



COSSA Bulletin

March 2016

FEBRUARY ELECTION RESULTS

February was election for 2016 and the results are:

President-Sharon Preston
Vice President-Mark Fero
2nd Vice President- Ed Hauswald
Treasurer-Derek Chappel
Secretary-Rich Fleming
Director at Large-Bill Lewis

Please welcome all of the new officers. We are looking for a banner year for 2016.

Hello COSSA Members,

My name is Sharon Preston and I am honored to be your new President of Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association. I look forward to getting to know you better and gathering your input on what you think we are doing well and what you think we can do even better to enhance your shooting experiences at COSSA Park.

On my agenda for the coming year is to completely redesign our website with many added features to better serve you. One of the features on this website will be a community page so you may communicate with each other so you can coordinate fun range days or go to events together. I have assigned new Coordinators and Committees to grow and support our membership along with better communication avenues. This will allow us to keep you informed of upcoming opportunities to introduce you to the many disciplines within COSSA Park. We have disciplines to suit both the beginner and experienced firearms enthusiasts. This is why we are planning an Open House at the range so you can meet the Discipline Directors and watch demonstrations of their sport in hopes on enticing you to join in on the fun. Then there will be the task of replacing our gates with electronic solar gates to ease your burden of opening and

closing them. It is my hope to grow our membership and expand our disciplines to allow more in our community to exercise their second amendment rights and to partake in the many exhilarating opportunities we have at our world class range.

I look forward to serving you. Together we make COSSA Park GREAT!



Regards,
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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.

SIGN UP FOR 1-DAY SAGE RAT HUNT

If you are looking forward to hunting sage rats this spring, sign up for this COSSA-powered hunt on May 4. We will travel to Crane on May 3 and check in with Diamond A Guides in the evening. The next morning 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 May 5.

A 50% deposit is required. I need to get that deposit money to **Diamond A Guides**. That means I want a check for \$200 each (made out to Diamond A Guides). Please hand the check to Bill Lewis or Gary Lewis at a COSSA meeting.

Hunts are conducted from raised platforms, which give the shooter an elevated position for shots that will range from 10 yards out to 400 yards. Most shooters bring a scoped 17HMR and 22 centerfires. Plan to bring at least 500 rounds of ammunition for the one day in the field. You could use that amount of ammo if the weather is good.



FEBRUARY WORK PARTY

The weather for the February work party turned out to be clear and cold but we got things done. The attendees were Eric Brown, David Sweet, Larry Confer, Fred Newton, Michael Brodie, Roy Shirikata, Don Thomas, Dennis Jones, Mike Casey and Bill Lewis. We got the usual stuff done, garbage pickup, general cleanup and fixing fences. We also got some things done that everyone will notice. Look over the new shooting bench tops. New bench tops were installed on the Fockler Sight In range and they look terrific. The tops are much heavier and should last a long time. This has been a project that has taken many hours of volunteer work. First, the material was donated by, John Nason of Hooker Creek and cut out by Mike Brady. Then they were painted by Mike and Eric. At this work party all of the bench tops were replaced by Eric, Fred, and David. Some of the tops were still usable and they were used on the public range benches. Many of the tops at the public range were weathered, chipped and shot. These will now last a little longer. I want to thank all of the volunteers that helped on this project. We also did some preparation for sign repainting that is required by the BLM. The weather was so good that we should have started the work party at 10 AM instead of 9 AM.

The March work party will start at 10 AM unless the weather looks really bad, check the monthly calendar on our web site to make sure.

WANTED

We need old jeans to make into sandbags for the range. For some reason the sandbags keep walking away. If anyone sees any of the sandbags running away and they are on the road, please try and run them down with your vehicle. Please bring any old jeans to the general meeting.

MARCH SPEAKER

At our March 10 General Meeting, Harry Oliver will discuss Reloading with Hand Dies for Bench Rest Accuracy.

MOJAVE MICK FINALLY COMES CLEAN!

By Pete Pedone

For the first time in his 21 years of shooting cowboy, Mojave Mick cleaned all 5 stages—no misses no procedurals. It was also the first time in memory that Mick stood up before the crowd to make a speech accepting his first ever clean shoot ribbon—congratulations Mick! However, Mick was not alone on the clean shoot podium—standing beside him was fellow Duelist Continental Drifter who placed third in the Duelist Category behind Mick and Copper Dave.



Mojave Mick

Top Shooter for the day was Hoss Reese, who nosed-out Big Casino by (ready for this?)--.94 seconds! Not quite so unusual now days where our top guns just keep getting faster and faster. Pepper G took 4th place right behind clean shooter Mojave Mick, and yours truly just got by GDub by 5.59 seconds. Although he won the Forty Niner Category, Sunrise Bill was not his usual hot stuff this day, barely getting by Bitterroot Bert who finished up the day at 222.57 seconds for 5 stages.

Posse Marshall Cactus John took the Elder Statesman Category, while Whiskey Witt came in second in the Senior Category, right behind Bitterroot Bert. Cowgirl Ms. Sunrise B and Lady Wrangler Alpaca Pistol came next in line with Jack of all Trades, and Head Score Keeper Tequila Rosie rounded out the shooting order for the day. Hot Chicken Soup was served for lunch, and all shooters were spotted going for seconds and thirds. All in all, a great shooting day was had by all. For overall scores and other Northwest Cowboy information go to: <http://www.hrp-sass.com/> you're a Daisy if ya do. PP.

