



COSSA Newsletter – April 2024

MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL TRAP CLUB

The trap field for the MVHSTC is progressing nicely. Below is a picture of how far along we are. It will be done in time for their first shoot in April.



APRIL GUEST SPEAKER

April 11, 2024

*Rob Imhoff-Candidate for Deschutes County Commissioner & a Lifelong Oregonian
Dane Lentz-See It. Range It. Shoot It. The Sig NRL Hunter Games*

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

To tip this meeting off, we will hear from **Rob Imhoff**, running for a seat on the Deschutes County commission. Imhoff says, " I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work. But more importantly, I'm ready to listen and collaborate. Let's make Deschutes County even more of a place we're proud to call home."

Dane Lentz will be our featured speaker for April. Hunting isn't merely a hobby or pastime; it is our way of life. For us, it is about community, education and a strong foundation of ethical harvesting. It is the desire to be the most proficient hunter possible. It is this passion that was the driver for the NRL Hunter series of matches.

The meeting is FREE to the public.

RANGE HOST PROGRAM

COSSA will have the Range Host Program going again this year. The Range Hosts will be at the range at least 4 days per week. The day may change depending on what is needed. The individual Host will be required to spend 5 hours per day for one day per week at the range and will be paid \$20.00 per hour. Duties will include checking on the condition of the range, watching for unsafe practices, making sure members are using the right ranges and wearing name badges. Additional tasks will be assigned to keep the range in good order. Any members that are interested in becoming a Range Host, contact Bill Lewis at lewis.w.l@hotmail.com or 541-480-4695.

MARCH WORK PARTY

The March work party turned out to be very constructive and the weather cooperated. We had a terrific crew, and they did a tremendous job. The main thing that was done was on the two new outhouses. The doors were installed along with the ventilation and the toilets. They are now done and usable. This is a project that has been in the works for 4 years. The initial holdup was with the BLM giving us approval to dig the holes for the vaults. Once this was done, and the vaults were put in, we had a problem with the buildings getting put up. This was done in two stages and the final holdup was the weather. We had to wait for the weather to warm up enough to install the toilets with the sealant required. Both of the new toilets will be outfitted with toilets, urinals and motion lights. Both of them were built extremely well and if you go in without a light, you probably could not find your way out.

The new Shotgun area was cleaned up and improved and we will be getting that back in operation soon. Clay throwers are on order and will be put in at the next work party.

General cleanup was done, and the garbage picked up as usual. We still need help between monthly work parties to keep the range trash cans emptied. It would certainly help if members would empty the trash cans when they get full at the different ranges. All you need to do is to pull out the plastic sack and tie it off and put it in the trash trailer. New plastic sacks are in the back room of the lunch trailer.

We are though the worst part of the winter, and we hope the winds are not as strong as they have been. Therefore, the US flags have been put up for all to see.

Those attending the March work party were, Bill Littlefield, Eric Brown, Roger Points, Mike Kutchan, Dennis Jones, Ted Anderson, Joe Dittrick, Jay Swanzy, Dale Hayes, Bob Emerson, Ed Moore, Dan Bilyeu, John Heilmer, Earl McKinney, Dave Sweet and Bill Lewis. Thanks guys, great job.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

Mountain lion kills 21-yr-old man in California

A 21-year-old man was killed, and his 18-year-old brother was injured when a mountain lion attacked them in a remote area in El Dorado County, California. The brothers were hiking for shed antlers when the older brother was attacked.

DAMAGE TO PARKING AREA

There has been damage done to the graveled area near the Training Center and Bay 1. Someone has been squiring around and cutting donuts in the roads and parking area. Anyone found doing this will lose their membership immediately and will be banned from COSSA. Anyone with information as to who did this, contact Bill at lewis.w.l@hotmail.com. We have dedicated volunteers that work with the grader to keep the roads and parking areas in good shape. Please drive at the 15 MPH speed limit and keep the roads in good shape.

LADY HAWKS

Lady Hawks kicked off the season in March with a group of 10 ladies with varying experience. We put a lot of emphasis on safe handling runs and range commands before getting into the four fundamentals, dry firing and live fire. We ended the session with a modified Bill Drill that gave everyone a chance to test themselves against the clock. We will continue this drill throughout the season, allowing participants can track their progress.

The next session is Saturday April 27th from 9 am - 1 pm and already has 6 registered participants. We look forward to another fun day focusing on safety, fundamentals, learning to clear malfunctions and finishing the day with our timed drill.

