

# THE SPORTSMAN NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

It is somewhat daunting to think it is a new year. It surely is a fact that the older we get the quicker that proverbial hourglass seems to empty. Nonetheless we all seem to grin and bear it as best we can on some introspective basis. I like to think of it as a positive thing even though the times we live in often dampen our spirits. So, from me to you all, Happy New Year.

I would like to make a request to some of you members who may be looking for something to do. Or perhaps you may know someone of good character that is not a member that is looking for something to do. I was talking to a fellow the other day who had recently retired and woke up with the reality that he had to rediscover how to be around his wife so much. She often made it clear he wasn't exactly welcome to be hanging around the house so much if you get my drift. I don't think it is an uncommon phenomenon that occurs when hubby and wife rediscover their newfound togetherness.

The love is still there but it gets a little shop worn at times. So, you are probably wondering where I am going with this matter. We need some additional employees. Specifically, we need Range Masters. We are experiencing some turnover and anticipating more to come in the near future. Our manager Robert Haverstock has asked me to mention this in the newsletter. If anyone is interested, please contact him via email or phone. His contact information is readily available on the website. We could use full time as well as part-time fill in employees. It's a great

way to spend time with likeminded enthusiastic people who love the shooting sports.

During this period of darkness which descends on us so early in the afternoon we often have members with special use using the various indoor facilities like the clubhouse or the Chalet. Please keep in mind that when you leave to turn the lights off, lower the thermostat when applicable. Lighting and heating bills are not getting any cheaper and it is my guess that folks are very vigilant in this regard when it comes to their own home.

I would like to point out that that the board in last month's meeting did not choose to raise the rates for dues. We do understand the stress of inflation and it is often a delicate balance between the cost of doing business and maintaining a comfortable cost to members and the public alike.

On a very optimistic note, our youth shooting programs are really starting to flourish. John and Patty Woolley have put together both a rifle and shotgun program for the youngsters that is very impressive. It is my belief that the future of the shooting sports is incredibly dependent on the future generation of shooting sports enthusiasts. I find it sad that the negative associations people have about shooting activities is having a negative effect on the interest level of youth in this regard. My personal association with youngsters at our range has been nothing but a positive experience. I think it is a great place to learn from their elders about

safety, marksmanship and the overall joy of accomplishment when a youngster achieves success. My point is if you have a youngster in the family who is statically adhered to a phone or some other technical device you might want to offer to bring them to the range.

There is nothing quite as rewarding as to learn a new tactile skill like shooting; archery, rifle, shotgun or pistol. It still tickles that inner sense of pride in all of us when we hit the mark.

So that is it for this entry into the New Year. Lastly, we have a members meeting coming up on January 8 th. It is an important meeting and I do hope we will have good attendance.

I do hope it is going to be the best year yet for all of you in this shooting sports family.

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you have something for the newsletter, send it in to [secretary@wcwshootingsports.org](mailto:secretary@wcwshootingsports.org). Our deadline each month is the 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. Check the club calendar for the next special use classroom session and sign up to attend to get that renewal.

## MEMBERSHIP RATES

We will not be raising our membership rates this year. Help us keep our expenses low wherever you can!

## JANUARY COMING EVENTS

1 January – Closed for New Years  
2 January – Club board meeting  
3, 18 January – New Member Orientation  
4, 16 January – Rifle/Pistol SP Use Class  
4 January – Rimfire Benchrest Match  
5 January – Shotgun Multiplex  
6 January – Member's Night shotgun shoot  
Each Thursday – Indoor Pistol League  
Each Friday – Junior Rifle  
8 January – Quarterly Members meeting  
11 January – ARA rimfire match  
11, 12 January – NRA Basic Pistol class  
18 January – Centerfire benchrest match  
18 January – Home Firearms Safety class  
19 January – Pistol Special Use range  
19 January – NRA Reloading class  
20 January – Member's Night shotgun  
20 January – Shotgun Committee meeting  
25 January – Trap Fundamentals  
25 January – Appleseed 25m Clinic  
25, 26 January – NRA Basic Rifle class  
26 January – Rifle special use range  
27 January – Rifle/Pistol Cmte meeting  
31 Jan, 1,2 Feb – NRA Instructor class

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Twenty new members attended new member orientation last month. We are glad you are part of our club!

