

# THE SPORTSMAN

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## President's Message

As you might suspect this newsletter is actually put together toward the end of January for the month of February. With that said, we just returned from the Shot Show held each year in Las Vegas. We, myself and another board member, have been attending for quite a few years in a row. Before anyone raises an eyebrow of suspicion we do so on our own dime. Other board members have attended in the past as well. It gives us an insight to the latest ideas into what is going on nationally concerning the affairs relative to firearms and the shooting sports in general. I had couple of observations that I think merit some consideration for members and shooting enthusiasts in general. The first is that in most salutations with others the first question people have is "where are you from?" As soon as we say we mention we are from Washington most people from other states offer some form of sympathy concerning the erosion of our 2A rights. I find it amazing that we have become rather infamous for restrictions that are being imposed by our state legislature. That is as far as I am going to venture down that rabbit hole of controversy. Nevertheless, I point it out as a clear warning and perhaps a clarion call for folks to start paying attention to what is going on regarding our firearms rights.

This year we had a clear mission from the club's perspective. As many of you know we are trying to uplift our youth participation in the shooting sports. We have a vibrant rifle group of youngsters that is already established. We are currently also putting a shotgun youth team

together. For those of you who shoot shotgun you already know just how expensive the sport has become. Since we have become 501-C-3 we are far more capable to help in defraying the initial cost of getting started in shooting trap, continental and five stand. We were on a mission to find a deal on shotguns that the club could purchase for the beginning youth shooters interested in shotgun shooting sports. It was somewhat discouraging to find out that there is very little available specifically for youth shooters. This is my second observation in that it seems the major shotgun companies are not encouraging their research and development departments to specifically make shotguns for youth shooters. In one such conversation with one company it seemed like I was informing that the future of shooting sports in general lies with the upcoming generations. Unless the youth are exposed to the fun and challenge of the shooting sports we may well be spelling the demise of the sport in the future. On a positive note we did find one company that not only agreed with this insight but were willing to help us with discounts and equipment that is designed for youth shooters. Unless the shotguns fit right the experience of learning can be less than comfortable and sometimes downright painful resulting in sore shoulders or worse yet bruised cheek bones.

I want to reiterate that we are still looking for folks willing to run for the board. It is important beyond what the average member might suspect. The direction of the club going

forward is imperative to have solid members willing to provide leadership by volunteering for a board position. Please consider running for a board position.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't mention February being special with the celebration of Valentine's Day. Don't forget or you might find yourself in the proverbial dog house. I bet you are wondering where the term dog house came from. During the slave trading days, sailors slept in kennel- style huts on the deck of ship. These huts were very uncomfortable thus became termed as the dog house. I don't want to think how bad the slave quarters were below deck.

### 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!

### FEBRUARY COMING EVENTS

1 February – Rimfire Benchrest Match  
1, 2 February – NRA Instructor Class  
3 February – Safari and Hunting event  
3 February – Member's Night shotgun shoot  
5 February – Club board meeting  
6, 15 February – New Member Orientation  
Each Thursday – Indoor Pistol League  
Each Friday – Junior Rifle  
8 February – ARA rimfire match  
8, 9 February – NRA Basic Pistol class  
15 February – Centerfire benchrest match  
15 February – Home Firearms Safety class  
16 February – Intro to Highpower Match  
16 February – Continental League Shoot  
17 February – Member's Night shotgun  
17 February – Shotgun Committee meeting  
22 February – Trap Fundamentals  
22 February – Appleseed 25M Clinic  
22, 23 February – NRA Basic Rifle class  
23 February – Rifle/Pistol SP Use Class  
23 February – Hunter Group Meeting  
23 February – Pistol Special Use range  
23 February – Rifle special use range  
24 February – Rifle/Pistol Cmte meeting  
2 March – Swap Meet

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Twenty-two new members signed up for new member orientation in January. 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/>

## 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.

### - 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/KQHMZD3>

## CLUB ELECTIONS COMING UP IN APRIL

It's not too early to consider helping the club by running for election to club office. What can you do to help? Here's the form to get you started. [Notice of intent to run for Board Position.](#)

## 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.

## 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.

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## KENMORE RANGE RIMFIRE MATCH FOR JANUARY 2025

There were 28 contestants in this month's match with five competitors in the Expert Division, thirteen in the Sharpshooter Division, five in the Marksman Division and five in the new Rifleman.

Welcome to newcomer Dave Seibert.

