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President's Message

As per usual this time of year we will be getting a significant uptick in the number of people using the rifle range. It is nearing the rifle season for deer and elk and many folks will be frequenting the range to sight in their trusty hunting rifle. With that said, I think it is important to mention that the courtesy door swings both ways. That is to say, that staff will be on high alert for any safety violations so it is best to not have them being distracted. Many times members particularly those who use the range a lot tend to have friendly banter with the Range Masters. While this is generally a good thing I would ask that members be cognizant when Range Masters are obviously busy.

On another note I was asked recently where all the money we spend is going. It is a legitimate question which is specifically spelled out during members meetings. Perhaps a reason to attend? Hint, hint. Our next members is Wednesday October 9th in the clubhouse at 7:00pm. Please try to attend. It should suffice to say that much of our funds are expended on old club infrastructure. We will soon be completing a water line repair that is imperative to have continued water flow in and about the facility.

Soon after the rush of hunter sight in is over we will be re-doing the stairs and decking to the main office area. When that work is underway, it will create some inconvenience checking into the club for activities. Our club manager is currently working on a plan to make that transition more palpable. Once again that requires patience to navigate access to the range

while work is underway. We will also be having paving work done to shore up some crumbling spots in our roadway into the club. We try our best to do the majority of this work when the club is closed. Nonetheless, there are always delays in projects which causes them to go over schedule. I had a late neighbor and we use to do what we termed 20 minute projects fixing up something on our houses. It became a standing joke because that usually meant it would take a whole day or more to complete that 20 minute task. Admittedly, it was often a matter of incompetence concerning the task at hand but that never deterred us. One last thing I think merits mentioning is that our club significantly stays under budget which is a credit to board members who volunteer as well as volunteers in general that make things tick around the range.

Not much else to report except that we should soon have a new set of bylaws for review by the membership. It is certainly my hope that by the time my term elapses we will have these bylaws imbedded. We have much to be proud of as an organization and I am personally proud to have been and continue to be a small part of it.

Enjoy the autumn and remember that "muzzle control" is one of the major keys to safety.

OCTOBER COMING EVENTS

2 October – Club board meeting
Each Thursday – Bullseye Pistol
Each Friday – Junior Rifle
5 October – Rimfire Benchrest Match
6 October – Shotgun Multiplex
7 October – Member's Night shotgun shoot
9 October – Quarterly Members Meeting
12 October – 100/200 Yard Rimfire Match
12, 13 October – NRA Basic Pistol class
19 October – Centerfire benchrest match
19 October – Home Firearms Safety class
21 October – Member's Night shotgun
21 October – Shotgun Committee meeting
26 October – ARA rimfire match
26 October – Hunter Group meeting
26 October – Trap Fundamentals
26, 27 October – Basic Rifle class
27 October – Rifle special use class
28 October – Rifle/Pistol Cmte meeting

Check the calendar for New Member Orientation and Special Use class dates, we will have them up soon.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you have something for the newsletter, send it in to secretary@wcwshootingsports.org. Our deadline each month is the 25th, but the earlier the better. Other members would be glad to find out what is going on and attend or even participate in one of our events.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

When you join the club, or when you renew your membership, you get a new membership badge. To reduce losses in the mail, we will have them ready for you to pick up in the rifle office.

If your badge doesn't have your special use on it, and it should, that means it has expired and needs to be renewed. Just attend the next special use classroom session to get that renewal.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Twenty four new members attended our club orientations in September. We are glad you have joined us!

There are lots of volunteer opportunities around the club if you would like to help support the activities you enjoy.

Contact a committee chair for more information, or contact me at secretary@wcwshootingsports.org.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our membership is growing, let your friends know the benefits of joining us. Membership is a good deal, we offer facilities and shooting opportunities that are hard to find locally. Some of these are only open to members.

