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President's Message

Last month of the year

It is very hard to believe that it's December already. It has been a great year for the club with the exception of the Department of Revenue coming up with new taxes. I don't know how much government we can afford. But I know I don't want as much as we have paid for. The ammo shortage continues, but thanks to rangemaster Chuck Barns, and his efforts, we have been able to find most calibers and even a little 22 rim fire.

Club growth

Over the past few years the club has had only a little growth each year. This year we had real growth. There have been so many new members at the orientation meetings that we have started providing two orientation meetings each month. By having two orientations each month new members do not have to wait as long to get their membership cards. Now new members can start using the ranges with less down time. As of last month our total membership exceeded 2,678 with 2008 voting members. One example of growth is in the number of trap lines the club has thrown this year. In years past the club has thrown a little over one million clay birds a year. If we keep up the pace for the rest of the year we anticipate throwing one million six hundred and fifty thousand targets. The employees and management at shotgun have done a great job and keep us safe. Thanks to all.

Retaining wall between range #1 and #4

The repairs are complete on the block retaining wall. Planning work can now begin for the construction of range #4. At this time I am not sure what will be built there, however it will make a great future range. Over the next year members, trustees, and the board should begin the process of planning for the next range and how it will be used.

Dues

Please get your dues in before the end of the year. If you wait too long your badge will

not arrive until next year and you may not shoot without a current membership badge.

Baffles on range #1

We have in hand preliminary drawings for the new baffles for range #1. We should have a permit early in the new year. As soon as weather permits construction should start.

Do a little shopping

The shot gun shack and range office have many items that could be put under the Christmas tree for your favorite shooter. We also offer gift certificates in \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 denominations.

New lighting

The club is getting new lighting in most areas. A grant from PUD paid much of the cost of the fixtures. We have had a challenge getting the lighting correct at the targets in the club house and pistol range. We are determined to get good lighting on all targets.

Ranges closed Christmas day

All ranges will be closed Christmas day. No members are allowed on the range for any reason. The ranges will be open on December 26th holiday hours. Have a great Christmas and a very, very happy new year.

John Conderman



**Happy
Holidays**

SAFETY IS JOB ONE!



Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2013

President John Conderman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board members were present except Gerry Albertson, excused.

Guests:
Jack Giuliano; Steve Read, range committee chairman; Ann Hansen; Jeff Anderson; Jeff LeMoine, archery chairman; John Sutton, Range #1 baffle project.

The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were read.

Committee Reports:
Steve Read, Range; Jeff LeMoine and Mike Wichser, Archery and Dave Levinson, Shotgun.

Treasurer's Report:
Russell Felch including a financial statement, an update on our clay bird tax exemption request, the POS system and the current accounting system.

Old Business:
Progress of Range # 1 baffle project; employee Ann Hansen thanked the Board for their support during her illness.

New Business:
Carl Brattain moved to purchase archery targets from Maple Leaf Press as requested by Jeff Anderson to be billed to WCW for approximately \$3200.00. Passed; Carl Brattain moved to approve the Pistol Shoot for Saturday April 16 and Saturday June 28, 2014 as requested by Steve Read. Passed

Discussions regarding the Toys for Tots Program and HV .22 rim fire ammo as requested by Jack Giuliano; the audit of club properties; the safe removal of stuck cartridges and/or shells from firearms on the firing line; smoking within 25 feet of club structures; chamber flags for shotguns;

Ken DeLeone moved to adjourn this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

Orientation

The following new member applicants attended Orientation this month and received their membership cards.

- Mark and Margie Avlon
- Michael Fann
- Richard and Kathleen Foudray
- Sheila and David Hatton
- Eugene Keam
- Kjell Mauseth
- Doug and Lise Porter
- Michael and Nancy Raymond
- Ron Sanders

Welcome to the club.

Donations

We receive many donations during the course of a yearand we are very grateful. While we are not a charity and donations are not charitable contributions for tax purposes, all donations are put to work improving the facility and its operations. This month we received:

\$50 Donations

- George Falkenhagen
- R.W. Chug Leede
- Garth Norgaard
- Scott Ray
- Paul Sherman
- Darrell Stenseth

\$30 Donations

- Manfred Breuers

\$25 Donations

- Paul Beethe
- John Conderman
- Raymond Cox
- David Hoffman
- Frederick Julian
- Louis Orth

\$20 Donations

- Kirk Mulfinger

Thanks!!!