The wind conditions were nearly calm.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Eric Carter placed first with a score of 248 7X. Keith Wilson finished second at 245 4X and Kathryn Koehler

placed third at 242 4X. Target Two: Eric Carter placed first again with a score of 245 2X. Keith Wilson placed second again at 244 8X and Kathryn Koehler was third again at 241 5X.

Relay One Marksman Division: Target One. Cecil Chrisinger was first at 240 2X with Jeff Kalina in second at 234 4X and Song Pal third at 226 2X. Target Two: Steve Lee placed first again at 230 2X with Jeff Kalina second at 228 2X and Cecil Chrisinger third at 228 1X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Jason Koehler placed first with a score of 245 2X. Jason Pahlman came in second at 242 8X with a two way tie between Mike Becwar and Dave Seibert at 239 4X. Target Two: Kevin Lee placed first at 244 5X with Jason Koehler in second 242 3X. David Konkle was third at 240 4X and Jason Pahlman was fourth at 238 7X.

Relay Three Rifleman Division: Target One. Scott Price was first at 228 2X with Todd George in second at 218 0X and Ben Brinkley third at 216 0X. Target Two: Scott Price was first again at 231 2X with Ben Brinkley second at 226 0X and Todd George third at 220 0X.

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](mailto:matt5404@frontier.com)

## SAFARI AND GUIDED HUNTS

We have been able to add another outfitter to our safari and hunting presentation! In addition to Brian Suddaby Safaris presenting African safari information in the clubhouse on Monday, 3 February, at 6 PM. we will also have Quickload Waterfowl Outfitters from Saskatchewan showing their services.

If you have ever wanted more information on a safari or a guided waterfowl hunt, here's your chance to find out.



WCW member, Greg Burke, has coordinated to have both outfitters come here for the presentations. Contact Greg with any questions or to RSVP at 253-318-1568, or email at [magoogb@yahoo.com](mailto:magoogb@yahoo.com)

## 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.

As well as our 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. We need more instructors!

If you are looking for instructor training, our next one is planned for late in June, 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](#)

## DONATIONS AND MATCHING FUNDS

As club members, we can get corporate matching from our employers of donations we make to the club. Some employers will also donate funds based on volunteer hours performed by employees or retirees. As an

example, Boeing will cash match up to 100% with a minimum, of \$25.00. Volunteer time is paid at \$100.00 per 10 hours worked. Or if teams of 5 or more are volunteering, it is \$20.00 per hour, per team member. Boeing will match 100% per employee per year to a maximum of \$10,00.00 for active employees, and 50% match up to \$3,00 per year for retirees. Check with your employer to see if they offer corporate matching. This could be a good source for donations, as well as increased exposure and recruiting opportunities.

## 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 as members 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.

## POLITICS AND LEGISLATION

Now that the club has changed its status to 501 C 3, we need to make sure we are following the applicable laws for that status. The main considerations for this article will be political and lobbying activity.

Fortunately, the rules are pretty clear, even if they may be misunderstood. The club has to be concerned with two forms of lobbying – direct and grassroots lobbying.

Direct lobbying is through communication directed to a member or employee of a legislative body, it must refer to specific legislation, and it must reflect a view on such legislation. Lobbying concerning a referendum or ballot initiative is considered direct lobbying since the public is acting as a legislative body for these.

Grassroots lobbying is an effort to affect the opinions of the public or any part of the public, it must refer to specific legislation, must reflect a view on such legislation, and encourage the public to act on such legislation. Voter registration activity does not constitute lobbying.

There are spending limits to either form of lobbying, but since we spend nothing on either form of lobbying, we are well under the limits. As an organization, we do not communicate on legislative issues with our legislators or their staff. We also do not communicate with the general public on issues, as our newsletter is a communication to our members.

The club can not endorse or oppose candidates.

These rules do not limit the ability of club members, board members, or staff members to lobby or engage in political activities, on their own time and at their own expense.

We will do our best to keep members informed on what is going on in Olympia and around the state.

With the elections over, our new legislature is trying to put its mark on our laws. Here are bills that have been filed for this session. They are in various states of progress through the system, but you may want to look them up. They are (so far):

Yet Another Permit to Buy a Gun (HB 1163 and SB 5140). This bill, which would require live-fire training before getting a permit to buy a gun, and the only one so far with a companion bill in each chamber, and the House Bill has 32 co-sponsors, indicating it's a priority. It has had a committee hearing in the House but not the Senate yet. Contact your Senator and ask them to oppose. They added the online permit requirement in the last session. It's clear they want to ratchet up the permitting requirements little by little each session.