Our individual membership costs \$297.00, and the family membership is only \$386.10, and each requires a \$200.00 initiation fee. We still waive the Initiation fee for military, law enforcement and first responders. New members can join us online, at <https://www.wcwshootingsports.org/new-membership/>

RIFLE AND PISTOL SPECIAL USE MEMBERS

Please remember to sign up and attend a Special Use classroom session before your special use expires. Expiration dates are printed on the back of your badge. Check the club calendar for classroom dates.

CALENDAR UPDATE

Don't forget to check our calendar for updates and changes before coming out to shoot.

Our calendar is updated frequently, and should be a good guide to what is open and available. Save a wasted trip, and take a look before coming. Or, check in when you arrive. The range you need may be available earlier than you expect.

If you would like to see what is going on in the club, and get a look at what may be coming in the future, everyone is welcome to attend our board meetings and committee meetings. We hope to see more members at our meetings.

ONE MORE SWAP MEET THIS YEAR

If you missed our last swap meet, we have one more this year. The date is 1 December. It's not too late to plan to attend, or bring something to sell! December will be in time for Christmas!

Make plans to drop in and look around, you might find what you have been looking for. Or, this might be your chance to find a buyer for that item that has been gathering dust in your closet. Bring it in, find a buyer.

The public is welcome, bring your friends!

Any questions please call Ted Hudlow at 425-353-0042.

WCW HUNTER GROUP MEETING

Our active hunter interest group will be meeting on 26 October, from 10 AM to 12 PM in the pistol range classroom. Let us know how your hunting is going this year!

This is a place to compare notes, learn about hunting opportunities, and plan future hunting activities. We are planning meetings about bear and turkey hunts. We have had good attendance at our recent meetings, come out and join the group!

Contact details:

Michael / (415) 373 2747

M1 GARAND RIFLES AVAILABLE

If you were ever interested in getting an M1 Garand rifle, they are still available from the Civilian Marksmanship Program, as well as local shops. There has been some confusion whether they are included in our state 'assault weapons' limitations. Since the M1 Garand doesn't have a removeable magazine, and only has an internal magazine capacity of 8, we can still buy them here.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As most of you know, there is an election coming up in November and gun rights hang in the balance. This will be my first presidential election as an American citizen. Where I'm from there is no Second Amendment and most guns have been taken away. They say that 10 million American gun owners are not even registered to vote. It's my goal to have 100% voter participation from club members this year. If you're not registered, go here:

<https://olvr.votewa.gov/OLVR2024/Personal.aspx>.

Another great way to have an impact is to talk your (adult citizen) family members about voting, especially young adult kids who may not be set in their ways yet. Voting rates among the young are notoriously low, and usually that's probably a good thing. This year I have two new first-time federal election voters in my family, but away at college in California. I'm going to be doing my best to make sure they get their ballots and get them filled out responsibly and get them turned in.

The Presidential election is a stark choice between more of the same policies of these last 4 years, or probably worse, and a return to the 2A-friendly disposition of Trump.

We have a Senate election in which Maria Cantwell is up for re-election. She has an "F" rating from the NRA's Political Victory Fund. Her opponent is Raul Garcia.

Unless you're making long commutes to the Range, everyone reading this is in a Congressional District with an incumbent Democrat who also has an "F" rating from the NRA. Every member of Congress is up for re-election every 2 years so you have a chance to send your guy or gal a message.

You may have heard we have a Governor's race: it's down to Bob Ferguson (D) and Dave Reichert (R). The thing I want to remind you about Ferguson is that he's not just a run-of-the-mill anti-gun modern-day Democrat. As soon as the ban on standard-capacity magazines was passed, he pro-actively spent millions of dollars and used his office as Attorney General to send under-cover agents to gun stores across the State to see if he could catch retailers selling customers constitutionally valid magazines. And then proceeded to prosecute everyone he caught, to the fullest extent possible. Whatever you may or may not think about Reichert, he's not Bob Ferguson.

