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President's Message

Friends of the NRA

On April 9th the friends of the NRA will be conducting their annual auction and banquet in our Club House. This will be a chance to support the Friends of the NRA and at the same time show off our club. Attending this meeting will be NRA members that have never seen our great ranges and meeting facilities. Our club has been awarded several thousand dollars from the Friends of the NRA in years past. Tickets are available at the range office for \$35.00, \$15.00 for children under 12 or buy \$100.00 worth of bucket raffle tickets and receive a free dinner ticket. There is an all you can eat BBQ included in the ticket price. I hope to see all board members, committee chairs, instructors, and lots of club members at the auction.

Annual Meeting

April 13th is the annual meeting date this year and every member is welcome to attend. There were no challenges to the current board seats. The current board will be installed at the meeting. The budget has been put together by the management team and reviewed by the board. This budget will be available at the meeting and will need to be approved by the membership. There will be some light deserts and door prizes. The meeting will begin at 8pm.

Savage Club days

This years Savage club days will be August 6th and 7th, starting at 10 am each day and ending at 1pm. Members will be able to shoot a number of different calibers and styles of guns. Like last year a limited amount of ammo will be provided for members. This year non members will be allowed to shoot but must buy their ammo from the club.

Donations to WCW

At our last board meeting a member came forward and described that over the past few months he has donated several hun-

dred dollars to the club. The money is deducted from his check and forwarded to the club. None of the moneys donated to our club are tax deductible. Donations are used to improve and update our facility and programs. This wonderful gift got me thinking that the club should ask all of it members to remember the club when you are doing your will or other giving documents. This can be a wonderful way to show how much you value your time at the club. Thanks to every one who has donated time or treasure to WCW.

Work should be finished soon at shotgun

As winter comes to an end so do the many projects that have been going on at shotgun. The upper floor has been refinished, new windows and doors have been installed on the lower section. A new cabinet for displaying product for sale has been installed. The side walk project is completed for this year and a new propane stove should be completed about the time you are reading this report. I would like to say thanks to all the employees and club members who worked on projects at shotgun and around the club the past few months.

Pistol range side baffles next project

When the weather gets a little dryer and warmer we will be organizing some work parties. The task of removing the cedar bales that are stacked between pistol and range #2 and replacing them with side baffles will be the goal. If you would like to be notified of future work projects you may sign up at volunteer@wcwinc.org.

Piston range open on Fridays at noon

Starting on April 1st the pistol range will be open at noon on Fridays. All public shooters and members who do not have special use permits may now enjoy the use of the pistol range.

John Conderman

ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!

Board Meeting Minutes March 2, 2011

President John Conderman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board Members were present. The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were read.

Guests:

George Smith, Jeff Lemoine Archery Committee and Richard Ripley Firearms Education.

Committee Reports:

Mike Wichser Archery, Gary Webster Shotgun and Carl Brattain Range

Business Managers Report:

Carl Brattain

Treasurers Report:

Russell Felch

Unfinished Business:

Clubhouse and Shotgun Range improvements update, review of the 2012 fiscal year budget to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in April

New Business:

Ken Deleone moved to retain a reduced rate for junior rim fire shooters. Passed

Jim Dinnie moved to donate \$200.00 and an invitation to use our range facilities to Mc Kenna Dahl, a junior handicap shooter who will be participating with the Paralympics Air Gun Team. Passed

Larry Mallory moved to purchase a gun safe for the secure storage of firearms used in the Hunter Safety classes. Passed

Ken Deleone moved to accept the Minutes of this Meeting. Passed
Dan Barton moved to adjourn this Meeting. Passed
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.