Purchase Limits of Guns and Ammo (HB 1132). This bill, which would limit you to buying 1,000 rounds a month, regardless of caliber, has 27 co-sponsors and doesn't yet have a companion bill in the Senate. It has had a committee hearing in the House. Focus on your 2 State Representatives.

Firearm Storage Mandates (HB 1152). This House bill has 34 co-sponsors so far, though no companion bill in the Senate. It requires you to keep your guns "out of plain sight" in your home, even if you live alone. It's also gone through committee, so I recommend you focus on your 2 State Representatives.

Further Carry Restrictions (SB 5098). Like so many of these, this bill which adds even more "gun free zones" is an incremental addition to previous similar bills. It's all "death by 1,000 cuts". They don't want to pass everything they intend all at once. By doing it in smaller pieces, they hope to make it all harder to protest and resist. This Senate bill has 11 co-sponsors and no companion in the House. It is already out of Committee in the Senate. Contact your State Senator.

Bankrupting Firearms Dealers (SB 5099). This terrible bill is the next phase of the "Put FFLs Out of Business" bill they passed last year which has already caused 20% of FFLs to close their doors, even though that one doesn't go into effect until July. This one has 14 co-sponsors and is out of committee. It would set a minimum liability insurance, regardless of where or how you operate, and massively empower the WSP to intrusively enforce all the mandates in the previous bill. Tell your State Senator how you feel.

Gun and Ammo Tax of 11% (HB 1386). This bill is a direct tax of 11% on all guns, gun parts, and ammunition purchases. It's essentially a copy of what California did in 2023, and similar to what the city of Seattle did in 2016. It also has 32 co-sponsors in the House. It has not yet had a committee hearing so please sign in "CON" when it comes up in committee.

Insurance Requirement per Firearm (HB 1504). This bill just dropped a few days ago and has just 8 co-sponsors, but Democrat support seems to be building. It would require every gun owner to carry \$25,000 in liability coverage. PER FIREARM. There's no explanation as to why one would need to carry liability insurance if one is complying with all these other laws which they claim reduce the risk of anything bad happening with one's firearms. This bill seems clearly designed to make low income people unable to exercise their 2A rights.

And on a related note, similar but less intrusive bills are HB 1118 Firearms Rights Restoration, SB5056 Back-up Background Check, and HB 1178, Removing sentencing enhancements, have also been filed.

## JANUARY 2025 BENCHREST CENTERFIRE MATCH REPORT

There were a record breaking twenty-two contestants in this month's 300-yard benchrest match with nine contestants in the Sharpshooter Division and thirteen in the Expert Division.

This was the first month of the two-relay format to accommodate the field which exceeded the 18 bench limit. The first relay consisted of the thirteen Expert Division shooters and four Sharpshooters. The second relay consisted of five Sharpshooters.

To accommodate the larger fields, the target boards were rebuilt to accommodate two targets. The competitors shoot targets one and two with a five-minute break between then followed by shooting targets three and four with the same five-minute break.

The weather conditions were clear skies, very calm winds with a temperature of 28 degrees at the start of the match.

### Relay 1:

Target 1 Expert Division: Jeff Locke was first with a score of 103. Mohammed Shabar, Bill Rice, and Parker Letson tied for second with scores of 101. Sharpshooter Division: Tim Turner finished first with a score of 103. Christian Eckhoff finished second with a score of 98. Troy Rice placed third with a score of 82.

Target 2 Expert Division: Jeff Locke finished first with a score of 104. Ken O'Sage, Bryan Zolnikov, and Pat Farrell tied for second with scores 101. Sharpshooter Division: Jason Ingram was first with a score of 98. Tim Turner and Christian Eckhoff tied for second with scores of 97.

Target 3 Expert Division: Ken O'Sage was first with a score of 105. Teresa Mattingly, Jeff Locke, and Rob Noges tied for second with scores of 104. Sharpshooter Division: Jason Ingram was first with a score of 100. Tim Turner placed second with a score of 99. Troy Rice finished third with a score of 98.

Target 4 Expert Division: Parker Letson finished first with a score of 104. Jeff Locke was second at 103. Ken O'Sage, Pat Farrell, and Bill Rice tied for third with scores of 102. Sharpshooter Division: Christian Eckhoff finished first with a score of 101. Tim Turner and Troy Rice tied for second with scores of 100.

