



COSSA Bulletin

February 2016

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The New Member Orientation held on January 30th was standing room only! Thanks to PMP and their use of their warm clubhouse, 29 new and current members participated in the January orientation session bringing up our total to nearly 110 COSSA members in the first seven months of our policy to improve the safety knowledge of our membership. Michael Brodie and Jeremy Lewis assisted by sharing their knowledge of COSSA practices to the benefit of the new members. Several other current members also attended to learn more about COSSA safety and range use practices. Participation by current members is extremely valuable and provides great insight to the orientation process. Please consider attendance at the next orientation session scheduled for February 20th! Take the safety quiz posted on the website! Are you as knowledgeable as our newest members?

JANUARY WORK PARTY

We had a good turnout for the January work party, in spite of the weather. During this cold wet weather, not much can be done except clean up the range. The participants were: Fred Newton, Eric Brown, Jim Mateski, Jim Mooers, Rich Fleming Charles Brown, Michael Brodie, Mike Casey and Bill Lewis. The new steel rail fence was also completed by Don Thomas and Roy Shirakata. I am planning on having more for the work parties to do when the weather gets nicer and we can do some painting and sign installing. If anyone has any additional ideas for things that need to be done contact Bill Lewis, 541-480-4695.

THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING IS THE ELECTION

Bring your ballot to the meeting or mail it in so that we get it by February 11. Come join the fun and win a door prize.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

The speaker for this month will be Dave Danek of DIY CAVE. He will speak on how it works and what they have to offer COSSA members.

If you would like to receive an email copy of this newsletter, please send an email request to:
COSSAmembership@gmail.com

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Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association

24th ANNUAL FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET

Set for March 19th at the Riverhouse Convention Center, doors open at 4 PM. Live & silent auctions, special drawing & door prizes. Bob Nosler will be the NRA Board Member present and Special Guest. A Cigar Social will be held with Bob Nosler as a special guest for \$100.00. General admission for banquet is \$60.00. COSSA will have sponsor tables so contact Rich Fleming, 541-389-1100 for tickets and seating with the good guys.

WORK PARTY PRIZES

Each year COSSA gives out \$400.00 in gift certificates to members that have participated in work parties and attended meeting. The names are drawn from the bucket of red tickets that are put in for hours worked and meeting attended. Members do not have to be present to win. In addition, this year we have a special gift for the 5 top members who have put in the most volunteer hours during the year, COSSA Board members excluded. Crimson Trace has had night matches in the last couple of years and has used the range to introduce new products. This year they have been very generous and given COSSA gift certificates, valued @ \$300.00, for any of the Crimson Trace products. Crimson Trace gave us enough gift certificates so that we will have the same giveaway next year. These will be given out at the February general meeting, the members need not be present to get their certificates. The 5 members with the most work hours put in are; Roy Shirakata-73, Eric Brown-51, Michael Brodie-41, Ron Glover-37, Mike Casey-34. Thank you guys for your effort.

GONG RANGE USERS

It seems that many of the Gong Range users are not changing the "Range Closed/people down range" sign when they are finished with the range and leave. This makes it difficult for anyone wanting to use the range to know that it can be used. Please change the sign to "Range Open" when you are finished.

CHANGES TO COSSA MEMBER SERVICES

COSSA has reached an agreement with Bookkeeping, Tax & Fiduciary Services LLC, (BTFS) in Bend to assist the COSSA treasurer with services to COSSA members. Brandy Wittwer at BTFS will be the primary contact for COSSA members regarding questions of dues payments and ID cards. Brandy will be sending out invoices and reminders to members due for renewal and will be processing renewal payments. Brandy has set up a gmail address: COSSAmembership@gmail.com and will be using this to send out COSSA newsletter links, new gate code changes, and other communications to COSSA members. If past experience is any guide, members will reply to these emails with many questions above Brandy's pay grade. Brandy will refer these questions to Bill Lewis.

NEW TREASURER

You have probably received your election ballot by now and may have noticed a new name for treasurer. I am pleased to have served you and COSSA these last five years. But, I think it is time for some new blood. Derek Chappel has courageously agreed to step into the breach. We will be in the process of changing over for the next few months. So, please bear with us. However, we don't screw up on purpose, so please, if you notice a problem or have a question, send an email to COSSAmembership@gmail.com.

Thank you

Lee Lucas, COSSA Treasurer

GREAT BASIN PRECISION RIFLE

Match dates for 2016 are mixed weekends. Check the COSSA website under COSSA Discipline. This year the Long Range Shoot and the Semi-Auto Rifle will be on Saturday. The Match starts at 7:30 a.m. Any rifle caliber up to 338 Lapua. 1020 - 1760 yards (1 mile).

When we are done shooting 1760 yards, next is the 200 - 1020 yards. Any rifle up to 300 Win. Mag. I will be putting up heavier targets out to 400 yards. It is okay to use more than one rifle. Match fee \$15.

When this match is over (guessing around 3 p.m.), the next match will be Semi-Auto or extra bolt rifle up to 30-06.

Most shooting will be 600 yards and closer. May go as far as 900 yards. Your 223 should work. Match fee \$15 or both \$25.

The hardest targets are the 200 - 300 yards. They are 3 inch. Check your groups out. Know where Cold Bore or first shot goes compared to your group after that.

The new Tactical Match will be on Sundays, 9 a.m. Simulated roof top, barricades, multiple targets. Match fee \$25.

Will Smith will be setting up the Tactical Match. Email or call Will Smith to sign up. DoubleTap@bendbroadband.com 541-977-0202

Both Matches, Long Range and Tactical, no steel core, no Green Tip Ammo!!