Orientation

The following new member applicants attended Orientation this month and received their membership cards:

Jeffrey and Emily Armantrout
Gregory Ashworth
Harley Beckwith
Brian Bergstrom
Chris Bodin
Jess and Kathryn Brecht
Ken Decanio
Dave Draper
Harry Dunham III
David Elliott
Patrick Floyd
Jay Gerow
Paul Jeffery
Tracy Johnson
Larry and Cathy Kiel
James Knutson
Eugene Lee
Robert Light
Lowell Lince
Kevin and Genevieve Moltz
Derreck Presnell
Brandon Rader
Justin Stewart
Greg Thoreson
Daniel Zatz

Welcome to the club.

Pistol Marksmanship and Competition Seminar

The 1st Saturday of each month we have a pistol training session for Bullseye and International Standard Pistol. Learn what competition is all about and get a lot of practice on timed and rapid fire. Need to bring, at a minimum:

- A. .22LR semi-automatic standard pistol (5" barrel).
 - B. 300-400 rounds of .22 Standard Velocity LR
 - C. \$10 fee
- Starts at 9:00AM on Range #3

Manager's Remarks

We are finally nearing completion of the Shotgun Club House (No longer a shack). Club House should be completed by the time you receive this or within a few weeks. Dave Levinson is trying to get a permit to build a new 5-stand shack, if you see him tell him thanks for all his efforts on behalf of the 5 Stand.

We are painting the main Club House; it should be done for the Annual meeting. Your employees have done a lot of work to get ready for the painting.

Your club President has expended a lot of effort in cleaning trails to targets on Range 2 and Trap 0 so you all don't have to walk in mud and water; I suggest you tell him how nice the gravel walkways are.

See you at the annual meeting on April 13.

Have Fun and Be Safe.

Carl Brattain

Shotgun hours of operation

Mon	Closed
Tues	5:00 to 9:00 pm
Wed	Noon to 5:00 pm
Thur	5:00 to 9:00 pm
Fri	Closed
Sat	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sun	10:00 am to 5:00 pm





**Kenmore Range
Benchrest
Matches**

Well it was definitely a wet one! The target changer (me) was feeling awfully soggy by the time this one was over! Our 6th annual Siebert shoot was down on attendance this year due in part to the weather, but also because several of our regular shooters were down in sunny Arizona for the "Cactus Classic" Benchrest shoot. (that's not fair is it?) Still, eight shooters came out to try and win the Siebert traveling trophy. Wind conditions were very manageable all day. I guess the BR gods figured having to deal with a wall of rain water was enough of a challenge for today!

The Seibert shoot is named for our friend and Kenmore member Wally Siebert whose work in optics has been a big contribution to the sport of Benchrest shooting. It is the only one all year we shoot at 100 and the 200 yards. Always a competitive shoot, starting at 100 yds a majority of the shooters will not have dropped any points through the 5 targets at this yardage. But, that has a tendency to lull the shooters to sleep, because moving to 200 yards the ten

ring suddenly becomes much more elusive, and all of a sudden points start dropping right and left. It's time to buckle down, because as usual this shoot is won or lost during the 200 yd portion.

Jeff Yost and Bob Weesies shot well all day, and in the end slugged it out for the top spot. It looked like Jeff had it won going into the last target but the wind kicked up a bit and allowed Bob to sneak up on him for a tie at 498-23x. The tie breaker went to Bob Weesies and so he became Kenmore's Siebert shoot winner for 2011! Great shooting Bob! Second place then went to Jeff Yost, and in third place was Jeff Lewis. Congrats to all!

As usual for this shoot we gave out several prizes. Money prizes of \$30,\$20,\$15,(2) \$10s, and \$5 were given out, as well as donated prizes from Jeff Lewis and Mustafa Bilal, all by drawn bench number. Thanks to all who helped out. It's always appreciated!

All in all, I'd say a very good start to Kenmore's BR season! Our next shoot is April 9th. Hope you can make it!

For more info contact Rick Graham (206) 214-6484, rgart@zipcon.net

Range Committee



We have completed the Inland Empire Rifle and Pistol Association Bullseye .22 Postal League and ended in 2nd place. Losing again to the professional shooters in Vancouver, Wa. So what is it going to take to start winning this event again?

