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President's Message

Well, I guess this is my swan song when it comes to reporting the news about the range. I have actually been wondering just how to approach my last message of sorts. The word that comes to mind is "Attunement" which is not to be confused with Atonement. The term attunement actually has three components that make up its definition. The first is bringing something into harmony or tuning it. The second is being aware of the changing trends or emotional needs. The third is the process of becoming attuned or in tune with something. Truthfully, I couldn't blame you for scratching your head in wonderment about how this could possibly be applicable to a shooting range. Please indulge me as I try to explain. When I took over the presidency of this club a former president who shall remain nameless predicted we would soon be out of business. That presented a daunting challenge. I am pleased to report that we are hardly out of business and in fact are doing quite well in many ways. That does not mean we should rest on our laurels. I believe the future is bright but only if we seize the opportunity to make it so.

We all went through a very trying time dealing with the effects of the pandemic. Being at the helm wasn't exactly a pleasurable experience for me. It changed many things in our society. To this day we still have many people wearing masks and being extremely delicate when it comes to hygiene. Our club was affected as well in ways that aren't always obvious. Sure, we're back to normal operations but the culture

of our club is changing exponentially. I will attempt to offer a few thoughts going forward for our club. For many years this club essentially had a competitive and restrictive reputation and still does in many ways. But I believe going forward we need to reach out to the general public in a more welcoming manner. Don't get me wrong, since I have been a member we have come a long way by shedding the reputation of being a closed club. The word on the street was we had bunch of grumpy employees that projected an attitude of unfriendliness that catered to a members only mentality. While we are still a member's club we are also open to the public. It is a delicate balance and one that should be handled with judicious temperament. This is going to require more membership involvement in the management of the club. I don't mean opinions which I have heard many times over the last several years. Whenever I respond and ask if that person would like to get involved I usually receive a muted response or a slate of reasons why they can't help out. Don't get me wrong, we have some very good dedicated volunteers but my worry is they often become overburdened or worse yet insulted and quit. I have had a lot of experience working with volunteers in past jobs. Two simple observations. One is, don't ask a butcher to give haircuts. Placing people in charge of something they are capable of doing is the key. Second is to make space to appreciate and acknowledge what they do. We have people from all walks of life who enjoy the use of our range. I think it is often a simple matter of asking people to step up and help. Let me give you an

example. We are on the verge of establishing a youth shooting team at shotgun. We have the kids and we even just bought some new guns for their use. What we don't have is a coach. Is there anyone out there who would be willing to step up and be the coach?

I don't mean to sound lecturing but this club belongs to us all who are members, and it is our responsibility to nurture the club beyond just paying annual dues. This year marks our eighty-year anniversary. I will repeat that in numeric example. 80 YEARS! In my opinion that should be celebrated. Is there anyone who would like to form a committee to organize this anniversary event sometime this summer? I could go on and on about what I believe the challenges are going to be going forward as a club but the folks taking over are very competent and will deal with those things accordingly.

As a farewell gesture I would like to say that it has been my honor to be the president of this club which is true. To that extent, it is also a little too cliché and perhaps corny in my opinion. The truth for me was it was more being a part of history of this club. Not too long ago a very aged member and former club president died. His family, recognizing how important the club meant to him, looked into having a memorial ceremony here at the club. Being part of history is no small measure of esteem in my assessment.

Thank you all for affording me that favorable time.

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.

APRIL COMING EVENTS

2 April – Club board meeting
5 April – Rimfire Benchrest Match
6 April – Appleseed Patriot's Day
7 April – Member's Night shotgun shoot
9 April – Annual Member's Meeting
Each Thursday – Outdoor Pistol League
12, 13 April – NRA Basic Pistol class
12 April – ARA rimfire match
6, 18 April – New Member Orientation
13 April – CMP Games Rifle Match
19 April – Centerfire benchrest match
19 April – Home Firearms Safety class
19 April – First Steps Shotgun class
21 April – Member's Night shotgun
21 April – Shotgun Committee meeting
23 April – Wash. Waterfowl meeting
26 April – 100/200 yard rimfire match
26 April – Trap Fundamentals
26 April – Rifle/Pistol SP Use Class
26 April – Pistol Special Use range
26, 27 April – NRA Basic Rifle class
27 April – Hunter Group Meeting
27 April – Rifle special use range
28 April – Rifle/Pistol Cmte meeting

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Thirty new members signed up for new member orientation in March. 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.

