



COSSA Bulletin

March 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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello!

I am your new COSSA President. I have lived in Central Oregon for over 25 years and belonged to COSSA for over 5 years. I have been with the Practical Shooters and during that time we started the Steel Challenge as another discipline within CPS. One of my goals is to visit and try each of the disciplines in the next six months.

I would like to thank Sharon for her two years of great service. During her time, she increased our membership, helped spread the word about COSSA and got our BLM lease renewed for another 20 years.

Thank you to everybody that responded to the survey I sent out. I want to make sure we know what our members care most about and I want to answer a few of the comments I read. A few people mentioned wanting to have more instruction on improving their shooting. I would encourage everyone to try out the different disciplines. We have some amazing shooters within each discipline that are happy to share their knowledge. We also had several people ask if we could get water and power out to the range. The power for the range would have to come from Millican and we would need to pay that expense which has been estimated at over \$350,000 and a well would also be very expensive. We do have generators which can be used at events and we have the fire trailers for fire suppression.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. We currently could use assistance with manual labor, legal services and internet/webpage expertise. See you at the range!
Kent Neumann

2018 OFFICERS

Elections were held at the February general meeting and these are your new officers for 2018:

President- Kent Neumann

Vice President- Mark Fero

2nd Vice President-Ed Hauswald

Secretary-Rich Fleming

Treasurer-Donna Hines

Director at Large-Bill Lewis

There was a good turnout for the meeting and gift certificates were awarded to the volunteers for their service to COSSA for the year. Volunteers with the top hours were; Mike Brady, Michael Brodie, and Eric Brown. Thanks go to all of the volunteers that keep COSSA running.

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW

March 1-4, COSSA will have a booth. #371, at the SPORTSMAN'S SHOW. It is on the upper tier about centered on the end. Go up the stairs to the left as you come in the main entrance. There will be videos, and examples of some of the gear that are used for the discipline shoots. Come on by and check us out.

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WORK PARTY-FEBRUARY

The work party for February was canceled because of the cold weather. It was scheduled for a week later than usual to get around the weather but that was not a good call. The weather was better the usual work day than it was the next week. Don Thomas went out anyway and welded up some new stands for the steel plate targets. These targets will be placed in Bay 3, as before and another 5 targets will be placed in Bay 14. These steel targets seem to be wandering around the range and cannot be found when needed. These targets are not to be moved from these bays.

The work party for March is scheduled for the 14th and I have called ahead for good weather that day. Since the last work party was canceled, we have to pick up another month's of work on that day, so please attend. If the weather conditions look bad, check the COSSA website to see if the work party has been canceled before coming out.

The Friends of NRA has awarded COSSA several grants for upkeep and improvements for the range. These will be worked in at the work parties and maybe special work parties will be called for the larger projects. Keep watching the calendar and the newsletter.

TRUE CRIME REPORT: The Case of the Burglar Who Smelled Nice

By an anonymous COSSA member.

I read the Armed Citizen reports in the *American Rifleman* every month. I imagine what I would do in similar situations. And I have firearms strategically placed about our home where they aren't likely to be found by visitors, especially grandchildren — which means they won't necessarily be in the best location if needed.

I thought I was prepared for a home invasion, but I was wrong.

On a recent Wednesday afternoon, I stepped into the garage getting ready for a drive to the grocery store.

I hadn't yet changed from house slippers to my shopping shoes when I noticed my pump type pellet pistol bought a week before sitting on a work table. I didn't remember leaving it there but thought maybe I had been doing something and got distracted (that happens to us old geezers). But when I went to put it away in the filing cabinet where it was formerly kept, I noticed some other things out of place. Somebody had to have been messing about there very recently, something I wouldn't suspect of neighbors of any age. I was still holding the pistol in my right hand but it didn't fill me with confidence since it was neither loaded or pumped up.

About then a stranger showed himself. He was about 6 inches taller than my 5'8" and slim with a wispy beard and about 30 I thought (19 actually). He was walking toward me between the vehicles. The garage car door was closed. He must have been scrunched down behind the Jeep while I was in my puzzled state. My face probably blanched, and I was definitely startled but managed to blurt out, "What are you doing here?"

"I was just looking for a place to sleep. I'm not a bad person," he replied. (This reminded me of a time when I had some contact with drug users and learned that they become good at saying what you want to hear.) He didn't have a visible weapon in either hand nor any loot. I still had the air pistol in my right hand and hoped he didn't realize how useless it was. He wasn't confrontational but I sensed that he wanted to get past me and out the door so he could disappear. I wanted the police involved and was trying to bluff him into hanging around until they could come. Since it was a direct confrontation, I tried "You're under arrest," (as in citizen's arrest). But I had no way to hold him. I didn't want him to get away so he could come back another time. In hindsight, I could have safely gotten to my .44 Bulldog, but in the time it would have taken me, he would have been gone in any of four directions.

After what was probably no more than a minute, we were outside the people door into the back yard. It was there that I pumped the pistol three times hoping he would think it was then shootable. If I had pulled the trigger it would have sounded like a shot, but there was no pellet in the chamber — making it about as useful as some politicians, all wind and no substance.

The effect may have benefitted me as he later told the police, “He was going to shoot me.” Instead, I shouted, “Marie, call the police.” No face at the dining room window or at the door. I didn’t hear her “OK” so I repeated the plea while Marie was already calling 911. The intruder begged, “Please don’t do that.” Then he started walking away.