We need a few more scores in the 290+ range. We have 7 shooters who can and have occasionally shot a set of targets over 290. If they could get just a little more consistency, we could get into the winning range. If we could pick up a couple more shooters who can get into that range, that would also help transform our team into a winning contender. Want to help your club next season, then get practiced up.

Congratulations to Connor Luker who was the top scoring Junior shooter in the Pistol League.

We will be starting our annual Air Pistol League on April 14th. The Air Pistol League is our most popular event, usually having 30 - 40 shooters. We shoot a half course of 30 shots for record in an hour. And since we have target carriers, and no cease fires, we can handle a lot of shooters on Thursday evening. We also have several more weeks of shooting than the scheduled 8 weeks of the league. That means that if a week or two is missed, it is still possible to complete the league.

The club has a few air pistols available for use in the league. These are good target air pistols, not great. They are just good enough to entice you to buy your own and improve your scores. There are also almost always a couple of air pistols for sale by shooters looking to upgrade, looking to try to buy more points.

Vic Alvarez



Robert Weesies match winner

Hunter Education

WCW's team of Hunter Education instructors finished the first of four 4 paradigm shift classes at WCW this past March 5th. If you aren't familiar with the paradigm shift classes, you'll find them a little different from classes that have been conducted at the range over the years.

First of all, these are intense, short term classes that extend only on a Friday evening and the following Saturday morning. After a short review on Friday evening, the written exam is given. For those students that pass the exam, interactive hands on instruction is given on firearms handling, identification of actions, correct ammunition selection, load, unload of firearms (dummy ammo).

On early Saturday morning, classes resume with field exercises on firearm carries, navigation through obstacles, zones of fire, shoot – no shoot scenarios. Further field crafts are conducted by the Hunter Education instructors. The training session finishes with live fire exercises in either archery, shotgun or rifle. Those students choosing rifle must be able to place all other their shots on the paper at 50 yards. We encourage students to come to the range and practice their shooting skills prior to attending the classes.

Since these are short term classes, it requires that the student do home study prior to Friday evening. Usually a little older student does better at this type of class than a young pup.

Sign up information for the next 3 classes is at the range office. Class size is limited to 20 students. New students will need to also register on-line through the WA. H.E web site at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/huntered/classes/basic.php>.

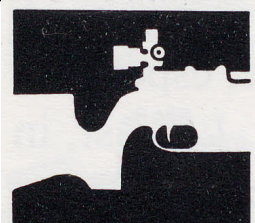
Class dates are:

May 6 & 7, June 10 & 11, and July 15 & 16.

In the works are several traditional type classes. Dates and times for these are to be announced.

We always have room for returning Hunter Education instructors to give us a hand, or if you would like to become a hunter education instructor, contact Ben E. at hvac@hvacschool.com

Ben Engelking



Rimfire Position Rifle

Smallbore Rifle League Report

This article reports on the Kenmore teams participating in the 2011 Puget Sound Riflemen's Association (PSRA) Winter League through the first 8 weeks of competition ending March 1. The league is formed of ten teams from clubs based at Paul Bunyan, Cascade, West Seattle and the WCW.

The WCW is fielding two teams, the Skunks and Wild Mink. Averages (out of 400 possible) are listed below:

Skunks

The Skunks have a record of 4 wins and 4 losses, putting them in a tie for 3rd to 6th place. Averages for the first 8 weeks (out of 400 possible) are:

Jeff McGee	389.63
Arnie Graham	385.50
Dan Graham	379.25
Ernie Snyder	375.00
Susan Graham	361.00
Bob Wissbrod	360.00

Individual awards are given by classification for shooters firing the highest score that week. Individual winners for the Skunks were:

