



COSSA Newsletter – March 2024

NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new year is upon us along with some new board members. Last year seemed to be a trying year for COSSA and we hope that is all behind us. Because of the proposed changes in the laws and regulations pertaining to firearms and the high inflation rate, there will be some changes coming to COSSA.

COSSA has always looked to the future to provide what the shooters need, and the direction the firearms industry is going. COSSA was developed to provide what our local shooters, hunters, and law enforcement needed and will continue to provide these aspects of the local shooting world. The running of COSSA has always been done by the control of the COSSA board. This will continue and no projects or events outside the events sanctioned by the disciplines will be allowed without the consent of the board.

However, the reputation of COSSA and what we can provide is spreading in the shooting world and we will be trying to keep up. This means that more will have to be done at COSSA Park to provide new services and to present the range as a place shooters are longing to come to. The high number of members we have and the upcoming good weather, we hope, will require that we have more personnel on duty more often than we have in the past. Therefore, the Range Host program will be started again. We will also start scheduling more projects that will require more work parties. Therefore, it is important that members check the calendar for range closures due to these work projects.

Of course, as you all probably have guessed, that means that it is going to cost COSSA more to get things done. Not only because of the inflated cost of materials but also because of the lack of volunteers willing to do the work. Over the years we have been developing range projects, it has taken years to accomplish them because of the need of funds and volunteers. We do not think this will be the method used for future projects. Certain projects may be done quickly because of the type of project and the quick approval of the board. Other projects will have to be run through the BLM for approval before they may be started.

We will be looking for input from the members on anything that they think is needed and we are not now providing.

Bill Lewis – COSSA President

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

March 14, 2024

Capt. William Bailey

Join us at 7pm on March 14th for our monthly membership meeting at the VFW Hall at 4th and Olney in Bend.

Our speaker for March is Captain William Bailey. Bailey started his career 22 years ago with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff. He was hired as a Corrections Deputy in 2000 and then as a Patrol Deputy in 2008. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2014 and Lieutenant in July of 2020. Captain Bailey currently has his Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, and Supervisory Certificates from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

During Captain Bailey's time with DCSO he has held a number of assignments. He was a Field Training Officer for both Corrections and Patrol Divisions, training newly hired Deputy Sheriff's. Captain Bailey served as both a Criminal and Street Crimes Detective, as well as being a member of the Critical Incident Team.

Captain Bailey has further filled the positions of Patrol Sergeant, Administrative Sergeant, and Public Information Officer (PIO). Captain Bailey was DCSO's first PIO in over twenty years and was responsible for developing our current social media and public information program. Captain Bailey also held the assignments of Patrol Lieutenant, City of Sisters Station Lieutenant, and Administrative Lieutenant. He has coached youth T-ball and is a member of the Opioid Crisis Response Task Force, Deschutes County's Domestic Violence Council, Core 3 Executive Council, as well as being a member of the Rotary Club of Bend.

Captain Bailey grew up on the Oregon Coast and served his country in the United States Coast Guard from 1993-1998.

ANNUAL FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET

We have tickets left for the annual FNRA dinner/auction. COSSA members pay \$90 (COSSA is covering \$10).

Contact tami@coosapark.com

HIGH DESERT FNRA

32nd ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2024

4:00 PM

River house Convention Center

3075 North Business 97

Bend, Oregon

Event Ticket Includes:

Prime Rib Dinner plus access to live
& silent auctions, raffles, games and
family fun while supporting the
SHOOTING SPORTS

*Early Bird drawing for Event Tickets
purchased by March 1, 2024.*

*Continue the legacy of
fighting for the future of
the Second Amendment.*

FEBRUARY WORK PARTY

The weather finally cooperated, and we were able to have a work party on Wednesday. The main thing we wanted to do was to clean up the shotgun area in preparation for the opening of the new MVHSTC trap fields. The construction of the fields are coming along fine. Along with the clearing of the shotgun area, COSSA ended up with a pile of firewood. The firewood is located just behind the fenced area and supplied with a splitting maul. Use whatever you need to combat the cold weather.

The volunteers attending the work party were, Eric Brown, Dennis Jones, Mike Pennavaria, Joe Dittrick, and Bill Lewis.

