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President's Message

Happy Holidays

Well the Holiday season is coming rapidly. I hope everyone is ready. I want to remind everyone the club is closed Christmas and New Years Day to everyone. Diane & I wish you and your families Happy Holidays and may the New Year find you with many new toys.

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 unloading birds, picking up brass on the firing line, and removing used targets, that keeps the ranges looking nice.

I would especially like to thank Roy Frasier for all the work he has done out at shotgun.

Hunter Education

We are still looking for a few good people to volunteer to become Hunter Education Instructors certified by the State of Washington. If we are to keep hunting in our state, we must develop hunters, and that includes hunter education instructors. We hope to get the DF&W to hold a training class at WCW, but we need to have enough names to fill that class. Please contact us if this is something that may interests you.

Events

Remember, we are always having events at the range, so check the calendar before coming to shoot so you won't be disappointed. We have lots of matches scheduled for Range #1 every month, and quite a few scheduled for the Pistol Range.

Dues and Donations

Remember dues expire December 31.

Thank you to all those members that include

a donation along with their dues. The donations are always appreciated, and are put to good use. Our ability to continue to provide improvements to your club and facilities is always dependent on the funds available.

A Few Reminders

You know, I started to write about an incident where a member got upset because a range was closed down for 5-10 minutes to perform a little work that was necessary for match going on the following day. I was going to write a nasty gram about that person and in fact I did. But after reflecting some more on the incident, why should you have to hear about such an event when, on the whole, we have fantastic members who are generally very supportive of club activities. So instead of berating one person, how about the rest of you patting yourself on the back for being a part of something that is pretty special. I know that things are not always perfect, maybe even rarely perfect, but I think you all do a good job at your club. I want compliment you on your consideration and kindness. I am proud to be a part of this club. Oh yeah, if you run into someone that is being inconsiderate, you can tell them so. I did.

I do need to remind everyone, that not all work parties are pre-planned, sometimes things pop-up and must be taken care of immediately. Your understanding during these times would be appreciated. Thanks, from all the volunteers that work so hard to make this a better place.

Remember Shotgun is now open Monday nights from 5-9 PM for members only. Please come out and join in on the fun, it is a great night to shoot with your club friends.

Carl Brattain

ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!

WCW Board Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2002

Meeting called to order by President Carl Brattain at 8:00 PM.

All Board members were present except Gerald Albertson and Jim Dinnie.

The minutes of the pervious meeting were accepted as published.

Guests

Rod McDonald, Rick Graham, Mac McCluskey, Jerry Earl, H.W. Siebert, and Richard Nicol presented a request for a benchrest match ceasefire rule change.

Committee Reports

Richard Ripley and Phil Murray gave reports on Hunter Ed class held for the Safari Club and some future NRA classes.

Larry Mallory gave his report on the Kenmore Range-NFL Alumni Charity Shoot.

Orientation

The following new members have completed orientation:

Donald Bachman and Mary Holan
Randy and Ramona Benham
Michael Dail
Ashley Ewen
John and Gabriele Kelley
Paul Macaree
Robert Sandblom
David and Taryl Shupe

Old Business

None

New Business

David Alvar moved to allow a waiver or rule change of the Cease Fire requirement of supervised Benchrest Matches. Motion failed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm
Respectfully submitted, Daniel Barton
Recording Secretary



November Meeting

John Ames has informed those present at the meeting that he plans not to carry out the advertising duties for the 2003 3-D. We need someone to step forward who is willing to accept the challenge. John has the information and process very organized and he's willing to "mentor" the person who volunteers.

For those of you who use the walk-through coarse during the winter months, be observant to any target placement that you feel isn't of satisfactory safety. If you see something that you liked reviewed, just drop me a note.

Indoor archery is now underway. Shooting is open Sunday and Monday

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Your Dues are due.

Send a 2003 renewal form and your dues in TODAY.

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:

\$100 Donations

Steve Block
Kent Forschmiedt

\$80 Donations

Myron Olson
Keith Laidig
Richard Thornton

\$60 Donations

Joseph Wicklund
Russell Boeddeker

\$30 Donations

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\$25 Donations

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\$15 Donations

Daniel Ellinger
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\$10 Donations

Braden Rowbottom
Frank Lutz
Herbert Curl Jr
Herbert Gaskill
Art Clemente

Thanks!!!