The state election I'm personally most excited about is the race to replace Ferguson as Attorney General. Pete Serrano is known to many of us as the attorney from the Silent Majority Foundation which has been battling ferociously to protect 2A rights in the courts here in Washington State. As Ferguson and other radical AGs have shown us, this job is NOT just an administrative role. The AG has a ton of discretion and power and having Pete in the AG's office would be a huge step forward for our interests.

I went over the state legislative races last time so I'll just include [the link](#) again.

Finally, please take a minute to answer [this 5-question survey](#).

FIREARMS EDUCATION AT WCW

If you check our calendar, you will see that we have firearms classes going every weekend here, and sometimes more than one class. One of the benefits of membership here is that classes for members do not include our daily range fee. We recently reduced prices a bit, and the cost for juniors and children is very reasonable.

Our normal schedule of NRA classes includes First Steps Shotgun on the first weekend of each month, with Basic Pistol on the second weekend. Home Firearms Safety is held on the third weekend of the month, with Basic Rifle on the fourth weekend. We recently started offering a reloading class and Range Safety Officer classes, too.

Our local classes include Trap Fundamentals out at shotgun, and Introduction to the M1 Garand. No matter how long you have been shooting, taking a class will improve your skills and increase your confidence.

And, if you have been shooting for a while, have you ever considered becoming an instructor? We can always use good instructors, and we offer instructor training twice a year. Our next instructor training session will be on January 31 and February 1, 2. For more information, contact me at morehouse9@comcast.net

ARCHERY UPDATE

NSA is conducting youth archery programs. They will bring new shooters to WCW when appropriate.

Congrats to Cham Chung who won Silver and Gabi Sasai who Bronze at 140th USAA Target Nationals. Nice work ladies! Also, congrats to Diane Cochran who made the USA Field National Team for 2024/25.

Hunting season is upon us, please be safe out there!

WCW is putting together a weekly Indoor Archery League. Details to come in October.

Come shoot with us and get better for next year!

PROJECT APPLESEED

This report is from just after the newsletter deadline in August.

This was our second Rimfire Known Distance event at WCW this year, and it's clear our students from other classes at WCW had been practicing! We had a full event of folks stretching their rimfire rifles out to the 200 yard line, learning skills like range estimation, wind calls, and collecting data on their equipment.

Every single one of our shooters was landing repeatable hits on targets as small as 4 MOA. Even better, they did all of this with no supports other than their rifles and their slings. Those positional platforms were put to good use!

Seven of our students earned their coveted Rimfire Known Distance Rifleman patch, proving that they know how to engage targets at known distances with positions that give them adequate support to score hits under time pressure. Three of our new Riflemen are WCW members!

If you haven't made it out to one of these events, take a look at the schedule for Project Appleseed events in Washington State. If you have any questions about our program, please reach out to WCW members Eric Stewart and Ian Borchert at wa@appleseedinfo.org

KENMORE RANGE RIMFIRE MATCH FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

There were 25 contestants in this month's match with eight competitors in the Expert Division, four in the Sharpshooter Division, six in the Marksman Division and seven in the Rifleman Division.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Fred Zingleman placed first with a score of 247 2X. Kevin Kellogg finished second at 246 11X and Don Smith placed third at 246 3X. Target Two: Fred Zingleman was first again with a score of 247 7X, Keith Wilson was second with a score of 247 6X and Eric Carter placed third at 246 2X.

Relay One Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Steve Dunning placed first with a score of 244 5X. Jason Pahlman came in second at 240 3X with Michael Becwar placing third at 239 5X. Target Two: Jason Pahlman was first at 242 7X with Mike Becwar second at 235 1X and Steve Dunning placing third at 233 4X.

Relay Two Marksman Division: Target One. Kathryn Koehler was first at 243 7X with Frank Tevis in second at 228 2X. Connor Crowley placed third at 226 2X. Target Two: Jae Chung placed first at 237 4X with Kathryn Koehler in second at 236 6X and Connor Crowley placed third again at 231 3X.