Jeff McGee-390-High Master Week 7
Ernie Snyder-383-High Expert Week 6

Wild Mink

The Wild Mink endured a bit of a cold streak over the last 4 weeks and now have a record of 3 wins and 5 losses, putting them in a tie for 7th-9th place. Averages for the first 8 weeks are

Emma Carey	387.38
Alan Carey	374.75
Dan Daines	372.63
Paul Zoba	349.25
Brien McCrea	341.13
James Pace	338.00
Matt Zoba	312.14

Individual award winners for the Wild Mink were:

Matt Zoba-341-High Marksman Week 5
James Pace-363-High Marksman Week 7

The Skunks and the Wild Mink squared off for a face-to-face match on February 22. Despite a season high performance of 365 by Brien McCrea, the Wild Mink fell the Skunks by one point, 1534 to 1533.



Paul Zoba, Matt Zoba, and Ernie Snyder (left to right) fire the standing stage.

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:

\$200 Donations

John Ritter

\$75 Donations

Eric Polzin

\$50 Donations

Ali Afrasiabi
Ralph Barnes
Richard Steed

\$25 Donations

Donald Baumgartner
George Cahill
Michael Champeaux
George Dewey
Michael Farrell
Royce Ferguson
R.L. Goodland
Peter Houston
Susan Janus
Aaron Jennings
Michael Jernigan
Richard King
Michael McEvers
Bryan McKinney
Andrew Miller
James Needham
Gregory Shuey
Steve Tollefson
Ronald Woodburn

\$10 Donations

Wally Pereyra
Warren Thomas

Thanks!!!



The shotgun shack is looking better as each day passes. We now have new windows and new doors in the lower half and are getting ready to put in a propane stove. We want to thank Carl Brattain for all the scheduling of the work and the board for approving all these upgrades. Dave Levinson repaired all the benches outside and now they are as good as new. Thank you, Dave.

May 21, we will host a PITA Shoot and the shotgun range will be closed. We will need volunteers to help so if you are interested in giving a hand please let Gary Webster or the front desk know. We will need food servers, people to keep score and people to rake up shells.

June 18 we will be closed also as we will have the Ladies Shoot. Again, we need volunteer help and if you are interested please contact Patty Webster. She is looking for donations such as shells and guns to use.

In Feb. we lost one of our nicest shotgun members. Dan Boulet was always a man with a smile and a kind word for everybody he came in contact with. Last summer when we found out he had some serious health problems we all wanted to believe he would make it a lot longer than he did. Whenever he was able he would come out for coffee and to visit with his friends. Never once did I hear him complain. Dan had a lot of friends at shotgun and I know he was missed on the squad he shot with on the Continental League. We will always remember Dan, because of his good and kind attitude.

We want to thank Gary Uhlig for all the organizing he does inside the trap houses so when we change color of targets it is happening quickly and easy. He makes sure all the trappers are aware of the boxes to use so we are rotating on a regular basis. He also cleans and vacuums the 5 stand trap houses on a regular

basis. When a rangemaster closes down at the end of a day we know all the work was done when Gary is on the shift. He is always helpful to new shooters and polite to all he comes in contact with. Thank you Gary, for all you do. It is always a good day when you are out here.

Ann Hansen



**Firearms
Education
Committee**



On 26-27 February, our Basic Rifle class had a more than full roster with eleven students. Phil Murray, Ron Rhoten, Richard Ripley, and Orin Humphries provided the instruction and line coaching for this class.

The First Steps Shotgun class on 5 March provided 8 students with their introduction to the shotgun sports. Phil Sohn, C. Brown, and John Marler awarded NRA certificates to the students to recognize their success.

The latest class for the month was the Basic Pistol Class, on 12-13 February. Bill Bentler, John Marler, George Smith, Brien McCrea and Martin Morehouse enjoyed teaching this class of ten. One of the new shooters was putting all of her shots in the black at 25 yards by the end of the class.