CLUB ELECTIONS

The ballots are out, help our club by voting and returning yours. We have ballot boxes at the rifle office and at the shotgun counter. You can also return your ballot when you attend our annual Member's Meeting on 9 April.

We still have three director positions open. They can be nominated and voted on at this meeting. Would you like to help improve our club? Make a nomination!

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.wcwshootingssports.org/new-membership/>

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.

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](#)

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>

Volunteers can always start small. Drop in on an event or project and ask how you can help.

ARCHERY UPDATE

The Archery Season is in full Swing. The indoor "Vegas Shoot" is held in Las Vegas in the first week of March. Around 4000 archers attend every year. Included in that number is about 15-16 of our own club members. We don't expect everyone to go to Las Vegas to shoot, but you can shoot in local tournaments. Here are a few we suggest:

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SHOTGUN UPDATE

We had a good number of people attend our last Shotgun Committee Meeting. We did testing of the Blacklight Clay Shooting equipment on Trap 3. It was well received by the members who came out to shoot it. Greg Thomas and I are working on the final configuration, and will report back after finalizing the setup.

We are still discussing the Junior Shotgun Team. We are looking for candidates for the coaching positions. We ask that anyone who would like to assist with the team, contact us and discuss the requirements. There is training for the coaches, and we want to insure that our coaches are well trained in the skills.

Please reach out if you would like to coach, donate or assist in the program, as well as promote it to junior shooters that you know. We are discussing the possibility of continuing with the PITA Multiplexes. There has been some decline in participation over the last few months, and Andrew Gough, who ran the shoots, has stepped back from it. Fred Harmon has expressed an interest in it and reached out to Kay at PITA. He will work on promoting the events, and see if we can keep it going. There are discussions about setting up some 50 bird tournaments for trap on a monthly basis, as club events to bring more shooters into the competition shooting arena in a casual manner. This could be done as a 50 or 100 bird doubles shoot on a regular basis as well. We can add Handicap, Continental and 5-Stand, depending on the interest. If we can put it together as a fun shoot on different days, we can see how many want to move towards registered shoots as they get more practice.

We welcome any ideas from the members on shoots or practice sessions that we could schedule for regular get togethers. We are here to serve our members and the public with opportunities to practice their shooting

skills as well as the social aspects of getting together with other shooters.

The Shotgun Basics program has received a good number of volunteer mentors, as well as interest in the classes. These are geared towards a beginning shooter, who has not shot clays before. This would be the first class, which would get the participants fully oriented to shotguns, and would prepare them for the Shotgun Fundamentals Class to further their skills. Please pass this on to any beginning shotgun shooters you encounter. 5-Stand Fundamentals class will be explored. We had a potential instructor for it, and his other time commitments should be ending. I will contact him, and see what we can do. Any 5-Stand shooters who would like to mentor or assist with the classes would be greatly appreciated. The goal is to bring more people into this fun and challenging shooting discipline. If we have more shooters, we can make improvements, while keeping the costs at a reasonable level.

PISTOL UPDATE

Our indoor pistol postal league finished their season, with our lead squad coming in fourth, out of 66 squads from 23 different clubs in the Inland Empire Rifle and Pistol Association. We had four squads in this league, and there were clubs participating from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona, Montana, and Texas.

Our outdoor bullseye pistol season starts on April 10th at 7:00 on Range 3. Come out and improve your shooting!

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, ALMOST EVERY WEEK

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

These classes 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](#)

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.

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. Often, we find range equipment such as benches and mats left scattered around on Range 1. 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. If you have a suggestion to improve our facilities, come to a committee meeting or contact a committee chair and make the suggestion.

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.

KENMORE RANGE RIMFIRE MATCH FOR MARCH 2025

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

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Keith Wilson placed first with a score of 246 9X. Kevin Kellogg finished second at 245 9X and Eric Carter placed third at 244 8X. Target Two: Keith Wilson placed first again with a score of 245 6X. Kevin Lee placed second at 245 5X and Eric Carter was third again at 239 2X.

Relay One Marksman Division: Target One. Jeff Kalina was first at 238 1X with Frank Tevis in second at 234 0X. Dave Johnson placed third at 230 3X. Target two: Frank Tevis placed first at 236 1X and Jeff Kalina was second at 233 0X. Song Pak was third at 230 2X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Steve Dunning placed first with a score of 247 6X. David Seibert came in second at 245 5X. Mike

Becwar placed third at 245 4X with Don Smith in fourth at 243 2X. Target Two: Steve Dunning placed first again at 242 4X with a two way tie at 242 2X between Dave Seibert and Don Smith. Mike Becwar was fourth at 242 0X.

