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President's Message

Well here we are rapidly approaching the Holidays. This time of year with the time changes and the shorten days always seems to be a real adjustment for most people. We are nearing the end of hunter sight in at the range and it appears that our employees are handling things in their inedible professional manner.

The main parking lot has been very full of an array of vehicles mostly of the truck type in proper waiting for that trek to a hunting camp. It is our hope that everyone out in the wild is being careful and mindful of safety at all times. While we all know the pleasure firearms and archery equipment can bring us we also know the carnage firearms can cause. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the senseless tragedy the Las Vegas slaughter has had on the national psyche. I spent many years working with the criminal element as a probation and parole officer. The one thing most victims wanted to know from the assailants of violent crimes was WHY? In all thirty years I can only recall ever finding out that answer on a few occasions. I know we'll never find out in this Las Vegas instance either. Nonetheless, I know all responsible gun owner's hearts are heavy for the victims. It also the revived lament of anti-gun rhetoric that is abounding.

As Alan Gottlieb reminded us at our members meeting we should not be lulled into a sense of complacency by thinking the political environment is safe from these hysterical folk who would like to rescind the second amendment.

Let me recount a humorous situation that occurred to me shortly after the Las Vegas shooting. I was sitting in my local watering hole having a beer. A woman who frequents the place was sitting near me. She knows that I am associated with our range. She took the opportunity to try to put me on the spot with some assertion that I ought to be checked for mental stability if I didn't believe something should be done to restrict gun owners. I tried to shimmy up to a safe spot in this tree of controversy but she was relentless in her pursuit. When I realized I would have to engage her questions I offered the following ridiculous proposition. I emphasized it was ridiculous several times. I suggested that an avid anti-gun type and avid pro-

gun type be positioned across the table from each other. Their goal was to convince the other their respective position was right. To make things even more stressful would be the fact that they both had fully loaded hand guns on the table pointed at each other. In order to promote some semblance of safety they were both handcuffed behind their back. I then asked, which one do you think would be more prone to shooting the other person first? She looked at me with the scorn of incredulousness and said neither of course because they were both handcuffed. I smiled and simply said: "Then I guess it isn't the gun?" "I thought she was going to blow a gasket but before she did I was saved by a fellow sitting near her. He asked me how much I thought he should pay for a certain hand gun he wants to buy. She turned to him and said "you want to buy a gun?" Why yes he replied, "I enjoy target shooting." She left shortly thereafter and if I'm not mistaken there was a certain utterance of a not so popular part of the anatomy in the plural toward myself and this fellow. My overall point in telling this story is it is important to not only know what your rights are but also to be able to articulate why you believe what you do.

Before I close, I would like to mention that there are many things going at our range and I encourage everyone to read the good inserts of activities contained on our web site. Lastly, I would be totally at fault if I didn't give everyone the critter update at the range. On a sad note someone shot a possum on one of the rifle ranges. If we find out who did this that person will be banned for life from the use of our range. On a positive note by the time this is published our turtle eggs should be hatched. Andrew one of our very solid range masters and the facility caretaker made an incubation chamber for the eggs and we're all hoping for the best. Thanks Andrew.

Lastly, Sunday Oct. 15th we had a very successful shotgun competition. As the event was coming to a close and hue of evening was descending on the trap fields I notice our resident covey of quail at the far end of the trap field getting a bite to eat. A very nice sight indeed. **Joe Rinaldi**

SAFETY IS JOB ONE!



Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2017

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

Guests:

Jim Thompson, Archery Committee Chairman; Martin Morehouse, Rifle Committee Chairman; Dave Elliot, Shotgun Committee Chairman; Matt Daley; Greg Van De Rostyne; Kevin Kellogg

Matt Daly, Guest:

- 3 firing points at the 300-yard range position have been closed since April; the postholes need to be dug out and replaced. Volunteers are needed to organize and execute.
- Clip-on targets are being used on Range 2, and Mr. Daly asked if that would be a possibility for Range 1.
- Requested that matches be better defined on the website to give more information to potential shooters.
- Requested that there be a History tab on the website to give a better definition of the legacy of the Club.