Do you have skills that would help here at the club? There are lots of volunteer opportunities 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](mailto:secretary@wcwshootingsports.org).

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our membership is still 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/>

## 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.

## WCW SPECIAL USE TRAINING

We are adding more pistol special use range sessions to the calendar, and the special use classroom sessions will be scheduled at separate times.

For January, this means that we will have special use classroom sessions on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>, but the pistol special use range training will be in the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>. The rifle special use range session will be on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will keep working to offer the most flexible dates we can schedule. Contact Dave at [wcwpistol@gmail.com](mailto:wcwpistol@gmail.com) for questions or comments.

## 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.

## SWAP MEETS FOR 2025

We now have our swap meets for 2025 on the calendar. The dates are on Sundays, March 2nd, June 1st, September 7th, and December 7th. Plan to attend, or bring something to sell! Most of us have something we haven't used in ages, and need to make room at home.

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.

## ARCHERY UPDATE

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Come join us!

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Fifth, we should develop a video for the website that shows the diversity of shooters who come to Kenmore, along with the full spectrum of shotgun sports offered at the club. This would give people an introduction to the club, the grounds and the requirements to shoot at the club. We should stress that we are Handicap Accessible, and that their first experience shooting at Kenmore would be an orientation and assistance with their gun handling skills to insure they are able to safely enjoy their shooting experience. We can also show them the full spectrum of Trap, Handicap, Doubles, Continental and 5-Stand, along with our fundamentals class to help them develop their skills. We should emphasize that the range is not only a shooting range, but a social club, where shooters can learn from others, enjoy a coffee and good conversation, as well as breaking some clays.

Sixth, Paul Kalman and I have been corresponding with Richard Clark from [premiergamedays.co.uk](http://premiergamedays.co.uk) who is the founder of the British National .410 Championship. Paul shoots a 28ga per physician's orders, and as we have had people drop away from shooting, as the 12ga is not good for their shoulders. Paul and I have been discussing this as a shoot at Kenmore, possibly a 28ga

and .410 shoot on the 5-stand. The British do this on a Sporting Clays course with some modification to the distances. They completed their 5th year, and had 180 shooters attend. While I don't see us hosting that amount, it would be a fun time with friendly competition. We could also see about partnering with another club for a small series, which could benefit both clubs. Seventh, a Side by Side Shotgun shoot, 16yd and/or 5-stand. It would be a simple shoot to arrange, and with the resurgence of Side by Side interest, it could be fun small event. John Abbot sponsors one at Issaquah each year, and we could see about working with him to add shooters to both events. It has been discussed that we should look at making more small shooting events with an informal nature, like a novice shoot for beginning shooters with small prizes. We are getting a number of new shooters attending the club, and they have enjoyed shooting against their friends and learning from more experienced members. We are the best ambassadors for our sport. We should remember when we started, and what helped us want to be a part of the club. A smile, admiring their shotgun and asking how they like it can start a conversation that makes them want to be a part of the club.

## KENMORE RANGE RIMFIRE MATCH FOR DECEMBER 2024

There were 33 contestants in this month's match with seven competitors in the Expert Division, twelve in the Sharpshooter Division, five in the Marksman Division, and seven in the Rifleman Division.