Relay Three Rifleman Division: Target One. Scott Burks was first at 214 0X with George Smith in second at 213 1X and Bud Hyett third at 208 2X. Target Two: George Smith placed first at 213 1X with Scott Burks second at 207 1X and Peter Buffo third at 193 1X.

Steve Dunning was promoted to the Expert Division.

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
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MARCH 2025 WALLY SEIBERT BENCHREST CENTERFIRE MATCH REPORT

There were 16 contestants in this month's benchrest match with ten in the Expert Division and six in the Sharpshooter Division.

The Wally Seibert Trophy match is a 50 shots for record competition contested at 100 and 200 yards with one shot for record at each of the five record bulls on each of five target sheets at both of the distances with unlimited sighters allowed.

Winds were gusting up 15 mile per hour on the range with temperatures in the low 50's.

100 yard targets:

Match 1: Eight competitors shot a score of 50 with Jeff Locke first at 50 4x followed by Ernie Snyder second at 50 3X. There was a three way tie for third between Jeff Lewis, Curt Ibach, and Ken O'Sage at 50 2X.

Match 2: Nine competitors shot a score of 50 with Jeff Lewis first with a score of 50 4X. Jeff Locke, Parker Letson, and Bill Rice tied for second at 50 3X.

Match 3: Eight competitors shot a score of 50 with Jeff Lewis and Parker Letson tied for first with scores of 50 4X. Ken O'Sage was third with a 50 3X.

Match 4: Nine competitors shot a score of 50 with Jeff Lewis in first with a 50 5X. Ernie Snyder was second with a score of 50 4X. There was a four way tie for third at 50 3X between Jeff Locke, Ken O'Sage, John Kimbrough, and Parker Letson.

Match 5: Seven competitors shot a score of 50; Ernie Snyder and John Kimbrough tied for first with scores of 50 4X. Jeff Lewis was third at 50 3X.

At the end of the 100 yard target series Jeff Lewis was in first place with a score of 250 18X with Jeff Locke second 250 13x. Curt Ibach and Ken O'Sage tied for third at 250 10x.

Four competitors finished with scores of 250.

200 yard targets:

Match 6: Bill Rice was first with a score of 50 2X. Jeff Locke and Parker Letson tied for second with scores of 50 1X.

Match 7: Three competitors posted scores of 50 with Jeff Locke in first with a score of 50 2X count. John Kimbrough was second with a score of 50 1X. Parker Letson was third at 50 0X count.

Match 8: Jeff Locke posted a score of 50 3X. Ken O'Sage placed second at 49 1X. Parker Letson, Troy Rice, and Bill Petterson tied for third with scores of 49 0X count.

Match 9: Jeff Locke and Parker Letson tied for first with scores of 50 2X. Ken O'Sage placed third with a score of 50 1X.

Match 10: Ken O'Sage was first with a score of 50 2X with Ernie Snyder finishing second 50 1X. Bill Pettersen placed third at 49 2X.

At the end of the 200 yard target series Jeff Locke placed first with a score of 248 8X. Parker Letson finished second at 248 3X with Ernie Snyder in third at 245 5x.





Congratulations to The Wally Seibert Trophy winner Jeff Locke with an aggregate score of 498 21X! Parker Letson was second at 498 21X with Ken O'Sage third at 494 16x.
Expert Division match winners: Jeff Locke placed first at 498 21X with Parker Letson in second at 498 19X. Ken O'Sage placed third at 494 16X.
Sharpshooter Division match winners. John Kimbrough placed first at 493 17X and Troy Rice was second at 477 8X. Bill Pettersen came in third at 473 5X.

The scoring file is located under Events, Match Schedules, Match & League Results, Centerfire Benchrest Match Scores

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

WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:05 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 (Director)
Dave Levinson (Director)

Scott Ray (Director)
Aaron Morales (Director)

Absent board members.

Patty Woolley (Director)
Gary Webster (past President)

Committee Leads and Facilities

Manager present at meeting:

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

Guests:

Steve Reed
Rob Bush (Insurance guy)
Christopher Stewart
Jonathan Bloedow
Kittie Lafazia

Guest topics:

Steve Reed came to discuss the new process for the pistol league doing rapid fire. He wanted to make sure they would not get kicked out of the range if the range was full and another customer came in. Joe R. said that was not the intention. They will not get kicked out. The intent is they will not kick out people who are already in the lanes when all the lanes are full.