Saturday (GBPR) Sunday (Tactical)

7:30 am 9:00 am

March 5 6

April 30 May 1st

June 4 5

July 30 31

August NO SHOOT

September 3 4

October 29 30

**Rod Campuzano, Match Director
rj_camp@msn.com 541-550-9570**

There were 20 shooters on November 21st despite the challenging weather. I made a few mistakes in the January Newsletter about scores. The long range shoot 1020 - 1760 yards. It was David H. and Bob H. first time hitting the mile target. They are both now in the One Mile Club and received their coin. Scott P. usually hits the one mile target regularly. The two top scores for this shoot was David H. 1st place, 10 hits. Scott P. 2nd place. We had five targets, three shots each, totaling 15 possible hits.

Yards	David H. (10 hits)	Scott P. (9 hits)
1020	1	3
1100	2	2
1300	3	1
1600	3	2
1760	1	1

Shows how well David and Scott shot. Nobody else had scores higher than four hits total.

The regular shoot 200-1020 yards. David H. 1st, Score 46. Scott P. 2nd, Score 45. John D. 3rd, Score 41. Bob H. 4th, Score 41. Keith O. 5th, Score 38. Randy M. 6th, Score 36. Mike S. 7th, Score 36. They were the top scores.

When we have a shooter's tie, that includes on the Buffalo Matches, we go by who shoots the most on the farthest target.

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FOUND

Found near the Buffalo Range. A Kingston Micro Adapter in a plastic case with markings indicating 7mm Mag. Call Tom at 541-420-0856 if it is yours.



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 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

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

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

Bays 15, 16

Regular Shoots: April thru October, Monthly on 2nd Saturday

Contact: Sharon Preston 541-788-5858

Central Oregon Precision Rifleman (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.

Great Basin Sharpshooters and Pine Mountain Riflemen

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 –

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Butcheast2020@gmail.com, or Rod –

rj_camp@msn.com

Great Basin Precision Rifle

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

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

Regular shoots: To be announced

Contact: Walt Angle 541-239-1786

Website: www.oregonshooting.com/copr/

AT THE SAFETY BENCH: NSSF Firearms Safety -- 10 Rules of Safe Gun Handling

1. *Always Keep The Muzzle Pointed In A Safe Direction*
2. *Firearms Should Be Unloaded When Not Actually In Use*
3. *Don't Rely On Your Gun's "Safety"*
4. *Be Sure Of Your Target And What's Beyond It*
5. *Use Correct Ammunition*
6. *If Your Gun Fails To Fire When The Trigger Is Pulled, Handle With Care!*
7. *Always Wear Eye And Ear Protection When Shooting*
8. *Be Sure The Barrel Is Clear Of Obstructions Before Shooting*
9. *Don't Alter Or Modify Your Gun, And Have Guns Serviced Regularly*
10. *Learn The Mechanical And Handling Characteristics Of The Firearm You Are Using*

The NSSF goes on and advises....”Hunting and target shooting are among the safest of all sports.”

The NSSF website

<http://www.nssf.org/safety/basics/> “is intended to make them even safer by emphasizing the basics of safe gun handling and storage and by reminding you that you are the key to firearms safety.

You can help meet this responsibility by enrolling in hunter safety or shooting safety courses. You must constantly stress safety when handling firearms, especially to children and non-shooters. Beginners, in particular, must be closely supervised when handling firearms with which they may not be acquainted.

Don't be timid when it comes to gun safety. If you observe anyone violating any safety precautions, you have an obligation to insist on safer handling practices...”

Check out the NSSF link. Expand your shooting safety habits. Remember, firearms safety is up to you.

“MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT!”

KILLING THE STAY AT HOME WINTER BLUES

By Palaver Pete, SASS Life/Regulator#4375

You can only “dry fire” at home for so many days without going crazy. You can only stay away from the shooting range for so many days without going crazy. So, what’s the solution? The solution is to put on your longest and heaviest underwear; grab your old ski hat, dress warm (see attached photo of The Legend), and get out to the range and practice. Better yet, do all the above with cowboy clothes, and get out to the range and join your Posse for a monthly shoot. When it’s cold, the Posse need not set up 5 stages—heck, just set up one stage, keep the steel in place, and call for volunteers to design the next stage—in fact, design the stage for both Cowboy Action Shooting™ and Wild Bunch Action Shooting,™ that will bring out more shooters as well as kill the “stay at home winter blues.”

Well, that’s exactly what the Pine Mountain Posse did this Sunday, January 10th when the temperature, at times, was lower than Whale dung. The Palmer gang lit the fire in the club house; the ladies put on some soup, and we braved the elements long enough to shoot 4 stages. Again Diamond Willow bundled herself up and kept score, and GDub did the announcing and ribbon awards. Hoss Reese led the contingent, but the competition was heavy indeed. Shooters present (not in any shooting order) were: Hoss Reese, Whisperin’ Wade, Palaver Pete, Sunrise Bill, Sunrise Bravo, The Legend, Tetherow Tex LaRue, GDub, and Arctic Annie. Scores will soon be placed on the website at: www.pinemountainposse.com/ bundle up and come shoot with us on January 24th—you’re a daisy if ya do. PP.



FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 HRP-BAYS 8-14 USPSA-STEEL BAYS
7 HRP-BAYS 8-14 HG&IL	8 BOARD MEETING	9	10 WORK PARTY-10 AM	11 ANNUAL GENERAL	12	13 PMP BAYS 8-14
14 PMP BAYS 8-14	15	16	17	18	19	20 COSSA KIDS HRP BAYS 8-14 ORIENTATION 10 AM
21 HRP BAYS 8-14	22	23	24	25	26	27 FIREARMS INSTR HUNTERS ED-BAY 1 PMP BAYS 8-14
28 PMP BAYS 8-14	29	1	2	3	4 GBPR	5 HRP BAY 8-14 USPSA-STEEL BAYS



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