Welcome to newcomer Scott Burks.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Kevin Kellogg placed first with a score of 245 8X. Keith Wilson finished second at 240 5X and Ernie Snyder placed third at 239 3X. Target Two: Keith Wilson placed first with a score of 244 4X. Reed Thorkildsen placed second at 240 5X and Eric Carter was third at 239 3X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Kevin Lee placed first with a score of 243 4X. Stephen Goodwin came in second at 240 2X with Kathryn Koehler in third at 239 3X. Jason Pahlman was fourth at 234 6X. Target Two: Kathryn Koehler placed first with a match high score of 248 5X with Stephen Goodwin second 242 2X and Kevin Lee placing third at 239 3X. Mike Becwar was fourth with a score of 236 5X.

Relay Three Marksman Division: Target One. Cecil Chrisinger was first at 229 1X with Jae Chung in second at 226 3X. Jay Cho finished third at 225 1X. Target Two: Jae Chung placed first at 237 7X with Song Pak second at 236 1X and Cecil Chrisinger third at 229 2X.

The 2024 Rimfire Benchrest season champion was Keith Wilson with a best 16 target scoring average of 245.81. Kevin Kellogg was second with score of 241.38 and Eric Carter placed third 240.94.

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  
[mattd5404@frontier.com](mailto:mattd5404@frontier.com)



Keith Wilson

## CLASSES, WE HAVE CLASSES

Do you know someone who is looking for basic firearms training? We have NRA certified classes here almost every weekend.

These classes are designed to introduce newcomers to shooting in a safe and welcoming atmosphere.

When the weather is warmer, we have our First Steps Shotgun class on the first Saturday of the month. This is an introduction to shotgun use and basic trap shooting

Basic Pistol is scheduled on the second weekend of each month. Our students learn the fundamentals of both revolvers and semi-automatic pistols.

Home Firearms Safety class is held on the third Saturday of each month. This class is a non-shooting class, covering safe handling of all types of firearms.

Basic Rifle is set for the fourth weekend of the month, using bolt-action rifles. We cover the basics, as well as a bit of position shooting.

Our instructors have recently started offering Metallic Cartridge Reloading classes, usually on the third Sunday of the month.

As well as this lineup of basic courses, we also teach two sessions a year of NRA certified instructor courses. This is for those who have experience in shooting, and would like to learn how to present that experience to new shooters. If you are looking for instructor training, our next one is scheduled for 31 January – 2 February, and there are prerequisites you need to consider.

You can find these classes on our calendar at [Calendar – WCW Shooting Sports](#), and on the NRA website at [Search for Courses | NRA Training](#)

## SAFARI PRESENTATION

We have scheduled a presentation from an African safari operator, Brian Suddaby Safaris, on Monday, 3 February in our clubhouse. If you missed seeing him last year, this is your chance to see what a safari is about.

### **Dreaming About Going on an African Safari?**

African Safari Outfitter, Brian Suddaby, will share everything you need to know to get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

**Monday, February 3d**

**6:00 pm WCW Clubhouse**

WCW member, Greg Burke, hunted with Brian in 2019, 2022, and in 2024. Contact Greg with any questions or to RSVP at 253-318-1568, or email at [magoogb@yahoo.com](mailto:magoogb@yahoo.com)



### **- MEMBERS -**

If you are able to support your range with volunteer time, please complete this short survey and let us know how you can help.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQHMZD>

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## HOUSEKEEPING

Our club is not just a location, it is the sum of all of us and all of our interests. We have to cooperate to keep everything running well. Recently, we have seen range equipment such as benches and mats left scattered around on Range 1. We even found torn-up paper and used cleaning patches dumped on the shooting platform. Our maintenance crew empties the trash cans, but this kind of thing is up to us. Not many of us would visit a friend, rearrange the furniture, and dump trash in their house.

If we see something out of place, we are there, we can fix it. Whether it is a dropped target or a broken target support, now is the best time to take care of it. If it is too much to deal with, let the rangemasters know. Our steel targets are on the work list as soon as we get the parts and time we need.

## CUB SCOUTS AT APPLESEED

We held a Cub Scout event in early December, led and taught by the Project Appleseed instructors. Comment by one of the parents was, "Wow! What an amazing time our Cub Scouts had at Appleseed this past Saturday!!"

