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President's Message

Volunteers

I would like to start by thanking all the people who volunteered to work around the club. Every month many of you volunteer to help repair and clean up around the clubhouse. It's the little things, like picking up a mess you see, picking up brass on the firing line, and removing used targets, that keep are the ranges looking good.

I would especially like to thank the guys who our working at the pistol range trying to replace the side baffles; they are John Rova, Larry Lohkamp, Roger Ulrich, Martin Morehouse, and John Blatchford, thanks guys.

Events

Remember, we are always having events at the range, so check your calendar before coming to shoot. We have upcoming matches that could impact your shooting pistols Range and Range 1. This is even more important with the start of spring and the beginning of the match season. This goes for me who went to range 1 to shoot and found a CMP match going on.

Reminders

For those of you who shoot on Range 1, remember to check bay #3, before declaring a cease-fire and turning the bell on, to make sure there is not a position shooter hidden behind the wall.

It is that time of year where all members should be checking membership cards. Only 2003 (blue boarder) cards are valid. You paid your dues, so don't let others skate by.

Elections

The Election for the 2003 board is at the Annual meeting, which is April 9. Please mail your ballots so we have received them by April 9 or bring them to the April Annual meeting. We must have them in hand by the start of the meeting, 8:00PM.

Remember, there are no extra copies of the ballot. The one you receive in this newsletter is the only one you will get. Be sure to put your membership number on the ballot...those without a number get tossed automatically.

A large number of returned ballots is an affirmation to your volunteer officers that their work is appreciated. Please stand up and be counted.

Success

Les Cole shot a PITA tournament I Oregon and took 1st place in Singles A class and Handicap and 3rd in Doubles. Way to go Les. By the way, how are you going to wear 3 buckles at one time?

Carl Brattain

ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!

NOTICE:

We mistakenly inserted last year's Friends of the NRA flyer in last month's newsletter. Sorry if we inconvenienced anyone. The event prices and the location have changed for this year.

The correct, current flyer has been inserted this month.

WCW Board Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2003

Meeting called to order by President Carl Brattain at 8:00 PM. All Board members were present except Jim Dinnie.

The minutes of the pervious meeting were accepted as published.

Guests

Larry Lohkamp, Range Committee Chairman, Darian Carpenter, Archery Committee Chairman, and Ed Pack, regarding an Advanced Handloading Class scheduled for Saturday, May 17.

Committee Reports

Archery, Shotgun, and Range committee chairmen reported on the activities in their areas.

Orientation

The following new members have completed orientation:

Gary Conley
 Brian Crow
 Darryl Deppe
 Gary Eggleston
 Bob and Gail Hensley
 James Kline
 Steven Mays and Elinor Segal
 Ed Moniger
 Mark Reisinger
 Steve Shannon
 Donald Starkweather
 Charles Wallsmith
 Eugene Winn

Old Business

None

New Business

Nominations to the Board were reviewed and nominations were closed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm
 Respectfully submitted, Daniel Barton
 Recording Secretary

Donations

We receive many donations during the course of a yearand we are very grateful.

While we are not a charity and donations are not charitable contributions for tax purposes, all donations are put to work improving the facility and its operations.

This month we received:

\$110 Donations

Joseph Hansen

\$100 Donations

Ed Anderson
 Earl Cahail
 Ashley Ewen
 John Kalina Jr
 Dave Railsback
 Don Toenyman

\$80 Donations

Paul Herndon

\$50 Donations

Don Bark
 John Fay
 Tim Heaton
 Gene Johnson
 Dale Miller

\$30 Donations

Pat Campbell
 Michael Campeaux

\$20 Donations

Darryl Davis
 Allen Norman

\$10 Donations

Paul DeCamp
 Steven Frombach
 Clark Gemmill
 Denice Phillips
 Brian Pinget
 John Vignos



North Puget Sound Friends of NRA

The North Puget Sound Chapter of the Friends of the NRA will be having their eleventh annual dinner and auction on **April 26, 2003** at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Everett.

The food and merchandise is great. The money raised is distributed to qualifying gun clubs and educational groups around the state in the form of grants. An equal amount goes to the National Foundation for distribution around the country. Our club has benefited directly from these grants to support our instructor training classes.

The preparation and planning for our dinner is being done at meeting held at the WCW on Wednesday nights. Your help would be appreciated. If interested please call Jerry at (206) 542-4587

See the flyer in this newsletter for details about the event and how to get tickets. This is a family event and many of the items will appeal to the ladies.