We have another Instructor Training Class scheduled for the weekend of 3, 4, 5 June. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, and sharing your sport with others, this might be what you are looking for.

Martin Morehouse

Gerard Loupe

Gerard Loupe joined WCW in 1954, just after the club purchased our land. One of the first things the club put up was the clubhouse. When they held the first meeting in the clubhouse it was only a three-sided block structure and the requirement for attending was to bring a Coleman lantern. Gerard was there and 75-80 members attended. Al Rice was the president and Fred Kelso was the vice-president. Mary Hastings was the recording secretary and Gerard would turn the handle on the mimeograph machine so they could print the newsletters. Gerard remembers Wayne Bishop as working harder and contributing more than anybody in this club and he was the one responsible for getting him involved.

The first office Gerard held was chairman for the youth group. This group consisted of about 40 kids who shot rifle and archery. This group met twice a month at the clubhouse. The Department of Civilian Marksmanship loaned 6 Mossberg rifles and 5000 rounds of ammo. This kids were taught shooting, map reading, compass reading and survival. When Gerard was in charge of this group they planted 10,000 fish in the Tokel Creek Fish Hatchery, which is about one mile from Fall City on the Snoqualme River. The kids packed the fish in cans on their backs that Gerard had made at Edison Technical School.

In 1961-1962 Gerard was the president of the club. By this time he had been head of the Range Committee and also the Planning Committee. He also was a member of the Washington State Sports Council. This group would meet quarterly and would lobby in Olympia on behalf of its member sportsman clubs.

In 1955 Gerard started teaching at Edison Technical School which is now known at Seattle Community College. He taught a class on automobile transmission repair. He also ran three transmission shops in Seattle, was married, and raised three children. He remembers driving on Sand Point Way going home from work, and he would see his wife going the other way to work and they would wave to each other.

The first shotgun range was located at the Chalet. The block building you see while driving out to the current range were the old trap houses. In 1968 the club became aware that shot was landing on the neighbor's property. The club decided to move the shotgun range to where it is now. The shotgun office we are in now was moved here from Fort

Lawton. This building was built in 1910 and was used as a school house. Eldon Piercy with Gerard's help remodeled the building and added the lower half. Gerard brought in his cement mixer and with the help of the Youth Rifle group built the trap houses and put in the yardage lines. Gerard was not a shotgun shooter at this time. He was strictly into rifle.

In 1954, Gerard and Jack Paxton started doing the repair work on the traps at Kenmore. Before too long they were working on traps at Black Diamond and Seattle Skeet and Trap in Redmond. When there would be problems with a trap it would be down and out until Gerard arrived, and his service was usually that day or the next. Gerard has tried to get other members involved in trap maintenance, but had not been too successful until Ron Lageson got involved. He passed on the information. Larry Tiffany also came to work on trap maintenance, and because of Gerard, and what he has taught these two men our trap machines are in very good condition.

In the late 1960's, Gerard moved to Ravensdale, Wash. He remained a member but was not as active. In the late 1970's, he moved back to Seattle. At this time he more or less put down his rifle and when he was on the range he spent his time shooting shotgun. He became active in the Shotgun Committee and also served on the board. To this day Gerard is active in the Shotgun Committee and generally well known through out the club.

Gerard has helped many people learn how to

shoot through the years. He is a fantastic instructor and many a shooter has come up through the ranks because of what they learned from him. He taught his three children how to shoot. He taught his grandchildren, and now he is teaching his great-grandchildren. Recently, one of his great grand-daughters was being taught by him. When she broke the target she looked at her Grandpa and the first words out of her mouth were, "This is exhilarating!" He taught, she listened and that was the outcome.

Gerard spends most of his time these days shooting sporting clays. He is usually gone on the weekends to events held in western Wash. He is a very good shooter and you have to be good to keep up with him.