Rob Bush came to share information about our insurance. We adjusted the value of the buildings within the last year or 2. Rob suggested reviewing the value of the buildings and properly annually. Joe R. asked about the latest status on the swap meet. Rob said it is okay to include firearms if it is only members. Rob asked some follow up questions to the insurance company and has not heard back yet. Scott R. asked if we have completed all the recommendations on the last page of the document Rob provided. Rob said no. He would be happy to have a discussion with people about them. Dave L. asked if the business income amount is correct. After the discussion, Dave L. said he thought it was the correct amount. Dave L. said the member number should be 1550 instead of 1873. Joe R. said with all the questions that are brought up, we should have a committee to get together and go through the policy and update it. Aaron said he could help with the building replacement estimates.

Christopher Stuart came to talk about hunting. He spun up a group who have been meeting about hunting. One of the things that came up was that not very many people have first aid training. That is, severe bleeding, general CPR and first aid. They approached First Aid Seattle to come do some training for this group. He suggested WCW do a class once a year or so. Dave R. said that they just need space. WCW would

not be funding it. Joe R. said that is not an issue. They just need to have their own liability insurance, etc.

Jonathan Bloedow came to talk about having some of our legislators come visit our facility. His suggestion is to do an orientation of the club and safety procedures. Then, let them try archery, rifle, shotgun and handgun. This would provide an opportunity for pictures with our legislators. Jonathan would organize and drive the whole thing. Aaron said he could help with archery too. Joe R. said this would be a good idea. Jonathan was thinking about a monthly slot to try to fill. Joe R. suggested we start with a one-time thing. Jonathan asked if there is someone from the board who could help with this? Martin M. said he would help.

Kittie Lafazia came to ask for help with an event. She is a Vietnam army veteran. She is the Post Commander of American Legion on highway 9. She also runs the Heroes Café Woodinville. The purpose is to make a dent in the 22 a day. She tries to create opportunities to pull veterans together. They feed them lunch once per month. Most of the veterans are older. She wants to get to the younger veterans. Between Lake Washington Technical College and UW Bothell, there are 300 veteran students. She is trying to reach them. She spoke with a few of them, and they want to go shooting. She would like to have a one-time event where they can try all the disciplines. She would like to do it in the April and May timeframe on a Sunday afternoon. Gabe suggested we do it on May 18th. Martin M. will work with her to coordinate.

Committee reports:

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

Archery report:

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Handgun Report:

The following content was provided by Dave Rusko and was shared outside of the board meeting.
Rifle/Pistol Special Use classroom report:
We had 8 new members attend the February 2025 Rifle/Pistol Special Use classes.

We had 8 members renew their Rifle/Pistol Special Use endorsement.

*March 2025 Special Use classroom scheduled 22-March 2025

*March 2025 Special Use Pistol Range Qualification class scheduled 22-March 2025

* Classroom and Pistol range qualification signups now using RGP exclusively for signups.

New Member Orientation report:

We had 22 new members attend the February 2025 NMO classes.

March 2025 NMO scheduled 9-March 2025 and 20-March 2025

Maintenance:

Range office deck demolition completed.

Next step is completion of all County permit submissions. Pending updated drawing with additional county requirements from architect.

Training and Education:

First Steps Shotgun classes have been scheduled twice per month starting March 2025. Shotgun mentors have volunteered to provide 1:1 student to mentor ratio for all firing line activities. Students will actively receive personalized coaching on the firing line.

Home Firearms Safety classes continue to be fully booked.

First Steps Pistol class offering in development.

Rifle Report:

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

Events scheduled:

Rifle matches for the coming month are Rimfire Benchrest on 1 March, Project Appleseed Rimfire Clinic on 8-9 March, Centerfire Benchrest match on 15 March, CMP Games Rifle Match on 16 March, and ARA Rimfire on 29 March. The Junior Rifle group will also have IERPA postal matches on 2, 7 and 9 March.

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

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

more information.

Meeting attendance:

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

Special Use Process:

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

New Business:

Range request -

The Intro to Highpower Competition class held on 16 February, for members, went well, with eleven students and two instructors. Will plan another class later in the year.

