



COSSA Newsletter – February 2024

COSSA ELECTIONS

And the winners are...

President: Bill Lewis

VP2: Ryell Masood

Secretary: Rich Fleming

Thank you for voting! It was the biggest turnout in COSSA history.

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER

February 8, 2024

Sev Anderson: "Situational Awareness"

Anderson makes his home in Central Oregon, but he has lived in a number of countries in Latin America and Asia during times of social unrest, both as a child and in his career with the Treasury Department. "Don't stay in a hotel in a cul-de-sac," Anderson advises, "and make sure you always know three ways to exit a building, including actually walking the emergency escapes. Does it lead to a street outside? The hotel courtyard? That knowledge can be your ticket to safety."

In this presentation, Anderson shared a couple of his own experiences while overseas and gave us some advice on how to be prepared while abroad, especially in places where things can go sideways rather quickly. Know the things you can do to ensure you don't get caught in a bad situation and learn how to practice situational awareness and best habits to enhance your decision making if you do.

Coming up next month – March 14, 2024

Cheryl Csiky: "Human trafficking in our own backyard!"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my last message as your humble president. Thanks to everyone for the help and support. We have gone through a lot of growth and changes in the last few years. It has been an honor.

By now we have concluded elections and know who the new Board will be. Most are very familiar faces. It is my sincere hope that some of you, dear members, will investigate joining the leadership team at COSSA. The first step is to attend a Board meeting. These are held the Monday before our General Meeting each month (reminder: Our General Meetings are held the **Second Thursday** of each month, so the exact placement of the Board Meetings shifts a little to adjust for the calendar). Please give one of these meetings a try. Every COSSA member is welcome.

I would also like to remind everyone that COSSA is fundamentally a volunteer organization. This means that everyone needs to pitch in from time to time. We are looking at the best ways to fund support for the range, but if we pay folks to do everything, we either go broke, or substantially raise our dues. I think the solution lies somewhere in the middle. Many clubs require a certain number of volunteer hours per year from every member. Think about this option and give the Board some feedback. You can reach me, or the new COSSA President at president@coSSAPark.com.

I hope to see all of you at the range. Take care and God bless.

-Michael Boyd
El Pres.

JANUARY WORK PARTY

The work party went well despite the wind blowing at 20 MPH plus. That was nothing, we had a wind gust at about 2 AM of 52 MPH. I hope none of our members were bothered by it. We did some sign repair because the wind was knocking down the signs but that is to be expected in the high desert. The usual pick up of garbage and the supplying of toilet paper was done. We don't forget the important things. The range was checked out to see what damage we received from the high winds and found very little. Our structures seem to be very well built. The volunteers attending the work party were, Ed Moore, Eric Brown, Dennis Jones, Mike Pennavaria, Joe Dittrick, Ted Anderson, Mike Kutchan and Bill Lewis.

SHOTGUN RANGE

The rebuilding of the shotgun area is continuing. The main area where the trap fields will be built remains close. However, the Patterning shed is still usable and the new personal trap throwing pad is completed. The entire Shotgun Area is closed when they are working on the fields. Please be patient, it will be wonderful.

GUEST SIGN IN

We are still having guest sign in problems. Very few of our members sign in properly. We have discussed this many times and it still is not done properly. The BLM requires COSSA to report the number of people using the facilities and this is why it is important. Also, if a person does not sign in properly and legibly, they are not

covered by the COSSA insurance. The member bringing in guests must sign in properly and then the guests must sign in. When this is done properly, it becomes a legal document, but only when the member and the guests sign in properly. If they do not sign in as the directions state, they are not covered by COSSA insurance for any future problems.

The method of signing in at the guest kiosk has been changed. There seems to be a problem with the cover that protects the sign-in sheets. The cover was constructed so that it would not stay open, and this was to make sure the sign-in sheets did not get exposed to the elements, rain and wind. This also seemed to cause a problem so that has been changed. A drawer has been installed that must be pulled out to expose the sign-in sheets. The drawer should fully close with a slight push. We will see how this will help.