BLM MEETING

We had our first meeting for our lease renewal with the BLM. This is the first meeting we have had with the BLM in 4 years due to the load that BLM has been carrying. Prior to the meeting, the BLM representatives did have some walkthroughs of the range and they brought up some issues. However, we do not anticipate any problems with the lease renewal. We will be meeting more in the future and discussing any issues the BLM has and will keep the members posted.

FEBRUARY PRIZE MONTH

The February meeting was filled with prizes. Each Election meeting COSSA gives prizes totaling \$400.00 to the drawing winners that have red tickets in the can. The tickets are accumulated by work hours and attending meetings.

The gift certificate winners this year were;

Jim Moores-\$100.00

Walt Angle-\$100.00

Tom Thompson-\$50.00

Mike Seay-\$50.00

Fred Newton-\$25.00

Eric Brown-\$25.00

Bill Kepper-\$25.00

Dave Romaine-\$25.00

CRIMSON TRACE PRIZES

Crimson Trace donated gift certificates to any of their products. This was a generous gift from Crimson Trace and 5 of the gift certificates were awarded to COSSA members that had the most volunteer hours during 2015. The winners were; Roy Shirakata-73 hours, Eric Brown 51 hours, Mike Brody- 41 hours, Ron Glover-37 hours and Mike Casey 34 hours. Thank you guys, for all of your hard work. Another 5 certificates will be given away for the most work hours next year at the Election meeting.

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Large selection of premiere custom made hunting knives, contact Bill Lewis, lewis.w.l@hotmail.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 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.

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 – brownienash@centurylink.net, Butch – 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

Our Ranges & Bays are designed for specific uses and have restrictions appropriate to their layout.

Fockler Sight-In Range: (200 yards). **This is the primary casual use shooting range.** All calibers are allowed at this range. Paper or plastic targets and steel gongs only. Minimum distance to steel targets is 50 yds. for rifles and 25 ft. for handguns. As with all our ranges, armor piercing, painted tip or steel or tungsten core ammunition along with .223 Green Tips are not allowed. No shotguns allowed unless using slugs. For safety, do not access the area beyond the 200 yard berms. **Clean up all targets and debris when finished.**

COSSA KIDS-Small Bore Range: (100 yards). Used for rim-fire shooting only. COSSA KIDS meet the third Saturday of every month on this range.

Bays 1 through 16 and 18 may be used for casual shooting when no events are scheduled. Use only pistol caliber lead bullets in Bays 9-14. Bay 18 may be used for casual rifle and pistol shooting except when law enforcement is using Bay 17. Scheduled events have precedence and all members must yield to that event. There are no permanent target holders set up in these bays and shooters must set up and take down target holders if they wish to shoot in these bays. Avoid damage to props! Clean up all targets and debris when finished. No shotguns allowed except for scheduled events.

Pistol and Pistol caliber Rifle Range (Bay1) (100 yards): Targets can be set at any range out to 100 yards. **Do not shoot the range yardage markers.**

COSSA Practical Shooters (Bays 2-8): Bay 3 has 3 COSSA steel plate targets for casual shooting. **DO NOT MOVE TO OTHER BAYS.** Do not leave targets in bays 2, 7 or 8 as they provide access to storage areas behind the berm. Do not shoot through walls or attach targets to shoot house walls in bays 4 & 6.

Cowboy Action (Bays 9-14): To be used for Cowboy Action scheduled events and casual shooting. **Pistol caliber lead bullets only.** Do not put targets on the props!

Lady Hawks (Bays 15-16): Can be used for both scheduled events and casual pistol shooting.

Law Enforcement Training (Bays 17-18): Bay 17 is **never** available for casual shooting. Bay 18 (100 yards) may be used for casual shooting when Bay 17 is not in use.

Shotgun Range: Four shotgun manual throwers are provided. Cover throwers when finished and report any damaged throwers. A shot patterning area is also provided with paper and holders for patterning shotguns. Steel and lead shot and slugs are allowed in this area.

MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 PMP BAYS 8-14	29	1	2	3	4 GBPR	5 HRP BAY 8-14 USPSA-STEEL BAYS
6 HRP BAY 8-14 GBPR TACTICAL HGSIL	7 BOARD MEETING	8	9	10 GENERAL MEETING 7	11 HP-TACTICAL MATCH	12 PMP BAYS 8-14
13 PMP BAYS 8-14	14	15	16 WORK PARTY 10 AM	17	18	19 COSSA KIDS HRP BAYS 8-14 OPF-BAY 18 ORIENTATION 10 AM USPSA 3-GUN BAYS
20 HRP BAYS 8-14 FIREARMS INST BAY	21	22	23	24 GBSS	25	26 CFT BAY 18 PMP BAYS 8-14 USPSA-STEEL BAYS
27 GBSS PMP BAYS 8-14	28	29	30	31	1 COPR-GONG, RIFLE SIL & BUFFALO RANGES	2 HRP BAYS 8-14 USPSA BAY 2-3



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