



COSSA Newsletter – January 2024

Board meeting 1/9/2024 @ 6pm (tentative)

New member orientation 1/11/2024 @ 5:30pm

General membership meeting 1/11/2024 @ 7pm

All meetings are held at the VFW Hall on 4th and Olney in Bend

JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER

January 11, 2024

Randy Windlinx: "It's All Homeless Infrastructure"

Join us at 7pm on January 11th for our monthly membership meeting at the VFW Hall at 4th and Olney in Bend.

Citizen-at-large Randy Windlinx will be our featured speaker. The topic is going to be "It's All Homeless Infrastructure" - a discussion of the forest encampments and the canine components that have made the forest lands dangerous from Bend to La Pine and down through Beaver Marsh to Chiloquin. Are there any answers?

Windlinx has been a Central Oregon resident since 1979. He remembers Bend since the days when most of the streets were red cinders.

Windlinx grew up fishing the High Cascade lakes, shooting on the backside of Bessie Butte and hunting birds in eastern Oregon. His favorite guns are 45 ACP in a Colt 1911, a 270 Winchester and best of all, an 870 Remington Wingmaster.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- Thanks for the memories!

Dear Fellow COSSA Members,

This is my last message to you as your humble president. It's been a great experience working for everyone at COSSA. As you know, my family is working on relocating to the Southeast US in the coming year. COSSA was one of the big reasons we moved to Oregon 20 years ago. I attended the United States Practical Shooting Association National Championships at COSSA in 2002 (I think? I'm getting old!). The range was so wonderful, the people so nice. Everything I wanted. This began the wheels in my head turning. As luck would have it, I was reaching the end of my second decade in my career and could pull the plug where I was living and could relocate to greener pastures. COSSA was the first thing I joined in Central Oregon. I want to thank

everyone at COSSA for all the great memories and good old-fashioned fun. I especially want to thank folks like Bill Lewis and Rich Fleming. These men have been the backbone of COSSA from the start. It's fun to sit at meetings and listen to them recall how everything got started and to marvel at all the hard work they've put in. COSSA is on strong ground thanks to these guys (and a lot more just like them). I also want to give a HUGE thanks to all the Board members for putting up with me.

As we move into 2024, we are on the cusp of some very exciting growth and positive change. We're working through the budget process and elections are this month. The new Board will take over in February. I hope to help out in a support role until we finalize our moving process. I hope some of the plans we've made will work out as positively as they can be. The best news is that we have some very talented folks who will continue to move COSSA forward.

Thanks for the opportunity to help be a part of COSSA. I will always be grateful for the opportunity.

-Michael Boyd
El Pres.

DECEMBER WORK PARTY

It was a cold day in December, so we decided to warm it up a little bit. There was more brush to burn and so we got to it early. The burning went well but it did not warm up the day. The new outhouse buildings were finished, and they look magnificent. We are still looking for doors and have found none yet. We will probably be buying some new doors if we do not get some donated. The finishing of the inside and the official opening of both outhouses must wait until the weather warms up so the parts can be sealed. They will be painted green to match all the other outhouses. The volunteers attending the work party were, Eric Brown, Larry Confer, Mike Pennavaria, Joe Dittrick, Ted Anderson, Mike Kutchan and Bill Lewis.

CLEANING UP THE RANGE

Eric Brown and his crew burnt 4 piles on the west side of the new Sportsman's Range, cut trees and burnt 2 piles on the Gong Range, as well as numerous piles on the Nosler Range. Thank you to Eric Brown, Mike Pennavaria, Roger Points, Ted Anderson, and Bill Littlefield for all your continuous hard work at the range!

SPORTSMAN'S RANGE

Construction on the Sportsman's Range will be starting when weather conditions allow work to begin. Construction will be at the firing line area. No ranges will be closed for the construction. The range is still closed for any activity.



FUNDING RESTORED TO SCHOOLS WITH SHOOTING PROGRAMS

As reported earlier this year, the US Department of Education cut funding to schools with hunting, archery, or sport shooting programs and courses. Bipartisan legislation, titled the Protecting Hunting Heritage and Education Act, amended the previous language to clarify that school programs "training students in archery, hunting, or other shooting sports" are eligible for federal funding. The bill passed the House of Representatives with a 424-1 vote, while its companion bill in the Senate was approved unanimously. President Biden signed the bill into law on October 6, 2023.

The voices of sportsmen and women around the country were well represented by organizations such as NRA, Safari Club International, OHA, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, and many others.

GUEST SIGN IN PROBLEMS...STILL!

