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President's Message

Annual meeting and elections

The annual meeting will be held on April 8th at 7:30 pm in the club house. At this meeting there will be election of officers and trustees. This is your club so get involved. Anyone wishing to run for office must comply with Article 9 section 2 of the bylaws. You will need to get your paperwork to the board by the March 4th board meeting.

Gate keys

The gate key was changed on February 28th. If your key does not open the gate you will need to get a new key. Keys are sold for \$5.00 to members with special use. To obtain special use a member must pay their dues and attend a range meeting. At the range meeting the member must apply for each special use and show competencies as required by the committee chairman. To maintain your special use each shooter is required to follow all of the clubs safety rules and help keep others safe.

NRA

We are an NRA member club. As such we recommend that all members become NRA members. Membership in the NRA is not required, just highly recommended. Without the help of the NRA many of our shooting rights would have been taken away long ago. The shooting community is under constant attack from those who believe that self-protection and independence are too much for normal people to understand. The NRA is our collective voice to the nation. Join today at the club and get a reduced membership cost and the club gets \$10.00 for each new member.

Safety is everyone's job

Over the past few weeks I have been given 4 badges that were taken from members who failed to keep the range safe. The violations range from shooting down range while people were still hanging targets to getting in arguments with range masters. Please follow the rules and help us keep the ranges safe. On range #1 pay for your targets when you

take them, there is no credit system. Remember the range master is always correct while on the range. If you disagree with a range master your recourse is to speak to a board member. This is a family operation and all members are reminded to keep the language clean.

Over the next two months

There are a number of small projects that will be taking place on the ranges over the next few weeks. We will try to post the ranges a few days before work is started however weather has control of when most projects are done. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

I would like to thank Dave Levinson for taking on the baffle upgrade on range #2. The work was completed on the 18th and Dave did a great job with the help of our maintenance staff (the two Whitneys). Thanks

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 LR

C. \$15 fee

Starts at 9:00AM on Range #3

SAFETY IS JOB ONE!



Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2015

First Vice President Ken DeLeone called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board members were present except John Conderman and Larry Mallory, both excused.

Guests:

Horacio Delgado (board candidate), Jack Giuliano, Jeff LeMoine, Richard Ripley, Gary Roth and Joe Stover.

The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting and Quarterly Membership Meeting were read and approved by Tami Gramer, 2nd by Gary Webster. Passed.

Committee Reports:

Dave Levinson, Shotgun; Jeff LeMoine, Archery and Jack Giuliano, Range.

Trustee's Report:

Gerry Albertson and Ken DeLeone provided results of the club's firearms audit.

Treasurer's Report:

Tami Gramer provided the club's current financial report.

Old Business:

Three variations of proposed changes to Special Use were submitted by Jack Giuliano, Jeff LeMoine and Dan Barton. The Board decided to table any further discussion until the March Board Meeting. Mike Wichser discussed the progress of increasing safety on Range # 2 with new baffle placement.

New Business:

Dan Barton moved that the club provide an appreciation dinner for the past Treasurer, Russell Felch and his wife for his years of dedicated service to WCW. 2nd by Gerry Albertson. Passed; Carl Brattain moved that we suspend shooting privileges of a member for 60 days for a safety violation, from date of violation and attend Special Use class after which his membership badge will be returned. 2nd by Jim Dinnie. Passed; Carl Brattain moved to approve the dates, times and range requests of Richard Ripley for Instructor Training Classes. 2nd by Jim Dinnie. Passed;

Discussion was held concerning safety

violations and abusive language of a member; membership was terminated. The following issues were discussed and tabled and will be addressed when further information and clarification is received. The replacement of steel plates at the pistol range and internet security of our club.

