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A coming attraction...

Safety director appointed, test for safety "IQ" is approved

After a great deal of discussion the Executive Board has adopted a revised membership application and renewal procedure. The reason for the changes has been brought about by a review of our insurance policy and how COSSA is covered.

Bill Garland has been appointed Safety Director and one of his duties will be to author a set of safety procedures that will apply to the range and for any discipline that currently has only an informal set of safety rules. Additionally, Bill will create a simple list of safety procedures and a test. These will be available online or in a snail mail version.

After the February election all applicants will be required to accompany their membership application with a completed safety test page. All three items will be available on line. Upon receipt of a check, application and test page, an applicant will receive a membership card and information packet.

When a current member is scheduled for renewal, he or she will have to complete the safety test and return it with the renewal check. This procedure will satisfy our new insurance requirements. There might be a few bugs to work out, so members' patience will be appreciated. We'll have more information later.

Nominations for all officers on agenda for January 14 members' meeting; ballots will come in the mail

Nominations for elected officers will be taken at the January 14 monthly meeting. Ballots will be mailed to all members in late January, and election results will be announced at the February 11 meeting.

Elected slots open include president, vice president, executive vice president, secretary, treasurer, and director-at-large.

Hopefully all nominees will be computer literate, a skill especially important for nominees for secretary and for treasurer (who needs to juggle record keeping/accounting programs). Nominees must be COSSA members in good standing, and have the time to devote to

the requirements of an office. The COSSA bylaws have a section describing the duties of each office; however, development of the range, expansion of the membership, and general business activities have greatly changed and expanded the original job descriptions.

The above comments are not meant to discourage any candidates; however, the future success of our association depends upon a pool of capable, experienced and dedicated leaders.

1000-yd range on track for late spring opening; home shop volunteer is needed for bench task

Bill Lewis, our chief engineer, says the 1000-yard range work schedule is on track for a late spring opening. Bill is in the process of completing the construction of the jig necessary to mass produce the movable target holders. Holes must be drilled in the concrete pad for the legs of the metal target supports. There is some additional ground work to do in the target pit, but we may have to wait for the spring thaw so a bit of digging can be done.

Bill has a job for a home shop volunteer. We need to construct a dis-

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Coming in August: Double Rifle Safari Style Shoot

COSSA will host its second invitational Big Bore/Double Rifle Safari Style Shoot on August 21.

Safari-style attire is encouraged. Hunting boots, a shade-giving hat, ear and eye protection, and a canteen are required. Shooters (accompanied by a guide) will walk a course through mature juniper trees and engage moving and static targets.

Walk-through will take approximately 15 minutes. Shooters will also have the opportunity to compete in the clay sand grouse/diving duiker competition.

Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. Shooting will be from 9 to 3:30.

To compete, a shooter must bring at least one double rifle or bolt-action rifle of at least 9.3mm (.366) caliber. In addition, a shooter may bring a combination gun or a double-barreled shotgun of any gauge.

Lions, elephants and other big game will be prey in COSSA's second Double Rifle Safari Style Shoot.



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WORK PARTY NOTES



January 27 WP

The January work party is on Wednesday, the 27th. Bring gloves, lunch and warm drink, and meet at the Training Center at 10:30 a.m. If you plan to attend, call Bill Fockler, 389-4808, a few days ahead of time. Also, should the weather look iffy the morning of the 27th give Fockler a call to see if the work party is a go.

Thanks to Dec crew

Many thanks to all those who came out for the December work party. We got a ton of work done at the 1000-yard range and throughout the main range. Again many thanks to Sam Toves, Gary Palmer, Roy Shirakata, Don Thomas, Butch Eastman, Bill McMinn, Dennis Douglas, Joe Cullison, Bill Lewis, Hugh Flynn, Rich Fleming, Don Hunt, and Bill Fockler.

Check schedule for omissions, errors

Note to all discipline directors and COSSA members, the 2010 schedule is 99% complete. Check the disciplines and events schedule page 8 to see if we need to add, subtract or adjust dates. Call Bill Fockler, 389-4808

1000-yd range on track...

mountable double seating bench for our range trailer. This trailer will be used to transport shooters, spotters and pit crews to and from the pit and various firing lines. Call Bill Fockler at 389-4808 if you are interested.