"The Appleseed team put on an amazing session for our scouts and dads, they are all still raving about it - how much fun they have as dads, scouts, and the father/son memories that were made. The Appleseed team also took special care of my kiddo who was struggling with the size of the 10/22 and was getting upset/frustrated and offered him a Cricket to shoot that he loved. Turned his day around."

Here are some pictures during the event.



## POLITICS AND LEGISLATION

Well, the election was 2 months ago and Christmas was a few days ago. As I wish you all a Happy New Year, I also have to advise you that with we are heading right into the Washington State Legislative session. What that means for us is that the Democrat majority in Olympia will be trying to pass a bunch of new anti-gun bills which will have real consequences for us who live here.

As you all know by now, the Democrats did very well in our state in November. They go into this session with a 29-20 majority in the senate and a 58-40 majority in the House of Representatives once again. This means they can not only pass whatever they want, but they also feel like they were rewarded (or at least not punished) by the voters for their anti-gun moves in previous sessions. The only "good news" is that they did not get a super-majority which means they can't modify the state constitution. While we expect most of their worst legislation to be struck down by the courts eventually, there's no guarantee that will happen and it's taking longer than many of us hoped.

Bill Kirk has done a good job on his YouTube channel, Washington Gun Law, going over the wish-list of bills that are under consideration, so I won't recap that in this limited space. The main thing I want to communicate is that the window of time for action is limited and soon. The Legislature starts work basically by Martin Luther King Jr. day (January 13, to be specific). And most committee work is done by the week after Valentine's Day. So that's just 6 weeks to get dialed in and get involved. And the bill has to pass out of one chamber by the Ides of March (actually March 12). And while "committee work" may not sound very exciting, that's where we want these bills to die. The floor votes happen if the bills get out of committee and once the Party gets officially behind a bill, it becomes much harder to stop. Everything tends to be quite fast paced for folks who don't do this "politics stuff" for a living.

Another thing to be aware of is that there will probably be 8-10 2A bills dropping initially. That's a lot for a regular guy to keep track of. Typically, either through limited time or due to grassroots effort, those get whittled down to 2 or 3 which the Ruling Party really wants to prioritize. I would encourage you to make your voice heard early on any and all of them, but if that's too much, stay tuned in the next newsletter where I'll try to highlight where the key battles are shaping up. Or just pick one bill that really bothers you and focus early and hard on that one.

To see all the pre-filed bills: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/prefiled.aspx?year=2025> . There are already 2 alarming ones: one to stop "bulk purchases" of guns and ammo and another to make it even harder to run a gun shop.

To stay on top of particular bills so you can get involved, I'd recommend Bill Kirk first for awareness and info and then the Conservative Ladies of Washington's Legislative Action Center (<https://conservativeladiesofwa.com/legislative-action-center> ) for more details on how to help. And the leg.wa.gov website lets you sign up to be notified on the status of a particular bill. Remember bills can start in either the house or senate here.

You can either contact your two representatives and 1 senator (recommended), or you can find out which committee is processing the bill you're tracking and contact everyone in the committee. If you've got the



time and inclination, you can put your name down to speak on a bill which gets a hearing in committee. You can speak remotely or in person.

One thing that might "save us" this year is that the Democrats have recently revealed that they have a massive budget deficit -- which was concealed until after the election -- so hopefully they'll have to spend their time and energy figuring that out.

I realize this political involvement stuff is tedious and boring but if we want to continue to live here freely, this is the season to get involved.

Jonathan

## DECEMBER 2024 BENCHREST CENTERFIRE MATCH REPORT

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

This is the season ending match with awards for the Shooter of the Year to be awarded.

The weather conditions were mild, rain with wind speeds at about 3-4 miles per hour.