Carl Brattain moved to adjourn this meeting. 2nd by Dan Barton. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

Orientation

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

Julie Bergen
Glenn Butcher
Jack Butcher
Brian Chambers
Adam Dufresne
Matthew Ginsey
Steve and Andrea Greenlee
Scott Keniston
Randall and Rebecca Lowell
David Malametz
Alloen Smolinski
Scott Upton
Jeffrey White

Welcome to the club.

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



JUNIOR RIFLE

Our young shooters have participated in the 2015 series of South Snohomish County 4H matches for January and February, hosted at our clubhouse. Each match has 6 classifications to compete in.

Results for the first two matches:

Place	January	February
First	2	3
Second	3	4
Third	3	2

The third match will be held on March 14 and the Indoor Championship on April 4, beginning at 9:00 am. Drop in and see our sport continuing into the new generation !

Jack Giuliano

Bits and Pieces

I am still looking for a member who has some expertise with **MS Access** to help with the club data base. We are very dependent on this program which keeps track of everything concerning the members, their status, and special use permissions. The program prints out envelopes and membership cards as well as many important reports. Let me know if you have the experience and would like to help with programming and maintenance.

Additionally, there is the data entry. New member applications, Renewal forms, and Special Use forms all have Confidential member data that needs to be timely entered into the system so that our reports are accurate and our members get their Membership Cards produced and promptly mailed out. A lot of work, especially at this time of year, but with some pay attached. Requires attention to detail and following club policy.

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SHOTGUN Committee

March is here, it's warm and the tulips are blooming. Spring seems to be a little early. I hope you have had the time to enjoy the weather and get out and shoot.

February 8, was our annual Continental League Shoot. It was a great event. Good competition and great food. Special thanks to the Shotgun Range Employees and to all the members that volunteered to help. THANK YOU!

Here are some upcoming events for Shotgun.

WCW PITA Shoot will be May 15, 2015. The range will be closed during this event. If you have not tried competitive shooting before, this is a good time to give it a shot.

Paralyzed Veterans shoot is June 14, 2015. This shoot benefits a worthy cause. Funds raised at this event will stay here in Washington state and will support outdoor sporting events for these heroes, that we all owe so much. If you can help, come by a Shotgun Committee meeting or contact me, and let us know. At very least plan on coming out and shooting to support our Paralyzed Veterans.

We are looking for donations for this event. Ammunition is always good, shooting and outdoor related prizes and as always cash helps us get what we need to make this a successful event.

Ladies Only Clinic on Sunday June 20, 2014. This is always successful and fills up fast! Keep an eye on the newsletter or information boards at the shotgun shack.

Putting something like this together is a lot of work, any Lady Shotgunners that can help out with planning, set up or the clinic on the 20th, please contact Pat Webster, you can also contact me and I can get you in touch with Pat. As with the Vet's Shoot, we are looking for donations for this event as well. Prizes, ammunition etc., would really help.

Muzzle Loading Shotgun Demo Day
August 30, 2015. Members will be demonstrating how to load and shoot

these predecessors to the modern shotgun. You will be able to take a shot or two to see what it was like to put game on the table in a day when hunting was not a matter of sport but a means of survival.

Scout Shoot, September 12, 2015. On Saturday, September 12, we will be making zero trap available for Scouts to come out and work on their Merit Badges. The organization of this event is just getting started and I could use some help from members to to get it all set up.

On the day of the event we will also need help from the membership, to provide experienced shooters at each of the five posts to keep this event as safe as possible. I promise you will find volunteering to work with these young folks very gratifying. Just ask the folks that are involved in our very successful youth program.

We can use volunteers for all aspects of these events, Range help, scoring, food prep, marketing, sponsorships, etc. If you can help let me know. If you need more information or want to sponsor an event or know of a person or company that might like to sponsor, contact me. You will find my email at the end of this article.

Finally we have **NRA Instructor Training**, June 26th, 27th and 28th. Kenmore NRA Training Counselors will be holding NRA Instructor training. I will be instructing the Shotgun Instructor class. If you have an interest in becoming a NRA Shotgun Instructor, contact me.

