The President’s Corner

Hello all of you great Americans. Fall is in the air and I could swear I smelled pumpkin spiced gun powder the other day at the range. We love the season of sweat shirts and being able to concealed carry the full size handgun instead of the sub-compacts. Gotta love it!

Just a reminder about the new electronic gate. The last ‘number’ in your membership might just be the letter ‘I’ for Individual Membership. DO NOT ENTER THE LETTER ‘I’ INTO THE GATE CODE AS THE NUMBER ONE. And don’t forget to enter the # after your number.

We are looking for volunteers to watch the public range for 3 hour shifts to keep everyone in line over there. We’ve had to close it due to reckless behavior from a few ruining it for everyone else. Let us know if you’d like to help out.

I won’t be able to attend a couple of Member Meetings as I have been accepted into the Redmond Police Department’s Citizens Academy and the trainings conflict with a couple of our meetings. So proud of our Law Enforcement as I am sure all of you are too. They need our support during these trying times.

Be safe out there!
Sharon Preston

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

There will no NO General Meeting in October due to hunting season.

RANGE REMINDERS

WORK PARTY VOLUNTEERS
Last month’s newsletter was so full of the new gate that we did not have room for the list of volunteers for the work party. So this newsletter will make up for that. The August work party was a large one and we got much done that has been left behind because of lack of help. The members attending this the August work party were; Roy Shirakata, Arlin Ziemann, Paul Hodges, Doug Lowndes, Ron Glover, David Sweet, Eric Brown, Larry Confer, Michael Brodie, Tom Thompson, George Williams, Don Thomas, Jim Parker, Rick Williams, Bill Lewis.
The September work party also got much done and the volunteers were; Paul Hodges, Rich Fleming, Jules Wetzel, Roy Shirakata, Doug Lowndes, Rick Williams, Fred Newton, George Williams, Bill Lewis. Additional work has been done during times other than the work parties and those doing the additional work were:

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Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Jeremy Lewis, David Sweet, and Eric Brown. The perimeter fence has been gone over and repairs made to the fence and the keep out signs have all been repainted. Hopefully this should keep out anyone that can read. The main entry large COSSA signs are now ready to be put up and should be installed at the next work party. Thanks go to all the volunteers, we would not be able to do anything without you.

SIGHT IN CLINIC REPORT
I am pleased to report that the Sight In Clinics held on September 10th & 11th and 24th and 25th were a great success. In previous years we had less than 10 people per weekend. This year we had a total of 48 shooters per weekend for a total of 96 for both. We also had people coming out to watch as see what was going on. The success of these Clinics was probably due to the more aggressive publicity that was put forth by Gary Lewis and Sharon Preston on the radio. We also had ads in the newspaper and flyers were distributed to all of the gun stores in the area. The closure of the Public range also contributed to the number of people attending the Clinics. This year’s success was also due to the people that volunteered to help out this year and they all did an outstanding job. Those volunteers were, Mark Fero, Gene Allen, Jim Moores, Bob Elliott, Doug Lowndes, Michael Brodie, Bill Gebhardt, Paul Marks, Peggy, Marks, Rod Campuzano, Roy Shirataka, Gary Lewis, Jeremy Lewis, Dennis Jones and Bill Lewis. With all of these knowledgeable there to help out, we got a lot of hunters sighted in properly and probably better than they have ever been before. Thanks again to all of the volunteer’s, we will do it again next year.

WEST GATE TURNAROUND
Most of you have already tried out the new West gate and if you haven’t you should. The road entry was widened by the old gate for large vehicles and trailers. There was also a turnaround put on the South side of the entry road by the new gate. This is a TURNAROUND and not a parking area. We are already seeing people parking there and walking in to shoot. The BLM required us to allow non-members to walk in and shoot. We put up a walk through gate by the old entrance gate and moved the perimeter fence back to allow for parking. This has not changed, walk ins should park by to old gate. Walk in’s are allowed only to use the 200 yard Bill Fockler Memorial range. If any members observe non-members parking in the turnaround, please inform them that they must not park there and direct them to the established parking area near the old gate. No parking signs will be put up at the turnaround at the next work party.

