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President's Message

March is a very odd time of year in my opinion. It's still winter but from time to time Mother Nature fakes us out with a mild day tempting us with mild weather in the offing. It is sort of sneaky when you come to think of it. One day, blustering the next day, the Crocus flowers are peeking out in bloom. Overall, I guess it is a timely reminder that change is in the air. That brings me to the various subjects of change that are in process at the range.

First and foremost is the upcoming election of board candidates. If you are interested in running for a board position you can secure your ballot on the website. Alternatively, you can also come to the next board meeting to be held WEDS. March 5th at 7:00pm in the clubhouse. We will have some paper ballots that you can make out. It will also provide an opportunity to see how the board functions. I can't emphasize enough how we need some new ideas and energy on the board. Don't get me wrong, I have no criticism of the current board members. Quite the contrary, especially since I would justifiably have to point the finger at myself first. But since we have board members leaving coupled with the new bylaws there will be significant challenges going forward. The new bylaws have several directors that will be in charge of specific areas regarding the operation and overall administration of the range. It should be noted that the election will happen at the April 9th members' meeting at 7:00pm in the clubhouse.

You will note that we have a pretty major construction project going on whereupon we are

replacing the steps and decking leading up to the rifle office. We have established a temporary Conex container office for check-in at rifle and pistol. I would like to remind folks that it isn't advisable to be too curious when checking out the construction work being done. We wouldn't want anyone to get hurt by being a casual observer that goes over the edge so to speak.

There has been some talk about resurfacing the free Kid's Day introduction to the range. We did this prior to the pandemic. This event was viewed as a great success. It takes a collective and collaborative effort that is very labor intensive but produces tremendous results. Like a lot of other things, we learned a lot from our last venture. I mention this because I believe it will take a combined effort from each committee chair person to get together and plan the event. If anyone is seriously interested in helping out, please contact us so we can plan a preliminary planning meeting. Let's be clear about one reality. The future of all shooting sports lies in encouraging the upcoming generations into the safe joys and accomplishments of good marksmanship.

Lastly, I would like to point out that there has been a lot of training activity going on at the range thanks to our NRA instructors. In addition, we have other activities and instruction and training in archery, youth rifle and the soon to be a WCW youth shotgun team. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the hunting committee which continues to be ongoing. I am sure I probably missed some other club activity. If so, I apologize.

In the meantime, I want to express a big THANK YOU all who are involved in the ongoing efforts of these activities.

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.

NRA FIRST STEPS SHOTGUN CLASS HAS RETURNED!

Interested in a new challenge? Want to learn how to break more clays? WCW is excited to announce the return of the NRA First Steps Shotgun class. A 5 to 5½ hour class in shotgun-specific safety and shooting skills. Approximately 1/3 of the class consists of live-firing on the trap field. Receive 1 on 1 instruction from seasoned trap shooters. Intended for the first-time shooter but all skill levels are welcome. Classes are limited to 5 shooters and are filling up quickly. Check it out here: [First Steps Shotgun class](#)

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 there to attend to get that renewal. Please don't just drop in, we have limited space for this class.

MARCH COMING EVENTS

1 March – Rimfire Benchrest Match
2 March – Swap Meet
3 March – Member's Night shotgun shoot
5 March – Club board meeting
Each Thursday – Indoor Pistol League
Each Friday – Junior Rifle
8, 9 March – NRA Basic Pistol class
9, 20 March – New Member Orientation
15 March – Centerfire benchrest match
15 March – Home Firearms Safety class
15 March – First Steps Shotgun class
16 March – CMP Games Rifle Match
16 March – Reloading class
17 March – Member's Night shotgun
17 March – Shotgun Committee meeting
22 March – Trap Fundamentals
22 March – Rifle/Pistol SP Use Class
22 March – Pistol Special Use range
22, 23 March – NRA Basic Rifle class
23 March – Rifle special use range
24 March – Rifle/Pistol Cmte meeting
29 March – ARA rimfire match
29 March – Hunter Group Meeting

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Twenty new members signed up for new member orientation in February. 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.

