



COSSA Bulletin

April 2018

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to Keep and Bear Arms shall not be infringed."

The Constitution of the United States of America...Second Amendment

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."- Thomas Jefferson, Commonplace Book (quoting 18th century criminologist Cesare Beccaria), 1774-1776.

As you have heard there is a petition to ban "assault weapons" in Oregon. I encourage you to read the bill; it is only five pages. The bill proposes all semi-automatic firearms with detachable magazines or internal magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds be labeled as an assault weapon. This includes rifles of all calibers, shotguns and pistols.

As responsible gun owners it is critical you stand up and be heard to protect your rights. It is time to make intelligent informed comments not emotional arguments. The NRA is not perfect but they are the biggest, strongest advocate for gun rights. I encourage you to join the NRA to support your rights. When you become a NRA member make sure we have your NRA membership number. The NRA does provide grants to the range for improvements and the more membership we show the more grants we should get.

"The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms."

- Samuel Adams, Massachusetts Ratifying Convention, 1788

Be careful and see you at the Range. Kent

APRIL MEETING SPEAKER

At our April 12 General Meeting, Hadley Hawkins will speak on Illegal Pot Grows, the environmental damage the cause, and the firearm types seized.

WEATHER STATION

ODOT has a weather station on the right side of Highway 20, just as you pass Horse Ridge. Current weather information for the range can be found at <https://tripcheck.com/Pages/Road-Conditions?curRegion=0&mainNav=RoadConditions>

COSSA OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Work with Gary Lewis to run the June 16th Open House... Earn your full membership obligation and more in one simple task.... Gary knows how and needs a second set of hands.... Contact Gary at 541 317 0116 or gary@garylewisoutdoors.com.

Also needed are volunteers for the day of the event.... Contact Gary! Everyone else save the date!

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WORK PARTY-MARCH 2018

The work party for March went well. We have a bunch of volunteers and the weather cooperated. We finished the new siding on the COSSA Kids cover and we will be trying to get it painted in the near future, this has been an ongoing project for several years and it is good to have it finished. We had a crew working on bays 15 & 16 to get the floor of the bays cleaned up and the dirt put up on the berms. The berm conveyor worked well and we will be doing more clean up in other bays. Ever since we closed the Public range we have had people climbing over the fence and shooting. This broke down the fence and we had to replace it with something more difficult to climb over. When we made it more difficult to get over the fence, they climbed over the gate. Of course, this damaged the gate. Therefore, we put in no climb gates this work party. We will see if this works better. We have several paint projects that we want to accomplish when the weather gets cooperative, so if you are a painter, come out and join us. If you want to take up a painting project outside the work party days, contact Bill Lewis, lewis.w.l@hotmail.com. Many thanks to the volunteers for this work party, which were; Gene Allen, Jim Mooers, Michael Sandiford, Ted Anderson, David Sweet, Michael Brodie, Robert Emerson, Kris Bales, Jim Olsen, Eric Brown, Fred Newton, Don Thomas, Roy Shirakata, Jules Witzel, Rick Mahder, John Swanson, Mike Conley, Jim Parker, Mike Casey and Bill Lewis. Thanks for all your hard work.

PISTOL GONG BAYS

New pistol gongs have been made for bays 3 and 14. For several years bay 3 has been used to place 5 COSSA pistol gongs for members to use for pistol practice. These gongs have had some problems in the past. They have been moved to other bays, broken and stolen. COSSA is responsible for these targets but we need help from our members. If any member sees someone moving or removing these gongs please remind them that they are not to be moved to other bays. We realize that the gong holders sometimes get broken and need repaired. If you see any of the gong holders that need repair, please contact Bill Lewis, 541-480-4695. The gongs will be placed in the bays at the next work party.

FIRE TRAILERS

The fire trailers will be filled with water at the next work party and the other water storage tanks will have water to use for construction and for any other uses. Do not use the water in the fire trailers for anything except for fires. The combination for the locks on the fire trailers and the training center, have been changed to the year, 2018.

BLM ANNUAL VISIT

April is the time that the BLM visits the range for an annual inspection to see if COSSA is abiding by the lease agreement. We hope that all is in order but we would like the range to be as ship shape as possible. All disciplines should police their area and make it as clean and presentable as possible. The BLM representatives will be looking for anything they do not think is right. This includes, trash, weeds, broken fencing, signs down, debris, scrap materials, visual impressions they do not like. The BLM also wants a correct map showing impact areas for bullets, this is why it is important for all discipline to provide GPS locations for all impact areas outside the bay areas. Please check your area and clean up anything that looks like debris or scrap.

TREE CUTTING PROJECT

The Bend Fire Department was scheduled to have a tree cutting class on the extension of the Gong Range to 1300 yards. They were not able to hold the class in March and will not be able to get it into their schedule until after July. Therefore, a project that members can volunteer for this year is to cut trees on the Gong Range. We do not want to limit access to the Gong Range, so anyone interested in getting in some volunteer hours by cutting trees contact Bill Lewis, lewis.w.l@hotmail.com and we will set up times for the tree cutting.