Rimfire Position Rifle

Smallbore League Shooting at WCW
The Puget Sound Rifleman's Association is a club-based 4-position rifle league. Teams from WCW, West Seattle, Cascade, and Paul Bunyan compete in this league. The WCW fields 2 teams. Teams from the WCW came in first place in 2012 and 2013.

Home matches are fired in the Clubhouse. Shooters fire 40 shots for record each match (10 prone, 10 sitting, 10 kneeling, and 10 standing) using .22 caliber rifles with either metallic sights or a riflescope.

The league will run 11 or 12 weeks beginning January 7. Most matches are fired at WCW but usually one match will be fired at West Seattle and one at Cascade. A very enjoyable awards banquet is held in April after the league session is completed.

Equipment required is a smallbore target rifle, spotting scope, shooting jacket, sling, shooting glove and kneeling roll. If you don't have all of the equipment, we will try to find some for you to borrow.

The WCW will host practice sessions prior to the 2014 league on Tuesdays from November 12 to December 24 between 7:00 and 9:00 PM.

These practice sessions offer a great chance for WCW members to try out smallbore position shooting.

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The match on Saturday November 9 had a few surprises. The first was the weather. Unlike last Saturday that had high winds which left the area littered with downed branches and power outages, this Saturday had very light winds and no rain during the match. The wind, while variable in its direction never exceeded 2 MPH. This made for some wonderful conditions and excellent scores.

A total of 12 shooters attended, with 3 shooters joining with us for the first time. First we had Kristin Johns, the daughter of Kenmore veteran Bob Boldman join us. While this was her first Kenmore match, she has been gaining some trigger time shooting at Tacoma Rifle and Revolver club with Bob. Second we had Manuel Gonzalez who has been doing some shooting at Eatonville's 600 yard range. And our last visitor David Kahley came all the way from Pennsylvania as a guest of Jeff Yost. David took time out from his busy schedule of touring the wineries of Woodinville to shoot his first ever benchrest match. He also gets this month's award for traveling the furthest distance to shoot with us.

This month we ran the match a little different than we have in the past. First, a decision was made to shoot all 4 matches at 300 yards. Second, to save time, while using the usual 5 bull plus sighter score target, we shot 4-10 shot matches, one match on each of the 4 upper bulls, but still scored them as a score target. Targets were not changed till the end of the match, so only the final score is reported. Due to the 10 shots on each bull, the scoring at the end proved to be a little challenging.

Now, onto the results of the match. In fifth place we had Dennis Tyskiewicz with a score of 393-2X. Coming in at fourth place was John Parrish with an identical score of 393, but with 6 X's.

Third place was rewarded with a cash prize of \$5 and was earned by our 2013 champion Ted Larson with a very good score of 398-5X. Second place was won by our match director for the past 10 years, Rick Graham by shooting a score of 398 with 9X's. Good shooting Rick, and for his efforts he was awarded a whole \$10. And the big winner surprised me, but proved how important equipment is. David Kahley in his first ever benchrest match shooting Jeff Yost's rifle, won with a score of 399-11X. For that excellent score, David took home \$15 dollars. Later on that evening, David wanted to know when the next match was and thought he would fly out for it. Something tells me he is better at shooting than math.

Next month's match is on Saturday December 14. This is typically a hunting rifle match. In this match, no front rests are allowed, only sand bags or bipods. Rear bags are allowed. All matches are shot at 100 yards. If you only have a varmint rifle, bring it and we will have a second class.

For information on Kenmore's Benchrest shoots call Richard Nicol at [206-784-1093](tel:206-784-1093) or Jeff Yost at [206-920-5182](tel:206-920-5182).



The Holidays are here! I don't know about you, but I'm hoping Santa brings me a new shotgun. Not likely.....

December 14, 2013 is a holiday fundraiser shoot at the shotgun range. Come out and share the holiday spirit. Details of events will be in the December newsletter and posted at the Shotgun Shack. 2014 shotgun events are on the calendar.

Paralyzed Veterans shoot is April 26th, 2014. This shoot benefits a worthy cause. If you can help come by a Shotgun Committee meeting and let us know. At very least plan on coming out and shooting to support our Paralyzed Vets. Lots

of fun and games!

We are planning on the Ladies Only Clinic on Sunday June 15, 2014. This is always successful and fills up fast! Keep an eye on the newsletter or information boards at the shotgun shack for sign-up and volunteer information.