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/>

- 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 time to consider helping the club by running for election to club office. We are constantly improving the club. What can you do to help? Club elections are at the April meeting, so it's time to decide. Here's the form to get you started. [Notice of intent to run for Board Position.](#) Turn in the forms at the March board meeting, on 5 March.

FIRST SWAP MEET FOR 2025

Our first swap meet for the year is coming up this weekend, Sunday, March 2d. If you miss this one, we have three more planned, on June 1st, September 7th, and December 7th. Plan to attend, or bring something to sell! Most of us have something that another member could use.

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.

ARCHERY UPDATE

We are meeting in the clubhouse for indoor archery on Monday and Wednesday nights. The majority of shooters meet around 5pm, but you can shoot anytime between 4-7pm. Come join us. All shooting styles are welcome.

The Archery Indoor Tournament season is in full swing. We just completed the WSAA Blue Face Indoor Tournament on Jan 31-Feb 2. Congratulations to Brooke and Hailey Kimura who both took 1st place in their respective classes. Also congrats to Gabriel Shank who took 1st in his class. (If I missed anyone else who is a WCW member let me know!)

Also do not miss out on the many outdoor tournaments held at our local archery clubs. You can find the list of tournaments at <https://www.washingtonstatearchery.com>.

We hold indoor archery practice almost every Monday and Wednesday from 4-7 in the clubhouse. Please stop by and join us.

SHOTGUN UPDATE

We have had a number of discussions about the shotgun range and ways to improve it. We also are working to improve communication with the trappers as well as with the shooters.

1.) We have had a problem with the control pad for the 5-Stand computer. The Microsoft Bluetooth 10 Key Pad that was used to remotely access the traps, had gotten worn out and was intermittent. The trappers were aware of it, but it had not been conveyed to myself or Robert. In discussions, it was found that we were tossing many more clays than we needed, as the keypad was not selecting the proper trap. A new keypad was procured from Best Buy for around \$20 and was installed and tested by Briley, who was running the 5-Stand. It has worked well, with no errors. This results in a saving on clay birds.

2.) I have talked to the trappers and shooters, who have requested that we put double sided (painted) clays in 3 of the traps that

present the bottom of the clays to the shooter. This results in a black target, which is camouflaged by the backdrop and the changing lighting conditions. This results in them requesting a re-throw. I went over and investigated this. During the time I was there, we had numerous requests, only on the three traps previously mentioned. While standing there, I was unable to see the clays until they were almost on top of us because of the lighting. The request for double sided or all orange clays should be considered, as the small difference in cost, vs throwing a repeat may cut our costs and speed up the rounds. This will also be required if we are to do Blacklight Clay Shooting, as the black bottoms are not lit by those lights.

3.) Lights on Trap 1. There has been repeated questions about the light that were to be installed on Trap 1. I discussed this with Dave Rusko, and he said that we had put that on hold until after the storm season, as the crews that could do that work are busy with power outages and such.

4.) Blacklight Clay shooting.
<https://youtu.be/RbNtBxNc7YA?feature=shared>

One is called Cosmic Clays
<https://youtu.be/KDyPJq4cjMo?feature=shared>
which is a blacklight clay shooting format copyrighted by a club in Michigan. They are trying to franchise the name, but there are a number of ranges that are running it.

<https://youtu.be/Hz7FJQk5k4s?feature=shared>
The British are doing it a bit differently, as they are painting the clays with glow in the dark paint, which is more costly and labor intense.