The sign-in procedure has not changed and must be adhered to. **READ THE DIRECTIONS.** This is a privilege that COSSA provides, its members want to keep this privilege, obey the rules.

OREGON PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION EXPO

COSSA had two tables set up by Ed Moore, Dan Bilyeu and Bill Lewis. The show was lightly attended but the COSSA volunteers that manned the tables were Dan Bilyeu, Mike Pennavaria, Joe Dittrick and Bill Lewis. Other COSSA members attended the show, so COSSA was well represented. This is the first event where we handed out our new range brochure. The comments we received were all favorable and both members and non-members were able to see what we have right away. We wish to thank Eric Anderson for putting it together.



GATE OPERATOR

A new gate operator has been installed. We hope that will prevent further gate opening problems. However, if the gate does give us problems, please let Bill Lewis know, 541-480-4695 or lewis.w.l@hotmail.com

NEW OUTHOUSES-DONATION RECEIVED!

As the weather warms up, we will be working on the two new outhouses to get them into operation. We have been looking for 2 doors for the outhouses and one of our members just donated both of them! He wants to remain anonymous, and we will respect his wishes, but we will also give him a great round of thanks for his donation. THANK YOU!

SNEAK PEAK – NEW RIFLES FOR 2024

From light, camo-stocked mountain rifles to "black rifle" lever actions - here's a quick look at the new guns for the New Year. By Gary Lewis

The fourth week of January is when the industry gathers in Las Vegas to see, feel and handle new products from the gun and ammunition makers from around the world. Lips were tight in December, but we put our ears to the boardroom doors and sniffed around enough to get an idea what's coming. Here is an up-to-the-minute look at the new guns you might want to get your hands on in 2024.

RIFLES

51FIFTY Evolve-15 APEX



51Fifty began by making themed and one-off "crazy" rifles with a standing policy that no theme will ever be repeated. The Evolve-15 APEX can be purposed for ranch defense, predator hunting or the whitetail fields. Take a look at their list of calibers: 223 Wylde, 300 BLK, 7.62x39, 6.5 Grendel, 6.8 SPC II, 350 Legend, 6mm ARC. Then choose a barrel length: 16-, 18- or 20-inch barrel and you start to get the idea.

Eight color options range from basic black to bad ass berry. Made in America and the prices start at seventeen-seventy-six. Starts at \$1,776 51fiftyrifles.com

Bergara Competition Rifle 6 GT

== COMP RIFLE ==



Competition-ready out of the box with the addition of your customer's choice of optic, of course, the Bergara Competition Rifle is chambered for the 6GT in 2024, completing a trio of offerings that include 6.5 Creedmoor and 6mm Creedmoor. The 6 GT was trotted out to compete with the 6 Dasher, solving feed issues and adding a

smidge higher velocity. The promise of the 6 GT is efficiency, mild recoil with the ability to see trace and impacts and get back on target quicker. This rifle is barreled with a stainless steel No. 7 taper polished in clear Cerakote and stocked in an MPA BA chassis with a vertical grip and thumb shelf. The trigger is a TriggerTech SPECIAL. The Arca Swiss rail has a screw hole from camera tripod adapter. The Swiss rail allows for sliding the gun back and forth. Use a Picatinny bipod for ease in mounting and adjusting.
MSRP \$2,750 <https://www.bergara.online/us/rifles/premier/competition-rifle/>

CVA Cascade XT 7mm PRC



When we think CVA, we think muzzleloaders, but not necessarily anymore. When parent company BPI Outdoors began producing Bergara rifles, CVA built into the centerfire market with the CVA Cascade XT. New-for-'24, the CVA Cascade XT will be chambered in the 7mm PRC. Weighing in at 7.15 pounds, the rifle comes with a 24-inch No. 5 taper fluted barrel, a 1:8 twist for this caliber, finished in graphite black Cerakote and RealTree Hillside camo. Rifle ships with a muzzle brake which can be removed to reveal 5/8x24 thread.
MSRP \$825.99 Bpioutdoors.com/cva/home

