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President's Message

December

How can it be December already? Has anyone else felt time speeding up as we get older? I think the message from Mother Nature is "if you want or need to do something, do it soon before time expires". So get to the club and enjoy your ranges and friends.

Range #1 construction is finished

Over a year ago we were talking about drawings and permits for the re-construction of range #1. This was a very complex and demanding construction project. Design and then redesign of the baffles, moving roadways, waterlines and much more kept all hands very busy. In the end it was all worth it. We now own the best outdoor range in this county and maybe in the state. There were many members who gave of their time and treasure during this project and I thank them all. I will give special thanks to a few people who were always there when needed. Wichser Construction, Dan Barton, Mike Wichser, Dave Levinson, Ken Deleone, Jim Dinnie, Kevin Kellogg and our maintenance crew led by Ron Lageson. We will now take a few weeks off from our construction schedule and spend more time using the ranges and enjoying friends and family.

Closed Christmas day

All of our ranges are closed on Christmas day. Please do not attempt to gain entrance to the property as this is a club rule. The ranges will open on the 26th with holiday hours.

Close call

This past month we had a very serious club rule violation. A member with special use turned the bell off and shot his gun while a shooter was down range at 200 yards. The person down range at 200 yards was the person acting as range master. This required a number of safety rule violations and should stand as a great reminder to keep it safe and follow all the rules. If you are not sure of the rules for range #1, stay off the range. If you can't follow the rules, stay off the range. If

you are unsure, go to a range meeting and make sure you are up to date. It is very important to me and the board that everyone goes home safe at the end of every day. It is very sad that this member has lost his badge, his key, and shooting privileges. To regain his privileges he must attend a board meeting and comply with their ruling on this matter. Think safety, think safety, think safety.

Dues

Don't be late. As of November 19th we have a total paid membership of 2745 and 2052 voting members. That would put our total membership 24 members below the 2013 total. We have 498 new members this year. Get your dues and paperwork in before the end of the year and let's end the year with strong membership growth.



Range Committee

Santa Alert !

Our Toys For Tots collection will be available through **DEC. 10th**. Your generosity is hugely appreciated. (Last month's toys are being wrapped at their Everett location right now. If you are a person who really enjoys the wrapping part of Christmas, give Jack a call and he can put you in touch with their volunteers.)

Special Use renewals peak in 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 March meetings to the Clubhouse as well. Please check the Activity Calendar to be sure.

Jack Giuliano

SAFETY IS JOB ONE!



Board Meeting Minutes November 4, 2014

President John Conderman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board members were present except Dave Levinson and Gary Webster both excused.

Guests:

Rich Smith concerning Competitive Clays, Richard Ripley Firearms Education Chairman, Jeff LeMoine Archery Chairman and Jack Giuliano representing the Range Committee.

The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting and Membership Meeting were read.

Committee Reports:

Jack Giuliano, Range; Wayne Clapper, Shotgun and Jeff LeMoine, Archery.

Treasurer's Report:

Tami Gramer provided a monthly statement and graph of our finances and a new version of an employment application.

Trustee's Report:

Gerry Albertson reported the results of the most recent spot audit of our inventory.

Old Business:

Dan Barton reported on the completion of Range # 1 and the projection for Range # 2 improvements. Carl Brattain moved to add phase 2 to range baffle projects to include range side baffles on the east side and extend the west side baffles as needed with an estimated cost of \$70,000. Sec'd by Larry Mallory. Passed.

New Business:

Ken DeLeone moved to approve Jack Giuliano as Range Committee Chairman. Sec'd by Jim Dinnie. Passed; Jim Dinnie moved to give shooters at WCW hosted events member prices. Sec'd by Larry Mallory. Passed; Ken DeLeone moved that the club purchase a Bulls-eye shooters electric target timer system upgrade for Range # 3, the pistol range, not to exceed \$300.00. Sec'd by Larry Mallory. Passed.