PUBLIC RANGE CLOSURE
The public range has been temporarily closed due to lack of funds paid by shooters using the range. The COSSA board will be discussing what will be done in the near future. We have been getting comments and phone calls from shooters that use the range and they are not happy that it is closed. Interestingly, every person that has commented has said that they always pay. Some of the comments say we should have someone stationed there and monitor the payment for use. We could do this if we had the volunteers but this would require us to raise the cost of shooting in order to cover the cost of having it manned. Since the range has been closed some shooters have been ignoring the closed sign and walking in. We cannot prevent this and according to the BLM walk in requirements we cannot restrict the walk in’s. However, we will not supply any more target backer boards for them to fasten their targets on until the COSSA Board decides what to do. This range is a public service provided by COSSA for a nominal fee and we would like to continue to provide this service and any comments or suggestions from COSSA members on how we could do this would be greatly appreciated. Please send all comments to Bill Lewis at lewis.w.l@hotmail.com

CAMPING AT COSSA PARK
COSSA allows camping at COSSA Park with the understanding that no services are provided except for the use of the toilets. Due to the fire hazards associated un-mowed grasses and brush, camping is ONLY allowed on the Buffalo Range Parking Lot and the open area in front of Bays 2 thru 16 bordered by the far road on the south and the iron rail fencing to the north. All other areas are off limits to camping.
Campers must abide by all COSSA rules and BLM regulations per the following link (http://www.recreation.gov/marketing.do?goto=/acm/generalRules.htm).

- Stays are limited to 14 days maximum,
- Open fires, campfires, charcoal fires and warming fires are not allowed,
- Portable cooking fires using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed,
- Smoking is prohibited except in vehicles,
- Generators are allowed but must be placed on a metal fire pan.
- All dogs must be leashed.
- Campers must sign in at the sign-in Kiosk.
- Campers are expected to carry appropriate liability insurance and should be prepared to show coverage if requested.
- Campers should be aware of high winds. Awnings, chairs and other light objects should be stowed when not in use.
- Late night noise should be kept to a minimum and consideration given to fellow campers.
- Night shoots should be coordinated with fellow campers.

COSSA does not furnish trash removal services. If you bring it in, haul it out!

**NEW SECURITY GATE**

**Updated and Revised Procedures**

COSSA’s new solar powered security gate is now fully operational and the bugs and kinks are all worked out! Many thanks to all members for your patience.

Access to COSSA PARK is as follows…

- Upon entering, drive up to the key pad and proximity card reader on the left hand side of the west access road.
- Input your 5-digit access code/membership ID number (followed by the # sign) or place your access card within 6” of the reader.
- Wait for the gate to fully open and drive in.
- Gate automatically closes behind you.
- An instruction sign is posted.
- Exiting: the gate automatically opens to allow exiting.
- Access procedures for non-COSSA members for Discipline and Special Events will be communicated to their participants by the Discipline or Special Event Coordinators.

You can purchase an access card for $40 by contacting Bookkeeping Tax Services at (541) 388 9882 or e-mail Cossamembership@gmail.com.

Sign-in Procedures…

- Members with Guests MUST BOTH still sign in at the Kiosk and pay $5 for each Guest! Children 17 and under are free!
- If you ONLY have Members in the vehicle, at the key pad individually enter each ID number and the # sign or swipe each member’s access card. After completing all entries, DRIVE IN! DO NOT STOP at the Kiosk to sign in as each of you have already electronically signed in!
- Members attending scheduled events should use the discipline code to access COSSA Park. Again there is no need to stop and sign in.
- Non-COSSA members participating in scheduled events no longer need to sign-in at the Kiosk and may proceed directly to their event.

The West Gate now allows full RV access and all Members must use the West Gate for access. The East Gate is no longer an option for member access.

The combination for the 4 fire trailers and all other COSSA combination locks remains unchanged.

Please direct any questions to Ed Hauswald, Membership Coordinator, at kickon@msn.com or (540) 272 3387.
Trading Post

The trading post is a benefit that we provide for our members. Each ad will run for one month and then be deleted, unless it is resubmitted. To run an ad, email content to lewis.w.l@hotmail.com by the 15th of the month

Ruger All-Weather 77/50 Black Powder Muzzleloader - New, stainless with grey wood stock. $359 OBO
Ruger Vaquero - .45 Cal. New-in-Box, high gloss stainless, gold engraving on cylinder, white pearl grips. $849 OBO
Ruger P95 DC - 9mm, New-in-Box, bi-toned, polymer frame pistol, comes with two mags and box. $389 OBO
Ruger P89 - 9mm, minimally used, bi-toned stainless, comes with four mags and box. $349 OBO
Smith & Wesson SD40VE New Sigma Series .40 Cal Pistol, stainless with black polymer, comes with two mags and box. $359 OBO

For more information or photos contact Brad at bgates08@gmail.com
COSSA Disciplines

COSSA GENERAL MEETING
General Meetings are held at the VRW Hall on 4th Street and Olney on the 2nd Thursday of each month. There is no meeting in October.