I went down to Sumner Sportsmans Club last Saturday to check out their Alien Invasion shoot. They are charging \$20.00 per round and getting people coming from Mt Vernon to Vancouver to shoot 16yd Trap and 5-Stand under Blacklight. I talked with their President, and one of the members who were setting up the shoot. They had followed the Cosmic Clays format, but changed the name to avoid paying the \$399-\$599 license fee. They are using the same Amazon 500watt LED Panels that I purchased for the proof of concept test. They were running 7 of the 500 watt panels in their 5-Stand, and 6 of the 500 watt panels on the 16yd Trap. We discussed the clays, and they said that they had found that fully painted clays were required for best vision. I

believe part of this was because they had their panels on the ground and point out instead of mounting them higher to illuminate the tops, like our overhead lights do. They also went to all green clays, as they lit up well, and worked with the Alien Attack theme. They had ran double sided orange with success as well. They said they had tried the all white clays like the Las Vegas range uses, but found the orange and green worked better. We had done some quick testing last Friday night on the 5-Stand with the 2 panels I had purchased. We found that the light worked much better when held up about 6ft from the ground. Testing with the lights mounted on the top of the 5-Stand cages could be promising. We plan to do a quick test tonight on the 16yd trap with the 2 panels in front of the trap similar to the Sumner setup. I think we will get better results with a single light stand at about the 20yd line and throwing light from above. We will report on the results after the testing has been done. They did say that their only difficulty was in finding power for the panels, They were running extension cords from several traps to power the two in use. We tested with 1000watts off an outlet on the 5-stand with no issues. I have a Honda generator that we can use to test with 5 pairs of panels. If everyone likes the results, we can figure the installation of a power outlet to cover the permanent install. On the 5-Stand, the lights could be mounted on the top of the cages and left up all the time. On the 16 yd traps, a small tower or one on a moveable cart like a construction light cart would allow us to move it from trap to trap, and not interfere with Handicap shooting. It could also be stored during the summer months when dusk gets late enough that we can't use them.

5.) The Youth Team has been discussed. There is strong support for a team and I have been told that there is funding available to start this. We need to find someone who can organize the team. If we set it up as a non profit corporation, it will allow direct charitable contributions with corporate matching funds, as well as funding from other sources to support the team.

Please consider these ideas. I welcome your feedback, and invite you to come try the blacklight shoot when we have the lights set up. The plan is to pick up more lights and do some

testing to find optimum placement. Anyone wishing to help with the testing can reach out and help with the setup.

PROJECT APPLESEED PRESENTS 'THREE STRIKES OF THE MATCH'



April 2025 marks the semiquincentennial of the first day of the American Revolutionary War. On Sunday April 6th from 12 noon to 2pm in the WCW Clubhouse, join the passionate storytellers from Project Appleseed to hear the true story behind the events of April 19th 1775, in a presentation we call 'The Three Strikes of the Match'. Some may have heard the basic story from school many years ago but most have not. Can you answer these questions?

When and where was the American Revolution fought and won?

When and where did the Revolutionary War actually start?

What caused the professional British Army to break and run from colonial farmers and shopkeepers?

Who fired the first shots on Lexington Green?

What did Paul Revere really say as he made his midnight ride?

We will tell the story in detail. Hear about life in the British colonies, Paul Revere's midnight ride, the lesser known riders who joined him, the message they carried on horseback (Spoiler, it was not "the British are coming!"), how the sacrifices made by militiamen, their families, and entire communities uniquely defined American

Liberty, and how four brass cannon started an eight year war for independence. Get to see historical rifles, maybe even a cannon, and learn how the technique needed to be a skilled Rifleman has evolved since then. Most importantly, discover the passion which was exhibited on April 19th 1775 is still alive and working to make this nation a better place for all who seek it.

Project Appleseed is a non-partisan and apolitical group of men and women (known as the Revolutionary War Veterans Association) committed to upholding the values and principles of America's founding fathers. We want to create a community of informed and engaged citizens who will contribute to the betterment of our nation.

All are welcome. Contact wa@appleseedinfo.org with questions.



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](#)

As an example of our training program, we held an NRA Basic Rifle class last weekend, with 12 students. Students learned about safely shooting .22 rifles, and ranged in age from 11 to 62. Here are pictures of the class.

