



COSSA Bulletin

October 2015

NO GENERAL MEETING IN OCTOBER DUE TO HUNTING SEASON!

FIRE ALERT STILL IN FORCE

The Fire Danger Level is at High, with the Industrial Fire Protection Level is at Level 2.

As to what we are to do on the range:

1. Smoking is allowed only on gravel areas and in vehicles, if there is grass or other plants no smoking.
2. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels, charcoal BBQ are allowed. Campfires, warming fires in metal fire pits and must be attended at all time when in use.
3. The use of tracer rounds, exploding targets, and fireworks are prohibited yet by BLM.

SEPTEMBER WORK PARTY

The work party attendees for September were:

1. Eric Brown
2. Roy Shirakata
3. Fred Newton
4. Don Thomas
5. Bill Lewis
6. Mike Casey
7. Michael Brodie
8. Lee Lucas
9. Del Hacket

We did the usual garbage pickup and run and worked on the new fence. The fence is not done yet, so we need more people for the work party on October 14th. Come out and help.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

There is no General Meeting in October due to Hunting season. The next General Meeting is November 12.

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Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association

RANGE REMINDERS

AT THE SAFETY BENCH

Range safety is every COSSA Member's personal responsibility! The key to the safe enjoyment of COSSA Park is the sense of care not only for one's self but for the safety of all persons on the range. And best of all, it is pretty easy to do! There are just four basic things to remember.

1. **ALWAYS treat every firearm as if it is loaded.**
2. **ALWAYS keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.**
3. **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.**
4. **ALWAYS be sure of your target and what is beyond.**

Range use at COSSA outside of scheduled events is unsupervised with each of us having to act as the range safety officer. Communication is the key to safety in this situation. Talk to members in your shooting group and as importantly talk to fellow shooters along the firing line. Communicate about range status and jointly establish whether it is HOT or COLD and post the RED FLAG accordingly.

- **COLD FIRING LINE:** All firearms must be unloaded, actions or cylinders open and magazines removed (if applicable). Persons are allowed forward of the firing line to set up, fix or remove targets, set up or adjust chronographs or any other related activities. No firearms may be handled nor any other activities on the bench be undertaken while the range is COLD.
- **HOT FIRING LINE:** No persons are allowed forward of the firing line and the range is clear for the handling of firearms and shooting. All spectators must remain behind the firing line.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The third New Member Orientation was held on September 26th with over 25 new COSSA shooters in attendance. Recognizing the continued growth in COSSA membership and the need to upgrade COSSA's safety posture, this program was created and made mandatory for all new members. The orientation focused on firearm safety, range etiquette and the COSSA organization. New members are now required to pass a safety quiz before getting their membership cards and gate access. The highlight of orientation is a physical walk through of the entire range with descriptions and demonstrations of hot and cold ranges, firing bench procedures and the appropriate targets and ammunition to be used on the individual ranges.

Several long term members attended the orientation and commented afterward that the orientation might be appropriate for all of us as a refresher. Backing this commentary up, was one of our new members, who while on tour, observed activity at the firing bench while the range was cold and with shooters down range. As we all know, the handling of anything on the bench is NOT allowed while the range is cold.

The next orientation is scheduled for the end of October. The long term members were a great welcome for our new shooters and aided greatly in providing insight and knowledge on how to get the most out of COSSA Park. Looking forward to more long term members at the October orientation!

Watch the website for the date of the next orientation. For all current members that wish to attend, call Bill Lewis, 541-480-4695, and let him know so we can have a count on how many are attending.

Vapor Trails in Cap Rock Country

By Gary Lewis

Orchard grass or alfalfa. As goes the price of feed, so goes the price of beef and lamb and the cost to keep of course, a horse.

According to Rick Byrd, of La Pine Feed, orchard grass is going for \$10 an 85-pound bale these days. Alfalfa is running \$18 for a 160-pound bale. Each year, the cost varies according to the supply and the demand.

If the mule deer out in the fields near Silver Lake were any indication, demand is high. They streamed down out of the junipers to spread out across the fields in bunches of 20 to 40 animals between the irrigation wheel lines, nibbling at the green showing between last year's dried-out stalks.

Other critters had their eyes on the commodity.

A sage rat streaked for his hole, head low to the ground. Another stood on his haunches like a picket pin, about eight inches high. They were hard to see at first, blending in with the dried stalks. But then a darker patch would show against the grass, the cheek and head of a squirrel, a target no bigger than a silver dollar.

Charlie Lake lifted his 10x Leupold binocular. "They're all over the place." Dave Wilcox lifted the lid on his cargo carrier and handed out the hardware. Fourteen-year-old Sam King was supposed to start out with an old single-shot Savage with open sights, but he cast a favoring eye across my Trijicon-topped Ruger 10/22.

Since I toured their Tualatin factory for the first time seven years ago, I have been using Warne Scope Mounts on my rifles. When I ran into Charlie Lake at the SHOT Show in Las Vegas last January, we decided we should try to do our part to keep the cost of hay affordable. I called Russ Scott at Lake in the Dunes

(www.lakeinthedunes.com) and we set up an early April hunt.

