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## President's Message

I will try to keep this missive short which I would presume would be greatly appreciated by most readers. Nevertheless, as I sit here in my glazed thanksgiving haze I am relatively perplexed as to what to report. I for some reason harken back to thinking about the scene at several thanksgiving dinner tables. Painting a picture of folks seated around the table being asked what they feel thankful about. I must say, that I feel this tradition is somewhat boorish. I find myself scratching my head searching for a catchy complimentary statement on my part.

Perhaps I suppose folks that are that intimate with each other should already know it by actions as opposed to words? Invariably, someone in the group will surprise me with some insight that lasts longer than that second ill-advised portion of apple pie with whip cream. In the post script of the thankful salutations I got to thinking about some of the things I'm thankful for at WCW.

First of all it is our faithful, hardworking employees. These folks often are overlooked in their efforts to keep this club a safe environment. I can't emphasize this fact enough. This club is a safe and sane environment because of their efforts. Please don't be shy to thank them from time to time. This also includes our maintenance people. They keep this place looking ship shape and looking more like a park. That helps create a long lasting positive impression on the members and the public alike.

The next group is our dedicated group of volunteers. They truly are the straw that stirs the drink so to speak. In the last year we have had many volunteers who have provided opportunities for people to learn the craft of shooting and archery as well as training programs that are invaluable to our success. I watch the growth of things like the Lady's Night shoot at shotgun and the ever emerging Youth archery and Youth Shotgun programs and I feel optimistic about the future of the shooting sports in general. These program do not exist without dutiful volunteers. I can promise there will be expansion in other areas like these programs in the future. In fact, if any of

you have any new ideas for programs that you would like to see implemented please contact me so we can chat it up.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the other board members who keep the club policies and procedure afloat. They are for the most part faceless folk to the general membership. However, I am pleased to relate that soon they will all have their smiling mugs on the web site so we can all place a face with those people who are actually behind the scenes. The board of trustees are to be particularly lauded as they have implemented many things for the betterment of the club over the past year. As members you should know that the board of trustees are your direct representatives in how this is club managed.

Lastly, I took notice the other day of several people wearing those tags on lanyards that immediately identifies them as fellow club members. In a sense they are like family in their ongoing commitment to our club. There is a certain kinship in being part of an organization like ours that is hard to explain. Nonetheless, that made me smile and feel just a little more grateful. The Holidays are upon us so please consider bringing us potential new family members. I remain, thankfully yours, Joe.



**A big thank you to everyone who pitched in to spread smiles and make Christmas happen for less fortunate children this year. Our Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots drive brought in almost 100 toys as well as a special donation from WCW. Great job everyone!**

**SAFETY IS JOB ONE!**



### Board Meeting Minutes December 7, 2016

President Joe Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All Board members were present except Larry Mallory and Gary Webster.

#### Guests:

Jack Giuliano, Range Committee Chairman; Dave Elliott, Shotgun Committee co-chairman; Jim Thompson, Archery Committee Chairman; Milt & Jo Schneider, representing Toys for Tots; Rod Gowdy, representing Friends of NRA informing all of the next NRA banquet on May 7, 2017 and Bruce Dustman concerning position shooting on Range # 1.

#### Committee Reports:

Jim Thompson, Archery, Jack Giuliano Range and Dave Elliott, Shotgun and the success of Ladies Night shotgun shooting.

The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting as approved by email were read.

#### Trustee's Report:

Jeff LeMoine and Dave Levinson reported the various issues being addressed including the latest State Labor and Industries compliance issues.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Tami Gramer provided the fiscal and November, 2016 financial report.

#### Old Business:

Dave Levinson moved to change the proposed \$20.00 Special Use fee and the \$5.00 gate key fee to be one fee of \$20.00 for a gate key beginning March 1, 2017. 2nd by Dan Barton. Passed

#### New Business:

Ken DeLeone moved the club donate \$500.00 to the Toys for Tots program. 2nd by Jim Dinnie. Passed; Jim Dinnie moved to approve the PITA doubles league shoot on April 8, 2017. 2nd by Dave Levinson. Passed; Tami Gramer moved that all waiver forms be kept for 6 months and shredded. 2nd by Joe Rinaldi. Passed; John Conderman moved to lower member shotgun fees by \$0.25 per round of trap effective January 1, 2017. 2nd by Jim Dinnie. Passed.

Also discussed was the need to review the WCW Club Policy Manual and update the guidelines for rifle & handgun shooters.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn this meeting. 2nd by Dan Barton. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.



### Range Committee

For the next two months, January and February, the Range Committee meeting will be held in our Clubhouse. This will allow the large number of members renewing their Special Use for 2017 to comfortably attend. Speaking of our Special Use, if you have been reading the newsletter's board minutes, you have seen some of the proposals for changing our Special Use procedures and practices. Many changes have been put forward, some will be implemented and others foregone.