CZ 600 American

An American style-controlled feed bolt-action with Turkish walnut wood and a fleur-de-lis on the grip, the new CZ 600 American will look right at home in the deer and elk woods and feel right to your customer as he swings it to his cheek. Features include a cold hammer-forged barrel, single-stage user-adjustable trigger, noiseless vertical safety, controlled feed, guaranteed sub-MOA accuracy and Remington Model 700-type scope mount interface. Available in calibers from 223 Remington all the way up to 300 Win Mag.
MSRP \$849 American (\$1,499 high grade walnut) Cz-usa.com

Henry Lever Action X 360 Buckhammer

Henry and Remington teamed up to create this straight-up answer to the requirement for straight wall cartridges for the deer and bear woods. While this gun was a mid-year 2023 release from Henry, a lot of the shooting public has yet to see one on the rack. The 360 Buckhammer enters a competitive field that includes the 44 Rem Mag, 357 Mag, 454 Casull, 45-70 Govt. and many more, but it is the 350 and the 400 Legend that the 360 Buckhammer is most likely to be compared to. The 360 Buckhammer is optimized for extended range, high energy and flat trajectory. This Henry wears a black synthetic stock with M-Lok and Picatinny, 5/8x24 threads and fiber optic sights.
MSRP \$1,091 Henryusa.com

Marlin Model 336 Dark Series 30-30

A modern look for the classic rifle. At the heart of this latest offering in the Dark Series line is the tried and true 336 action made for America's favorite deer caliber - the 30-30. A nylon-reinforced polymer stock comes with M-Lok attachment slots for mounting of accessories, recoil pad and cheek riser. An anodized aluminum handguard is also slotted for attachments. The barrel is threaded for a factory muzzle brake allowing easy removal for other barrel accessories. Sights are fiber optic front and tritium ring. Picatinny rail provides generous mounting surface for optics.
MSRP: To be determined marlinfirearms.com/s/leverAction-DarkSeries/

Mossberg Patriot Walnut 400 Legend

A lot of people like a detachable box magazine and that will catch some customers' eyes. Chambered for the 400 Legend, this latest offering from Mossberg boasts a 20-inch barrel, threaded for a suppressor or compensator. The bolt is spiral-fluted and the bolt handle is knurled. Weighing in at 6-1/2 pounds and an overall length of 40.25 inches, this is a good choice for the whitetail hunter or the bear or feral hog hunter.

MSRP \$599 Mossberg.com

Red Arrow 350 Legend



A straight wall AR, the Red Arrow chambered in 350, and straight out of Fork Union, VA, is purpose-built for the whitetail woods. Finished in black, multicam, flat dark earth or midnight bronze, this AR comes with a 16-inch 1:8 RH twist barrel and compensator on 5/8x24 threads. Stocked in Magpul with a RAW handguard, weight comes in at under seven pounds. The trigger is a CMC 2.5-pound unit.

MSRP \$1,407 redarrowweapons.com

Rossi Poly Tuffy Survival Rifle 45/410

Chambered for the 3-inch 410 shotgun load or the 45 Colt, Rossi's new survival rifle can handle the job from pest control to putting down a wild boar or something bigger. Engineered for portability, accuracy and to take a beating, this gun doesn't pretend to be something other than a no-nonsense truck or cabin gun. Fitted with a front sight, rear sight groove and Picatinny rail, it can be equipped with an optic or used as-is. User features include rubber grips at touch points, cross-bolt safety and easy storage of ammo on the stock. The polymer framed and stocked break-action gun breaks down for easy transport and discreet carry. Barrel length is 16 inches with overall length of 30.9 inches and unloaded weighs 51.2 ounces.