Well, Gerard came here as a young man of 28 years old. He is now 88 and going to be 89 in Oct. He has a handshake that could put a much younger man to his knees and always a hug for the ladies. I believe, he has always seen the good side to life, because that is how he looks at things. His opinions he keeps private and he doesn't pass judgments. He is a friend to all. Gerard, Thank you for all you have done for our club. You have been involved in making this a place that we all like to come to. You have put your time and your energy and your expertise into this club for over 60 years and continue to do so today.

Thank you Gerard, thank you so much.



Gerard being awarded Member of the Year in 2007

WILDLIFE COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON
KENMORE RANGES
2011 NRA HIGH POWER MATCH SCHEDULE

Dates of Competition: 20 Mar, 17 Apr, 15 May, 19 Jun, 17 Jul, 21 Aug, 2011
(Third Sunday of each month.)

Location: Kenmore Gun Ranges – 1031 228th St. SW, Bothell, WA 98021
Phone: 206-481-8686

Competition is open to all. All Shooters need to be present by 09:30 hours on the date of the match for orientation. The maximum number of shooters is 30, on first come first served. Registration begins at **09:00 hours** on the day of the match.

Match entry fee: \$25.00

Firing begins 10:15 hours.

Course of fire: 10 shots offhand (standing without sling) slow fire at SR-1 target
 10 shots in sitting position rapid fire at SR-1 target
 10 shots in prone position rapid fire at SR-21 target
 20 shots in prone position slow fire at MR-31 target

(Two sighting shots preceding each string of fire are allowed in any position.)

Classifications: NRA classifications will be used, and Service /Match rifle categories if enough shooters are present. Unclassified shooters will be given temporary scorebooks with their scores (and temporary classification) recorded.

Procedural and Safety Reminders:

- 1) NRA Rule 9.12 – No refire Rule. Alibis and saved rounds refires will not be allowed.
- 2) Yellow Empty Chamber Flag/Open Bolt Indicator must be used.
- 3) Eye and Ear protection is required.
- 4) Club members wishing to use Club-owned M-1 Garands must register with the Rangemaster BEFORE the match and be present by 08:30 hours on the day of the match for orientation.
- 5) No solid steel or armour piercing ammunition allowed.

For further information contact the Rangemaster at 206-481-8686; or Stan Vlcek at 253-850-6289 or e-mail: vlcak@excite.com.

WILDLIFE COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON
KENMORE RANGES

**2011 HIGH POWER BOLT ACTION AND M-1 GARAND MATCH
SCHEDULE**

Dates of Competition: 18 September, 2011 – M-1 Garand Match; 16 October, 2011 -
Unaltered Military Bolt Action Match
(Third Sunday of each month.)

Location: Kenmore Gun Ranges – 1031 228th St. SW, Bothell, WA 98021
Phone: 206-481-8686

Competition is open to all. All Shooters need to be present by 09:30 hours on the date of the match for orientation. The maximum number of shooters is 30, on first come first served. Registration begins at **09:00 hours** on the day of the match.

Match entry fee: \$20.00

Firing begins 10:15 hours.

Course of fire: 10 shots prone position slow fire at SR-21 target
 10 shots prone position rapid fire at SR-1 target
 10 shots from sitting position rapid fire at SR-1 target
 10 shots offhand (standing without sling) slow fire at SR-1 target

(Five minute sighting period preceding the slow fire prone position will be allowed.)

Classifications: NRA classifications will be used, and only unaltered Service rifle category will be allowed to compete for prizes.

Procedural and Safety Reminders:

- 1) NRA Rule 9.12 – No re-fire Rule. Alibis and saved rounds re-fires will not be allowed.
- 2) Yellow Empty Chamber Flag/Open Bolt Indicator must be used.
- 3) Eye and Ear protection is required.
- 4) Club members wishing to use Club-owned M-1 Garands must attend a Garand orientation session prior to registering with the Rangemaster WELL BEFORE the day of the match.
- 5) No solid steel or armor piercing ammunition allowed.

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