Still in my house slippers, I followed him. He turned a couple of corners and then ducked into a back yard where I chose not to follow. Cutting the story short — with the help of me, Marie and two neighbors, the police took him into custody a half block away where we counted nine police vehicles with flashing blue lights.

What we found out later — the intruder, out of prison on probation and on drugs, had been on a 24-hour crime spree across town — home entries and auto theft. Before entering our garage with its people door partly open, he had been in our immediate neighbor’s house where he entered through a back door usually left unlocked for the kids to enter after school. That door now has a keypad lock. From that house he had brought two computer pads and three cell phones that he placed in two separate places in our garage (weird). He did some things that seemed clever. The drugs probably account for the stupid things he did.

What are the odds? According to statistics, I’m in a low risk category for being burgled — I’m over 65, married, live in a detached suburban house with only one other person. And I live in a one square mile neighborhood in which 32 police officers live, but the bad guys may not know that.

The odds of having another home intrusion in our neighborhood in my lifetime are pretty slim, but we’ve taken minor precautions. We installed a cat door into the garage so the cat can come and go without having a people door open during the day. And we leave more lights on at night.

To be fully prepared, I’d have to keep a pistol under my pillow at night, and on me all the time during the day. Because of the odds and inconvenience, I choose not to do that, though I sometimes carry when out and about.

I wasn’t fully prepared for my bad guy encounter, but I knew enough that had I had my .44 Bulldog in hand, I would not have had justifiable reason to shoot since he was not armed or aggressive. Doing so would have meant **BIG** trouble for me.

This incident is a reminder that there’s far too much of this level of crime taking place and wasting lives. In reviewing the whole episode, I sometimes fantasize what would have happened if, instead of calling 911, Marie had said, “Why don’t you invite the young man in for a cup of tea and something to eat?”

What would you do?

Moral of the story — Chances are, few of you will ever have a bad guy encounter, but be prepared with some kind of plan. You might even want to practice some witty reactions, like “Jeez, man, you scared the crap out of me. Excuse me while I go to the bathroom.” Or, “I’ve got a backpack you can borrow to carry your loot.” We’re thankful that the guy was caught and that we suffered no injury or property loss — only inconvenience and temporary mental stress. We didn’t need caffeine to stay awake the rest of the day.

About the title — The next day, I found an Old Spice deodorant stick that had fallen out of the intruder’s jacket when he jumped our back fence. When I turned it into the police, the officer said, “Maybe that’s why he smelled nice when we took him into custody.”

P.S. We know of one COSSA member who had firearms stolen from a locked vehicle at a snow park while he was off scouting for deer.

MARCH MEETING SPEAKER

At our General Meeting on March 8th, Gary Lewis will give a presentation entitled “InDefense of the Buffao Runner- Where Did All the Buffalo Go?”

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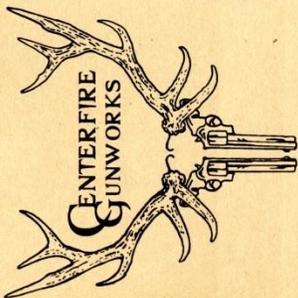
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The trading post is a benefit that we provide for our members. Each ad will run for one month and then be deleted, unless it is resubmitted. To run an ad, email content to lewis.w.l@hotmail.com by the 15th of the month

FOR SALE-Drafting table-tilting wood top, 5 feet X 3 feet, 2 drawers, metal legs with drafting machine; \$100.00. Call Bill Lewis 541-480-4695 or lewis.w.l@hotmail.com

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.

FOR SALE:

1. Mossberg MVP Patrol rifle, cal. 308 with extra magazines, 2 10 RD & 2 25 Rd. Excellent condition-\$600.00
2. Sight -mark 3x Tactical magnifier with side mount-\$50.00
3. Barska 1 X 30 model 16 electro-sight, instant targeting, I. R. Recitle-\$50.00
4. Estate 12 GA. 00 buck-9 boxes of 25-\$10.00 per box
5. Leupold Mark-model 1, 1.5-4-\$200.00
6. Burris P.E.P.R. offset mount with 1" rings-\$60.00

Rick Mahder- 541-633-7017 or ram541@yahoo.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/>

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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.





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For More Information call:
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MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				CENTRAL OREGON SPORTSMAN SHOW 8:00 am to 4:00 pm		COWBOY ACTI ODF & W. HUNTERS EDUCATION 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Setup Time: 8:00 am USPSA / Register 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Setup Time: 8:30 am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
- CENTRAL ORE - COWBOY ACTI HANDGUN SILHOUETTE 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Setup Time: 8:00 am	BOARD MEETING 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm			GENERAL MEMBER MEETING 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm		3Gun and 2Gun - MOVED THIS MONTH ONLY / Register 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Setup Time: 8:30 am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COMBATIVE FIREARMS TRAINING 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Cowboy Action Shooting PMF 9:00 am to 3:00 pm			WORK PARTY 9:00 am to 4:00 pm			USPSA NROI Ch COWBOY ACTI HANDGUN SILHOUETTE 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Setup Time: 8:00 am COSSA KIDS 10:00 am to 1:00 pm NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
- USPSA NROI Ch - COWBOY ACTI				PINE MOUNTAIN RIFLEMAN 8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Oregon Precision Firearms Training 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Setup Time: 7:00 am	OREGON PRECI Steel Challenge / Register 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Setup Time: 9:00 am LADY HAWKS 10:30 am to 12:30 pm LADIES OF LEAD 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
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