



# COSSA Bulletin

November 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*

## **FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND TARGETS**

As a reminder to all members, please read the information below.

### **Firearms and Ammunition**

At COSSA Park, restrictions on firearms and ammunition are minimal. Shooters may use any firearm they are legally allowed to possess that is serviceable and safe. Persons shooting fully automatic firearms must have the required legal documentation in their possession and notify other range users that auto fire is in use. Ammunition is restricted to that commonly used in hunting and target shooting. Incendiary, exploding or tracer ammunition are not allowed due to BLM restrictions as well as fire danger. Steel targets must be positioned from the shooter at least 25 feet for firearms using pistol caliber ammunition and for shotguns using lead shot and 50 yards for firearms using rifle cartridges and shotgun slugs. Armor piercing, painted tip or steel or tungsten core ammunition is not allowed due to potential target damage and ricochet danger. .223 Green Tips are not allowed.

### **Targets**

COSSA provides steel targets at some ranges open to recreational shooting. Buffalo Range targets are mild steel so modern jacketed bullets are not allowed. Shooters are welcome to provide their own paper targets using the wood target backing and target stands provided by COSSA. Clay targets are permitted only at the Shotgun Range. Objects, such as old TV's, propane tanks, glass bottles, or any material that may result in sharp-edged fragments, are NOT targets and are prohibited. Explosive and incendiary (Tannerite©) materials are also prohibited.

## **NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

There will be two speakers at our November 8 General Meeting. Julie and Henry Mosier will present "Food for the Sole and for Shooting/Hunting." Shawn Kollie will give a presentation titled "Restoring a Citizen's Right to Purchase/Possess Firearms." We hope to see you there.

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## **OCTOBER WORK PARTY**

A good group of volunteers turned out for the October work party. The usual things were taken care of, garbage and general cleanup. This month the main thing that needed to be done was to get ready for winter. All of the fire trailers were drained and the water was put on the entry road from the highway to reduce the dust and make the grader work easier. The rest of the water storage containers were also drained for the winter. General cleanup was also done to keep the range looking good. The garbage trailer and the cardboard trailer were full and emptied for the winter. It was noticed that there seems to be things in both trailers that were not related to the materials used at the range. Please do not use the trailers for anything but what is used at the range. The weeds this year have been growing very well and we had several volunteers with weed eaters attacking them. This is an ongoing problem and any help is greatly appreciated. Those attending were; Gene Allen, Larry Confer, Bob Emerson, George Williams, Michael Sandiford, Bob Elliott, Rick Williams, Ted Anderson, Brian Tom, Bob Lanter, Bob Fisher, Ed Mattive, Earl McKinney, Bill Herrick, Jules Wetzal, Don Thomas, Tommy Thompson, Mike Conley, Jim Trewin, Dennis Jones, Richard Weiss and Bill Lewis. I thank all of these members for their efforts.

## **GONG RANGE WORK**

Work on the Gong range was also done. Due to the shooting of the range distance signs being shot up by members, the distance signs were replaced with new ones. Please do not shoot these signs, any member found shooting the range distance signs will face disciplinary action. The brush and weeds were cut all the way to the new target at 1300 yards and it looks very good. In preparation for the construction of the Gong Range cover, the benches were moved forward to be out of the way for the construction of the cover. The holes were drilled for the posts and the concrete was poured with a special work party. The volunteers for this work were, Mike Brady, Eric Brown, Ernest Netter, Mike Johnson, Jim McKinnery, Chuck Ewing and Bill Lewis. The work on the cover will be going on for the next 6 or 8 weeks and all members are requested to check the COSSA

calendar for scheduled work parties on the Gong Range. Members may use the Gong Range with the benches moved forward when work parties are not carried on.

## **VOTE**

Still time to vote, get out there and let them know what you want!

## **SAFETY BENCH: Bay One and Other Issues**

**Bay One:** A recent change by the COSSA board of directors now restricts Bay One to pistol caliber cartridges only – rifle, pistol or revolver. Please take your high velocity rounds to the **Gong Range**, the **Sight In Range** or **Bay 18**. These ranges have everything you need to sight in and to withstand the punishment of a high velocity round.

**Other issues:** Recently one of our club officers noticed a vehicle behind and above the berms around Bay 7-8. An individual was there “collecting his targets”. Note: there was active shooting at the CPS Bays, so this individual was laterally exposed to down range fire and ricochets.

Our COSSA officer called “cease fire” and initiated an investigation. He approached a man and woman at a vehicle parked between Bay 7-8 and asked if they knew the person behind the berms. They did, and replied it was their relative. He then went behind the berm and asked the gentleman if he knew he was violating club rules about being behind the berm? The man responded that he wasn’t a club member and didn’t know that rule. Turns out that none of the three people shooting at the range were members.

They had accessed the range via a Cowboy Action shoot and remained at the range when the event was over. None had paid their guest fees and there was no club member sponsor to monitor their activities.

This scenario exposes a hole in our operating procedures and opens the range to non-members. Visitors lack the necessary operating knowledge members learn during their required-for membership orientation and put themselves in danger. They also opened the club to a possible accident. They were not covered by our insurance, and had there been an injury, a possible lawsuit.