ANNUAL WORK PARTY GIFT CARD AWARDS

The annual work party gift card drawing was held at the Annual February meeting. The drawing went well, and we were able to give away the usual \$1000.00 to the members that had tickets in the drawing can. This year was a little different because we encountered some very generous members. One of our long-term members gave his two gift cards to the Mountain View High School Trap Club. This will help them very much in securing ammunition for their practice shoots. We also had two more members giving their gift cards back to COSSA. COSSA appreciates the gifts and the work these volunteers put in throughout the year. Without them, COSSA would not exist. Keep up the good work guys and gals.

LADY HAWKS

This month kicks off the first session of the Lady Hawks season from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday March 23rd. All woman, regardless of experience are welcome. Each month will focus on different skills, this month we will be concentrating on fundamental skills to safely and confidently shoot a pistol. We will begin with a focus on safe handling rules and range commands, before moving on to specific drills. All sessions are appropriate for beginners to more seasoned shooters. For more information check out the Lady Hawks page at <https://www.cossapark.com/lady-hawks> or email ladyhawks@cossapark.com.

GUEST SIGN IN

We are still having problems with the guest sign in. Members are not reading the sign in procedure that has been explained in the newsletter many times and the instructions are at the sign-in kiosk along with a calendar for the members to refer to if they don't know what day or year it is. Last week we had a major shortage of the proper funds for the number of guests signing in. The guest policy is a privilege that COSSA provides its members. To continue this privilege the members must follow the rules required by COSSA and the BLM. If this is not done, the privilege may be removed.

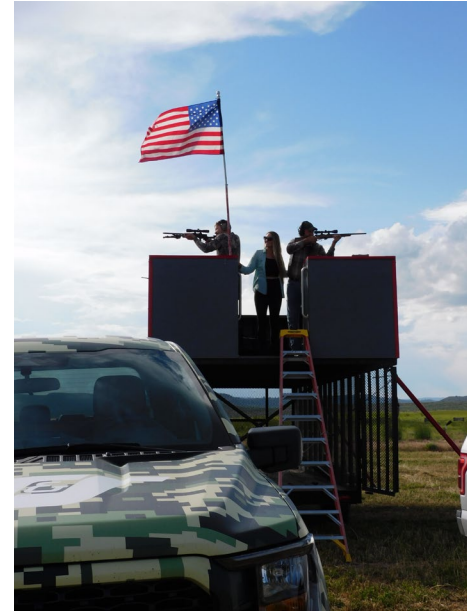
SAGE RAT SHOOT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6TH

I don't know if you remember, but, last year we had a crazy spring.

When there was opportunity between hailstorms, wind beat-downs and flash floods in April and May, reports from eastern Oregon were that sage rat activity was far less than in previous years. That, of course, was a good thing for the growers of alfalfa and orchard grass.

In 2023 we held a summer shoot and a dozen shooters turned out. The venue was Diamond A Guides' rat camp near Crane, Oregon.

We convened at 6:00 the evening before for barbecue ribs and conversation. A few people soaked in the hot tubs and then we slept in new canvas wall tents.



In the morning it was an early

breakfast and then we headed to the fields. The temperature did not get above 75 degrees and the wind held less than 10 miles per hour. The alfalfa had just been cut. Shooting was slow in the first field, but steady. We took a few hours off for a lunch break then split into two groups for the afternoon. The shooting was better in the afternoon. The longest shot with a 17HMR was something like 315 yards and that was pulled off by Mark Zornow.

This year's annual shoot is scheduled for May 6. This shoot is open to COSSA members. The cost is \$400 and includes five meals, two nights lodging (bring a sleeping bag) and one day of shooting. If you decide to join us, bring about 400 rounds for the day's shooting. For information, call Gary Lewis at 541-420-1371 or email to garylewisoutdoors@gmail.com

SUBSCRIBE TO COSSA NEWS

COSSA uses an e-mail service through our website to send mass "E-mail Blasts" to deliver important information to members. Please do not unsubscribe from these e-mails or you will miss out on critical range and membership information including range closures. If you need to subscribe, go to the 'news' tab on the website. That is also where you can access previous newsletters.

If you have something you want to submit for publication in our monthly newsletter, contact Bill Lewis at 541-480-4695 or lewis.w.l@hotmail.com, all members are welcomed to contribute!

COSSA DISCIPLINES

COSSA Practical Shooters

First Saturday of every month.

3 GUN-Third Saturday of months April thru October.

IDPA- Second Saturday of months April thru November.

Mixed Steel-Third Saturday of months November-February.

Contact: Mark Sue cps@cosspark.com

Cowboy Action: Horse Ridge Pistoleros (HRP)

First, Third & Fifth (if one) weekends of every month year- round. **Contact: John Merritt 541-848-2819 johnacm@bendbroadband.com**

Cowboy Action: Pine Mountain Posse (PMP)

Second Sunday of every month year-round.

