



# COSSA Bulletin

May 2019

*"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*

## BAY ONE UPGRADE

**Concrete will be put in the cover of bay one next week. Please do not walk on the new concrete or move the benches under the cover.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you have been out to the range lately, you have noticed a lot of improvements have taken place but we are not done yet. The Training Center (TC) phase 1 is about done, with shell completed and the concrete floor poured. The will be using the TC for disciplines having large matches or teaching classes (like Lady Hawks). It will also be available for rent for people doing private shooting classes and instruction. I want to thank John Skovran for all his volunteer help in managing this project. You have also noticed we have been using the newly purchased wheel loader to reshape many of the berms. Over the years the wind and erosion had lowered and widen the berms so it was time to push the berms back up. We are planning on putting more gravel into the bays now that they have been dug out.

We have also had a concrete pad pour for the firing line in bay one to make this more accessible for all and we are having a pad poured at the gate code box to help the erosion from people accelerating and leaving ruts.

We also supported the creation on of a 501c3 not for profit called the COSSA Foundation. This is a separate entity from COSSA design to promote safe shooting in Central Oregon. We expect this to be approved by the IRS in the next month or two. Once this is approved they will be able to accept donations that will help COSSA and the Central Oregon shooting community to grow and improve.

COSSA hired a web designer to create a new web site for COSSA. The new web site will have more capabilities like online signup and renewal of membership, online orientation, and more information on what is going on at the range and several other features. As part of this we will need to make sure your information is correct in the system. Please make sure you let us know when you move or change your email address. The new web site should be up and running in the new few months.

None of these projects would be possible without our awesome volunteers! Please let us know if you would like to help our club continue to improve by volunteering.

## MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May General Meeting will be held May 9<sup>th</sup>. Sgt Landolt and Misha Knea from Bend PD will discuss hardening your home against criminals. We hope to see you there.

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## PROPER GONG RANGE USE

The GONG range may be used EXCEPT when the NOSLER range is open. When NOSLER shoots, they should set the signage to CLOSE the GONG range and the BUFFALO ranges. When NOSLER shoots, ALL of the other long ranges are closed.

The GONG range may be utilized when the BUFFALO range is also being used. HOWEVER, if when either range user needs to go downrange to set targets or paint, then cross communication between the ranges needs to occur. For example, if both the GONG range and the Buffalo ranges are being used and the GONG range shooter needs to go down range: he/she should close the GONG range with signs and flag, walk over to the BUFFALO range and ask them to shut down until the GONG range shooter returns and tells them the GONG range is clear. Conversely, if the BUFFALO range shooters need to go down range, then they must notify the GONG range shooters of their intentions and ask them to close the GONG range until notified by the Buffalo range shooters that they are clear.

## WORK PARTY-APRIL 2019

April was a special month for work parties, we had two. The first was to prepare the new Training Center for the concrete floor. We had a good work crew and completed the installation of the high density foam around the inside walls to prevent the cold from getting to the floor. The work was done in about 4 hours and the crew was large enough so we were able to start on the preparation of Bay 1 for installation of a concrete pad. The benches were moved out in front and can still be used. Those members that attended the work party were; Garrett Erickson, Eric Brown, Jeremy Lewis, David Sweet, Kris Bales, Robert Norquest, Bob Emerson, John Skovran, Gregg Peterson, Mike Conley, Dennis Jones and Bill Lewis.

The second work party for April was our regular work party and all of the regular work was done and more prep work for the Training Center. The contractor for the Training Center was also there to pour the concrete floor and porch. The Gong Range has been improved with berms on each side to protect the shooters from the wind and to protect the people entering the Park and the

shooters on the Buffalo Range. Use of the Gong Range regulations is covered in another article this month.

Some of you may have noticed that we do get a little wind blowing occasionally and a new method of trying to retain the berms is being tried. One of our members donated some used carpet and that was placed over the left berm on the Gong Range to keep the sand from blowing off. The wind has blown enough to show that we will need to fasten it down with spikes to keep it in place. Any member with used carpet can contact Bill Lewis and we will install more of it when we can. Those attending the regular work party were: Garr ett Erickson, Don Thomas, Bob Lanter, Jim Mooers, Fred Newton, Ted Anderson, Michael Sandiford, Dennis Jones, Steve Dunbar, Doug Lowndes, Tommy Thompson, Mike Conley, David Kauffman, Galen Ruud, Alan Ashforth, Jim Parker Bruce Dorn, John Skovran, Mike Casey, Bob Elliott, Larry Confer, Don Crigler and Bill Lewis.

Further work has been done on the berm rebuild and will continue in preparation for the up coming USPSA Area 1 shoot in June. Several members have been working on the bay and berm cleanup on their own time and not on the work party days. There are plenty of places to shoot and if work is being done on the bays please be patient and move to another bay. Those working on the berms and the Training Center have been Kent Neumann, Galen Ruud and Garrett Erickson. Thanks to all of the volunteers for their work, this is what keeps COSSA going.