COSSA sponsors NRA's Oregon State YHEC

The NRA's Oregon State Youth Hunting Education Challenge is scheduled for June 11-13 on the COSSA Range with COSSA being the Sponsor Range for the event. Some 50 young shooters are expected to participate.

Recognized as the most comprehensive youth hunting program anywhere in North America, the Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) is NRA's "graduate studies" program in outdoor skills and safety training for young hunters. Open only to those who have completed hunter-safety training at the state or provincial level, the program is conducted under simulated hunting conditions to provide the best practical environment for reinforcing and testing a young hunter's skills.

From rifle, bow and muzzleloader shooting at life-sized targets, to wildlife identification, to map-and-compass orienteering and more, YHEC participants get hands-on training in eight skills areas, giving them expertise in all methods of take and all types of game.

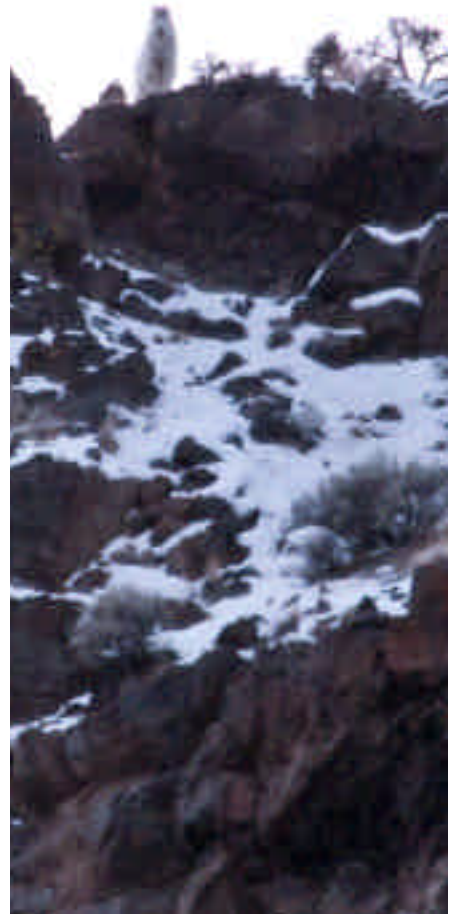
State- and provincial-level YHEC programs, all hosted by volunteer

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Townsend bows out as COSSA Kids coach

After four years as a line coach in the COSSA Kids movement, Harry Townsend has stepped down to full time retirement, says Don Thomas, discipline director. "Harry has always been more than ready to help in working with all our young shooters. In fact he was one of the first to respond when we needed to come up with loaned or donated .22 single shot rifles in the beginning of COSSA Kids. We will miss you Harry!

"We are fortunate to have a new COSSA member, Ron Brown, step up to fill the vacancy created by Harry's departure. He joins long-time regulars, Rich Fleming, Roy Shirakata, Hugh Flynn, and range officer Mark Fero."



Ghostly figure atop cliff is a mountain goat sighted in Dry Canyon.

Mountain goat goes "walkabout" to Dry Canyon

Vicki Ramming of the US Forest Service office in Prineville reports:

"You never know what you might run in to in the field. This photograph was received yesterday (December 16) from Brent Fenty (ONDA) with an explanation that an ONDA member captured the photo in Dry Canyon, near the Badlands Wilderness.

"Corey Heath with ODFW went out to look for the animal. After about an hour, he found it -- said it was a young male probably looking for new territory. Corey said they have had sightings of mountain goat on both the lower Deschutes and John Day, on Warm Springs, and one southeast of Prineville in the Post area."