Jim Dinnie moved to adjourn this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

Words of Thanks

I would like to thank those of you who helped to complete the range #1 rebuild. Our primary goal was safety for members, public shooters, employees and our neighbors. As always, safety for all is and will continue to be our first priority.

The work started in August 2013 with the stabilization of the west side retaining wall and ended the last week of October 2014. It required much more time, effort and finances than we planned but we got'er done.

Thanks to Ron Skinner of Sound Structural Solutions and John Sutton for providing the plan and baffle design, Dave Wichser Construction, the Board of Directors, especially John Conderman, Gerry Albertson and Carl Brattain, Range # 1 shooters led by Steve Read and Kevin Kellogg. Thanks also to members who donated their time and talents to complete this project and the many related obligations such as drainage, driveway access relocation, all new target posts and frames at 100, 200 and 300 yard locations, plus a new water line.

I also include the club employees Ron Lageson, Bill Whitney, Will Whitney and John Lavertu who filled in with their talents as needed.

I sincerely thank you all,
Dan Barton.



Firearms
Education
Committee



For the last three months we have kept up a steady schedule of classes at Kenmore.

In these months, we taught three First Steps Shotgun classes, three Basic Pistol Classes, two home Firearms Safety classes, and two Basic Rifle classes.

I only visited one shotgun class, in which Robb Stack and Phil Murray were teaching seven new students. Thanks to the instructors in the other two classes, and their students as well.

Orientation

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

Jeff Adams
Walt and Wendy Armour
Matthew Caldwell
Robert and Christina Cole
Kim Cooke
David Faires and Joyce Law
Joe Griser
Martin Harris and Sarah Jordan
Scott and Amy Hester
Dylan Jones
Lance Kimura
Joe and Cindy Luxem
Alen Marcyes
Mark Masterleo
Ali Rizvi and Syeda Naqvi
Eddie Rosnsnagie
Pierson and Gail Smith
Philippe and Laura Vallerand
Kevin and Carol Williams
Jor Yeow Yap

Welcome to the club.

Our pistol classes continue to be our most popular. John Marler (twice), Ron Newton, Jason Webster (twice), Phil Murray, Bill Murray, Bill Bentler, and John Blatchford presented the instruction and line coaching to a total of thirty new pistol students.

I missed one Home Firearms Safety class, thanks to those who taught and attended in September. We cancelled the HFS class in November, with no students signed up. Bill Bentler and Alonso Romero taught our October class to five new students.

We also cancelled our November Basic Rifle class, as it fell on the weekend before Thanksgiving. The previous two classes had seven students between them, taught by Martin Morehouse, Marwan Batrouni, Glenn Stinson, and Ron Newton.

We continue to have students interested in shooting. If you want to help teach new shooters, give us a call. We have an Instructor Training Course scheduled in January and would be glad to help you pass on your knowledge.

Martin Morehouse

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:

\$100 Donations

Alton Gaskill

\$75 Donations

Alvaro Garay

\$50 Donations

Larrie Elhart
John Gjølmesli
Don Isham

\$25 Donations

Ronald Lageson
Ronald Newton
Louis Orth
Paul Palmer
Stephen Rupeiks
Charles Scofield
Paul Sherman

\$20 Donations

Franz Lutz

\$10 Donations

Kenneth Borch

\$5 Donations

William Spencer

Thanks!!!

Pistol hours of operation

Mon	Noon to dusk (max 7PM)
Tues	Closed
Wed	Closed
Thur	Closed
Fri	Noon to dusk (max 7PM)
Sat	Noon to dusk (max 7PM)
Sun	Noon to dusk (max 7PM)



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 Club-house. 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 in early January. 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 smallbore practice sessions prior to the 2014 league on Tuesdays from November 11 to December 30 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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Range Committee



The first Thursday of November we moved inside to start practicing for the annual Indoor Postal Match. This is 22LR conventional pistol (Bullseye) at 50 feet. Last year we came in 3rd out of 73 teams from all over the US. If we can get all our good shooters participating, we can do better this year. We are scheduled again to shoot on some Saturdays in addition to the normal Thursdays. Sign-up is by Dec 2. If you would like to commit to the league, send me an email vic.alvarez@comcast.net.