There are still problems with members signing in as guests. We all must follow the rules to make things work properly. Some of the rules we must follow are from COSSA and some of the rules are from the BLM. COSSA property is still BLM property, and we must obey the rules set down by the BLM. One of the BLM rules laid down is that we give them an accurate count of the number of people who come onto COSSA property. That is why it is important for members bringing in guests to follow the rules and sign in properly. It is very easy if the rules are read and followed. There are 4 important parts to signing in, they are:

1. Each member must use a separate page to sign in guests.
2. The member must sign in with the date, time and sign in with their name and signature.
3. Each guest must sign in with their printed name and signature. The printed name must be legible to be covered by COSSA insurance.
4. The entry fee, \$10.00 for each guest, should be put into the cash envelope and the member and guest names should be put on the envelope to record that the fee has been paid. Venmo may also be used and indicated on the sign in sheet.

If this procedure is not followed, changes may be made to curtail guest entry into the COSSA range. Allowing members to bring in guests to show off what is available to COSSA members is a privilege and should be respected. If this is not possible, things may change.

Changes to the sign in kiosk may be made to make it easier for members to sign in but the sign in procedure will remain the same. Please sign in properly.

BOARD CANDIDATES DUE BY JANUARY 10TH

If you are interested in a board position, please refer to the COSSA Bylaws for details on the positions and job descriptions <https://www.cossapark.com/bylaws> and send your bio to tami@cossapark.com. Positions up for election are President, Vice President, VP2, and Secretary.

SHOTGUN AREA

The shotgun area is under construction and the construction area is closed until it is finished. The area close will be posted as closed. The patterning area and the personal thrower area can be used when there is no construction going on.

OREGON PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION EXPO

New youth and family event slated for February 3, 2024, at the Deschutes County Expo Center

By: Gary Lewis

We all have to start somewhere, and the Oregon Hunters Association and the Bend chapter have started a new program to welcome the whole family to hunting, shooting, fishing, glamping, back country camping and a lot more.

It's called the Oregon Partners in Conservation Expo, and it is slated for Saturday, February 3, 2024, at the Deschutes County Expo Center in Redmond, Oregon.

Take a map of the state and try to find Redmond. It's easy, just stab your finger right down in the middle of the map. That's where Redmond is. It could not be more centrally located, to give every Oregonian a chance to drive north, south, east and west on Highway 97 or Highway 126 to get there. But the event is open to people from other places too, Washingtonians are welcome and so are (gasp) Californians. For those who find it too far of a drive, there is an airport only a couple of miles from the venue.

This Free & Open To The Public event is all about bringing the outdoors inside on a Saturday in February where over 40 organizations will be gathered in one location providing interactive, family-friendly exhibits to explain and show boys and girls, mothers and fathers and significant others and grandma and grandpa what they do and how youngsters and their associated oldsters can get started, get back into it, get more involved in small game hunting, big game hunting, target shooting disciplines, rock hounding, hiking, crabbing, clamming, scuba diving, freshwater and saltwater fishing and kayaking. Expect the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the US Fish & Wildlife Service, the US Forest Service and Oregon Department of Forestry to be represented, with information on access, habitat restoration and careers in the outdoors.

The Partners in Conservation Expo is a collaboration of outdoors enthusiast groups seeking to reach families with the message that the outdoor lifestyle helps start young people on a path that leads to healthy living and healthy choices.

At the Oregon Partners in Conservation Expo, the Bend Chapter of OHA will have information on ways to get involved by taking Hunter Education classes, participating in the Youth & Family Day (which takes place in June) and the Youth Pheasant Hunt (which takes place in November).

For more information, contact JR Lorimor at 541-420-2741 or email to jr.tra19@gmail.com

This event is FREE & open to the public. Go ahead, start a tradition.

Gary Lewis is an award-winning outdoor writer and television host. Contact Lewis at garylewisoutdoors.com

NRL HUNTER GAMES

With the year coming to a close and hunting seasons ending some of you are probably still having nightmares of the Booner you missed. What did you do wrong? Poor marksmanship fundamentals? Unstable position? Mis-ranged your target?

There are a few stigmas that plague rifle hunters:

- 1: Shooting your grandpas 70-year-old \$25 Sears and Roebuck rifle.
- 2: Rifle sits in the safe until the week before the season opener.
3. Printing a 3 round 6" group at a paper plate at 100 yards and calling it good enough.
4. Buy a \$7,000 custom .338 Lapua and think you can ethically shoot an animal at 1,500 yards with no training.
5. Shooting whatever random box ammo that's available at Sportsman's Warehouse.

Here's the thing, if you want to harvest big game with a rifle at distance it takes practice. It's time to introduce NRL Hunter into your life.

National Rifle League (NRL) Hunter is a long-range shooting competition that tests hunters' ability to find, range and engage animal shaped targets on the clock at distances of 250y - 1,000y. All targets are natural steel or animal colored, and all shooting positions are what you could find on a hunt- fallen trees, boulders, prone etc.