MSRP \$356.99 Rossiusa.com

Ruger American Rifle Generation II



The second generation of Ruger's popular American line is available in two fits and finishes with the standard rifle in a splatter-finished grey stock and seven popular hunting calibers. New for 24 calibers include 350 Legend, 400 Legend, 22 ARC, 6mm ARC, 6.5 Grendel, 6.5 Creedmoor

The Ranch series has a shorter 16.1-inch barrel with a factory muzzle brake on a threaded mount. This one ships with a flat dark earth stock with black splatter texture. Initial offerings include 5.56 NATO, 300 BLK, 450 Bushmaster and 7.62x39mm. Additional calibers are slated for later in the year.

MSRP \$729 Ruger.com

Savage 110 KLYM

Savage and PROOF Research teamed up on the new 110 KLYM to make an innovative and accurate platform that much more innovative and accurate. The new barrel is carbon fiber wrapped stainless steel with a 5/8x24 threaded muzzle. The custom carbon fiber stock from FBT adjusts for comb height with a button. An Omniport muzzle brake comes standard. The AccuTrigger is adjustable from 1.5 to 4 pounds. Receiver and diamond fluted bolt are finished in Blackout Cerakote. Other features include box magazine and a 20MOA Picatinny rail. Calibers include 6.5 Creedmoor, 6.5 PRC, 7mm PRC, 308 Win, 300 WSM and 300 Win Mag. This Savage weighs 5.9 pounds. MSRP \$2,699 Savagearms.com

Volquartsen Summit Rifle 22 WMR and 17 HMR

Volquartsen is adding to their lineup two new offerings in 2024: a 22 WMR and a 17 HMR available in stainless steel and lightweight aluminum with various barrel and stock options. Features include a TG2000 trigger rated for a 2.25-pound pull weight, Rapid Release magazine release, threaded muzzle, 9-round magazine and 0 MOA integral Picatinny rail. The 17 HMR ships with a 1:9 twist while the 22 WMR has a 1:14 twist. MSRP varies by build Vfguns.com

UNBRANDED AR

The Forged series from Unbranded AR is an entry-level AR-15 that is simple, versatile, affordable and easy to modify and accessorize. Features include mil-spec stock, 16-inch barrel, 1:8 twist 223 Wylde Nitride barrel, mil-spec M16 5.56 bolt carrier group, 12-inch MLOK handguard, mil-spec charging handle and A2 flash hider. Made in the USA. Available with or without US Optics TSR-1 red dot sight and in various Cerakote color patterns. MSRP \$729 Unbrandedar.com

... and a MUZZLELOADER

CVA Accura MR-X 45 Caliber Sniper Gray



A mountain rifle, light to carry and easy to maneuver in tight situations, that's the promise of this CVA. Yet it shoots like a heavier gun thanks to its 26-inch Bergara barrel. Finished in sniper gray RealTree Cerakote, the gun is a break-action with a synthetic stock and (without scope) weighs in at just a little over seven pounds. Comb adjustment is inset into the stock to suit both right- and left-hand shooters. The barrel is rifled 1:22 and the muzzle is threaded for a muzzle brake. Note that there is no ramrod under this barrel. Instead, this rifle ships with a carbon fiber collapsible rod. Other extras include Quake Claw sling, scope rail and accessory kit. MSRP \$699 Cvafirearmsusa.com

Gary's latest book is ***Bob Nosler Born Ballistic***. For a signed copy, send \$30 to Gary Lewis Outdoors, PO Box 1364, Bend, OR 97709. Contact Lewis at www.garylewisoutdoors.com

WELDERS NEEDED

In order to keep COSSA going we need to repair and build new items for the range. We have a work party once a month, usually on the third Wednesday. At that time, we repair and rebuild any of the steel structures, target holders or other steel items that are used on the range. We have a stick and gas welder on a trailer that can be moved anywhere on the range where we need to repair equipment. Any member that volunteers to help with the welding will get work credit or will be paid for their hours of work. COSSA will pay for all supplies or materials. I would like to get a list of members that are willing to help and that can be called a work party. I would like to get a list of at least 6 members. Also, any member that is willing to build parts or equipment at their home shop would also be useful for COSSA parts. Any member interested in helping, please contact Bill Lewis at lewis.w.l@hotmail.com or 541-480-4695.

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@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

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 jjwetzal@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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