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.

KENMORE RANGE RIMFIRE MATCH FOR FEBRUARY 2025

There were 31 contestants in this month's match with five competitors in the Expert Division, fifteen in the Sharpshooter Division, six in the Marksman Division and five in the Rifleman.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Keith Wilson placed first with a score of 240 5X. Kevin Lee finished second at 239 4X and Eric Carter placed third at 232 4X. Target Two: Keith Wilson placed first again with a score of 243 2X. Eric Carter Keith placed second at 238 1X and Kevin Lee was third again at 235 5X.

Relay One Marksman Division: Target One. Song Pak was first at 226 1X with Steve Lee in second at 225 1X. There was a two tie for third at 224 1X between Jay Cho and Scott Price. Target two: Jay Cho placed first at 235 1X and Steve Lee was second at 232 3X. Scott Price was third 232 2X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Don Smith placed first with a score of 241 1X. Mike

Becwar came in second at 238 4X. David Seibert placed third at 237 2X with Steve Dunning fourth at 236 4X. Target Two: Steve Dunning placed first at 242 3X with Jason Pahlman in second 242 2X. David Seibert was third at 236 5X and Don Smith was fourth at 235 2X.

Relay Three Rifleman Division: Target One. Ben Brinkley was first at 224 2X with Todd George in second at 214 0X and George Smith third at 210 2X. Target Two: Peter Buffo placed first at 225 4X with Ben Brinkley second at 219 2X and George Smith third at 219 1X. 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

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

In the last few columns, we've been keeping a close eye on what our state legislators are doing in Olympia. This is sad, but necessary at this time of year, and will be over soon. During the fast-paced Legislative Session we must get involved to limit the damage.

As we noted previously, the Democrats were introducing a pile of anti-gun bills but only some of them would make it through as their serious proposals. We now know which those are. There are 5 remaining bills that need your active attention.

The good news is that one terrible bill and one bad bill is dead for now. Go ahead and take credit. The mandatory insurance proposal which would have required you to carry \$20,000 additional liability insurance PER FIREARM (through your homeowner's policy, for example) didn't make it out of committee in time. My guess is that's not because they didn't like the idea, but someone told them it was too insane even for them. The other bill which died in committee was the Seattle-style tax on all guns, ammo and firearm gear. It's not obvious why they held that one back.

The 5 surviving bills, in my personal order of threat level, are as follows:

FFL Killer Part 2 (SB5099): Most of you are familiar with last year's FFL Killer law, which goes into effect in July and has already put a good number of the state's FFL's out of business. If you're going to get involved on just one bill, this is probably the one you should focus on. My view is that this pair of laws will get thrown out eventually by the Supreme Court, since they are clearly designed to do an end run around the Second Amendment, but it could take years, and the damage could be done first.

Purchase Limits (HB1132): This surviving bill imitates California and arbitrarily limits how quickly you can purchase guns and ammo. They can dial down the quantities and dial up the times every year after this. California's one-gun-per-month law was deemed unconstitutional by a federal judge, though is still in effect while being appealed.

Permits 2.0 (HB1163): The Democrats are trying to ratchet up the barriers to gun ownership each year with permits with ever more requirements. While in theory the new requirement for in-range training prior to purchasing could boost range membership and time, in practice it will likely reduce the number of new first-time gun owners and younger enthusiasts. If they get away with this one, they'll come back each year with more constraints. Nobody believes this is about public safety.

Even Safer Storage (HB1152): While this bill requires every gun in your home to be out of plain sight, there's no enforcement mechanism – even the Democrats aren't willing yet to propose random police inspections of your home – so it really only impinges if your gun is stolen and used in a crime and then your alleged storage situation becomes an additional liability. So in practice the net effect of this bill would be minor, in my opinion, though it just adds to the ever growing presumption of guilt and corollary liabilities for Washington firearms owners and enthusiasts.