Relay Three Rifleman Division: Target One. Song Pak was first at 230 0X with Peter Buffo in second at 226 1X. Yong Choi was third at 224 1X. Target Two: Song Pak was first again at 227 2X with Yong Choi in second at 223 2X. Dave Johnson third at 222 2X.

Kathryn Koehler was promoted to the Sharpshooter Division for the October match.

The scores are posted under the Events tab on the range website.

Contact me if you have any questions about this match.

Matt Daly | Match Director
matt5404@frontier.com



PLEASE DONATE!

Donations accepted year-round of **USABLE SINGLE SPEED BIKES AND TRIKES** to be distributed to children of domestically abused women of Snohomish County. Drop off your bikes and trikes in front of the chalet anytime and a club volunteer will deliver them to the Women's Shelter.
(Good condition only please.)



SEPTEMBER 2024 BENCHREST CENTERFIRE MATCH REPORT

There were fifteen contestants in this month's 300-yard benchrest match with eight contestants in the Sharpshooter Division and eight in the Expert Division.

The weather conditions featured very calm wind conditions with five competitors shooting scores of 400 or higher.

Match 1 Expert Division: Jeff Locke placed first with a score of 105 with Richard Nicol in second at 102. There was a two tie for third between P.K. and Ernie Snyder Nicol with scores of 101. Sharpshooter Division: Mohammed Shabar placed first with a score of 100. Tim Turner was second with a score of 98. Bill Rice and John Lowdon tied for third with scores of 95.

Match 2 Expert Division: P.K. and Richard Nicol tied for first with scores of 102. Jeff Locke and Rob Noges tied for third with scores of 101. Sharpshooter Division: Mohammed Shabar was first with a score with a score of 101. John Lowdon was second at 100 with Christian Eckhoff third at 97.

Match 3 Expert Division: Jeff Locke finished first with a score of 105. Ernie Snyder, Rob Noges, and P.K. tied for second with scores of 102. Sharpshooter Division: Mohammed Shabar was first with a score of 101. Christian Eckhoff placed second with a score of 98. Tim Turner, John Lowdon, and Bill Rice tied for third with scores of 96.

Match 4 Expert Division: Jeff Locke was first with a score of 104. Rob Noges, Richard Nicol, and Larry Wright tied for second with scores of 100. Sharpshooter Division: Mohammed Shabar scored a 98 for first place. Christian Eckhoff and John Lowdon tied for second with scores of 97.

The winner of the Expert Division was Jeff Locke finishing with a total score of 415 with P.K. and Richard Nicol tied for second with scores of 404. The winner of the Sharpshooter Division was Mohammed Shabar with a score of 400. John Lowdon was second with a score of 388 and Christian Eckhoff placed third with a score of 384.

For information on this match contact Matt Daly mattd5404@frontier.com



WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES –

SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by
President Joe Rinaldi.

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Gabe Shank (Vice President)
Dave Rusko (2 nd Vice President)
Joe Maggiora (Treasurer)
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding
Secretary)
John Sutton (Trustee Chairman)
Patty Woolley (Trustee Elect)
Dave Levinson (2 Year Trustee)
Scott Ray (Trustee)
Aaron Morales (Trustee)

Absent board members:

Gary Webster (past President)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager present at meeting:

Robert Haverstock – Facility Manager
Martin Morehouse – Rifle
Gabe Shank – Archery
Dave Rusko – Handgun
Fred Harmon – Shotgun

Guests:

Fred Harmon

Guest topics:

Fred Harmon came to the board meeting
today to announce he will become the new
Shotgun committee lead. Welcome, Fred!
Thank you for helping out.

Committee reports:

Notes from the committee reports that were
presented before, during and after the board
meeting are below.

Archery report:

The following content was provided by
Gabe Shank and was shared after the board

meeting.

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Hunting season is upon us, please be safe
out there.

WCW is putting together a weekly Indoor
Archery League. Details to come in
October. Come shoot with us and get better
for next year!

Handgun Report:

The following content was provided by
Dave Rusko and was shared after the board
meeting.

