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President's Message

Out with 2013 and in with 2014

What ever happened to 2013? The past year has gone by so fast. I hope all of you had a great Christmas. I also hope you find the New Year in good health and peace. The past year was a good year for WCW. All programs were full and the employees provided a great service to our members. The buildings and property have never looked this good. The board is starting their planning for the 2014/2015 year. If you have a program you would like introduced or any other type of input please forward to me or any other board member at their email address listed on this newsletter.

Members only swap meet

The next swap meet will be held on Sunday, January 19th. The doors will be open at 8am for table holders and open to shoppers at 9am. A range master will be stationed at the door to aid members in following swap meet rules. Your badge is required to gain entrance for selling or buying. Actions shall be open and magazines removed with zip ties in place. Most items related to shooting, fishing, archery, military and books are welcome. Of special interest is reloading tools, supplies and loaded ammunition. I would like to thank Tom Graham for making this activity so much fun and keeping it safe. The club house was almost filled to the limit at the last swap meet so don't miss out and be on time. There will be a collection point for members to donate to the youth programs of the club.

Dues past due

Please get your dues in ASAP. Members with 2013 badges have no special use permits and we want all of you to not lose any shooting time on the ranges. Also please note that the gate key will be changed on the last day of February. New keys will be for sale around February 1st or before if we get them in stock.

Think about running

The annual meeting is coming up in a few

months and now is the time for all interested members to think about running for office. Over the years many members have provided ideas as to how to improve the operation of the club. Now is the time to put your ideas to the test. Get involved in your club. Article IX section 2 of the bylaws gives you the needed information on how to run for office. Annually the President, Vice-President, Corresponding secretary, Recording secretary and treasurer, run for office. Two trustees and the Chairman-Elect are also elected. I would like to see two strong, management orientated candidates run for the office of the president.

Thank you

Thanks to all the employees and members who helped around the club this past year. Too many names to mention, without you the club would not be what it is.

John Conderman

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



SAFETY IS JOB ONE!



Board Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2013

President John Conderman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board members were present except Jim Dinne.

Guests:

Jeff McGee; Steve Read, range committee chairman; 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 included a financial statement, an update on our clay bird tax exemption request, the current POS accounting system and a CPA to review the club finances as required.

Old Business:

The progress of Range # 1 baffle project as coordinated by John Sutton; Ken DeLeone provided additional information on the lighting updates and the drainage issue.

New Business:

Dan Barton moved to approve the Holiday shotgun schedule for 2014 as provided by Ron Lageson to be as follows: May 26 Memorial Day, July 4, September 1 Labor Day, November 28 Day after Thanksgiving Day, December 26 Day after Christmas and January 2, 2015 Day after New Year's. All will be weekend hours. Sec'd by Gary Webster. Passed; Larry Mallory moved the Treasurer provide a method to account for a Holiday fee for members and public shooters who utilize club facilities on the following Holidays so that members and public shooters pay for Holiday pay for all employees who work on the Holidays listed below for 2014. May 26, July 4, September 1, November 28, December 26 and January 2, 2015. Sec'd by Dan Barton, Passed: Dave Levinson moved the Janu-

ary Board Meeting be moved to January 8 instead of January 1, 2014 because of the Holiday. Passed; Darian Carpenter moved to allow shooters on Range #1 to use a Sinclair Bullseye Camera System without an additional Special Use as requested by Jeff McGee. Passed

Discussions regarding shooters, members or nonmembers who may be a safety hazard to themselves and/ or others. A proposal to provide an additional discount of 5% for ammunition sales to those who provide an NRA membership card. Sensitivity training for employees.

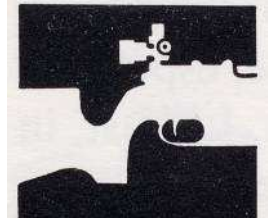
Ken DeLeone moved to adjourn this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

Orientation

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

Scott Alderman and Jennifer Pere
Lance Bass
Steven Black
Jeffrey and Kelly Bowen
Chad Cechini
James Eagan
Robert and Meredith Gordon
Michael and Lias Joehnk
Tom Kozaczynski
Norma and Kevin McDonald
Dave Morgan
Christopher Ralph and Gina Farina
Alicia and Benjamin Ramos
David Reid
Michael and Jill Stynda
John Sutton
Edwin Termula
Richard Turner and Susan Vlasuk
Cory Vandervort

Welcome to the club.