More Gun Free Zones (SB 5098): This is another of the Democrats' "turn the ratchet on what we did last year" bills. In theory it adds a few more types of locations where lawful citizens can't bring a firearm, but if they are consistent with last year and create an exception for CPL owners, the net effect is mostly to make it illegal to carry a gun in places where it's illegal to carry a gun, except for the small percentage of folks who open carry. So while annoying, this bill feels like far less of a threat in practice than some of the others. Also, since Bruen, the High Court hasn't been very kind to states doing these sorts of things.

Please contact your two state representatives and one state senator and tell them what you think about their ideas. You can do it all online quite easily. In future months I'll be telling you about some of the initiatives we're working on to leverage the Club to make our political representatives more informed and more comfortable with firearms.

Jonathan

FEBRUARY 2025 BENCHREST CENTERFIRE MATCH REPORT

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

The first relay consisted of the eleven Expert Division shooters. The second relay consisted of ten 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 them followed by shooting targets three and four with the same five-minute break.

This month the Expert Division competed in Relay One and the Sharpshooter Division in Relay Two. The weather conditions were clear skies, very calm winds with a temperature of 35 degrees at the start of the match.

Relay 1 Expert Division:

Target 1: Richard Nicol finished first with a score of 104. Ken O'Sage placed second at 103. Jeff Locke was third with a score of 102. Pat Farrel was fourth a score of 101.

Target 2: Jeff Locke and Curt Ibach tied for first with scores of 105. Ken O'Sage finished third with a score of 104. Sean Flores was fourth at 102.

Target 3: Jeff Locke was first again with a score of 105. Ken O'Sage placed second with a score of 104. Teresa Mattingly and Pat Farrel tied for third with scores of 101.

Target 4: Jeff Locke posted his fourth consecutive over 100 score with a match high score of 106. Ken O'Sage finished second with a score of 104. Pat Farrell placed third with a score of 102. Ernie Snyder was fourth at 101.



Relay 2 Sharpshooter Division:

Target 1: John Kimbrough and Christian Eckhoff tied for first with scores of 98. Jason Ingram placed third at 96.

Target 2: Tim Turner placed first with a score of 96. There was a four way tie at 95 between Jason Ingram, Christian Eckhoff, John Kimbrough, and John Lowdon.

Target 3: Christian Eckhoff had a relay high score of 100 for first place. John Kimbrough was second at 97 and Jason Ingram was third with a score of 96.

Target 4: Jason Ingram and John Lowdon tied for first with scores of 98. John Kimbrough placed third with a score of 97.



The winner of the Expert Division was Jeff Locke with a total score of 418 which is a new club record! Ken O'Sage was second with a score of 415. Pat Farrell was third with a scores of 404. Curt Ibach was fourth at 403.

The winner of the Sharpshooter Division was John Kimbrough with a score of 387. Christian Eckhoff finished second at 385 on a tie breaker with Jason Ingram third also with a score of 385.

For information on this match contact Matt Daly matt5404@frontier.

WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES –

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:02 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
Dave Rusko – Handgun

Guests:

Scott Lorenz
Gabi Sasai
Cham Chung

Guest topics:

Scott Lorenz came to ask if the Bulls-Eye league would be able to shoot 5 shots within 10 seconds in public hours. We discussed it. Joe said there is a concern if there are several non-league people there (members or non-members). Scott L. said there could be a sign up and they would only use the last four shooting lanes. Scott R. asked what would happen if all the lanes were full. Scott L. said they would just wait or not do it that time. They will have Patty add a stripe on the badge that says Bullseye for those people who are allowed to do this. They will

control the rapid fire by their classification. Dave moves we allow the league to follow the process that was outlined. Martin M. seconded. Passed

Scott L. also wanted to ask if the board would fund making some turning targets. They are build-it yourself systems. The PCBA is about \$125. The total cost for a single target system is \$200. The board said go ahead and build two of them. Gabi came to the meeting to ask for grant. It would be used to send her to an international tournament. Junior Panamerican Games do not have any US spots. She would like to go to a self-funded tournament to earn spots for the US. It will cost \$3,489.81 for her to go. The event is in Argentina. Joe R. said we would talk about it as a board and get back to her.