Kevin Kellogg, Guest:

- Requested that permanent target frames be added to the Rifle Range. Dave Levinson remarked that the 200-yard range target frames would be unable to be installed permanently, due to the access road.
- Asked the question: Is there a standard Match Fee? The matter was referred to the Rifle Committee.

Committee Reports:

Jim Thompson, Archery Committee:

- The Club is working with Riverside to avoid the shipping cost of the new 3D targets, to be ordered after January direct from Rinehart.
- Jim is looking to order the other new targets, including 8 more for the flat range, to be purchased in November.
- Archery is moving indoors in October.
- In October, Mike Wichser is traveling to Mexico for the World Championships with Eliana Clapp.

Martin Morehouse, Rifle Committee:

- We are looking for members interested in working with Steve Olheiser on the

Youth Rifle program.

- Developed a preliminary rifle range safety video, sent a copy to Joe Rinaldi and Marc Champagne on September 27th.
- We have a new monthly small-bore bench rest match organized by Matt Daly, first match on Saturday, October 7th.
- The slide damage at 300 yards on Range 1 has been repaired. Still need volunteers to finish cleanup at 300 yards. The postholes for the points 4-6 target frame are still buried. Looking for volunteers.
- Some of the target floodlights in the clubhouse are not working. Numbers 1, 6, and 8, as seen left to right from the targets. Have reported this.
- Work has been done to restore the backstop on Range #2, similar work in process on Range #1. Erosion of the areas behind the most used targets has dug out the backstop; it is being filled in.
- Need help with Special Use qualification sessions, need volunteers to operate some sessions. Four hours on a Saturday, once a month, pick a month. Will offer Special Use qualification on October 15th, 1-3:pm with George Smith, and on October 21st, 9-11:pm with Kevin Kellogg. Murray Hackett will sit in on the session with Kevin Kellogg.
- Since the reasons for requiring Special Use qualification are not for insurance purposes, they should be for safety purposes. Martin proposed a new Rifle Special Use procedure.
- 5 members picked up rifle probation cards on September 20th.
- 11 members turned in Rifle Special Use requests on September 20th.
- 8 members tested for Rifle Special Use on September 16th; 6 for 300 yard prone and 6 for 8-round qualification.
- The next Special Use qualification sessions are: October 15th, 1-3:pm with George Smith, and on October 21st, 9-11:am with Kevin Kellogg.
- The next Rifle Committee meeting is October 18th, 7 PM.

Majsan Champagne, representing Handgun Committee:

- September Meeting: 9 members attended, 3 special use applications, 2 members started probation
- No new safety concerns.
- Volunteers headed by Dan Barton have lowered all 7 and 15 yards target frames

after successful pilot that improved safety by keeping short-range bullets in the short-range berm.

- The prototypes for variable length target retrieval have been taken down thanks to volunteers. Will present proposal for commercial grade target retrieval system soon.
- We doubled Ladies Pistol night attendees again; great response from public. Some volunteer challenge but board and other members stepped up.

Dave Elliot, Shotgun Committee:

- Andrew Gough and the O'Malley brothers built a new steel pattern board for the Shotgun Range.
- October 1st is youth program registration, with the Youth League to begin in November 5th.
- October 4th 5-Stand League Starts.
- Joe Rinaldi has proposed that we present our donation to the Paralyzed Veterans on Saturday, November 11th, including a fun shoot at the Shotgun Range.

Dave Levinson made the motion to waive reading the Minutes of the previous Board Meeting. 2nd by Ken DeLeone. Passed.

Trustee's Report:

- Jeff LeMoine gave the Facilities Operations Manager Report:
- Tour of facility and structures with Dave Levinson.
- Implementation of formalized Manager and Employee meeting agenda and notes.
- Range Operations Organizational Chart in process.
- Planning stages of evacuation procedures with managers and staff.
- Employee general lead exposure training and training acknowledgment has been completed.
- Provided Joe Rinaldi with contact information with Homeland Security for potential Active Shooter training.
- Provided Joe Rinaldi with DHS Active Shooter handout materials
- Updated and distributed Operations Information Name and Phone list
- Developed vendor phone list
- Fire Extinguisher and First Aid kit locations lists revised and plan for monthly inspections implemented—annual FE service scheduled for 10/18/17.
- Initiated Request for Proposal (RFP) bid proposal for outside cleaning service and

sent out to 4 potential vendors
- Reviewed applications and interviewed for new Trapper positions—hired 2 new trappers.