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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**Kenmore Range
Benchrest
Matches**

We decided to have a different kind of match for December. We spread the word that we were going to be shooting several types of rifles: tactical, varmint, standard hunting or AR type semi-autos. No custom benchrest rifles. And shooters responded. We had a good turnout. Thirteen shooters showed up with an interesting assortment of weapons, from Savage tacticals to a Browning semi-auto in .270 Winchester and a Sako in .300 WSM. We decided to shoot at 100 yards using our 200 yard score targets. The bull is a one inch circle. Seemed like that was a good choice. A challenge for a hunting rifle, not that hard for a good varmint rifle. We had some very good scores. Conditions were excellent- little wind and it wasn't too cold.

We fired three shots at each of the five record bulls on the sheet and allowed a comfortable amount of time for shooting. Skinny barrels need to cool off after every three shots or so. The best scores were posted by the experienced shooters with tactical style rifles, mostly, Savage or upgraded varmint style rifles, which usually means a bit larger diameter barrel than a conventional hunting rifle. Mark Walker and Kevin Kellogg both shot clean, meaning no dropped points and each scoring 6X. Bob Weesies also shot a clean target with his 6mm BR cartridge, but with one less X. (150-5X) Martin Dahl, shooting a 6.5mm Creedmoor in his Savage, same as Kevin's rifle, also shot a terrific score, 150-4X, for third place. Any shooter looking for an all-around rifle for target shooting, short or long range, might want to check out this chambering.

In the conventional hunting type rifle category Rick Graham outpaced the larger calibers shooting his .223 Remington, a beautiful little Sako walk-around varmint rifle. His score was 149-4X. Other good scores in hunter class

were Vladimir Petrus's 144-1X, Jack Giuliano's, also 144-1X and Lee Corley's 142-0X.

It was great to see so many new faces at our match. In January (next match is Jan. 11) we'll be partly duplicating this all-category match though shooters can bring their bench rifles if they want. Some shooters want to practice with rifles they'll be using in competition. We want to be inclusive rather than exclusive. So bring whatever rifle you want and you'll be welcomed. Next time we'll try to have prizes for all categories, though that spreads the prize money pretty thin.

Special thanks to Kevin Kellogg for printing the posters for this match and tacking them up around the range. That was a BIG help. Keep your eye out for posters the next month or two. But remember, the regular benchrest season starts in March with our Wally Siebert score match.

If you have any questions call Richard Nicol at 206-784-1093. Thanks to all the shooters for making this a safe and fun match.

**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



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

- Joel Flake
- Scott Rochel

\$75 Donations

- Otto George Wells

\$65 Donations

- Steve Jackson

\$50 Donations

- John Coulter
- George DeBell
- Alvaro Garay
- Alton Gaskill
- Michael Goza
- Dan Ivanoff
- Benjamin McPhail
- A. Craig Oleson
- George Parrott
- James Schwarz
- John Slater
- Tony Toy
- Dennis Tyskiewicz

\$25 Donations

- Harry Barton
- Guy Conversano
- Thomas Ginda
- Berle Hardie
- Bruce Hargin
- Richard Miller
- Reid Stevens
- Dennis Tichi

\$20 Donations

- Thomas Campbell
- Abel Ezcurrea
- Clark Sealls
- Grant Willman
- Brian Wissner

\$15 Donations

- David Basiji
- Ann Hansen
- Paul Harrel
- Dan Puetz
- Peter Soverel
- Greg Can De Rostyne

\$10 Donations

- Stephen Bates
- Lawrence Kahler
- David McVey
- Kirk Sealls
- Jan Weber
- Tom Fleming
- James Knowlson
- Hans Paulsen
- Richard Terrill

Thanks!!!



TOYS FOR TOTS

We outdid our last Christmas donation drive this year! Our members and guests presented more than 100 individual toys to nearby families who would not have had as Merry a Christmas without our help.

Thank you ---- USMCR



SHOTGUN Committee

Welcome to 2014!
This year's shotgun events:

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.

As 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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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.....