A Letter from the Late Palaver Pete

Joining the Single Action Shooting Society and playing the fantasy game of Cowboy Action Shooting changed my life completely. Suddenly I found myself in company with the spirits of Hopalong Cassidy, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, and the supporting casts of all my early western heroes, the same heroes who appeared on the big screen in the 40's through the early 70's. Most astonishing was the fact that I was surrounded by friends who loved the game as much as I did—doctors, lawyers, and Indian Chiefs. I was in Seventh Heaven and eager to shoot it out with the bad guys every weekend if I could—Six Guns strapped around my waist; lever action rifle in hand, and shogun standing by—my trigger finger itches as I talk about it. It's been a great ride, but now it's time to go play with the big guys in the sky and help them keep our trails "happy ever after." Thank you Founders of the Single Action Shooting Society—you're a Daisy if ya do!

Palaver Pete
January 21, 2018

Pete passed away on March 3, 2018



COSSA HAS A NEW SAFETY COORDINATOR

J. V. O. Weaver has volunteered to serve as our COSSA Safety Coordinator.

J. V. O. has been a member of COSSA for 3 years.

He a Patron NRA member, a certified instructor in Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Home Firearm Safety, Personal Protection in the Home disciplines, and a Certified NRA Range Safety Officer. He is the Past President of the Hurburt Field (FL) Rifle and Pistol Club (1989-1997), retired USAF officer and retired law enforcement officer – over 42 years of combined service.

J. V. O. will maintain our *Safety Manual*, the *Member's Guide to Range Use and Safety* and coordinate the safety orientation of all our new member applicants. J. V. O. will also further our Safety Monitor Program with Rich Fleming and work to streamline our orientation classes by putting some of it on-line.

You can reach J. V. O. at safet@cossapark.com. If you have any safety issues or thoughts for improvement please reach out to him. Thank you J. V. O. for volunteering!

At the Safety Bench

With all the national focus on the recent tragedy at Parkland, FL and the local and national anti-gun, anti-NRA student led marches, it makes our responsibilities as law abiding, firearm-owning citizens to be acutely aware of how we secure our guns.

About 80% of the school shootings were conducted by deranged psychopaths who found there way to a firearm. Some were bought legally, but most were either stolen from the home or elsewhere. As COSSA members, we have a real duty to the community by making sure our firearms are locked up when not in use.

If you keep a weapon locked and loaded for home protection, put it in a rapid access safe that will keep it from unauthorized persons, but still retain immediate access should you need it. COSTCO usually has these for \$100 or so and they give great peace of mind when in use.

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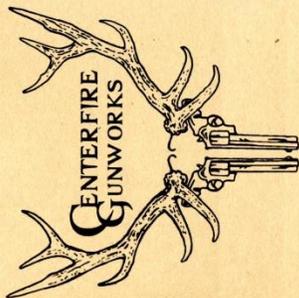
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TRADING POST

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

For sale: Uberti SAA pistol in 45 Colt, 4 3/4" barrel, \$750. Colt 3rd generation SAA pistol in 45 Colt, 4 3/4" barrel, \$2200. Colt SAA pistol in 22lr, \$750. Marlin model 336W lever action rifle in 30/30 with two boxes of ammo, \$325. Sporterized Springfield 1903 bolt action rifle in 30/06 with scope and ammo, \$575. Call David Romine 541-678-2566 or stonewoodkid@ymail.com.

If you have any questions about your membership or would like to receive an email copy of this newsletter, please send an email request to:
COSSAmembership@gmail.com



COSSA Disciplines

The range is located ¼ mile east of Mile Post 24 on Highway 20 East. GPS location of turnoff road is N43.88846, W120.95222

COSSA GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Meetings are held at the VFW Hall on 4th Street and Olney on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7PM. There is no meeting in October.

COSSA Kids

Regular Shoots: Third Saturday of every month regardless of weather.

www.cossapark.com/content/cossa-kids

Contact: Don Thomas 541-389-8284

COSSA Practical Shooters (CPS)

USPSA-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 thru February.

www.cossapark.com/cpshome

Contact: Dave Webb deployed_dave@hotmail.com

Cowboy Action: Horse Ridge Pistoleros (HRP)

First, Third & Fifth(if one) weekends of every month year-round.

<http://www.hrp-sass.com/>

Contact: John Merritt 541-848-2819

Cowboy Action: Pine Mountain Posse (PMP)

Second Sunday of every month year-round. Check our website or Facebook page for more information.