- Developed and implemented Maintenance Tasks for Fall/Winter 2017
- Completed Shotgun gun safe inventory.

Safety and Health Issues

- Cleaning—RFP initiated for outside cleaning service—sent to 4 potential vendors for bids
- Trap Range target setting post holes needed so Trappers not exposed to flying targets when setting machines
- Mossy stairs by Clubhouse, potential slip/fall concern in wet weather
- Aggregate steps to pistol range need edge painting
- Active Shooter training—Joe R. will contact Homeland Security
- Is the bore clear? Martin Morehouse and Chuck Barnes working on a safety video
- Sexual Misconduct background checks for all employees, volunteers and BOD working with youth shooters—Mark S. will set-up
- New 911 sign (+ extras) needed at Shotgun range—Mark S. working with vendors for quote
- Additional bullhorns needed at Shotgun, Pistol, Clubhouse for evacuation purposes has been completed
Additional fire extinguisher (ordered) + first aid kit and CPR kit needed at FITA field
The new Trap Machines are scheduled to be shipped out and will arrive soon.

The first stage of the paving project has begun, and we are on the schedule for completion.

The Board and other volunteers have been working diligently to improve the high-impact areas on Ranges 1 and 2 with additional sand and berms.

Joe Rinaldi and Dave Levinson have backed up all of the information from the Club's safe deposit box for reference on site.

A couple bulbs need to be replaced up at Shotgun; Dave Levinson is looking in to newer technology and solutions.

Dave Levinson is asking the Board for approval to put up 1 more 7-yard bay and 2 more 15-yard bays on the Pistol Range. 2nd by Marc Champagne. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The deposits for this past month were higher than that of September of 2016 due to the lead reclaiming at Shotgun.

The implementation of the short-range pistol ranges has increased attendance and fees.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Just before the last meeting, Chuck Barnes had an issue with his laptop which resulted in the observation that the Club needs to upgrade its computer systems and anti-virus software.

Marc Champagne is currently investigating a back-up plan for our technology systems and anti-virus software.

Marc Champagne would like to install Cat-6 cable to allow for one network throughout the property to simplify backups and ensure better security.

The Ruger Mark IV Pistols have been ordered for the Pistol Classroom.

Old Business:

Marc Champagne addressed the desire from the Education Committee to be able to teach Personal Protection Inside the Home. ONLY Richard Ripley or Marc Champagne will teach these classes, and the Pistol Range will not be open to the public or members while the classes are using the range. Joe Rinaldi moved that Marc Champagne and Richard Ripley be allowed to teach the NRA Personal Protection Inside the Home class on Range 3 on a trial basis. 2nd by Dave Levinson. Passed.

New Business:

Joe Rinaldi moved to appoint Greg Van De Rostyne to the vacant position of 2nd Vice President. 2nd by Jim Dinnie. Passed.

Marc Champagne moved to enable members with Pistol Special Use to shoot on Range 3 with the new lights that we have installed up until 9:00pm at the 7-yard and 15-yard distances, effective Novem-

ber 1st. 2nd by Jim Dinnie. Passed.

New Business:

Larry Mallory moved to expend up to \$800 to promote and advertise the Ladies' Shotgun Night AND Ladies' Pistol Night. 2nd by Ken DeLeone. Passed.
Joe Rinaldi and Majsan Champagne will work on advertising materials.

Joe Rinaldi discussed the importance of a Charity Calendar to highlight the Club's involvement in various charities and organizations.

Tami Gramer has been handling the payroll and sales reports since Valerie Bruce left over a month ago; the club is still looking to fill that bookkeeping position. The candidate must have payroll experience and be available to work at the range at least once per week.

Joe Rinaldi has been making contacts at various businesses to cross-promote. He has been in contact with the Marketing Director of Cabela's to have a Cabela's Day at the range in the future.