## TARGET STANDS

COSSA provides target boards and gongs on several of the bays for the members to have targets and a means of putting up targets. The target board holders on the Fockler Sight in Range are set in the ground and should not be moved. COSSA also provides movable target stands, sticks, and cardboard for the members to use on the pistol bays. Bays 3 and 15 have gongs. These can be set at any range but should not be removed from the bays. Many of the target stands and the gong stands are hit with projectiles and damaged and must be repaired. Anyone finding any target holders that need repaired is asked to place them near the left storage conex so they can be repaired at the next work party. However, this does not account for the lack of target stands at the range. So far COSSA has provided over 125 target stands for the members to use. At the last work party, the target stands were inventoried to see how many we had and how many were in need of repair. **NO MORE THAN 50 COULD BE FOUND.** If the target stands keep walking off, COSSA will no longer provide them for the members.

## **COSSA and THE BEND TRAP CLUB**

For the past two years the Bend Trap Club (BTC) has sponsored skeet shooting instruction from Todd Bender, arguably the world's leading skeet instructor. The BTC will host Bender again this year on June 25, 26 and 27, and COSSA will facilitate the event taking advantage of the new 501(3)c in the hopes of providing a way for youth shooters to be able to take the course of instruction. Youth sponsors, whether as an individual or as a group, will be able to make a tax-deductible contribution with the proceeds used to allow the youth to enroll in the course. Please contact Ed Hauswald at 540 272 3387 to make a donation. Both COSSA and the BTC hope people will take advantage of this in order to promote the training of new generation shooters. The instruction improves performance in all shotgun activity, from field hunting to Sporting Clays and Trap. It should not be considered for skeet shooters specifically.

Todd Bender was named the first Master Instructor for the National Skeet Shooting Association, has been trained by the UK's Clay Pigeon Association (CPSA) and is an Honorary Fellow in England's Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors. His teaching methods have taken him around the world and created a number of world champions. Todd is recognized as the leading authority in shotgun shooting instruction. Todd helped develop the Wounded Warrior Day, a shooting event for active duty soldiers recovering from injuries sustained in action and is the current Moving Target Coach for the Elite Teams of the US Navy Seals.

In competition, Todd has maintained a position on top of the National Skeet Shooting Association for three decades. Over the years he has compiled 23 NSSA World Championships and has been named to a record 33 consecutive Men's First All-American Teams. Todd is also the only shooter to record three consecutive back-to-back 550x550s at the World Championships in 2007, 2008, and 2009. Todd was inducted into the National skeet Shooting Association Hall of Fame (1999).

The event is open to all shooters at \$550 per shooter with limited space available. Act quickly as about half the spaces are already taken. Instruction is highly personalized with a maximum of four shooters in the daily group. Bender tailors his advice to the individual shooter with continual feedback.

For more information contact Jim Bell of the BTC at [jimmiedb41@gmail.com](mailto:jimmiedb41@gmail.com)

We hope you can help develop a new world champion from Central Oregon.

## **LADY HAWKS UPDATE**

The first Lady Hawks session of 2019 got off to a great start on April 13<sup>th</sup> with five women taking the Fundamentals of Shooting class and three the Advanced Clinic. The Fundamentals class stressed handgun safety and handling and by the end of the two hours on the firing line the shooters were consistently hitting the target and working on grouping their shots. The Advanced shooters were challenged by a series of assessments and drills that tested and strengthen their marksmanship, trigger manipulation, target transitions, and reloads skills. The next session is Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> with a new start time of 9:30 AM and ending at 12:30 PM. Use the on-line registration link and get more details at the COSSA website calendar. The Fundamentals class is \$25, Advanced Clinic \$15, and returning 2019 Lady Hawks taking the same level of training is \$10. Come out and join us on the 11<sup>th</sup>, learn more about guns and gun safety, improve your skills, and have a good time. And volunteers are always welcomed. Contact [ladyhawks@cossapark.com](mailto:ladyhawks@cossapark.com) if you'd like to help. See you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

If you have any questions about your membership, please email [membership@cossapark.com](mailto:membership@cossapark.com)

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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: Allen Spiker 541-740-3654

## 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.

<http://greatbasinsharpshooters.com/>

[www.cossapark.com/content/pine-mountain-riflemen](http://www.cossapark.com/content/pine-mountain-riflemen)

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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.



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

You may have noticed a newly constructed building at COSSA Park. This building will be used for training and hosting shooting events at the range, and will have a small office, a storage room and a large event hall. We are just now completing the building shell, and will soon be ready to start finishing the interior. Our goal is to have the building complete by June.

We hired a contractor to complete the shell, but a majority of the interior finishing will be done by volunteers members to save money. Electrical and drywall will be done by professionals. For all other items we are putting a call out to all COSSA members to help with this work. We are looking for individuals to lead tasks, and also general laborers. Following is a list of what we need done:

- Apply penetrating sealant to the concrete
- Install fiberglass batt insulation in the walls
- Install plywood wainscot
- Install plywood on the walls in the storage room
- Install wooden baseboard
- Install horizontal window sill (13 windows)
- Install wooden door trim (5 doors)
- Paint ceiling
- Paint office, storage room and main event hall walls (brush/roller primer plus finish coat)
- Paint underside of exterior porch and eaves (spray paint job)



If you have skills/experience and are interested in leading one of these tasks, or just being a general helper please contact Bill Lewis at [lewis.w.l@hotmail.com](mailto:lewis.w.l@hotmail.com) to get your name on the list. We'll then call you when ready to execute the job.



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