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10 Cowboy Action: Pine Mountain Posse, 10 a.m. ■ Handgun Silhouette, big bore & 1/2 scale, 9 a.m. .	11 7 p.m. COSSA executive board meeting	12	13 -	14 7 p.m. COSSA meeting, VFW Hall, 4th & Olney, Bend	15	16 COSSA Kids, 10 a.m. ■ CPS: mixed steel match, 10 a.m. ■ Cowboy Action: Horse Ridge Pistoleros,, Wild Bunch,10 a.m
17 Cowboy Action: Horse Ridge Pistoleros, 10 a.m	18	19	20	21	22	23 :
24 Handgun Silhouette, small bore,field pistol, 1/2 and 1/5 scale, 9 a.m. 31	25	26	27 Range work party, 10:30 a.m. Call Bill Fockler, 389-4808	28	29	30

2010 COSSA DISCIPLINES & EVENTS

COSSA KIDS

Regular Shoots: 3rd Saturday of the month all year

Contact: Don Thomas, 389-8284, or Mark Fero, 548-5566

COSSA PRACTICAL SHOOTERS (CPS)

Regular shoots: 1st and 3rd Saturdays and 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month April-October. During warmer months, CPS has IPSC Steel the 1st Saturday; IDPA the 2nd Sunday; regular IPSC the 3rd Saturday; a Speed Steel or multi-gun match the 4th Sunday. Abbreviated schedule November-March on 1st and 3rd third Saturdays; shooting at steel targets.

Contact: Tom Allen, mixed steel, miscellaneous, 593-7202; Bill Garland Sr., IPSC, Law Enforcement Qualifiers, 503-508-8548

COWBOY ACTION: HORSE RIDGE PISTOLEROS

Regular shoots: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month all year; 3rd Saturday most months

Contact: Mitchell Howard, 389-4037

COWBOY ACTION: PINE MOUNTAIN POSSE

Regular shoots: 2nd Saturday & Sunday of the month year around; group lunch after shoot

Contact: David Romine, 647-7175

GREAT BASIN SHARP SHOOTERS BPCR, BUFFALO

Regular shoots: 4th Saturday of the month, April-October. Match will include a mid-range shoot of 100-500 yards, along with the 600-1000 yards shoot. Single shot or lever action rifle, lead bullets, no gas checks, black powder, no weight limit on rifles

Contact: Rod Campuzano, 330-8802

HANDGUN SILHOUETTE

Regular shoots: Year round: 2nd Sunday, big bore & 1/2 scale; 4th Sunday, small bore, field pistol, 1/2 & 1/5 scale. Matches begin at 9 a.m. year round.

Contact: Joe Cullison, 317-8801

HIGH POWER RIFLE

Regular shoots: To be announced
Contact: To be announced.

LADY HAWKES: WOMEN'S DEFENSIVE SHOOTING

Regular Shoots: Monthly on 2nd Saturday of the month, March-October
Contact: Cindy Van Patten, 771-7355

MILLICAN VALLEY BPCR SILHOUETTE

Regular shoots: 3rd Saturday, April-October
Contact: Les Rouska, 548-1353

SHOTGUN

Contact: Chris Yaeger, 317-85

SPECIAL EVENTS, ACTIVITIES

ODFW Hunter Ed Field Day, March 13, May 8, August 5

BLM Law Enforcement, training, March 9-10

Prineville Police Department, training. February 7, April 4, June 6, October 30, November 10

Central Oregon Reserve Peace Officer Academy, firearms classes. May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 10

US Forest Service, training. January 13, April 20-21

Youth Safari Challenge, hosted by COSSA. May 29

Bend Police Deptment, sniper training, May 24-28

2nd Annual Great Northwest SASS Wild Bunch Championships, hosted by Horse Ridge Pistoleros, June 4-6

NRA's Oregon State Youth Hunting Education Challenge, June 11-13, hosted by COSSA

US Treasury Department, training. schedule to be announced

2nd Gunfight in the Badlands, hosted by Pine Mountain Posse. June 11-13

Classic Rifle, June 25-27

15th Shootout at Horse Ridge & Governor's Cup, hosted by Horse Ridge Pistoleros. July 22-25

Handgun Silhouette State Match, August 5-8

Big Bore/Double Rifle Safari Style Shoot, August 21, hosted by COSSA

COSSA Sight-in Clinics, September 4-5, 25-26