Scott Kranz will be meeting with the Board of Directors in August to discuss the development of a new pistol range.

The Rifle Committee Chairman has the discretion to accept an F-Class Competitor Card for 300-yard rifle qualification.

Marc Champagne moved to accept the proposal by George Smith to move Kenmore Range High Power Matches to the 2nd Sunday of the month, with the exception of the July match which will be the 3rd Sunday, but to keep the \$20 fee the same. 2nd by Jim Dinnie. Passed.

Joe Rinaldi called a Special Board Meeting to be held on August 15th at 7:00pm to further address the Club Manager job description and duties.

Majsan Champagne asked that the Club look in to having a paid Rangemaster for Ladies' Pistol Night in the future.

Dave Levinson moved to adjourn this meeting. 2nd by Mike Wichser. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM. Submitted by Majsan Champagne, Recording Secretary.



Quarterly General Meeting Minutes October 11, 2017

President Joe Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board members were present except Larry Mallory and Gary Webster.

Guests:

Jim Thompson, Archery Committee Chairman; Martin Morehouse, Rifle Committee Chairman; Mark Silver, Facility Operations Manager; 33 WCW Members

Facility Operations Manager Report:

Mark Silver gave a report of his tasks as Facility Operations Manager.

Committee Reports:

Jim Thompson, Archery Committee:

- Received the new Rinehart targets for the indoor range.
- Beginning in November, more targets will be assembled for the outdoor course.
- Eliana Clapp will be attending the Senior World Championship in Mexico in October.
- Indoor archery began in early October = Sat., Sun., Mon. & Wed., \$5/nonmember pricing.

Martin Morehouse, Rifle Committee:

- Matt Daly is organizing a rim fire bench rest match on the first Saturday of the month
- Small bore rifle practice has begun indoors.
- Youth rifle is scheduled for Fridays.
- Martin is working on a safety video.
- Need volunteers to help clean out the 300-yard target frame post holes.

Marc Champagne, representing Handgun Committee

- New LED lights have been put up on Range #3.
- Beginning November 1st, Members may shoot under the lights until 9:pm, unless there is a league.

Dave Levinson, representing Shotgun Committee:

- Started the Winter Multiplex series.
- PITA shoot is 2nd weekend in October
- The Ladies' Shotgun Night has been growing and continuing.
- Youth Shotgun starts in November; sign-

ups are NOW.

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

Trustee's Report:

We have been working on getting the berms safer.

The roof on the Target Locker has been fixed.

The paving project has been started; drains have been put in.

The tree removal project has been completed.

The wall maintenance project has been completed.

The Ruger Mark IV training pistols have arrived.

The new trap machines are on the way.

Resupplied the ice melt to prepare for the winter weather.

7 turtle eggs are being incubated.

Gutter cleaning is being worked on.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash receipts and revenue year-to-date are about on par 2016-2017.

Having Members able to go online to renew Members' Dues has been helpful.

Able to utilize the new PayPal system for Ladies' Pistol Night.

From January – September 2016-2017, our sales have had a significant increase for the public pistol range sales due to the short-range pistol targets.

Old Business:

Martin Morehouse has been working on a safety video for the Club, and submitted a proposal for a new Rifle Special Use Qualification Program.

New Business:

President Joe Rinaldi opened the Quarterly Meeting up to a Question and Answer portion, which resulted in great discus-

sion between the Membership and the Board of Directors.

Matt Daly, Guest:

- Requested better transparency with projects in the works, Microsoft Projects
- Requested a new American Flag be purchased, and that it be illuminated at night. Dave Levinson reported that it is on order.
- Requested new big numbers for the mailbox for the Club, as one number is missing.

Kevin Bridgeford, Guest:

- Noticed that there is an issue with some of the wood falling down over the storage locker for Hunter Safety Training.

There was a concern from the Membership regarding how Special Use is presented, especially in regard to new vs. existing Members and how they go about obtaining their Special Use Permit. Joe Rinaldi remarked that the Board is in the process of making Special Use much more streamlined and competency-oriented.