Safety or Maintenance Concerns:

There was an incident on Range 2 on Sunday, 2 March. A shooter had an apparent squib, and another shooter was helping clear it. It appears to have actually been a stuck cartridge, and they tried to clear it with a rod from the rear, firing the cartridge. The assisting shooter got powder particles embedded in his hand, was treated and released. I expect all involved learned from this incident.

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 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.

Shotgun Report:

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shoots are done in a manner that insures the safe handling of the guns, and that RSO's can clearly see what is going on at the firing line.

We are still discussing the Junior Shotgun Team. We are looking for candidates for the coaching positions. We ask that anyone who would like to assist with the team, contact us and discuss the requirements. There is training for the coaches, and we want to insure that our coaches are well trained in the skills. We have had someone express a desire to administrate the program and assist us with the required paperwork to form the team and to set up sponsorship programs to assist with the team expenses. This is an important step to help our junior shooters into the competition world, and we hope to help them progress on to future opportunities in scholarships and other rewards, as well as promoting shooting sports to a larger audience. Please reach out if you would like to coach, donate or assist in the program, as well as promote it to junior shooters that you know.

We are discussing the possibility of continuing with the PITA Multiplexes. There has been some decline in participation over the last few months, and Andrew Gough, who had ran the shoots, has stepped back from it. Fred Harmon has expressed an interest in it and reached out to Kay at PITA. He will work on promoting the events, and see if we can keep it going. There are discussions about setting up some 50 bird tournaments for trap on a monthly basis, as club events to bring more shooters into the competition shooting arena in a casual manner. This could be done as a 50 or 100 bird doubles shoot on a regular basis as well. We can add Handicap, Continental and 5-Stand, depending on the interest. If we can put it together as a fun shoot on different days, we can see how many want to move towards registered shoots as they get more practice.

We welcome any ideas from the members on shoots or practice sessions that we could schedule for regular get togethers. We are here to serve our members and the public with opportunities to practice their shooting

skills as well as the social aspects of getting together with other shooters.

The Shotgun Basics program has received a good number of volunteer mentors, as well as interest in the classes. These are geared towards a beginning shooter, who has not shot clays before. This would be the first class, which would get the participants fully oriented to shotguns, and would prepare them for the Shotgun Fundamentals Class to further their skills. Please pass this on to any beginning shotgun shooters you encounter. 5-Stand Fundamentals class will be explored. We had a potential instructor for it, and his other time commitments should be ending. I will contact him, and see what we can do. Any 5-Stand shooters who would like to mentor or assist with the classes would be greatly appreciated. The goal is to bring more people into this fun and challenging shooting discipline. If we have more shooters, we can make improvements, while keeping the costs at a reasonable level.

Manager's Report:

Robert Haverstock presented.
Robert got a phone call from the renters and they want to come back in at some point. They purchased a good amount of ammunition. We have a new renter, and they may rent again.
We have a new employee starting on Friday. Robert is still looking for an employee for rifle and pistol on weekends.
He would like to get a new washer for the house. Dave L. said Robert should just go buy a new washer and dryer.
Robert said he needs \$130,000 for ammunition. This will need to be in the budget for the next fiscal year.
He will be working on inventory this month. Dave L. said we need the forklift serviced. We also need to have the lawn mower and other equipment serviced. Robert will work on that.
We were fined \$800 by L&I.
The flat range lights seem to have a problem. Dave R. said he will be looking at them.
They found dry rot in the deck so they will need to do some additional work. We are

still working on getting the permit submitted for review.

Treasurer's Report:

Joe Maggiora presented.
Joe got a lot of volunteers for the finance committee. All the financials look good to Joe M. He is meeting with our accountant next week. Our taxes are being filed. For now, we are taking in state donations only.

Directors Report:

John Sutton presented.
One thing we have not talked about yet today is about Patty being on the board and being an employee. Joe R. said this is not ideal. There is someone else who is interested in becoming Recording Secretary which would help with this.

Old Business:

Joe R. was able to work out a deal with SKB Shotguns. We are getting two of one model and 4 of another model. With these we will be able to support small stature and larger stature shooters. One shotgun will be donated by a member and the rest will be \$9,000 total. Joe Rinaldi moved we purchase the 5 shotguns for \$9,000. Joe Maggiora seconded. Passed.

New Business:

Martin will send out a separate email to the members informing people we need people to volunteer for board positions.
Everyone needs to be called directors in my meeting minutes. Dale will make these changes in the minutes.

For the Good of the Order:

None.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 9:21 PM.
Dale Sieg seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,
Recording Secretary.