On January 11 these changes will be read into the members' meeting as the board minutes from their January 4 meeting. If you are interested in hearing about the changes, and would not wish to wait until the February newsletter comes out, I urge you to attend this members' meeting.

Something is new at Range #3 (pistol): firing points set at a 7 yard distance. If you now invite your friends (you DO invite shooters to our club?) who need a shorter distance to enjoy their ammo expenditure, here it is! Building a little confidence first actually can make 25 yards more fun, too.

**Jack Giuliano**

#### Archery Con't

and the equipment than you do. It's the pro shops that make the sport safe with the products readily available for the archer in need. Help them help us keep are sport healthy, safe and secure.

By the way there is a new time for the archery monthly meeting. It's 7:00 PM the first Thursday of every month Jan 5<sup>th</sup> is the first meeting. If you intend to update your special use you need to have a 2017 badge.

**Ken DeLeone**



I am guessing now that Santa has come and gone, most of you who received gifts of Bows and other archery equipment, to use next hunting or target season, are anxious to get out to the range and try them out. There's good and bad news about that.

The good news is that the days are getting longer why just last Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> the sun set at 4:17 PM and today the 26<sup>th</sup> it won't set until 4:22 PM. Don't you just love these longer days. The bad news is "Baby its cold outside" Remember you can shoot indoors in the clubhouse on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evenings Members can shoot for \$3.00 and the public for \$5.00 Check the club Webb Site and refer to the Calendar for scheduled times. It's a great way to practice your shooting skills comfortably.

For most of you after hunting season is over the Bow is put away in its case and the quiver with your arrows hung up in the garage while you patiently await the spring Turkey season in mid-April. However this is the time to be thinking about what you need to change and improve for next year. Maybe a different weight arrow, a different release, new broad heads, string and cable up grades. These type changes always take a bit of time and practice to allow you to become comfortable and shoot with confidence and accuracy.

It's also the time to think about using the pro shops near the club. Their experience in working daily on all archery equipment manufactures insure us that imperfections not noticed by the archer can reduce the risk of equipment failure. We have several pro bow shops in and around the Seattle area.

To name the closet shops to our club there is in Mountlake Terrace the Nock Point, in Everett there is Van Winkle's in Mount Vernon there is Riverside Archery And in Enumclaw there is Rock Creek Archery. I know most of you, like me, think you know more about Archery



**Kenmore Range  
Benchrest  
Matches**

We had a good turnout for our December match. Mark Burns and Henry Ohrzada drove over from East Wenatchee to join us again. I hope we can continue this trans mountain exchange. Unfortunately the matches at the club in Chelan (where the Wenatchee shooters compete) are also on the second Saturday of the month. Maybe in the future, if there is enough interest, one of the clubs could change to a different Saturday. It's always fun to shoot at another range and to meet a new group of shooters. And it would be good for us out here in the tranquil Northwest (except for last month) to shoot out in the open spaces of Eastern Washington. Ultimately we all have to learn how to shoot in the wind. However, conditions at our December match were almost ideal for shooting good scores since there was virtually no wind all morning. It was cold and cold air is denser than warm air so if there is a breeze the wind may have a bit more of an effect than if it's warm. But still, it's rare that we have such still air as on this Saturday.

We shot only at 200 yards since it was cold and there was snow on the ground. We shoot four matches, 10 shots each for score. In custom class, match one, Khan Nguyen got his first win of the day scoring 100-3X, Ted Larson and Connor Locke both had 100-2X for second and Rick Graham was third, dropping one point and scoring 1-X. In our factory class Mark Burns' score of 98-2X was first, Dennis Tyskiewicz was second with 97-3X and Bryan March was third with 97-2X. A closely fought match. In match two, custom class, Khan was again first with 100-4X, Ted was second scoring 100-3X and John Chang was third with 100-1X. In factory, Bryan was first with a score of 100-2X, Doris Locke was second with 100-1X and Mark was third with 99-1X. Okay, halfway through the match. Scores are really good especially in factory class, matching some of the scores in custom. In match three, custom class, Khan continued his winning ways,

shooting his hard-to-match .30 BR, scoring 100-2X, Ted was second with 99-2X and Rick and John both had 99-1X for third. In factory Bryan was again first with 99-1X, Mark and Matt Daly both had 98-2X for second and Doris was third with 98-0X. In the last match, in custom class, Ted finally pushed out Khan, though just barely, scoring 100-4X. Khan and Rick both had 100-3X for second and John was third again with 99-3X. In factory, Bryan continued shooting impressively, matching the best score in custom class. He had 100-4X for first. Doris was second with 100-1X and Mark was third with a score of 97-1X. On our special one shot for score Christmas Goose target, Khan was the only one who punched out the tiny X-dot in the middle of the bull. Good shooting Khan! Khan didn't drop a point all day and was the overall match winner in custom class (400-12X). Ted was second dropping only one point with 11X and Rick was third with 397-9X. Bryan had the best aggregate score in factory class with 396-9X. Doris was second with 395-2X and Mark was third with 392-6X. All the winners in factory class were shooting Savage rifles. No coincidence. Bryan is becoming a fantastic shooter. Maybe he'll have .30 BR custom gun built for himself and be a real threat to the best shooters. Good shooting today, Bryan.