Check our website or Facebook page for more information.

Contact: Bill Stanley 3220sunrise@gmail.com

Handgun Silhouette (HGS)

First Sunday and third Saturday of each month. Set up starts at 8:30am, Matches begin at 9 am. Cost \$5 per gun/per each 40 round course matches.

Contact: Ed Moore 602-809-1729

coprr343@gmail.com

Lady Hawks: Women's Defensive Shooting (LH)

Fourth Saturday of the month.

Contact: Abbie & Seph Wilkiemeyer

ladyhawks@cosspark.com

Central Oregon Precision Riflemen (COPR)

Long-distance high-performance rifle shoots.

Contact: Jason Simes jsimes2012@gmail.com

Great Basin Precision Rifle (GBPR)

First Saturday and Sunday of months April thru October on the Buffalo Range. These shoots are set up for the beginner and experienced shooter to know their rifle, scope, judge distance, windage, working together as a team, keeping up your skills and to have a fun and challenging shoot.

Match fee Saturday \$20.00 200 – 1,760 yards

Match fee Sunday \$15.00. If you do both days \$30.00

Targets: Steel, reactive targets, military infantry, iron maiden, IPSIC targets and more.

Ammunition: NO steel core, green tip, or military surplus.

Saturday:

Precision Rifle - 7:30 a.m. – 1,000 – 1,760 yards.

Shooting 15- 20 rounds. Rifle caliber up to .338

Lapua.

Approximately 10:00 a.m. – 200 – 900 yards.

Shooting 70 – 80 rounds. Rifle caliber up to 300

WM.

Sunday:

Semi-Auto – 9:00 a.m. – 200 – 750+ yards – 70-80 rounds.

Please Pre-Register. rj_camp@msn.com

Rod Campuzano, Match Director

Pine Mountain Riflemen (PMR)

Fourth weekend of every month April thru October

Friday 9:00 am -- Military Bolt Action, Military Breech Loading single-shot, Lever Action Rifle and “Little Q” (pistol cartridge lever or single shot fired at 300-600 yard buffalo targets). (Thursday pm the range will be open to sight-in and practice)

Saturday 8:00 am -- Buffalo match: Long Range 700 to 1000 (occasionally 1200) yards; Mid-Range 300 to 600 yards.

Sunday 8:00 am -- 22 lever or vintage Match, Quarter Bore Match, Lever Action Pistol Caliber.

Contact: Earl McKinney sandemck@netscape.net

TRADING POST

For Sale:

7 MM Remington Mag and .375 H & H Reloading dies, cartridges, bullets and brass-new and once fired. Contact Bill Lewis for a full list. lewis.w.l@hotmail.com

LaRue Tactical Sniper Target

LaRue Tactical Sniper Target for sale, \$250 with charger and a new 12 V battery. These are identical to those used at Thunder Ranch and long-range shooting schools. They cost \$2,754 new.

Specifications and details here. <https://www.larue.com/products/larue-tactical-sniper-target-tg1/>

If you have ever wondered if that was a bullet splash or a low hit into the dirt, there is no doubt with the LaRue target. It goes down! Also fun with a pistol.

Andy 541-325-6934

Browning Auto 5 Shotgun

FN serial number 324,036 was made in 1951. Barrel says Browning Arms Company, St. Louis MO. 12 ga (2 3/4 inch). * indicates full choke. 28-inch-long barrel. One owner. Moderate wear. \$100. Call Andy 541-325-6934.

Rifle Ammunition For Sale

300 WSM

5 boxes Nosler AccuBond Trophy Grade 180 gr

1 partial box with 14 rounds Nosler AccuBond Trophy Grade 180 gr

\$325.00 for all

300 WSM

3 boxes Federal Premium Trophy Bonded Tip 180 gr

1 box Federal Premium Nosler AccuBond 180 gr

1 partial box with 13 rounds Federal Premium Trophy Bonded Tip 180 gr

1 partial box with 9 rounds Federal Premium Nosler AccuBond 180 gr

\$140.00 for all

270 WSM

3 boxes Nosler Custom Accubond 140 gr

1 partial box of 15 rounds Federal Premium Accubond 140 gr

1 partial box of 15 rounds Federal Premium Nosler Partition 150 gr

1 partial box of 18 rounds Winchester Supreme XP3 150 gr

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