Have you tried the web contest? You can't win unless you play!



The WCW High Power Rifle Matches lived up to their reputation as being a really competitive tournament - in spite of the weather!

Saturday, the 16th of November was a blustery, rainy (REALLY rainy) day for our first 60 - shot prone match of the winter. Twenty-six shooters braved the weather and the lure of the long-range match in Portland, to play in the rain.

We had a good cross section of classifications, including 6 High Masters, 9 Masters, 1 Expert, 2 Sharpshooters , 1 Marksman, and 7 Master-Unclassified. Best of all, for the future of our sport, we had four Juniors in the MU class!

The Match winner was Jay (bad eyes) Brooks, with a 600 - 50 X. Jim Cloward and Wes Hall tied at 600 - 44X, with Jim taking first HM, due to two more X's on the last string. Wes was a strong 2nd HM. Ted Karagias took the 1 MA title with a nice 599 - 41 X, Wayne Budbill was 2 MA at 597 - 33X, and Bruce Holiway 3rd MA at 590 - 24 X. Seems as though those three are on the line for a HM card in the near future!

The Sharpshooter/Marksman class was combined, and Tom Smith improved his standings with a 523 - 8X. The first Unclassified shooter was veteran Pistol shooter Steve Goodwin, with a sterling 554 - 14 X. Second MU was Junior Whitney Schultz, with an Expert-qualifying 547-11X for her first time in HP competition! Way to go, Whitney!

Please note that our Junior competitors may not earn prize monies, to preserve their "Amateur" status. However, they do not pay registration fees, either!

Our next Prone High Power match will be on 21 December - Registration be-

gins at 0830, First shots downrange at 1000. Come out and enjoy the covered firing line and space heaters (courtesy of Valentine Burkhauser!). It's a tough match, but we have to do it!

Dick Abbey



Kenmore Range Benchrest Matches

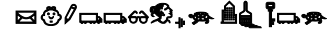
November Results

Virgil Corn was a very popular guy at our November match. Now he is a fine fellow but when he brings his propane heater he is even finer. It was definitely what you would call chilly early in the match. Fortunately the temperature shot up 30 degrees and it turned out to be a perfect day for a match. There was just about zero wind, so scores were very high.

Rod McDonald must have felt pretty good after the smoke finally cleared. He won every match having only to share first place with Leonard Nicol in the last match. Mustafa Bilal was second in every match except the first. Leonard had second place in the first match with a score of 100-4X. We have several world class shooters at our matches. Rod and Mustafa shot scores of 100 in each match- only with different X counts. Rod's average score was 100-3X, Mustafa's was 100-1X. Joe Burns was third in three matches, scoring 100-2X, 100-1X, 99-5X and 99-1X in the last match. Allen Condiff was third in the last match with 99-2X.

Congratulations to all these shooters. Many shooters don't have finely tuned 6PPC rifles- so it is no shame to score somewhere in the 90s. Jerry Earl could afford to be a little less consistent. He scored 98-2X in all four matches. He should get some kind of medal for that.

Next match is Dec. 7. Please come back Virgil. For info call Richard Nicol at 206 784-1093.



Small bore rifle shooting(will start) (started) at 7:00 P.M. in the Clubhouse range on November 19 and will continue every Tuesday night thru December 17. This will combine "fun" shooting and formal four position practice leading to possible assignment to the WCW team entered in the Puget Sound Riflemens winter league. Our club almost had enough shooters to make two teams last year. Two shooters who made the team were new to the sport last year and did a good job.

Come on out and have a look if you don't know what "Four Position " shooting is all about. There is usually plenty of equipment to borrow so you can give it a try. However if you just want to bring out your "plinking" rifle you are also welcome. A fee of two dollars will be charged for each adult shooter but juniors shoot free.

Christmas and New year fall on Tuesdays this year so depending on interest, additional practice may be done on Saturday December 28 and Saturday January 4. The league will start on January 6, 2003 and run for several weeks depending on the number of teams entered.

Call Jerry Graham on 206-542-4587 for more information.



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