Cham came to ask for a grant. She shared details of her archery career. She is on the National Championship Team. She is currently in 5th place. She will be at the World Cup Stage 2 in Shanghai representing the US. This is a self-funded trip. She will be going to the four qualifying trials this year. A single trip costs about \$3500. So, it will be about \$15,000 for all her competitions this year. She is asking for any financial assistance for the 2025 season. Joe M. asked her to send us the financial details she shared. Joe R. said we would talk about it as a board and get back to her.

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.

The Archery Indoor Tournament season is in full swing. We just completed the WSAA Blue Face Indoor Tournament on Jan 31-Feb 2. Congratulations to Brooke and Hailey Kimura who both took 1st place in their respective classes. Also congrats to Gabriel Shank who took 1st in his class. (If I missed anyone else who is a WCW member let me

know!)

The next Indoor Tournament is the WSAA Multicolor Tournament Feb 21-23. Sign up quickly, spots go fast!

Also do not miss out on the many outdoor tournaments held at our local archery clubs. You can find the list of tournaments at <https://www.washingtonstatearchery.com>. We hold indoor archery practice almost every Monday and Wednesday from 4-7 in the clubhouse. Please stop by and join us.

Handgun Report:

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

We had 7 new members attend the January 2025 Rifle/Pistol Special Use classes.

We had 16 members renew their Rifle/Pistol Special Use endorsement.

February 2025 Special Use classroom scheduled 23-February 2025.

February 2025 Special Use Pistol Range Qualification class scheduled 23-February 2025.

We had 26 new members attend the January 2025 NMO classes.

February 2025 NMO scheduled 10-February 2025 and 15-February 2025

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 1 February, ARA Rimfire on 8 February, and Centerfire Benchrest match on 15 February. The Junior Rifle group will also have IERPA postal matches on 9, 16 and 23 February.

Our next NRA Basic Rifle Class is on 22 – 23 February 2025.

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

Six members attended this month. Our next joint Rifle/Pistol Committee meeting will be on 24 February.

Five members attended the rifle special use class in January. The February Rifle Special Use range session is on the 23d.

Greg Burke has reserved the clubhouse on 3 Feb at 6 PM for Brian Suddaby Safaris and Quickload Waterfowl presentations.

Intro to Highpower Competition class, 16 February, for members. There are already 12 people who have signed up.

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.

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.

Alec Ramsay is still working out his 'distance limited membership' proposal.

Jason Pahlman is proposing that we consider allowing him to use his own steel plate target array for airguns on Range 1.

Derrick Mangrum, not a member, is proposing an exhibit of high-end "Q" rifles for members to see and shoot. I think this would have to be a rental, with a business plan, insurance, and all the details.

Shotgun Report:

The following content was provided by Fred Harmon and was shared outside of the board meeting.

We have had a number of discussions about the shotgun range and ways to improve it. We also are working to improve communication with the trappers as well as with the shooters.

1.) We have had a problem with the control pad for the 5-Stand computer. The Microsoft Bluetooth 10 Key Pad that was used to remotely access the traps, had gotten worn out and was intermittent. The trappers were aware of it, but it had not been conveyed to myself or Robert. In discussions, it was found that we were tossing many more clays than we needed, as the keypad was not selecting the proper trap. A new keypad was

procured from Best Buy for around \$20 and was installed and tested by Briley, who was running the 5-Stand. It has worked well, with no errors. This results in a saving on clay birds.