COSSA Kids
Regular Shoots: 3rd Saturday of the month all year. Small bore; Contact: Don Thomas 541-389-8284

COSSA Practical Shooters (CPS)
Regular monthly shoots: Bays 2-8
USPSA-First Saturday of Month
3 GUN-Third Saturday of Month April thru October, Bays 1-8
IDPA- Second Saturday of Month, April thru Nov. Mixed Steel, Third Saturday of Month November thru Feb. Check COSSA Practical Shooters Website. Contact: Dave Webb deployed_dave@hotmail.com

Cowboy Action: Horse Ridge Pistoleros (HRP)
Regular shoots: 1st & 3rd Weekends of the month all year; and 5th Saturday, Bays 9-14
Contact: Big Casino 541-848-7260

Cowboy Action: Pine Mountain Posse (PMP)
Regular shoots: 2nd and 4th Sundays, year round, Bays 9-14. Check our website or Facebook page for more info.
Contact: Rick Weatherson 541-350-5027

Lady Hawks: Women’s Defensive Shooting *(LH)*
Bays 15, 16
Regular Shoots: April thru October, Monthly on 2nd Saturday
Contact: Sharon Preston 541-788-5858

CENTRAL OREGON PRECISION RIFLEMEN (COPR)
Hi Power Contact: Walt Angle 541-239-1786
Website:www.oregonshooting.com/copr/

Gong Range- The gong range is open to members and guests only. It can be used when none of the other ranges west of the Handgun Silhouette are being used. Check the monthly calendar.

The range is located ¼ mile east of Mile Post 24 on Highway 20 East. GPS location of turnoff road is N43.88486, W120.95222

**Riflemen (GBSS and PMR)**
Regular shoots: 4th weekend of the month, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April-October. Friday 8:00 am – Lever Action Rifle Caliber, Military Bolt Action, Military Breech Loading, Single Shot (Friday p.m. range open for sighting in.) Saturday 8:00 am – 22 Match, Buffalo match out to 1,200 yards Sunday 8:00 am – Quarter Bore Match, Lever Action Pistol Caliber
Contact: Brownie – brownienash@centurylink.net, Butch – Butcheast2020@gmail.com, or Rod – rj_camp@msn.com

**Great Basin Precision Rifle (GBPR)**
Long range match on Saturdays 7:30 am. 200-1,760 yards. Two rifles ok. Match fee $15. 2nd Match on Saturday semi-auto or bolt rifle. Around 850 yards. Match fee $15 or $25 for both. March 5, April 30, June 4, September 3, October 29.
Contact: Rod Campuzano, Match Director 541-550-9570, rj_camp@msn.com

Tactical Match Sundays 9:00 am. Tactical match fee $25. March 6, May 1, June 5, September 4, October 30.
Contact: Will Smith, Tactical Match 541-977-0202, doubletap@bendbroadband.com

**Handgun Silhouette (HGS)**
Regular shoots: Year round. Shooting everything, 1st Sunday of each month, Matches begin at 9 am year round.
Contact: Dave Semich 541-382-1969

**High Power Rifle (HPR)**
Regular shoots: To be announced
Contact: Walt Angle 541-239-1786
Website: www.oregonshooting.com/copr/

GREAT BASIN PRECISION RIFLE
July 30th Match. Three new shooters hit the 1,760-yard target. They are now Members of the One Mile Club and received a Coin with the date and their name.
The most common causes of hunting incidents are:

- Hunter judgment mistakes, such as mistaking another person for game or not checking the foreground or background before firing.
- Safety rule violations, including pointing the muzzle in an unsafe direction and ignoring proper procedures for crossing a fence, obstacle, or difficult terrain.

Other causes of hunting incidents:

- Lack of control and practice, which can lead to accidental discharges and stray shots.
- Mechanical failure, such as an obstructed barrel, improper ammunition, or malfunctioning safety.

No hunter enters the field expecting to be the cause of, or victim of, a hunting incident. The vast majority of incidents can be avoided by proper preparation and awareness.

Every hunter has the responsibility to enter the field well-prepared to hunt in a safe, ethical manner; the future of our hunting heritage depends on it.

ODFW’s Hunter Education Program has outlined the following information to ensure that hunters are aware of the primary firearm safety rules and the most common causes of hunting incidents.

The four primary rules of firearm safety:

- **MUZZLE** – Control the direction of your muzzle at all times.
- **TRIGGER** – Keep your finger outside of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
- **ACTION** – Treat every firearm as though it were loaded – Open the action and visually check if it is loaded. Firearms should be unloaded with actions open when not actually in use.
- **TARGET** – Be sure of your target, and what is in front of it and beyond it.

To help avoid being mistaken for game, ODFW strongly advises hunters and other outdoors enthusiasts to wear blaze orange. Blaze orange clothing makes it much easier for one hunter to spot and recognize another hunter or outdoors enthusiast because nothing in nature matches this color. Because deer and elk see blaze orange as grey your hunting will not be affected. Consider wearing both a blaze orange vest or jacket and a hat so you will be visible from all directions.

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