Steel targets have been relocated to lanes 1-
4. The signage has been adjusted and Range
masters notified. Steel is still for members
only.

25-Yard target frame (lanes 1-4) has been
rebuilt with 1" cross boards for added
strength to support Steel Targets. Upright
frames have been reconstructed and
reinforced. Thanks to Scott Lorenz for the
steel work.

Turning target mechanism cover scheduled
to be rebuilt over the next few months by the
Bulls-Eye members.

Turning target target-frames are 10 years old
and need to be refurbished. Materials on
order and labor will be provided by the
Bulls-Eye league members.

11 members obtained Pistol Special Use in
July 2024.

We had 23 new members attend the August
2024 New Member Orientation (NMO)
classes.

September 2024 NMO scheduled 17-
September and 22-September

NRA Basic Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun price
change effective August 24, 2024. We have
had a 60% decrease in interest since
increasing our class prices. We are adjusting
them to what the market will support. NRA
websites and RGP have been updated with

the new pricing. We will report on the results next quarter.

Rifle Report:

The following content was provided by Martin Morehouse and was shared ahead of the board meeting.

Rifle matches for the coming month are Rimfire Benchrest on 7 September, ARA Rimfire on 14 September, and Centerfire Benchrest match on 21 September.

Our next NRA Basic Rifle Class is on 28 – 29 September 2024.

Indoor smallbore practice is on the calendar on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 PM. See me (Martin Morehouse) for more information.

We will offer another Introduction to Garand class on 8 September.

Rifle Committee meeting attendance was 2. Six members attended the rifle special use classes in August. The September Rifle Special Use range session is on the 22d.

The Junior Rifle group starts their sessions in the clubhouse on Fridays, as of the 13th.

Keith Wilson would like to set up a rifle mentoring program on Range 1, to provide individual rifle instruction to members. This would be limited to designated instructors, with both member and non-member students, from one-on-one to small classes.

Designated instructors would be vetted by the rifle committee and coordinated with the rifle committee and the rangemasters.

We need more 12' target cross-boards on Range 1, there is only one left. We will put in the maintenance request.

Our Savage Mark II .22 rifles for NRA classes have shown increasing misfires lately, up to 50% of shots tried. We are looking into the problem; the same ammunition works well in Ruger 10/22's. Savage is willing to fix the problem if we send the rifles to them. We will continue to look at this before sending anything in. If anyone needs supplies for an activity, other than normal maintenance materials, they should work through the rifle committee. An example would be something used only in an event or match. These things should be budgeted and paid for by the event fees, not paid out of club funds.

Shotgun Report:

The following content was provided by Rich Wasserman and was shared ahead of the board meeting.

Fred Harmon was announced as the new Shotgun Committee lead. Joe suggested Fred talk to other members to see if he can find someone to help him out.

Manager's Report:

Robert Haverstock presented.

Joe R. said the new people Robert hired that are working in Shotgun are very good.

Dave L. brought up the proposal that Robert emailed the board regarding loaning out our shotguns. Robert said he will add the verbiage Dale provided to the proposal. The board thought it sounded good.

Robert did not have anything else additional to what was discussed during the Trustees report.

Treasurer's Report:

Joe Maggiora presented.

Scott was asking how much we have spent so far, this fiscal year because there have been some large deductions in some of our accounts. Joe M. said we have been making money moves between our accounts which makes it look like we have been spending money. But if you look at all our accounts, some went down, and others went up by close to the same amount.

Dave L. asked if we were lower in the credit card discount fees. Joe M. will need to investigate this.

We discussed credit card fees for purchases and stripe fees for online purchases. Gabe thought the club should not absorb these fees. The customer should pay for them.

Dale agreed. Patty mentioned if we do this, we need to talk to our accountant. Joe M. said he would get together with Patty and our accountant to figure out a proposal. Joe M. got together with our third-party accountant, and they said we are in good shape.