The winner of the Expert Division was Jeff Locke with a total score of 414. Ken O'Sage was second with a score of 408. Rob Noges and Teresa Mattingly tied for third with scores of 404. The winner of the Sharpshooter Division was Tim Turner with a score of 399. Christian Eckhoff and Tim Turner tied for second with scores of 391.

### Relay 2

Target 1 Sharpshooter Division: John Kimbrough finished first with a score of 97. William Hawkins placed second with a score of 86. Dirk DeYoung was third with a score of 83.

Target 2 Sharpshooter Division: John Kimbrough finished first with a score of 97. James Brittin placed second with a score of 87. Dirk DeYoung was third with a score of 82.

Target 3 Sharpshooter Division: John Kimbrough finished first with his third consecutive score of 97. Mark Phelps placed second with a score of 92. James Brittin was third with a score of 86.

Target 4. Sharpshooter Division: John Kimbrough finished first with a score of 99. James Brittin placed second with a score of 92. Mark Phelps and Dirk DeYoung tied for third with scores of 89.

The winner of the Sharpshooter Division was John Kimbrough with a score of 390. James Brittin was second with a score of 343 and Mark Phelps placed third at 341.

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





## WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 2, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by  
President Joe Rinaldi.

### **Present board members:**

Joe Rinaldi (President)  
Dave Rusko (2 nd Vice President)  
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:**

Gabe Shank (Vice President)  
Joe Maggiora (Treasurer)  
Gary Webster (past President)

### **Committee Leads and Facilities Manager present at meeting:**

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

### **Guests:**

None

### **Guest topics:**

None

### **Committee reports:**

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

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### **Handgun Report:**

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

12/23/2024 – RPSU meeting.

Kevin Finke/Scott Lorentz Bullseye Pistol League – Steve Reed League representative.

1. Bullseye Pistol league members

requested permission to shoot with no time limit during normal operating hours. The committee agreed and will create a policy exception to allow all Bulls-eye league members to shoot with no time limit at all hours the range is open. They will have a special endorsement printed on the front of their badge (“Bullseye” in green stripe on badge) This will be implemented spring (April/May) of 2025 after staff has been updated with the new policy, signage and policy manual has been updated, and member badges have been created and distributed.

Rifle/Pistol Special Use classroom report.

1. We had 14 new members attend the December 2024 Rifle/Pistol Special Use classes.

2. January 2025 Special Use classroom scheduled 4-January 2025 and 16-January 2025

3. 225 members attended Special Use classroom in calendar year 2024

4. 197 members completed Pistol Special Use in calendar year 2024.

New Member Orientation report.

1. We had 20 new members attend the December 2024 NMO classes.

2. January 2025 NMO scheduled 3-January 2025 and 18-January 2025

3. 313 members completed New Member Orientation in calendar year 2024

The board discussed the request from the Bullseye shooters. Dave mentioned they would be using the turning targets. Since this change has the potential to increase the risk of rounds not hitting the backstop, the board believes they need to weigh in on this decision. Public shooters may think it is okay to do the same and the board had a concern allowing the group to do it would negatively impact other shooters (public and non-public). Robert will connect with the shooters to find out the details on how they propose they would do this without impacting the public shooters. Dave L. said we should get more details of their proposal including plans for signage and etc. Joe wanted to make it clear we encourage proficiency and competitive shooting. We want to do what we can to accommodate

things like this while still maintaining safe and fun environment for everyone, including our RSOs.

### **Rifle Report:**

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

Rifle matches for the coming month are Rimfire Benchrest on 4 January, ARA Rimfire on 11 January, and Centerfire Benchrest match on 18 January. The Junior Rifle group will also have IERPA postal matches on 12 and 26 January.

Our next NRA Basic Rifle Class is on 25 – 26 January 2025.

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

Five members attended this month. Our next joint Rifle/Pistol Committee meeting will be on 27 January.

Three members attended the rifle special use classes in November. The January Rifle Special Use range session is on the 26th.

Greg Burke has reserved the clubhouse on 3 Feb at 6 PM for Brian Suddaby Safaris presentation.

Proposed highpower matches for the year; CMP 16 Mar, 13 Apr, 22 Jun NRA 20 Jul, 17 Aug, 19 Oct, with an Introduction to Highpower class on 16 Feb.