We settled in with an irrigation line at our backs to shoot north and south. Lake propped his Tactical Solutions .22 on a tripod and dialed the elevation up to compensate for shots that would come between 75 yards and 225. Wilcox used the back of a camp chair for a rest while Sam and I opted for shooting sticks. I started with the bolt action CZ 17HMR.

For a few moments nothing moved, save the tops of the grass. From each mound, trails radiated into the field like wheel spokes. There. A sage rat, crouched in a furrow, his back brown against the yellowed livestock fuel, magnified to 6x in my scope.

Safety to 'fire.' Crosshair on squirrel hair. A puff of Silver Lake soil drifted away on the breeze and the squirrel dashed for his burrow. Several months had passed since my trigger finger had spent this much time caressing the quarter moon. Muscle memory returned and eyes adjusted to calculate the effects of wind, distance and gravity. After 50-some empties lay spent, I switched to my scoped Ruger Charger 22. The bigger bullet bucked the breeze better, but the handgun took more concentration to score at long range.

After a hundred rounds, I switched back to the CZ and felt my groove coming back.

By my calculations, we saved 2,503 pounds of hay. You'll see the savings in the meat department.

It was two weeks later that I got a thank-you in the mail. It was from the landowner whose property we'd hunted near Silver Lake. We read the letter on the road to Burns. He explained how much damage the varmints had done to his crops and how necessary it was to keep them under control if he expected to take any orchard grass to market. Producing a crop that was certified organic, he could not use chemicals to control the critters. His best option, he said, was a hunter with a rifle.

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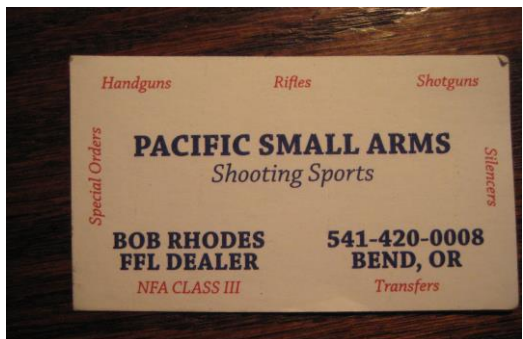
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FOR SALE:

Glock 23,40 cal gen 4,3 clips.Less than 200 rounds ,shot ,with box,\$500.00. I will pay background check. Call Jim Mooers 541-388-1533



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: Bill Garland 541-447-4633

Cowboy Action: Horse Ridge Pistoleros

Regular shoots: 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month all year; and 5th Saturday, Bays 9-14
Contact: Big Casino 541-848-7260

Cowboy Action: Pine Mountain Posse

Regular shoots: Bays 9-14
2nd Sunday and 4th Saturday of the month year round. Check our website or Facebook page for more info.
Contact: Wade Palmer 541-318-8199

Lady Hawks: Women's Defensive Shooting Bays 15, 16

Regular Shoots: April thru October, Monthly on 2nd Saturday
Contact: Sharon Preston 541-788-5858

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 –

brownienash@centurylink.net, Butch –

Butcheast2020@gmail.com, or Rod –

rj_camp@msn.com

Great Basin Precision Rifle

1st weekend, April through October. No shoot in June.

Saturday, 200-1760 yards, Steel and silhouette targets

Sunday, semi-auto rifles, 100-1,000 yards

Contact: Rod Campuzano 541-550-9570,

rj_camp@msn.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/

Central Oregon Precision Rifleman (COPR)

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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



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If so, The Cowboys have a great offer for you!

Plan for you and 5 others to come to the
SASS Western Divisional October 15th- 18th.

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can divide up the savings between all 6 of you.

All 6 applications and the 5 payments must be sent in
together in the same envelope.

Applications can be found online at thecowboys.org

(All applications for this promotion must be post marked by Sept. 14th)

So round up your pards and lets hit the range!

If you have any questions please contact

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October 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 27 GBSS-PMR PMP-SMOKIN CFT-CARBINE CLASS | 28 PMP-TEAR DOWN BAYS 7-18 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 GBPR-DT DEMO | 3 CPS-USP8A HRP |
| 4 GBPR-DT DEMO HRP HG8 | 5 BOARD MEETING | 6 FOREST SERVICE BAYS 17 & 18 | 7 HP-WORK/PRACTICE | 8 NO GENERAL | 9 PMP HP-PRACTICE | 10 CFT BAY 8 CPS-IDPA HP-MR PRONE LH ZERT-BAY 18 |
| 11 PMP ZERT-BAY 18 HP-LR PRONE | 12 | 13 | 14 COSSA WORK | 15 BLM BAY 17 & 18 | 16 | 17 COSSA KIDS CPS 3 GUN, BAYS 1- HRP LOL BAY 18 OPFT-GONG RANGE |
| 18 HRP OPFT-GONG RANGE | 19 | 20 CPS-IDPA CLASSR | 21 | 22 GBSS-PMR | 23 PMP | 24 CPS MIXED STEEL |
| 25 GBSS-PMR PMP | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 HRP |



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