There was much appreciation expressed for the emails received from the WCW Club emails, specifically the reminder about the Quarterly Meeting.

There were concerns regarding the Volunteer Incentive Program: ASK people to volunteer, offer specialized seminars/classes, keep an updated list of Members with particular skillsets – and keep that list up to date.

George Smith moved to adjourn this meeting. 2nd by the Membership. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. Submitted by Majsan Champagne, Recording Secretary.

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)



Rifle Committee

We have added a new match to the calendar, on the first Saturday of the month, for smallbore benchrest. The first match was on 7 October, the next one is on 4 November, starting at 9 AM. More detail is on the club calendar.

We will be adding an item to our meetings. There are always projects and maintenance that needs to be done. We will schedule time every month for volunteers to coordinate and take care of some of it. If you are interested in helping improve or maintain our ranges, this is the way to do it.

We are still scheduling Special Use qualification, but the dates change from month to month depending on the calendar. Once you find the qualification on the calendar, just show up with your rifle and we will take care of your testing.

The November Rifle Range Committee meeting will be at 7 PM on Wednesday, 15 November, in the Chalet. We can always use more voices in how we use our club.

Martin Morehouse



CMP Rifle Match

October 15, 2017

The October match was the club's 3rd CMP match. The first 2 were the at the beginning of the year in February and March. The club's highpower program finishes this year with 2 more CMP matches on November 19th and December 17th.

The CMP Game (as it is called) is designed for opportunities to use a Garand, Springfield, 1917, US Krag, and a variety of vintage or modern military rifles regardless of country of origin. If it doesn't meet CMP rules come and participate anyway. We won't turn in a score

if your rifle isn't in compliance.

Just 4 competitors in this match. We had a fresh face in the group. JR Matt joined us and was using a Match Rifle on an AR platform. Yes – not CMP compliant but he still had an opportunity to participate. Again in situations such as this one – the spirit of the game is preserved by not submitting a CMP score card. Welcome JR and we look forward to you joining us again next month.

James Illson continued to show mastery using a Modern Military Class B rifle – specifically a M1A in 308 caliber. James fired a smoking hot 462-7X earning a Gold Modern Military Merit pin. Congratulations James!

WCW is the only local club that regularly provides opportunities to participate in a CMP or NRA highpower match. The club hosts a match every month except for the month of January. Next year's 2018 schedule is already on the club calendar. Note the change that the matches will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month (July is exception being on the 3rd Sunday) to avoid conflicting with the Cascade Club.

November 2017 provides for a second opportunity to participate in a CMP game in that the Lone Oak Club in Longview, Washington is hosting a game on Sunday, November 12th. Check their website for more information.

George Smith



Sunday, October 18, 2017, WCW Hosted the "Seahawks Bye Week PITA Shoot" the shoot that was sponsored by: DJ's Sporting Goods, O'Malley Brothers Construction, and United Recycling Inc.. Thank you Sponsors!!!!

The weather was perfect as we had one of the largest turnouts for a registered shoot throwing 11,900 White Flyer Targets. We had 4 shooters who came down from

Canada and 3 from Idaho with a great turnout from Washington. Kenmore shooters fared very well as Jim Storlie took home the Handicap Championship with a score of 93, Travis Kuykendall won the shoot off for the R/U in Handicap with a 92, Mike O'Malley won C class Doubles and Joseph Rinaldi won D class singles. Robert Miller was in the thick of it all day and was involved in the doubles and singles shoot offs and the singles featured a 6 way tie with Robert battling for 3 rounds and coming up just short. Good shooting guys!!

Thank you to the Volunteers who helped with setting up the traps in the morning, filling in with scoring and to Lisa Miller and Risa Thomas for serving lunch, the shoot would not be successful with out all of your help!!!

Kenmore will be hosting the annual spring PITA shoot on April 8th 2018 and are hosting PITA Multiplex shoots the first Saturday of the month through February.

Thank you to all of the shooters who come out support these events!