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. Jeff McGee/Non-Ferrous Metals, Inc has offered to melt, cast, and package the recovered clubhouse lead for us, for no charge once it is cleaned out.

Member Alex Ramsay proposes a reduced cost non-local resident membership. He will plan to present details at the next board meeting.

We discussed running a 'Small Arms Firing School' and a practice highpower match sometime next year.

Jeremy Norris is considering a class for Precision Rifle Basics, will get more

information.

Tobi Alade has suggested we offer WCW merchandise, will work on suggestions. Braver Angels will come do a presentation to the board at the February board meeting.

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

Robert Haverstock presented.

Container got dropped off for the temporary office. They will be running electrical this week. Range office deck demolition scheduled to start 1/6/2025. The work will take 3 weeks.

A fence was damaged in the windstorm. We will offer to remove the tree from the neighbor's property.

An employee was injured while cutting a

tree. As a result, an L&I person came out and we will need to create a couple procedures. We will be fined for the incident. It will be \$2400 or less. We may have some employees leaving. We will need to replace them. We need rangemasters of all sorts.

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

Patty Woolley presented. Our numbers continue to be down. We did not make a profit if you don't count depreciation. We had a big increase in education because of what Martin M. and Dave R. have been doing. Payroll is up. Rental is down. Joe R. mentioned there is an interest in youth shotgun. Patty said we could do a Spring event where the people who took the Fall classes compete against each other. Scott suggested we focus on the training. Scott also said we should do another family event. Joe suggested do it in August. Also, we need to make sure the volunteers know we have food.

#### **Trustees Report:**

John Sutton presented. Scott and John S. are going to look at the shotguns this month to see what is working. There has been no interest in the equipment we are trying to get rid of. We will hire someone to put the roof on the storage shed.

#### **Old Business:**

19 NRA instructors have answered the survey and replied in the affirmative that they are interested in assisting or teaching WCW's current NRA course offerings. 2025 NRA offerings to be reviewed at the next WCW NRA Instructors meeting. We confirmed the donation page on our website was changed to reflect donations are tax deductible. John S. got Martin the email content to send to membership asking for shotgun donations. Dave R. said he is waiting for nicer weather to have the videography take video of the

range.

Dave R. said there is nothing we can do about the Nextdoor app content about WCW. We don't have the ability to change content. Robert H. said we are set up as a single household, not a business. Joe asked Robert if anything is showing up. Robert said there is nothing coming up.

Dave R. confirmed we did purchase the tablets for filling out waivers.

We briefly discussed the the initiation fee. Patty suggested we table this topic until the new board is in place.

Aaron mentioned they had not done anything on the archery shelter. He said he will provide an update at the April board meeting.

Dave R. said the work on Range 4 should be completed in the Spring of 2025.

Aaron said we should pursue the axe throwing.

The only measurable goal the board set for the fiscal year 2024/2025 was increasing our membership by 300. Patty said we should evaluate the membership goal at the Feb 2025 board meeting.

A lot of the goals we were going to pursue were dropped after Peter ( our marketing person) was let go. Patty said Gabi's posts have been helpful and successful. Dale asked if that has resulted in anything measurable for the club. Patty said no. Swap meets – Our insurance agent would like to talk to Joe about this.

#### **New Business:**

\$1500 check was presented to Snohomish County Domestic Violence Services on 12/17/2024 in person in lieu of food and toy collections.

We discussed the email Joe sent the board. This was about what we can and cannot do relative to candidates and proposed legislation. Scott suggested we provide guidelines to people who want to submit something to the newsletter on legislation and candidates. Martin will reach out to the member who is helping with this to help come up with the guidelines. Dave L. said we will need to put together a budget for the March meeting. The committees should

think about what they will need. Joe said we should also include the automatic gate. Joe suggested we add to the New Employee Orientation that members may be asked to help periodically.

**For the Good of the Order:**

None.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 8:42 PM.  
Scott Ray seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,  
Recording Secretary.

**WCW QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES –**

**JANUARY 8, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by  
President Joe Rinaldi.

Member count (excluding board members):  
7

Board member count: 11

**Present board members:**

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

**Excused board members:**

Gary Webster (past President)

**Guests:**

None.

Reading of the last Board Member  
Meeting minutes:

Martin Morehouse moved to forgo the  
reading of the last Board Meeting minutes  
and have them accepted as they are  
published. Joe Maggiora seconded. Passed.  
Reading of the last Membership Meeting  
minutes:

Martin Morehouse moved to forego the  
reading of the last Membership Meeting  
minutes and have them accepted as they are  
published. Joe Maggiora seconded. Passed.