Gerald Graham

shotgun

Committee

Shotgun hours of operation are:

Normal hours

Mon 5-9pm Members Only

Tues 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Wed Noon to 5:00 pm

Thur 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Sat 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sun 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Range Committee



Pistol

We have competed in the Inland Empire Postal League, sponsored by the Spokesman-Review, for the last 6 years. Our WCW #1 Team has won it again this year. WCW #2 finished up in 9th place and WCW #3 in 21st place out of 66 teams.

This is the oldest and longest running pistol postal match in the US. The competition is 4-man teams and we had teams from Ohio to Oregon and from Texas to Alaska.

Congratulations to Scott Lorenz for finishing as the high individual shooter over the total 10 week league. Congratulations to the "official" #1 team members; Scott Lorenz, Dennis Tyskiewicz, Allen Evans, and Paul Landes. These were the shooter who posted the most frequent high scores, however, there was another 5 members who contributed at least one good score to the #1 team's effort.

Want more information?
Contact *Vic Alvarez*

Advanced Rifle Handloading Class

Not for the beginner, but for those currently loading their own and want better accuracy for target and varmint or more effective big game loads.

Saturday, May 17, 9AM-5PM or until all you questions are answered. Sign-up at the Range Office....must be a minimum of 6 or the class will not be held. There is no fee. Bring a sack lunch.

Ed Pack



Archery Committee Meeting – March

We have been getting several inquirers about an introductory archery class. These are requests from individuals who for the most part have never shot a bow. We are currently reviewing a couple of different course outlines to see if there is something that we could develop. If you have any suggestions or are willing to take on some of the instruction, please let me know.

I've posted a "sign-up" sheet for this year's 3-D in the Archery Committee News under the Members Section of our web site. If you're interested in participating, please send me a note. I will also posting a sign-up sheet at the flat range. We really need someone to step forward to oversee the event that weekend. Chuck has been doing it for the last couple of years and he is going to be out of town the weekend of the event.

I've decided to run for the Board this April. The election of officers is during the annual meeting April 9th at 8pm. I would like to ask for your support. Whether I'm elected to the Board I will be willing to serve another year as the Archery Chairman unless someone else has the interest. If you are interested, the committee needs to address it during the April 4th meeting.

Darian A Carpenter



Highpower PRONE Rifle Match

Despite competition from the California Regional/LongRange/Palma matches, we had a serious bunch of competitors turn out for the last of the Kenmore Prone Matches for this winter. All classes were represented, and predominant were the High Masters, with seven, out of the total of 17 shooters. We had two Junior shooters - both repeaters, so we think we may have "hooked" them into our sport! One of our Junior Shooters was a Lady, who therefore was a shoo-in for High Woman in the competition!

We had to combine the Markspersons (!) and Sharpshooters, in order to make an award, and Devon Fischer (our High Woman, and High Junior) took second combined with a very nice 533-8X. First Combined SS/MK was Stan Vlcek, with a 556-7X, still shooting his "Swede," and very well, I might add. Bruce Holiway, still awaiting his High Master Card, took the Combined EX/MA class with a fine 592-29X. The High Master scores were predictably awesome, with Wayne Budbill shooting 596-41X for second HM; Wes Hall just had to drop one point to a 599-42X for first HM. Our Match Winner, Rich Vedvick, had the only 'clean' score of the match, with a 600-48X! Rich's targets showed two separate 10-shot strings of 100-10X! Unfortunately, they were not on the same 20 shot segment, or it would have been at least a Range Record!

With the unpredicted sunny weather, we have wrapped up our WCW prone matches for the winter - A fine group of competitors, and some great scores! The CMP 50-shot, across-the-course (NMC) matches begin tomorrow (Sunday, 16 March), and will continue on the third Sunday of each month through October.

Dick Abbey



Legislatively Speaking

by Joe Waldron

D.C. Outlook

A few gun-related bills, on both sides of the issue, have been filed in the first two months of the 108th Congress, but little or no action is likely to be taken on any of them at this time.

We can expect a major push next year for an extension of the so-called "assault weapons" ban passed as part of the 1994 crime bill. The provision prohibiting future production of these so-called "assault weapons" (and high capacity magazines)—most commonly used in organized service rifle competition—will automatically sunset (expire) in September of 2004 unless Congress takes action to amend or extend it.