This shooting discipline replicates hunting scenarios in a controlled environment. Bring your hunting setup (.30 cal max rifle, pack, tripod, binos, rangefinder, extra ammo, rear bag) and put it to the test. Throughout the matches you may find that you had your tripod and other gear stowed in your pack in a configuration that caused sub-optimal deployment techniques. As a solo shooter you have 4 minutes to complete each stage. As a team (2 shooters) you have 6 minutes. Time and gear management is key to performing well at matches but also dropping that 32" Muley before it crosses over the ridge and gives you nightmares for the next 11 months.

The NRL Hunter Games 1-day matches are hosted on the second Sunday of most months at the Cannon Range on the west end of COSSA. You don't need to burn up your 300 RUM barrel to participate, most shooters use a 6.5 Creedmoor. You can run a 6 Creed, .223 or whoever your heart desires as long as it's a max of .30 cal projectile. These 1-day matches are focused on improving shooting/hunting techniques through friendly competition and figuring out what you need to fix on your hunting load out. You may find a certain type of ammo shoots better than others. Maybe your binoculars are limiting your ability to identify targets. Or maybe the barrel on that old .270 is burned up and it's time for a new precision cut barrel. Think about your groups at 100 yards. A 5" group at 100 yards is going to keep you in the vitals, but that group opens up to at least 25" at

only 500 yards and 50" at 1,000 yards thanks to shot-group dispersion. Fine tuning your entire hunting setup on the off season will yield optimal results when it's time to ground check next year's wall hanger.



You got points saved up and have thousands of dollars' worth of hunting gear. Don't wait until September of next year to pull your hunting rifle out and go afield just to miss a 360-class bull at 300 yards because you weren't dialed in properly. Start training now and be an ethical hunter making a well-placed shot from a stable position.

For those of you who regularly compete in NRL Hunter, Hunter Games points are accumulative throughout the year. So, if you shoot ten matches and get 50% on each match, you have 500 points. There are 15 Grand Slam Spots available for the top Hunter Games competitors.

For the full set of rules on the NRL Hunter matches visit <https://nrlhunter.org/> For registration

and upcoming matches visit https://practiscore.com/clubs/cossa_great_basin_precision_riflemen and the COSSA Calendar.

See you out there!

Dane K. Lentz

Great Basin Precision Rifle

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TRASH

Members create a lot of trash, and it is beginning to cause a problem with disposal. We have two trailers dedicated to trash. The large black trailer is for garbage type trash. No wood or cardboard should be put in that trailer. All trash should be in garbage bags. Garbage bags can be found in the rear of the lunch trailer. Cardboard should be flattened out and put in the white horse trailer. This can be recycled. Nothing but flat cardboard should be put in that trailer. Any wood should be taken to the burn area behind bay 3 with access through bay 2. Members can help keep the range looking nice by following these rules and picking up any loose paper flying around the range. If a trash barrel at a range is full, it can be disposed of in the black trailer and a black garbage bag put into the trash can. This is your range, let's keep it looking nice and help where you can.

LUNCH TRAILER STAIRS

The stairs on the lunch trailer need to be replaced. Looking for volunteers to do the job. COSSA will reimburse for any expenses and volunteers will get work credit for the time. Contact Bill Lewis at 541-480-4695 or lewis.w.l@hotmail.com

MAIN ENTRY GATE

The west entry gate is about 7 years old and has been giving us a bad time and not working properly. We have contracted with Mike's Fencing for a new operating system for the gate. This system is a more industrial type of system and should not give us the problems that the old gate has. When Mike's Fencing is ready to install the system, the range will be closed. It will be set up for a Monday and Tuesday when the range is used the least. A notice of the closure days will be put on the COSSA website, and an E-mail will be sent out to all members.

NEW OUTHOUSES

Eric Brown and his crew are at it again! The new outhouses are built, they are just waiting on doors and warm weather to finish them.

- 2 x 4 Pressure Treated Sill Plate donated by Eric Brown
- Metal roofing donated by Bend Chapter Oregon Hunters Association.

Thank you to Eric Brown, Bill Littlefield, Ted Anderson and Michael Pennavaria!

L to R: Bill, Ted, Mike and Eric



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!

Advertising spots can be purchased for \$50/year! Submit your business card to tami@cossapark.com, it's a great deal.

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@cossapark.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@cossapark.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" which is pistol cartridge lever or single shot fired at 300 to 600 yard buffalo targets.

(Thursday pm after set-up 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

Primers for sale

2,400 CCI #350 Large Pistol Primers (Magnum)

2,000 Remington #2 ½ Large Pistol Primers

\$.08 each or \$8.00 per 100.

Contact Jules at 541-382-9422 & leave message, or email jjwetzl@bendbroadband.com

LaRue Tactical Sniper Target

LaRue Tactical Sniper Target for sale, \$1,250 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. \$600.

Call Andy 541-325-6934.

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