2.) I have talked to the trappers and shooters, who have requested that we put double sided (painted) clays in 3 of the traps that present the bottom of the clays to the shooter. This results in a black target, which is camouflaged by the backdrop and the changing lighting conditions. This results in them requesting a re-throw. I went over and investigated this. During the time I was there, we had numerous requests, only on the three traps previously mentioned. While standing there, I was unable to see the clays until they were almost on top of us because of the lighting. The request for double sided or all orange clays should be considered, as the small difference in cost, vs throwing a repeat may cut our costs and speed up the rounds. This will also be required if we are to do Blacklight Clay Shooting, as the black bottoms are not lit by those lights.

3.) Lights on Trap 1. There has been repeated questions about the light that were to be installed on Trap 1. I discussed this with Dave Rusko, and he said that we had put that on hold until after the storm season, as the crews that could do that work are busy with power outages and such.

4.) Blacklight Clay shooting.

<https://youtu.be/RbNtBxNc7YA?feature=shared>

One is called Cosmic Clays

<https://youtu.be/KDyPJq4cjMo?feature=shared> which is a blacklight clay shooting format copyrighted by a club in Michigan.

They are trying to franchise the name, but there are a number of ranges that are running it.

<https://youtu.be/Hz7FJQk5k4s?feature=shared>

The British are doing it a bit differently, as they are painting the clays with glow in the dark paint, which is more costly and labor intense.

I went down to Sumner Sportsmans Club last Saturday to check out their Alien Invasion shoot. They are charging \$20.00

per round and getting people coming from Mt Vernon to Vancouver to shoot 16yd Trap and 5-Stand under Blacklight. I talked with their President, and one of the members who were setting up the shoot. They had followed the Cosmic Clays format, but changed the name to avoid paying the \$399-\$599 license fee. They are using the same Amazon 500watt LED Panels that I purchased for the proof of concept test. They were running 7 of the 500 watt panels in their 5-Stand, and 6 of the 500 watt panels on the 16yd Trap. We discussed the clays, and they said that they had found that fully painted clays were required for best vision. I believe part of this was because they had their panels on the ground and point out instead of mounting them higher to illuminate the tops, like our overhead lights do. They also went to all green clays, as they lit up well, and worked with the Alien Attack theme. They had ran double sided orange with success as well. They said they had tried the all white clays like the Las Vegas range uses, but found the orange and green worked better. We had done some quick testing last Friday night on the 5-Stand with the 2 panels I had purchased. We found that the light worked much better when held up about 6ft from the ground. Testing with the lights mounted on the top of the 5-Stand cages could be promising. We plan to do a quick test tonight on the 16yd trap with the 2 panels in front of the trap similar to the Sumner setup. I think we will get better results with a single light stand at about the 20yd line and throwing light from above. We will report on the results after the testing has been done. They did say that their only difficulty was in finding power for the panels, They were running extension cords from several traps to power the two in use. We tested with 1000watts off an outlet on the 5-stand with no issues. I have a Honda generator that we can use to test with 5 pairs of panels. If everyone likes the results, we can figure the installation of a power outlet to cover the permanent install. On the 5-Stand, the lights could be mounted on the top of the cages and left up all the time. On the 16 yd traps, a small tower

orone on a moveable cart like a construction light cart would allow us to move it from trap to trap, and not interfere with Handicap shooting. It could also be stored during the summer months when dusk gets late enough that we can't use them.

5.) The Youth Team has been discussed.

There is strong support for a team and I have been told that there is funding available to start this. We need to find someone who can organize the team. If we set it up as a non profit corporation, it will allow direct charitable contributions with corporate matching funds, as well as funding from other sources to support the team.

Please consider these ideas. I welcome your feedback, and invite you to come try the blacklight shoot when we have the lights set up. The plan is to pick up more lights and do some testing to find optimum placement. Anyone wishing to help with the testing can reach out and help with the setup.