Match 1 Expert Division: Pat Farrell finished first with a score of 101 with Rob Noges and Richard Nicol tied for second at 98. Sharpshooter Division: Bill Rice finished first with a score of 100. Ken O'Sage and Teresa Mattingly tied for second with scores of 97.

Match 2 Expert Division: Richard Nicol, Ernie Snyder, and Parker Letson tied for first with scores of 101. Sharpshooter Division: Ken O'Sage finished first with a score of 104. Bill Rice and Teresa Mattingly tied for second with scores of 99.

Match 3 Expert Division: Kevin Turner and Ernie Snyder tied for first with scores of 102. Rob Noges finished third with a score of 100. Sharpshooter Division: Ken O'Sage finished first with a score of 102. Teresa Mattingly placed second at 101 and Bill Rice finished third with a score of 100.

Match 4 Expert Division: Pat Farrell finished first with a score of 100. Rob Noges and Ernie Snyder tied for second with scores of 98. Sharpshooter Division: Ken O'Sage and Bill Rice tied for first with scores of 102. Jason Ingram placed third at 101.

The winner of the Expert Division was Pat Farrell with a total score of 398. Ernie Snyder was second also with a score of 398 but lost on a tie breaker. Rob Noges finished third with a score of 396. The winner of the Sharpshooter Division was Ken O'Sage with a score of 405. Bill Rice was second with a score of 401 and Teresa Mattingly placed third with a score of 396.

The Shooter of the Year was Jeff Locke for the third consecutive year in a row with a best six of nine scoring average of 410.83. Rob Noges was second with a score of 399.67 and Ernie Snyder was third with a score of 398.67.

The Sharpshooter Division Winner was Bill Rice with a best six of nine scoring average of 392.33. Christian Eckhoff was second with a score of 389.50 and Matt Daly placed third at 376.50.



Jeff Locke



Bill Rice

For information on this match contact Matt Daly [matt5404@frontier](mailto:matt5404@frontier).

## ARA RIMFIRE MATCH FOR DECEMBER 2024

This match was held on Saturday, 28 December, so we should have a full report on it in next month's newsletter.

## WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES –

DECEMBER 4, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 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)

### Absent board members:

Aaron Morales (Trustee)  
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  
Guests:  
John Woolley  
Jacqueline Woolley  
Alex Ramsay  
Michael Parent

### Guest topics:

John Woolley presented.  
John said they have 26 kids in youth rifle.  
13 boys and 13 girls. The IARP team has 8  
kids this year. They have had four weeks of  
targets so far.  
John thanked the board for the shooting  
jackets for the youth. John is hoping to have  
some kids go to state this year.  
John presented portable targets for air rifle.  
He would like the club to purchase some for  
the indoor range. \$1792 is for a set of 3  
targets. They would not have enough  
students to fill 6 positions at this point. He

is hoping we can get one set for now. Joe R.  
said we would consider purchasing the  
targets.

Joe said John and team are doing a great job  
with the youth programs.

Jacqueline Woolley presented.

Jacqueline has been helping with new  
students. She helps with Civil Air Patrol  
and the scouts. She is interested in shooting  
at a college. The rifles they shoot are air  
rifle. She would like to get more into it. For  
her to advance, she needs to get better  
equipment. She needs new leathers and an  
air rifle. They will cost about \$6,000. She  
is hoping the club could help with these  
things. Joe said the board will come up with  
a number and let her know.

Alex Ramsay presented.

He came to talk about a special lower cost  
membership for people who live outside the  
area. Joe said the board will discuss and  
consider this.

Michael Parent presented.

Michael provided an update on the status of  
upgrading the FFL shack. All woodwork  
and framing are done.

Michael thanked Dave L. and John S. who  
helped with the materials.

Michael said he met with Tom Matos from  
Securite Gun Club. They are talking about  
creating a Washington state group of FFLs  
to help keep FFLs alive in Washington.  
When he was talking to them, Tom told  
Michael he regrets we could not create  
reciprocity between both clubs. Michael  
told Tom we were now a 501c3. In the  
Spring, Tom would like to re-engage a  
discussion with WCW.