<http://www.pinemountainposse.com/>

Contact: Dave Romine 541-678-2566 or stonewoodkid@gmail.com

Lady Hawks: Women's Defensive Shooting (LH)

Second Saturday of months April thru October.

www.cossapark.com/node/20

Contact: Sharon Preston 541-788-5858

Central Oregon Precision Riflemen (COPR)

Long distance high performance rifle shoots.

www.cossapark.com/coprhome

Contact: Walt Angle 541-239-1786

Handgun Silhouette (HGS)

First Sunday and third Saturday of each month, Matches begin at 9 am.

www.cossapark.com/handgunsilhouette

Contact: Dan Butala 541-410-5758

Great Basin Sharpshooters and Pine Mountain Riflemen (GBSS and PMR)

Fourth weekend of every month April thru 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.

<http://greatbasinsharpshooters.com/>

www.cossapark.com/content/pine-mountain-riflemen

Contact: Brownie – brownienash@centurylink.net,

Butch – Butcheast2020@gmail.com, or Rod – rj_camp@msn.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.

www.cossapark.com/content/great-basin-precision-rifle-gbp

Please Pre-Register. gbpr@cossapark.com Rod Campuzano, Match Director.

ANNUAL SAGE RAT SHOOT

1-day hunt, 2 nights lodging and meals

If you are looking forward to hunting sage rats this spring, sign up for this sage rat shoot on April 19. **We will travel to Crane on April 18** and check in with Diamond A Guides in the evening.

Bring a swim suit and a towel if you plan to soak in the **hot springs**. Bring a sleeping bag and a pillow. We will sleep in heated canvas wall tents. There are enough tents that if you need privacy you can have your own tent.

The next morning, April 19, we will eat the best breakfast you have had all year, then we will head out to the fields. Lunch is provided. We have dinner that evening (provided), stay overnight and head for home April 20.

The cost is \$400. **Please make checks out to Diamond A Guides**. Hunts are conducted from raised platforms, which give the shooter a ten-foot elevated position for shots that will range from 10 yards out to 400 yards. Most shooters bring a scoped 17HMR and 22 centerfires. Last year we shot centerfires and rimfires. Note that some fields are closed to centerfires. Bring one or more rimfire guns. Plan to bring at least 500 rounds of ammunition for the one shoot. You could use that amount of ammo if the weather is good. Bring a check (made out to Diamond A Guides) to Gary Lewis prior to the trip. Questions? Call Gary at 541-420-1371.



APRIL 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 - COWBOY ACTION SHIP 9:00 am to 4:00 pm HANDGUN SILHOUETTE 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Setup Time: 9:00 am | 2 | 3 | 4 GREAT BASIN PRECISION RIFLESHOOTING 7:00 am to 5:00 pm | 5 USARAW RQI TRAINING 8:00 am to 4:00 pm 8:00 am | 6 | 7 COWBOY ACTION SHIP 8:00 am to 4:00 pm USPSA / Englebar 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Setup Time: 8:00 am |
| 8 - GREAT BASIN PRECISION RIFLESHOOTING - COWBOY ACTION SHIP 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Cowboy Action Shooting PMF 9:00 am to 3:00 pm | 9 BOARD MEETING 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm | 10 TEAM TRAINING 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Setup Time: 7:00 am WORKSHOP WATER 9:00 am to 4:00 pm | 11 FINE MOUNTAIN RIFLEMAN 9:00 am to 4:00 pm GENERAL MEMBER MEETING 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm | 12 | 13 | 14 CODE 9 TRAINING 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Setup Time: 7:30 am CPS Rules to 30-0600 Shooting Competition / Englebar Meet 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Setup Time: 9:00 am LADY SHAWES 10:00 am to 12:00 pm LADIES OF LEAD 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm |
| 15 - FINE MOUNTAIN RIFLEMAN 9:00 am | 16 | 17 FOREST SERVICE TRAINING 7:00 am to 4:00 pm 7:00 am | 18 TEAM TRAINING 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Setup Time: 7:00 am | 19 High Power Pistol/F-Class Clinic 9:00 am to 12:00 pm | 20 | 21 CODE 9 FIREARMS TRAINING 7:00 am to 5:00 pm COWBOY ACTION SHIP 9:00 am to 4:00 pm FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR 7:00 am to 5:00 pm HANDGUN SILHOUETTE 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Setup Time: 8:00 am VENI MEMORIA ORIENTATION 10:00 am to 12:00 pm KIDS and 3Days / Englebar 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Setup Time: 8:30 am COMBAT KIDS 10:00 am to 1:00 pm OREGON CHL CLASS 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm Setup Time: 12:00 pm BASIC HANDGUN POSTOL 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm Setup Time: 12:00 pm |
| 22 - High Power Pistol/F-Class Clinic 9:00 am - CODE 9 FIREARMS TRAINING 7:00 am - COWBOY ACTION SHIP 9:00 am to 4:00 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 GREAT BASIN SHOOTERS & FINE MOUNTAIN RIFLEMAN 9:00 am to 4:00 pm | 27 | 28 USPSA NROE Range Officer Class / Englebar ODF & W. HUNTERS EDUCATION 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Setup Time: 8:00 am BOY SCOUTS GREAT 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Setup Time: 7:00 am Shoot Challenge / Englebar 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Setup Time: 8:00 am |
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