We're contemplating changing the rifle classifications, creating a new class (for us) maybe called "custom factory". This would be a factory or semi-factory rifle with a flat forend or attached forend plate. The Savage models with a flat forend would be in this class as would the AR platform guns with forend plates. Factory class would be a true factory rifle with original barrel and a rounded or round-ish forend. Most of the shooters on Saturday would have been in this new class. We'll talk about it next time and see if this is what we want to do during our regular shooting season. We'd get a trophy for this class. It's an issue of fairness toward people shooting hunting type factory guns.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the target sheets and the scoring, especially Jeff Locke. Also thanks to his son Connor for sharing his "YES" joke with us and making us adults look dumb. Isn't that a

young man's greatest joy! We love having the Locke family at our matches and not just because Jeff brought smoked salmon for everybody. Our next match is Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. Lots of time to practice. Any questions call Richard Nicol at 206-784-1093 or Dennis Tyskiewicz at 425-409-1223. See you next month!



**Donations**

We receive many donations during the course of a year .....and 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:

**\$170 Donations**

Alton Gaskill

**\$150 Donations**

Thomas Tritz

**\$115 Donations**

Ken DeLeone

**\$100 Donations**

Michael Goza

**\$88 Donations**

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**\$70 Donations**

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William Keihn

Benjamin McPhail

Garth Norgaard

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Douglas Arnold

Thomas Campbell

Rami Koudsieh

John Martinis

Richard Mayer

Kevin Monohan

Ernst Norehad

Scott Ray

Allan Schneider

Richard Thornton

Jan Weber





**CMP Highpower Rifle Match**

Kenmore Range CMP Garand/Springfield/Vintage/Modern Military Match

The December CMP match brought the Wildlife Committee of Washington's 2016 High Power season to a close. We'll be on break until February 19<sup>th</sup>, when we begin the new year and the 2017 High Power Program with a CMP match. Mark your calendars for the 2017 dates – CMP Matches 2/19, 3/19, 10/15, 11/19 and 12/17 NRA Matches 4/9, 5/21, 6/11, 7/16, 8/20 and 9/17.

Although the day was dry and calm the temperatures were quite low and the ground was frozen solid. Upon arrival, I noticed the range was in pretty good shape, a pleasant surprise. Did Santa come early? Whoever or however, it is nice to have the range in order and it is very much appreciated. I have unilaterally adopted a policy that the high power program will leave the range as good or better than we found it. Thank you competitors for accommodating the match director's fiat.

Back to the cold – there was a light turn out despite having hot coffee and cookies. I made the coffee and Jo Schneider brought the cookies. Jo's cookies did the trick for her as she was the match winner firing 260-4X. I might mention that the competitors were offered a Course A (30 rounds) or Course B (50 rounds). The chattering teeth won out, Course A it was. Jo's instrument of choice was an AR. Andrew Wilson opted for the modern military class as well and used an optic equipped AR while Milt Schneider was true to the spirit, using a vintage Mauser 98.

We finished the match in fairly short order and I am sure we were off the range by at least 11:15 AM. That included putting everything away and policing brass.

As there were just the 4 of us and recalling there were cookies and hot coffee in the Chalet – we elected to do scoring there



rather than Hoover over the cold concrete benches on the range to complete the task. Speaking of cookies – I had to look at embedded photo carefully to see if there was in fact photographic evidence that they were there. They are. I'm not naming names though if you look at certain person's left hand – a cookie is about to be pinched while no one is looking!

The statistics for CY 2016 are:

- 11 matches scheduled and held
- 66 total competitors
- 6 new competitors or new to a WCW match
- 0 junior competitors (under age 18)

By my fuzzy math the High Power program finished well into the black yet I will yield the financial summary to the experts and to the old axiom: figures don't lie – liars figure.

Best wishes for 2017 and see you on the range next February.

**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)

**Orientation**

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

- Sean Alm
- Jay and Tracy Beavers
- Robert Burks
- Sidney and Sara Cammeresi
- Eric Craig
- Bret Ebaugh
- Peter Garrison and Lei Tang
- Ronald and Jillian Grisham
- John Hustad
- John Lecky
- Robert and Nikki Nicholson
- Kevin Raimer and Krista Petty
- Ernie Snyder
- Jan Staab

*Welcome to the club.*

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