Michael said he is now a SilencerShop  
dealer. He will be getting a kiosk soon.

Michael said he would be willing to do the  
FFL transfers for the club for free if the club  
needs to do a transfer.

### 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 outside of the board meeting.

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#### **Handgun Report:**

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We had 13 new members attend the November 2024 NMO classes. December 2024 NMO scheduled 6-December and 15-December

#### **Rifle Report:**

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

Martin said he will be putting together a Small Arms Firing School.

A member want to teach a class on Precision Rifle Basics. Martin told him to come up with a plan and present it to us.

Braver Angels contacted Martin. They want to give us a presentation at the January board meeting. We said that is okay.

The rifle matches for the coming month are Rimfire Benchrest on 7 December, Centerfire Benchrest match on 21 December, and ARA Rimfire on 28 December. The Junior Rifle group will also have IERPA postal matches on 1, 8, and 15 December, with a Junior Olympics match on

14 December.

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

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

There were two members at the Rifle Committee meeting.

Eleven members attended the rifle special use classes in November. The December Rifle Special Use range session is on the 22d .

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Fourth, was the development of more youth programs. This would include follow on shooting for the Youth Shotgun League, such as a regular league shoot to be

scheduled to meet the times that fit with the members. Possibly a youth Multiplex League to introduce them to the sport and ease them into possible competition. This should be discussed with PITA with an aim towards helping them get into shooting their competitions. We should look at quarterly or half yearly youth shotgun program to expose more youths to safe and enjoyable shotgun sports.

Fifth, we should develop a video for the website that shows the diversity of shooters who come to Kenmore, along with the full spectrum of shotgun sports offered at the club. This would give people an introduction to the club, the grounds and the requirements to shoot at the club. We should stress that we are Handicap Accessible, and that their first experience shooting at Kenmore would be an orientation and assistance with their gun handling skills to insure they are able to safely enjoy their shooting experience. We can also show them the full spectrum of Trap, Handicap, Doubles, Continental and 5-Stand, along with our fundamentals class to help them develop their skills. We should emphasize that the range is not only a shooting range, but a social club, where shooters can learn from others, enjoy a coffee and good conversation, as well as breaking some clays.

Sixth, Paul Kalman and I have been corresponding with Richard Clark from [premiergamedays.co.uk](http://premiergamedays.co.uk) who is the founder of the British National .410 Championship. Paul shoots a 28ga per physician's orders, and as we have had people drop away from shooting, as the 12ga is not good for their shoulders. Paul and I have been discussing this as a shoot at Kenmore, possibly a 28ga and .410 shoot on the 5-stand. The British do this on a Sporting Clays course with some modification to the distances. They completed their 5th year, and had 180 shooters attend. While I don't see us hosting that amount, it would be a fun time with friendly competition. We could also see about partnering with another club for a small series, which could benefit both clubs. Seventh, a Side by Side Shotgun shoot, 16yd

and/or 5-stand. It would be a simple shoot to arrange, and with the resurgence of Side by Side interest, it could be fun small event.

John Abbot sponsors one at Issaquah each year, and we could see about working with him to add shooters to both events.

It has been discussed that we should look at making more small shooting events with an informal mature, like a novice shoot for beginning shooters with small prizes. We are getting a number of new shooters attending the club, and they have enjoyed shooting against their friends and learning from more experienced members. We are the best ambassadors for our sport. We should remember when we started, and what helped us want to be a part of the club. A smile, admiring their shotgun and asking how they like it can start a conversation that makes them want to be a part of the club.

#### **Manager's Report:**

Robert Haverstock presented.

The starters for the clubhouse heaters have been ordered. To fix both will be \$1,800 total.

Joe said we still need to find someone who is going to be a lead for doing all the maintenance at WCW.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Joe Maggiora presented.