GUEST SIGN IN

We are still having problems with the sign-in at the guest kiosk. It seems that 80 to 90 percent of the members that sign in do not do it properly. It is a very simple process and should only take a couple of minutes to do it properly. The directions for signing in are there and should be followed. The BLM requires us to keep a record of who uses the range, and it is important that we keep track of any non-members that use the range. The sign in procedure is located on the shelf and should be followed. The cash envelopes are very visible and should be used. This keeps the records we need to keep easy to record. If any member has any suggestions on how to improve this procedure, please forward them to Bill Lewis, lewis.w.l@hotmail.com.

We have been getting many payments of \$5.00 and the guest fee went up to \$10.00 months ago. Read the sign in procedure to learn more about who does not have to pay.

The guest fee is now \$10.00 per guest.



WEST RANGE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2nd SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

FROM 10am TO 2pm

APRIL TO OCTOBER

COST \$10 PER PERSON

THIS IS A 100 YD. RANGE

FOR MORE INFO:

CALL OR TEXT

ED MOORE 602-809-1729

DAN BILYEU 541-408-4665

COSSA NEWSLETTER

The COSSA NEWSLETTER is put out each month to inform the membership of what is going on at COSSA Park. Read the Newsletter, it may inform you that the range is closed due to unforeseen circumstances and prevent you from driving out and finding the gate locked. Things are always going on that the membership need to know. Reading the newsletter will keep you informed. Also, remember that the General meeting is on the second Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall at 4th and Olney at 7 PM. The newsletter also informs the members of the speaker for the meeting.

If you need to subscribe, go to the 'news' tab on the website.

SAGE RAT SHOOT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6TH

The venue is Diamond A Guides' rat camp near Crane, Oregon.

We convene at 6:00 the evening before for barbecue ribs and conversation. A few people soak in the hot tubs and then we sleep in canvas wall tents.

After a big breakfast we head to the fields.

We take a break for lunch then shoot into the evening and eat dinner after dark.

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 400 rounds for the day's shooting. For information, call Gary Lewis at 541-420-1371 or email to garylewisoutdoors@gmail.com

THE FRIENDS OF THE NRA BANQUET

COSSA had a very poor showing at the Banquet. We had only one table dedicated to COSSA. Some COSSA members were with other groups and that is good that they attended. However, last year COSSA had 5 tables and they were all full. The general attendance of the banquet was also down, and the reason was not clear. The entrance fee went up but that goes along with the rise in inflation. They still gave away a lot of guns. Please consider that the NRA Banquet is not tied to the general NRA but to the NRA-ILA which is a non-profit organization. Most of the funds raised in the Oregon State Friends of The NRA Banquets stay in Oregon to help Oregon ranges.

WELDERS NEEDED

COSSA is in need of members that can weld to build and repair items at the range. We have a stick welder and a gas setup on a trailer at the range. Much of the work will be done at the site of the equipment. The usual work party day is the 3rd Wednesday of the month. However, arrangements can be made for work to be done on other days and on the weekends. We also have projects that can be done at a member's home shop. COSSA will pay for all materials and the member will get work hour credit for the time spent doing the work. Anyone interested in helping out contact Bill Lewis, 541-480-4695 or lewis.w.l@hotmail.com

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@coosapark.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@coosapark.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

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. **\$500**
Call Andy 541-325-6934

Like new Vortex 6-24x50 PST (Gen One) Illuminated Christmas tree reticle. Tracks well to 1200 yds.

Lightly used on .308. **\$400**

Call Andy 541-325-6934

Rifle Ammunition For Sale - Contact Guy at 541-420-2402

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
\$180.00 for all

Guns & Ammo for Sale - Tony Partain 541-749-0835 partain58@gmail.com

All are in excellent condition. - Call or email for picture or to arrange a viewing

#1 Browning BT99 Plus 12g with a 34" barrel, adjustable comb and a gracoil adjustable butt plate. \$2600

#2 Browning BT99 Micro 12g, 30" barrel, adjustable comb and a Soft Touch recoil System
\$2200

#3 Remington 870 LEFT HANDED 12g 28" barrel, adjustable comb and up graded AA wood.
\$600

#4 Henry Big Boy 45 colt side gate 19" barrel only 200 rounds through this one. As new.
\$800

#5 Weatherby 300 magnum ammo 2 boxes 150 grain spire point one box has 16 second box is full with 20 rounds. \$70 for both boxes

#6 Savage 10 FLCP LEFT HAND with MDT ORYX chassis 10 round magazine and Vortex Viper PST5-25x50 Scope \$1250 like new. Sub MOA with hand loads. Less than 200 rounds through the gun.

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