Please remember that guests must **sign-in, pay their guest fee** (a reasonable \$5.00) and have their member sponsor **with them** when they shoot. It is up to their sponsor to make sure club rules are followed.

## **ED’S LAST HUNT**

*At sunset with a deer hunter.*

Dateline: Ochoco Mountains, Oregon

By Gary Lewis

Ed Park and I bounced over the rutted road in my pickup and stopped at a barbed wire gate. When we topped out on the rise, two coyotes broke out of the meadow and streaked away through the sage. Ed saw them first.

We set up beneath a lightning-struck pine and watched the sun swing through the western sky. Across the narrow valley, a hawk hunted in the sagebrush. It swept back and forth, sometimes six feet above the ground, sometimes riding the thermals. “It’s a marsh hawk,” Ed whispered. In an instant, the raptor folded its wings and plunged to the ground. When it rose again, it clutched a field mouse in one talon. The bird rose higher and we watched now, through binoculars, as it gained altitude.

“He’s dropped it,” I said. A forlorn rodent tumbled through thin air and the hawk rolled with it, then below it, to pluck the mouse out of the sky. Once again, the raptor climbed, till 30 or 40 feet above the ground, he dropped his prey again, and snagged it once more before it hit the ground, this time with his left foot. For the next twenty minutes, the ambidextrous avian dropped the mouse and caught it again, alternating with right and left.

That year, I’d called Ed to see if he needed a partner and a place to hunt. He was ready to go. Ed’s career began in 1948, when he spent a summer as the lookout on Black Butte. In 1951, he joined the U.S. Army and worked in Counter Intelligence in the U.S., Japan and Korea. In 1961, he returned to Oregon and began his career as a full-time freelance writer and photographer. Over the course of the next 47 years, he published approximately 4,000 articles and several books.

With a story in Sports Afield, he popularized canoe hunting for moose. He loved the long drive to Alaska and made it several times in a Volkswagen Beetle. He would remove the passenger and rear seats to make room for the boned-out moose and caribou meat that he and a partner brought back from the North, antlers

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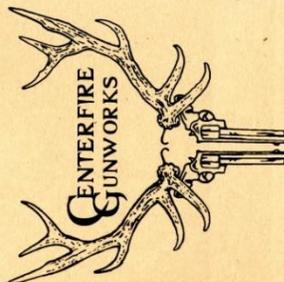


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# COSSA Disciplines

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 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Olney on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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/cps/home](http://www.cossapark.com/cps/home)

Contact: Dave Webb [deployed\\_dave@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:stonewoodkid@gmail.com)

## Lady Hawks: Women's Defensive Shooting (LH)

Second Saturday of months April thru October.

[www.cossapark.com/node/20](http://www.cossapark.com/node/20)

## Central Oregon Precision Riflemen (COPR)

Long distance high performance rifle shoots.

[www.cossapark.com/copr/home](http://www.cossapark.com/copr/home)

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](http://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.

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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](http://www.cossapark.com/content/great-basin-precision-rifle-gbp)

Please Pre-Register. [gbpr@cossapark.com](mailto:gbpr@cossapark.com) Rod Campuzano, Match Director.

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4 COWBOY ACTION-HRP 8:00 am to 12:00 pm HANDGUN SILHOUETTE 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Setup Time: 8:00 am	5 BOARD MEETING 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	6	7 WORK PARTY 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	8 GENERAL MEETING 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	9	10
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strapped to the roof. Bundled in parkas, windows open to keep the meat cool, they took turns driving, the passenger sleeping on the meat.

When Park suffered a stroke in 1991, it left him with limited use of the right side of his body. Park's athletic, rugged, outdoor lifestyle was changed. He refused to retire, and continued to produce his columns and features, navigating the computer keyboard with his left index finger.

When he shot a rifle he had to use his left hand and required a rest for the fore-end and rifle butt. Shooting left-handed was a challenge because his right eye was dominant and his left was troublesome.

Even more troublesome was staying home in October when there was a deer tag in his pocket.

Two deer fed away from us. We watched them through my binoculars and Ed's Bushnell bino/rangefinder.

They were at 217 yards, then at 239, then 265 – further away each time we pressed the button and measured the distance.

"I think we'll wait and see if a buck comes in later," Ed said.

The two deer moved to the top of the bowl, then back down. Finally the sun set, turning the blue sky orange.

Seated on a folding chair, Ed used the tailgate of my truck as his rifle bench. A bipod elevated the fore-end of the Ruger M77 while a rolled-up sleeping bag provided support at the rear. He pulled the rifle tight against his left shoulder.

The deer walked the edge of the bowl, silhouetted. I watched through the Bushnell rangefinder and pushed the button.

"Three-hundred-fifty-six yards."

Park put the rifle away. We watched as the mule deer moved up and out of the willows.

As the sky turned purple along its lining, ten thousand baby spiders drifted with the wind on gossamer strands, backlit by the setting sun. Far away, a coyote howled and the wind whispered in the branches of the pine tree.

There is not a year when October comes that I do not remember.



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