Joe M. will be gone for the January board meeting. Patty will represent Joe at the board meeting. Joe M. will be back for the membership meeting.

We are under budget for the year. Joe M. believes that will change soon because the range income is down. We are also down in membership.

We need to change the website to say we are tax deductible. The donation page currently says donations are not tax deductible.

#### **Trustees Report:**

John Sutton presented.

Our taxes were filed today.

Our January meeting will be on Thursday, January 2nd.

Joe R. said we need get into the shotgun safe and clean all the guns. Patty said we could

have the youth come in and clean our firearms. John S. and Scott will get together and go through the shotguns to find out which ones are working.

Patty mentioned that many people who took advantage of our promotion last year are renewing this year.

#### **Old Business:**

Patty has not had a chance to look into the gate yet. She should be able to have something by the February meeting.

Joe R. asked where we were at with defining the social media director. Martin said we have not done anything about this.

Decking status - Dave R. said we have not gotten an updated quote. The contractor will come here this week to review the added work and update the quote. We believe everything will still be in the budget that was approved. We will start doing the work in January.

John hasn't had a chance to provide Martin the details on what to ask membership for related to the youth shotguns. John S. will get something for Martin. Scott suggested while Joe R. and Dave L. are at the Shot Show, they should visit some vendors to see if they are willing to donate some shotguns. Dave R. and Martin M. got surveys back on what training members wanted. So, they will be working on the classes for 2025. Joe R. asked if we got any requests for self-defense. Martin said we had some interest. Joe R. said that once the new bylaws go into effect, all emergency procedures need to be turned into policy.

Underwriters for our insurance do not see any issues with our new by-laws. All committee members are only covered if appointed by the board and this appointment is captured in the minutes.

Tablets have been purchased as approved by the board for use for electronic signing of Waiver forms to import them directly into RGP. Will be introduced beginning with NRA classes and then released range wide after ensuring conformity.

We are unable to purchase Gift cards for our annual donation for the Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County. There are

accounting issues that prevent this. In lieu of gift cards, we will be donating a \$1500 check to their program.

#### **New Business:**

14 certified NRA Instructors have replied favorably to the survey. Instructors will be attending future NRA classes to learn our policies and procedures and sharpen their presentation skills. This will help us achieve our goal of increasing our training and education offerings and bringing new enthusiasm into our instructor ranks.

We had 4 instructors complete the NRA Metallic cartridge instructor class. This gives us the opportunity to fully staff monthly NRA metallic cartridge reloading classes. We will begin advertising class availability Jan 2025.

Greg Burke would like to reserve the clubhouse on 3 Feb at 6 PM for Brian Suddaby Safaris presentation. This will be like last year; we have coordinated with archery to make this time work.

We need to set a date in April or May for lead reclamation and bullet trap maintenance in the clubhouse. Need to plan on using some air chisels to break up the lead for removal, as we had to use hand chisels before. The lead tends to compact over time. Dave L. suggested we consider increasing our prices because the consumer price index is 3% this year. Joe M. and Patty thought we should not increase rates. They think we should take a year off. Martin moves we keep our prices the same for now. Scott Ray seconded. Passed. Joe R. suggested we put in the newsletter that we will not be raising our rates this year.

Dave L. said we need to provide a Beneficial Owners Report to the government. This has been in effect for 4 years, but this year is going to be the first year the US government will be fining people.

Joe R. said he would like to know who from the board is going to run again in 2025. Please let him know.

Martin moves we buy one set of 3 air rifle targets that were presented by John Woolley. Joe R. seconded. Passed.

Patty left the meeting so we could discuss Jacqueline Woolley's proposal. Joe R. suggested an amount. Dave L. suggested we be consistent with our other youth donations. We discussed it further. Gabe moved to donate \$2,000 to Jacqueline. Dave L. seconded. Passed.

**For the Good of the Order:**

None.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 8:23 PM.  
Joe Maggiora seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,  
Recording Secretary.