Vic Alvarez

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. \$15 fee

Starts at 9:00AM on Range #3

Shotgun hours of operation

Mon	Closed except Holidays
Tues	5:00 to 9:00 pm
Wed	Noon to 5:00 pm
Thur	5:00 to 9:00 pm
Fri	Closed except Holidays
Sat	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sun	10:00 am to 5:00 pm

1st Mon Members Only 5-9pm
3th Mon Members Only 5-9pm

The NRA and the WCW

Our club is an NRA recruiter, and we get a commission for all new members we sign up and for all renewals processed with our recruiter ID number. We receive \$10 for every new member and \$5 for every renewal.

The club has a significant number of NRA members and it would be a real benefit to the club for all those members to renew using the form below, or by using our web site direct link to the NRA renewals...on the home page. Besides, by renewing through the club, you save \$10. **Let's see, you save \$10 and the club gets another \$5....what a good deal.**

Then there are a great many WCW members who are not yet NRA members. The club would receive \$10 of the

\$25 special dues for every member who would join through the club. You would be doing your part on a national level to protect your gun and hunting rights. **You save \$10 and the club gets another \$10....a really good deal.**

Sign up your wife or husband or friends on an Associate membership for \$10 (no magazine) and the club gets a \$5 commission. Don't want to get the full membership, sign up for an Associate membership for yourself.

We have been getting an extra \$1,000 a year without much effort just from the few who sign up....we could get a great deal more and you would be doing yourself a favor. The benefits which come with an NRA membership are significant. You get \$1,000 un-scheduled firearm insurance and \$10,000/

\$5,000 accidental life insurance. And you would be adding to the strength of the NRA, which has passed the 5 million member mark. There is strength in numbers and the number of NRA numbers should be much higher. Let's all pull together and give them the support they need.

As an aside, the NRA provides the lesson plans and manuals for all our safety classes....and direct dollar grants for some of our projects.

Just remember, use the form below, or use our web site direct link. Write your check to the NRA or use your credit card for easy processing.

SAVE MONEY and HELP THE CLUB.

New or Renewal Special Rates for NRA Membership \$25.00

By special arrangement, the NRA is allowing us to sign-up members for **\$10 OFF** their regular 1 year dues. You **MUST** make your check out to the **NRA or you will be charged sales tax**. Mail it to the club, drop it off at the Range Office or mail it directly to: **National Rifle Association, Recruiter Program Department, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030-7400**

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



NRA

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NRA RECRUITER ID#
Wildlife Committee of Washington
RECRUITER SIGNATURE

DATE: _____

NAME: Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____
FIRST LAST M.I.

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ BIRTHDATE: ____/____/____

E-MAIL: _____

- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWAL # _____

CHOOSE ONE MAGAZINE (Junior Members under age 15 receive *Insights* magazine only, 15 and older choose magazine)

AMERICAN RIFLEMAN AMERICAN HUNTER AMERICA'S 1ST FREEDOM

PAYMENT INFORMATION

CASH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER CHECK # _____

CHARGE TO: AMEX VISA MC DISCOVER

ACCOUNT # _____ EXP. DATE _____
MO. YR.

MEMBER SIGNATURE (credit card only) _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 YEAR	\$35 \$25
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 YEAR	\$85
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 YEAR	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR (18 years & under)	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE (no magazine)	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBERSHIP	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reg. \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> Jr. \$550
<input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished - age 65+	\$375
<input type="checkbox"/> EASY PAY*	<input type="checkbox"/> PAID IN FULL
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN POSTAGE (per year: \$5 Canadian - \$10 other)	
* EPL \$25 down payment then \$25 quarterly payments until the total dues are paid.	

TOTAL \$ _____

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