Andrew Gough

Shotgun hours of operation

Mon	Closed
Tues	5:00 to 9:00 pm
Wed	Noon to 5:00 pm
Thur	5:00 to 9:00 pm
Fri	Closed
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





Rimfire Benchrest Rifle Match

October 2017 Match

This month was the first monthly rimfire rifle match which will be held on the first Saturday of the month on Range One open to member and non-members as well. Many people own rimfire rifles and to date there has not been an opportunity for them test their skills in a competitive environment on a regular basis.

Kevin Kellogg, a longtime range member organizes a bi annual rimfire rifle competition that gave me the idea to conduct a monthly competition which I proposed a monthly match to the Kenmore Range Executive Committee. Many thanks to Kevin Kellogg for all his support in helping me organize this competition.

This competition is two relays shooting at the International Benchrest Shooters 50 Yard rimfire target with standalone results and payouts for each relay. Each of these targets contain 25 2.5 inch diameter targets with one shot per target with outer ring scoring. Shooters may use either a bipod or bags to rest their rifles on only. All shooters compete in one rifle classification.

There were eight competitors at the initial match held on October 1. Relay 1 was won by Kevin Kellogg who scored 239 out of a possible 250. That is a lot of ten ring scores! In second place was Tom Horne with a score of 237 and David Wild was third with a score of 228.

Relay 2 was won by David Wild with a score of 241 which included six dead center hits. In second place was Kevin Kellogg with 240 points with four dead center hits and in third place was Tome Horne one point behind with a score of 239.

This match takes only about two and half hours conduct so we will be completed no later than 12pm. We look forward to more people entering this match in November. You are welcome to come and observe next month's match and ask any questions you may have about the competition.

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:

\$200 Donations

David Barton

\$100 Donations

Henry Grenley
John Kovacich

\$50 Donations

Berne Alfred
Michael Kincaid
Ronald Lageson

\$25 Donations

Raymond Cox
John Herrick
Paul Palmer

\$20 Donations

R. Klaus Brauer
Kenneth Duex
Jack Riggs
Craig Simpson
Alexander Vitin

Thanks

Orientation

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

Ryan Barr
Carlos and Cheri Becerra
Elmen Bloedel
Kidron Cobb
Stephen and Eliza Copps
Kevin and Heather Cramer
Paul Crivell
Tim Creiglow
Chris Lampe
Jeff and Sheri Leach
Michael Lefrancois and Janice Brewer
Lawrence McCoy
Russell and Terri Popp
Brendan Redmond
William and Julie Roberts
Daniel Schlegel
Benjamin and Corinna Scholtysik
David Spess
Thawm Thang and Zing Hnem
Brandon Villanti
Todd Vranich
Tom and Kris Wehe
Daniel and Dana Wick
Keith Wilson

Welcome to the club.

Pistol League



Bullseye Pistol

We are wrapping up our Club Summer Outdoor Bullseye League. We had 15 shooters participating, but many were not able to post a score for the entire 6 weeks. If Paul Ketchum makes the last match he will be the big winner. Steve read will be 2nd OA and Vic Alvarez will be 3rd OA.

Our indoor League starts the first Thursday of November with practice matches in November and shooting for score starting in December. This next League includes a series of Club matches and the participation in the IERPA Bullseye Team League of 4 man teams using some of the scores from the Club league. Come on out and help us win this event.

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 targets. Need to bring, at a minimum:

- A. .22LR semi-automatic standard pistol (5" barrel).
- B. 300-400 rounds of .22LR
- C. \$15 fee

Starts at 9:00AM on Range #3



**Kenmore Range
Benchrest
Matches**

Frombach Match 2017

Though we were missing a few strong competitors (won't mention any names), we had a good turnout for our annual trophy match, the Frombach. Eleven shooters showed up to try their luck. We're happy that Chris Wilder drove over the big mountain from Wenatchee and that Mark Walker, the master machinist and intellectual tinkerer, came up from the wilds of Bonney Lake. Sometimes we get an almost perfectly calm day in the fall here in the Northwest and this Saturday was one of them. It wasn't until mid morning that there were any breezes at all, and then they were mild. Later in the match it became very calm again. It wasn't cold or rainy. In other words it was a perfect day for our match. The only fly in the ointment was that we shot at 300 yards, which always introduces difficulty over the shorter ranges. Our range has some elevation changes and curvy berms which can lift a bullet or make it drop, depending on whatever.