WCW PITA shoot will be May 17, 2014. This is a good opportunity to try competitive trap shooting. It's a lot of fun and you can compete with persons of your own skill level. What have you got to lose?

We can use volunteers for all of these events, so can help let me know. If need more information or want to sponsor an event let me know. You will find my email at the end of this article.

Even as fall and winter move into the Northwest, we continue have members nights in the first and third Mondays of every month from 5PM to 9PM. This is a great place to meet new friends and socialize with old ones.

There is a great bunch that comes out on members night. Come out and join the fun.

This time of year we do the shooting under the lights. If you not shoot trap under the lights before, come out and give it a try. It's pretty cool.

The first and Monday at 0700 we hold the Shotgun Committee meeting. It is my goal that this meeting takes no longer than 30 minutes. The rest of the time is for shooting!

Be safe!
Wayne Clapper
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Range Committee

Holiday Rush

It's the time of year when Range Committee meetings get very busy with members requesting Special Use privileges. To help expedite processing of all the requests, it is important for the members to remember that no Special Use request will be processed unless 2014 dues have been paid and a new blue membership card can be presented at the Range Committee meeting when requesting Special Use privileges. When attending Range Committee meetings for Special Use requests, you must have your 2014 membership card or we can't process your request.

If you have previously had Special Use privileges and your new 2014 card is received without them, then you will need to attend a Range Committee meeting to request them again. Per Club policy, you will have to re-request Special Use if you are a newer member and have not had approved Special Use privileges for three consecutive years; or this is your 10th year for Special Use.

If either of these is the case, then your 2014 membership card will not have any Special Use privileges noted on it. Remember, if your 2014 membership card doesn't have Special Use privileges on it, and you wish to use Club range facilities not available to the general public, then you will need to attend a Range Committee meeting to request Special Use privileges.

Because of the high demand for Special Use privileges this time of year, the January and February Range Committee meetings will be moved from the Chalet to the Clubhouse. Depending on demand, we may move the December and March meetings to the Clubhouse as well. Please check the Activity Calendar to be sure. This should make things much more comfortable when sitting through our dynamic Special Use Presentation.

One last thought, please take a moment

to thank the paid staff and Club officers for their work on our behalf making our ranges a safe and fun place for us to enjoy our sport. Happy holidays to all.

Steve Read



**Firearms
Education
Committee**



Become an NRA Instructor

You CAN become an NRA Certified Instructor! All it takes is a three day weekend and a desire to pass along your skills to a new shooter. We will be teaching an NRA Basic Instructor class for Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun on January 24, 25, and 26, 2014. (choose your discipline - sorry, you can only earn one of these certifications per Instructor Training weekend).

The process is simple. Go to the Instructor Training web page on the our web site (<http://www.wcwinc.org/club/educ4.htm>) for the details. Or call Richard Ripley at 206-271-0670 or Phil Murray at 425-844-1918 to discuss it.

As a WCW member, there is no cost to you (and this is a \$175 value!). We do ask that you teach a class occasionally both to pay it back, and to hone your teaching skills. But you'd want to do that anyway, right?

Please consider this – the Wildlife Committee of Washington has one of the most active instructional programs in the northwest. We train in excess of 400 people every year, so there is lots of opportunity to practice.

Ladies, this includes you! Roughly 40% of the average class is female, and you can reach a female student better than most guys.....

Pistol Marksmanship and Competition Seminar

The 1st Saturday of each month we have a pistol training session for Bullseye and International Standard Pistol. Learn what competition is all about and get a lot of practice on timed and rapid fire. Need to bring, at a minimum:

A. .22LR semi-automatic standard pistol (5" barrel).

B. 300-400 rounds of .22 Standard Velocity LR

C. \$10 fee

Starts at 9:00AM on Range #3

Bits and Pieces

It's time again to get your member dues into the club. We have the new cards and you can get all set up for 2014 by paying your dues now and by renewing your special use as soon as you receive your new card. There is a renewal form in the Range Office and on the web site: <http://www.wcwinc.org/forms/2014%20Renewal.pdf>

Dues have been increased to handle the sales taxes newly imposed by Washington State on the dues of non-profit organizations. Dues are now \$150 single and \$200 family. When renewing, be sure to use the 2014 Renewal form.

Additionally, please include all the information required on the form and make sure it is legible. The guy who enters all this information into the computer will certainly appreciate it.

Remember your 2013 card is only valid until January 1, with a grace period until the end of February. If everyone waits until the last minute, it may take a significant amount of time to get it processed.

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