We continue to have members nights on the first and third Mondays of every month from 5PM to 9PM. There is a great bunch of folks that comes out on members night. Come out and join the fun. This time of year we are still shooting under the lights. If you have not shot trap under the lights before, come out and give it a try. It's pretty cool.

The first Monday at 0700 we hold the Shotgun Committee meeting. Come by and have your say and hear what's going on. Safe shooting!

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Rimfire Position Rifle

February 2015 Smallbore Rifle League

The 2015 Puget Sound Riflemen's Association (PSRA) Winter League is nearing mid-season. This article reports on results through February 10. The league is formed of seven teams from clubs based at Cascade, West Seattle and the WCW.

WCW fields two teams, the Skunks and Wild Mink. This year the league is using the A-17 target.

Skunks

The Skunks are in second place with a record of 3 wins and 2 losses Averages (out of 400 possible) are:

Jeff McGee	388.80
Arnie Graham	386.80
Dan Graham	375.80
Ernie Snyder	369.80
Susan Graham	361.80
John Olson	337.00

Wild Mink

The Wild Mink are leading the league with a record of 4 wins and 0 losses (including 1 bye). Averages are:

Emma Carey	391.00
Natalia Grigoreva	387.25
Jason McCurry	385.00
Jaelyn McMahan	384.00
Alan Carey	383.00
Abby McCurry	368.00
Brien McCrea	362.25

Alan Carey

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)



Kenmore Range Benchrest Matches

In February again we had a terrific turnout for our benchrest match. Nearly a full house, which bodes well for the rest of our 2015 season. It's refreshing to have so many shooters in our "factory" class. Nearly half the shooters. For the regular shooting season, April through September, we'll have to see about getting a trophy for the factory class Shooter of the Year. It takes a lot of skill and also patience to wring good scores from a non-custom gun. You basically have to use benchrest loading techniques and components and a good rest to shoot scores that approach those possible with a custom gun. It's a good development for our matches. On this particular Saturday we had pretty good conditions and it wasn't cold. Our new baffle system has changed the wind patterns a bit and the shooters are learning to adjust to them. We are very sheltered out to 100 yards but beyond that we have the same rises in the land due to the berms which cause unusual wind patterns. It may seem calm up close but at 250 yards it's a whole different can of worms. If you don't know what the wind is doing out there you'll pay with some shots drifting wide of the ten ring, that's for sure.

There were quite a few 100 scores registered this morning. And they got better as the day progressed. So conditions weren't getting worse, or the shooters were figuring them out better. In the first match (300 yards) Richard Jette shot a beautiful target, 100-4X, Rick Graham was right behind with 100-3X and Dennis Tyskiewicz also shot a 100 but without an X. In factory class Khanh Nguyen was first

with 97-1X, shooting his Savage 6MM BR, Vernon Granberg was second with 92-1X shooting a .308 Win. bolt gun and Kevin Kellogg was third with 92-0X. In match two, also at 300 yards, conditions must have gotten a bit worse because the scores dropped a bit. Ted Larson and Richard Jette both scored 100-1X to tie for first, Rick shot a 99-1X for second and three shooters shared third place all sitting beside each other. Mark Walker, Dennis and Ira Gross all shot 99-0X. In factory class Khanh was again first with a terrific score of 98-1X, just one point shy of most of the custom gun shooters. Kevin was second with 90-1X and John Chang also shot a 90 but without an X for third place.