Scores were good but points were dropped, even in the best of conditions. This morning we shot five, ten shot matches, all for score. We shoot two shots at each of the five record bulls on the big 300 yard sheet. The ten ring is one and a half inches in diameter, which looks big when you're holding the target in front of you but looks not so big at 300 yards. We have had three classes of rifles at our matches, custom, factory custom (FC), and factory. We gave out money in all the classes but the trophy goes to whoever has the best total score for the day, no matter what class.

Here's how the shooting went, match by match, for each class. Match #1: Right off the bat, Ted Larson and John Chang shot the best scores of the day, tying with 103 points. Mark Walker and Tom Horne also tied, for second, with 101 points. Chris Wilder was third with 99 points. In Factory Custom (FC), Doris Locke got off to good start, scoring 101 points. Her son David was close behind with 99 and Parker Letson was third with 93 points. There were only two shooter in factory class. Ernie Snyder shot the excellent score of 99 and Matt Daly, shooting a new Savage in 6.5 Creedmoor scored 92 points.

Match #2: In Custom, Tom Horne was first with 102 points. Mark was right be-

hind with 101 and Ted had 100 points for third place. In FC David shot the excellent score of 102. Doris lost her concentration for a moment and shot 93. Very rare for her. And Parker had 90 points for third place. In Factory, Ernie again shot a 99 and Matt had 94 points.

Match #3: In Custom, Mark, Ted and Chris all had 101 points for first place. Tom and Jeff each had 100 points and John had 97 points for third place. It was in match three that the wind picked up a little. In FC David scored 101 points for first place. Doris had 96 and Parker had another 90 for third. In Factory Ernie continued his consistently good shooting with a 98 and Matt scored 92 points.

Match #4: In Custom, Chris shot the good score of 102 points. John was next with 101 points and Tom had 100 points for third place. In FC David again beat his mom, scoring 100 points. Doris had 96 and Parker 92 points. In Factory Ernie shot another 99 and Matt scored 94 points.

Okay, the last match, #5: Chris was first with 101 points. Ted and Mark both scored 100 points for second place and John had 99 points for third. In FC, David finished strong with 101 points. Doris had 95 points for second and Parker had 89 for third. In Factory, Ernie, the soul of consistency and determination, shot yet another 99. Terrific shooting Ernie. You are going to have to think about getting a true bench gun one of these days and give everyone a run for their money. Matt shot another 94 for second place.

When there are a lot of very good shooters competing, every shot counts and margins are very slim between first, second and third places. That's what happened this morning. David Locke and Chris Wilder both scored 503 points during the day's shoot-





was second with a total of 502 points and Tom Horne was third with 501 points. The money winners in the various classes were Chris, Ted, and Tom in Custom class; David, Doris, and Parker in Factory Custom; and Ernie, and Matt in Factory.

Matt Daly finally got to receive his trophy for winning the Factory Class shooter-of-the-year. See photo. Congratulations Matt!

Thanks to Chris for bringing some prizes to be drawn for and also to Jeff for bringing the smoked salmon and halibut. Thanks to everyone for pitching in with target frame schlepping and scoring. It was a good day's shooting. We were also happy to see Parker's parents come out and support their good-natured son. See his mother in the group picture.

Our next match is November 11. This is the beginning of our "winter season". We just shoot for fun and not for points or trophies. It's a good time to try out a new gun or barrel. We'll probably start at 300 yards, weather permitting. So come sighted in at that distance if you can. We'll have some sort of Turkey Shoot.

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ing, so both their names will go on the Frombach trophy for 2017. Congratulations to David and Chris! We've never had a teenager win one of our trophies. (That would be David.) It is wonderful to have such a young and talented shooter shooting with us. We hope to see him at our matches in the years to come. Chris is a seasoned and very enthusiastic

shooter and we're really happy he drove over to shoot with us. The Kenmore shooters ought to reciprocate. There are quite a few matches east of the mountains we can shoot at, especially in Wenatchee and the Tri-Cities.

The competition for the trophy was as close as it could have been. Ted Larson