We have had some good things happen at the Shotgun Range. Blacklight Clays testing was done on Monday night with Greg Stewart and 3 other members at the end of the night. More panels are in transit, and we have discussed mounting options for mounting. We plan to get together with Dave Rusko and Robert to get approval on mounting. Greg can give his thoughts on what he saw, as he helped place panels and was one of the testers. We hope to have another test and more members to try it out soon. We also replaced the Bluetooth 10 key pad that had become intermittent. Briley, one of our trappers, connected and tested it. This reduces the number of extra clays thrown, reducing our costs.

Dave R. said we will be starting back up the First Step Shotgun.

Manager's Report:

Robert Haverstock presented.

Robert is working on getting new employees to cover Dillon for when he leaves. A new employee starting this Friday. She will end up in Pistol. She will be working part time one day per week.

There have been people walking through the construction tape. But the temp office is

working good. Snow has slowed down the work on the stairs.

There are new renters. If it works out, we may see them more frequently.

Treasurer's Report:

Joe Maggiora presented.

Joe said we need a couple of new laptops. He estimates the two new laptops are \$850 per computer. Patty moved we approve of the purchase of these computers. Martin Morehouse seconded. Passed.

Joe M. needs another member of the board to be on the audit committee. Scott R. said he would do it.

Dave L. asked why there was a difference in clay targets from last year to this year. Dave L. said there must be an inventory problem. He also asked what the \$15,000 in land improvements was for. Joe M. said it may be plumbing. The accountant said we should put as improvement because it was not leaking. We just replaced it. Dave asked why there was such a huge jump on the depreciation of equipment. Joe M. said we revamped our depreciation schedule last year. Dave L. notices we are up 60% on training revenue and down 7% on range fees. We should be doing more training. Scott R. thought the decrease in range fees may be because of more members. Joe M. informed us that we are eligible for donations. We can solicit in Washington but not outside of Washington. If we want to actively solicit in other states, we will need to file in that state. We will handle this on a case-by-case basis.

Trustees Report:

John Sutton presented.

Patty said we have 1504 members. We have 1106 individual memberships and 398 family memberships. Of the 290 members that took advantage of the no initiation fee during the holiday, 205 renewed.

Patty found someone to take away the old containers. Binford may come and haul it away. We may just need to remove the floor. Aaron said before we pull the trigger on that, we need to develop a plan for where we will store the targets. We need a

replacement storage location. We discussed it. We believe the best solution is to build a shed. Dave L. said it would probably be about \$25,000. We need to make sure we get that in our FY budget we will be approving in April.

Aaron said we need more targets for the walk-through range. They are \$250 per target. We need 20 targets. So, it will be \$5,000 plus tax and shipping. Patty moved we approve \$6,000 to purchase the targets. Joe Rinaldi seconded. Passed.

Old Business:

Dave R. provided an update on the deck. We changed the design a little. Materials will be here on Monday. Originally, we did not plan on doing the overhead structure next to the office but we decided to do that work as well. It will make it a closed and covered area.

We had 10 members attend the Safari meeting.

Patty said she would have enough time to work on the gate this month and can have an update on the gate by the March board meeting.

New Business:

Dave Levinson moved we donate \$2,000 to each of the archers who presented today.

John Sutton seconded. Passed.

Joe R. and Dave L. met with SKB shotguns at Shot Show and they will help us with purchasing shotguns. They will give us 20% discount. They are about \$1400 a piece.

Scott R. thought we should get 5. Dave L. said we should get a quote and bring it back to the board for approval. Joe R. will get a quote and bring it back to the board.

Gabi asked if she can take pictures of people on the range and publish them. Gabi also suggested the waivers include a statement that they may be photographed and we may use the photograph for WCW purposes. She also suggested we add a clause to the membership renewal. Joe said he would reach out to our attorney and ask him if we need to have people sign waivers for us to use their picture for WCW purposes.

Scott R. said we will need to recruit about

18 people to help with the board and committees.

Dale asked who could contact the Interlake Sporting Association. Dave L. said Dale could give them his contact information.

For the Good of the Order:

None.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM. John Sutton seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,
Recording Secretary.