Olympia Watch

Several pro- and anti-gun bills have been filed in Olympia this year. Almost all died at the committee cut-off on March 5th. A concealed pistol license reciprocity bill (SB 5083) passed out of the Senate on a 49-0 vote (!) and now awaits action in the House Judiciary Committee. As this is written, a bill protecting shooting ranges from nuisance lawsuits (SB 5910) sits in Senate Rules. It will have to pass out of the Senate by 19 March or it will die for this year.

No gun-related bills passed out of the House during the first half of the legislative session. One bill, HB 2099, would have effectively eliminated the use of lead shot in hunting—do you still think they're not after hunters? When the time comes for the House to act on bills passed by the Senate, it will take major pressure on the House Judiciary Committee chair (Rep. Pat Lantz, D-26th) to move the bills forward.

There is one additional bill of interest, one not focused on guns. That is HB 1210, the Antiterrorism Act of 2003. As the title would indicate, the bill's primary focus is on terrorist-related activities. But the bill contains a definition of "weapons of mass destruction" (biological, chemical, radiological or nuclear weapons) that is somewhat ambiguous—a definition that some would interpret to include firearms. An amendment correcting this will be offered, but a competing amendment will specifically add "firearms" to the definition. This would create an extremely

dangerous precedent, and allow gun control advocates to claim all other gun control bills are somehow related to the threat of terrorism.

More timely information about activities in Olympia can be found in the GOAL Post (below). GOAL Post is also posted on their web site by the Washington State Rifle & Pistol Association at <http://www.wsrpa.org/>

GOAL Post

Once again, I am publishing the GOAL Post, a weekly summary of activity in Olympia, and GOAL Alerts or Advisories about action needed to push or block a given bill. Distribution is by e-mail only, and is free to anyone who asks. Just send me an e-mail request (subscribe GOAL Post) to jwaldron@halcyon.com and I'll add your name to the list. I'll be starting distribution early in January. GOAL Post is the ONLY summary of legislative activity that allows you to influence what happens, vice reading about it after the fact.

If you have any questions about firearms-related legislative issues, or Washington gun laws in general, please call me at my Bellevue office at (425) 454-4911. I am not an attorney, nor do I practice law, but I have had a hand in writing or amending much of the firearms code on the law books today. I can provide a layman's interpretation to Washington firearms code and how it is being interpreted.



Kenmore Range Benchrest Matches

Our first "official" match of the year was contested on a beautiful early spring day with a good turnout. We are lucky to live in an area where we can shoot through the winter but it is still very nice when the weather gets warmer and it is just more comfortable to get up early and head for our beautiful range. Winds were moderate, but interesting. Scores were high- a score of 100 with some Xs necessary to win all the matches. Mustafa Bilal was the most consistent high scorer with three 100 scores, one 99

and a total of nine Xs. We will have a new trophy this year for the best benchrest shooter over the course of eight months (March-October). Consistent high scores are what is necessary to excel in this demanding and unforgiving sport. Although we shoot for score our matches are nonetheless good practice for the group shoots held in Tacoma and elsewhere.

In the first 300 yard match Mac McCluskey, the painstaking gunsmith from Ballard Heights, was first with 100-2X, Mustafa, the painstaking photographer from Fremont Heights, was second with 100-2X, and Rod McDonald was third with a very interesting group which scored 99-4X. The middle of his target was simply shot entirely out but there was one shot out very close to the dreaded 8-ring, like a planet circling the sun.

The second match was closely fought. Rod didn't let any shots stray this time and scored 100-3X, Rick Graham, another Ballard Beaver, was second scoring 100-2X and Mustafa scored another 100-1X for third.

At two hundred yards, the sleeping giant Allen Condiff finally woke up, shooting a 100-3X but shared the honors with Mustafa. Wally Siebert, the gunsmith/optical genius from Issaquah, was second with 99-3X and Richard Nicol scored 99-1X.

No one could match Allen in the last match. He scored a sizzling 100-4X, Mac bounced back with 100-3X and Mustafa finally dropped a point and came in third with 99-4X.

It was a great match- friendly and genial- but when the gabbing stops and the range goes hot the shooting is at times simply awesome and about as good as it gets. Welcome to Kerry O'Dell who finally made it to one of our matches shooting a beautiful little CZ .223 varmint rifle. He's a very knowledgeable and good spirited shooter who adds a lot to this group of merry pranksters.

Next match is April 5. We may occasionally have a novelty match for our last match of the day but it will still be shot for trophy points. Call Richard Nicol at 206 784-1093 for all the lowdown.