Our bank, WaFdBank, would like to start a business promo and outreach to our community. They would like to have a display they put outside their door that says

they partner with businesses in the area. They are asking for pictures and literature from us. Joe R. suggested we put up pictures of us cleaning up the streets. Gabe suggested putting pictures of kids with medals. Joe M. thought of the wildlife on our property. Martin said he would provide some pictures. Joe M. thought it was a good idea. There were no objections. So, Joe M. will proceed.

Trustees Report:

John Sutton presented.

Patty is working on quotes for the gates. She has received two out of six quotes. Both quotes are about \$28,000. Once she has all the quotes, she will share them with the board.

Patty said Youth Rifle starts on the September 27th. There will be 3 full relays. Dave L. is working on plan for the shed and moving forward. There is an issue with what our insurance will cover related to our swap meets. Our coverage will not allow the transfer of guns at our swap meets. Joe R. asked the board to send him any questions for our attorney they have on this topic.

Aaron wants to talk about targets for archery. We had a brief discussion on the history of target purchases and justification. Patty moves to purchase three sample targets. Scott seconded. Passed. Joe mentioned the committee should put together an annual plan for archery target purchases, so we are not hit with large numbers.

Dave R. mentioned fixing the entry pavement will be between \$10k and 20k. They are still working on some pricing. We discussed the deck. We will not be doing the deck this fall. We will do it this winter or in the spring. Aaron suggested we come up with a plan on what we want the contractor to bid on. Aaron said even a simple sketch would be fine.

Old Business:

Martin and Dave R. said there is no change in the website work. Dave R. said there is no ETA.

Joe R. called NSSF to find out if they have anyone in the area to help with creating videos. They do not. Joe said we could pause this for now and when he is off the board, he could come up with the narrative. Scott thought whatever we put on the website would need to be short. Fred Harmon said he could reach out to a contact he knows to see if he would be able to help. Fred is also working on starting up a business that uses AI to help create content for marketing. Dale said we need to be thinking of where we will be posting the videos other than websites.

Martin said we should not pursue embedding the newsletter in the email. Nobody is complaining so it is not worth pursuing. Joe thought we should simply print off some copies and keep them at Shotgun and Rifle.

Regarding Range 4, Robert said they need to get together to identify the finishing steps. We will move the machines when the new shed is built. Robert said we need to put up the backstop, add lighting and add cameras. Then, it is ready. NSA said they will donate their targets.

Joe R. asked about the FFL shack. Aaron said he would send the cut list to Robert and Michael Parent. Dave L. thought this is something we could do during the winter. We discussed if people who will be paying their annual dues via monthly payments should be considered members. We said yes. If they go delinquent, they are no longer a member. We cannot move forward with the monthly payment plan until we have the gate installed.

When we change over to the winter hours, the committee chairs will get together to close on how they share the clubhouse. Joe R. said our counsel is working on the bylaws. He said they look pretty good. Once they are done, we need to get it voted on by the board and members.

New Business:

None.

For the Good of the Order:

Dead tree removal scheduled for September 17, 2024.

Tree removal for Wireless network extension to Shotgun scheduled for September 18, 2024.

Chalet parking lot widening in progress.

Adopt a road cleanup was performed on August 17, 2024. A huge thank you to Derrick Mangrum, Justin DeCloedt, and Tom Cole for coming out to perform the work. We cleaned up 40lbs of large pieces and 11 bags of trash.

Martin Morehouse and Dave Rusko met and worked on identifying outdated and unused club emails and identifying all apps, club accounts and administration used for our Google Business account. This is a long process and will continue over the next several months. No changes are being made at this time except resetting administrative accounts with tighter restrictions. This will not affect any club operations or user access. Jo Maggiora is assisting with the Accounts payable accounts.

Dave R. said he is getting asked when members can start getting a tax deduction on their donations to WCW. Dave L. said we can only accept cash, but we can start accepting now. Dave R. also asked if donors can specify where the money will go. Joe M. said he will investigate this.

Patty Woolley moved to adjourn at 8:47 PM.
Joe Rinaldi seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,
Recording Secretary.