Okay, move the targets up to close range, 200 yards. In the first custom class match at this distance Richard and Rick both shot 100-3x, Ted was one X behind with 100-2X and Dennis was third with 100-1X. In factory class Kevin finally got his AR back on track and shot a fantastic score of 99-2X. Good shooting Kevin! Khanh was close behind scoring 97-0X. John and Vladimir Petrus both scored 93-0X for third place. In the last match we had some spectacular shooting. Three shooters shot the best targets of the day. Namely: Ted, Mark and Rick all shot 100-6X which hasn't happened before in our matches. Wonderful shooting. Toby Bradshaw was second, scoring 99-3X and Richard was third with 99-1X. In factory class Vernon shot an excellent score of 96-2X, Khanh was right on his tail with 95-0X and John, shooting consistently all day, was third with 92-0X. It was a great match. Thanks to everyone for helping move target frames and especially to Toby for helping staple the targets. Much appreciated. Also thanks to John Chang's cute son for drawing num-

bers out of a can to decide who would get the boxes of chocolates after the match.

Our match in March is reserved for the Wally Siebert shoot, named after a great gunsmith, optics expert and shooting sports supporter. It's a little different from our usual match format. We shoot 5 five-shot targets at 100 yards and then repeat that at 200 yards. In this match we shoot only one shot at each bull instead of two. So it's a fifty shot match, so bring a little more ammo than usual. We'll start at 100 yards, so please come sighted in at that distance with your best tack-driving load. You'll need it. Also important, we'll draw for bench number so don't plunk your equipment down until you have your bench. And maybe come a little earlier than usual. If we have more than 18 shooters we won't add a relay. The match would just run too late. So you've been warned. There is a nice trophy just for this match. Factory class shooters are welcome, as always. Any questions call Richard Nicol (206-784-1093) or Dennis Tyskiewicz (425-774-1894).

Range Committee



The Bullseye Pistol Postal and League is still progressing with our 1st Team hanging in second place behind the folks in Vancouver with only 3 matches to go.

Gordon Buttke continues to be our best shooter. Some new shooters have joined the league this year and are turning in some surprisingly good scores: Doug Hanson, and Fuzhou Hu.
Vic Alvarez

Bylaw proposal to be voted on at the April Annual meeting.

Current—Article III, Section 6:

Members who are over sixty-two, to coincide with Social Security, and have been a ten-year member of the Wildlife Committee of Washington, may elect to pay one-half of the current dues at renewal.

Proposed—Article III, Section 6:

Members who are over sixty-five and have been a member of the Wildlife Committee of Washington for the last 5 years, may elect to pay one-half of the current dues at renewal.

THE PASSING OF A FRIEND AND LEGEND

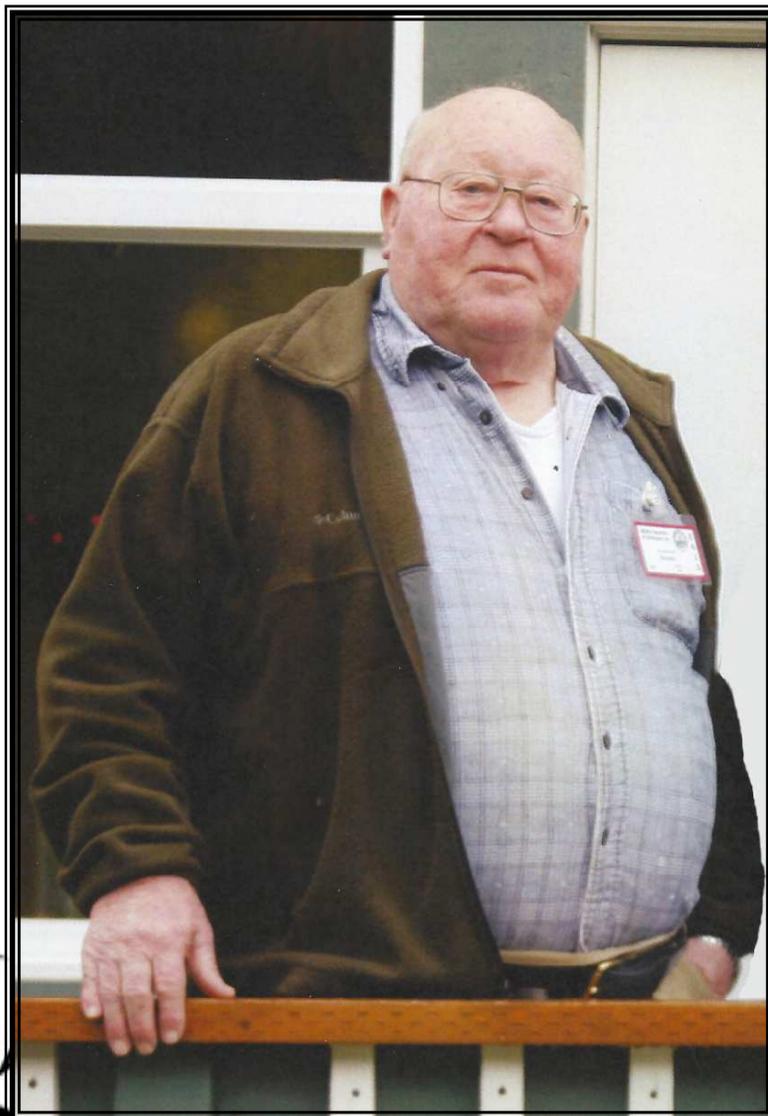
It is with great sadness I must report the passing of Ted Oden. Many of you know Ted as the range master at pistol. I and many others knew Ted as the owner of Ted's Sporting Center on Hwy 99 back in the 1980 era.