**Guest Topics:**

None.

**Committee reports:**

A brief review of the Archery Committee's,  
Shotgun Committee's, Handgun  
Committee's, Rifle Committee's, and  
Operations Manager's reports follows. Also  
included below are brief notes from the  
Trustees' and Treasurer's monthly updates  
presented at the quarterly meeting.

**Archery Report:**

Gabe Shank presented.  
Gabe said he does not have anything  
additional to what will be published in the  
January board meeting minutes. The one  
thing he will mention is that they are  
**evaluating new targets.**

**Handgun Report:**

Dave Rusko presented.  
Dave R. said he did not have anything  
additional to what will be published in the  
January board meeting minutes.

**Rifle Report:**

Martin Morehouse presented.  
Martin said the only thing he will mention is  
we had 198 members take special use during  
2024. Everything else will be in the  
published January board meeting minutes.

**Shotgun Report:**

Fred Harmon presented.  
Fred mentioned everything will be published  
in the January board meeting minutes.  
Joe R. mentioned John S. and Scott R. went

through our WCW shotguns. There are a lot of nice guns. Some of the lengths are odd. We have 25 total. We need help from members to get them cleaned. John S. mentioned we still need to purchase some smaller shotguns.

#### **Operations Manager Report:**

Robert Haverstock presented.

The rifle office is now closed. We will be redoing the deck. Construction will take 3 to 4 weeks. The employees will be working in a temporary building.

#### **Trustees' Report:**

John Sutton presented.

We are working on several projects. We are working on getting rid of equipment we don't use. We are working on the new shed for the new equipment. We will be looking to find someone who can help install the roof.

Joe asked if Patty had any new information on the automated gate. Patty said they visited Ravensdale so we got another company we can get a quote from. She will work on this more once renewals are over which should be over the next month. Patty said we currently have 1499 members. 821 were individual members.

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

Joe Maggiora presented.

Joe said for the last 9 months we finished in the black. However, we are projecting a loss because of all the expenses we have been accruing. Joe M. asked for volunteers for the new financial/budget and audit committees. The new bylaws will require help from the membership. Email Treasurer@wcwshootingsports.org if interested.

#### **Old Business:**

Joe R. mentioned we only have one primary topic for this membership meeting. We need to vote on the proposed by-laws. Joe reminded the membership we reviewed the new by-laws at the last special meeting. A member said he is concerned about section 9. Section 9 talks about amendments. It

takes all the power from members and gives it to the board. He suggested we replace section 9 in the new bylaws with section 20 of our existing bylaws. Dave L. said there is a way for members to make changes through calling a special meeting. Gabe wanted to bring up the lack of membership participation. He is concerned that there are only a few members who will be voting on the new bylaws. We discussed this further. We don't want to replace section 9 with section 20 because then we cannot make changes more frequently than every 3 months. We discussed possible solutions to address the concerns of the members. We landed on a solution that was accepting the bylaws that were presented at the special meeting. Then, the board would immediately add changes to the new bylaws to include changes to enable members to propose changes to the bylaws. Dave Levinson moves to accept bylaws as they were proposed at the special meeting. John Sutton seconded. Passed.

Dale proposed the following changes to our new bylaws:

- 1) Change current 9.3 to 9.4.
- 2) Create new section 9.3 with the following text:

Amendments to these bylaws may be made by the members in the following manner: Proposed amendments must be presented in writing to the President at any Annual, Regular or Special Meeting so called for that purpose. The President shall cause the proposed amendment or amendments to be read and, following a motion with second to accept, shall call for discussion. After a suitable period of discussion, the motion shall be continued until the next scheduled meeting of the Members or a Special Meeting so called for that purpose. Proposed amendments shall become effective immediately upon approval of the motion to accept at that meeting. A two-thirds vote of the Members in attendance shall be necessary to approve the amendment.

- 3) Change section 9.2 by adding the following text:

Item D – Any amendment which alters

paragraph 9.3.

Joe Rinaldi moved to amend the by-laws as proposed by Dale Sieg. Joe Maggiora seconded. Passed.

**New Business:**

None.

**For the Good of the Order:**

None.

Larry Anderson moved to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Joe Rinaldi seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,  
Recording Secretary.