year 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. Volunteers are what make our little shotgun world go round and more volunteers are always welcome. What's the best way to help out? The first step would be to become a Range Safety Officer and learn how to open and close the Range.

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.*

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! 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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