Ted was born in 1933 and became a member of the club in 1991. There was nothing about shooting and fishing that Ted did not know. Ted loved to fish at Lake Stevens and on the Snohomish River. When others went home skunked Ted often had his limit. Any member or public shooter who was having a problem getting on target Ted would ask "want some help" in less than ten minutes Ted would have them shooting on target.

Ted has touched the lives of many people and will be missed. As a range master he cannot be replaced.

Thanks Ted for all you did for all of us.

John Conderman



Ted Oden 1933-2015



NRA Highpower Position Rifle

Instead of starting off with a BANG – the first High Power Match for 2015 was more of a Pffft – actually it was a click and no bang. Not a hang fire or squib – a complete misfire. The Pffft is symbolic of the air let out of a hopeful bubble as opposed to an outright burst. There was anticipation of potentially having a good turn out as the Range 1 renovation closed down High Power since last June 2014. I might also add, the weather was great to boot.

This first match and the next one scheduled for Sunday, March 15th are Civilian Marksmanship Program Garand, Springfield, or Vintage Military Rifle matches, though you can show up with whatever you have and fire the CMP 55 round format, we just won't do a score card to send to the CMP. If you use a rifle specified for the match and have a score meeting the criteria in Appendix G of the CMP rulebook, we have the applicable award pin on hand to bestow the honor on the spot. Additionally, don't forget that you can borrow a Garand from the club, with the stipulations that you use applicable ammunition – Chuck has a fair amount on hand reserved specifically for Garand shooters to purchase at the Range

Office– and you clean the rifle after the match.

For the 2015 season and given some financial policy changes that were implemented last year, we decided to reduce the entry fee to \$20 and not to award any cash prizes. With the range construction work completed, we are now able to accommodate a relay of up to 12 with 4 competitors to a bay. Wishful thinking on my part that we'd have up to 24 in attendance.

When you come to a match, please plan on helping with a little more range setup. Attached is a photo that shows the finished product of the labor required. The new target stands are between 108 to 110 inches wide. To complete the match with just 2 iterations per participate, we need 6 targets on each frame. To mount that many targets without overlapping scoring rings, we have to replace the mounting boards normally used with 12 foot boards as shown in the photo. That means we will have to carefully – I say carefully as the 12 foot boards will eventually be bristling with staples – carry down the required number of 12 foot boards to replace the originals and then carry them back when the match is completed.

Many thanks as always to Orin Humphries our resident match range officer and high power guru.

George Smith



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:

\$125 Donations

Ben Engelking
Peter Mathisen

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