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## *President's Message*

### Christmas

Merry Christmas to all the Members and their families, May it be the Best Holiday Season yet and I hope the New Year will full fill all your dreams and expectations. Remember the club is closed Christmas Day and New Year Day. For those needing **Gift Ideas** – the club offers gift certificates in **\$25, \$50, and \$100** denominations. We also have Shot Cards for the shotgun shooters and other shooting accessories are available. May I suggest a gun cleaning set or new shooting vest, **Check it out.**

### Events

Bullseye League has just started; come on out and join us at the club house on Thursday evenings, first relay starts at 7 pm with additional relays to follow.

The Youth Shotgun League is also coming up. We had a few start-up problems this year, but it will still happen. Jim Dinnie has stepped up to run the league. I don't know when it is going to start, but please check with Shotgun or contact Jim Dinnie by email - [dinniejm@yahoo.com](mailto:dinniejm@yahoo.com). He can provide the run down on what is going to happen. Sorry for the confusion, but we do the best we can.

### Volunteers

I need to make a correction to my thank you list from a year ago. A very nice gentleman named **Bill Cowin** did the sheet rocking and insulating at the shotgun club house. When I prepared my news letter last December, I gave the credit to the wrong person. Then I compounded the error by not correcting it until now. Bill we do appreciate all you did and can not thank you enough for doing that for the club. THANKS AGAIN, A YEAR LATE BUT MUCHLY APPRECIATED.

I would like to thank Mike and Cheryl Condon for stepping up and running the 100 bird shoot. Everyone that likes to shoot that event needs to help them get the event running smooth. They may need a little help in December since I will be out of town that week-

end. Be helpful and kind.

### Dues

Don't forget that you must pay your dues by January 1, to stay current. The renewal forms are in your news letter, on-line and available at the range office. Also, there is a line for donations, if you are so inclined.

This is a great place thanks to the work of many members over the last 50 plus years. Let keep it going.

Have Fun, Be Safe, and Play Well.

*Carl Brattain*



Attention Bow hunters

Are you interested in refreshing your hunting skills or looking for a good introduction to the unique situations and circumstances a hunter can encounter when they decide to enter the field with bow and arrow? We (WCW) have at our disposal a certified Instructor (National Bowhunter Education Foundation: [www.nbef.org](http://www.nbef.org)) that has volunteered to provide a certification course sometime this coming early spring. We need a minimum of at least 8 interested potential students to justify the time required to offer the class. Fees will be nominal and well worth the investment. If you're interested, please e-mail me and I will get back to you once we have some tentative dates.

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**ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

November 1, 2006

President Carl Brattain called the Meeting to order at 7:40 PM. All Board Members were present. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as published.

**Guests:**

Ernie Butler Paralyzed Veterans of America Executive Director, Gary Webster Shotgun Chairman, Ed Pack to request teaching an advanced reloading class, Mike Wichser and Larry Anderson representing Youth Archery and Ken Deleone Archery Chairman.

**Committee Reports:**

Ken Deleone Archery, Vic Alvarez Range and Gary Webster Shotgun.

**Orientation**

The following new members have completed orientation:

Arshad Ahmad  
Edward Chin  
Ivan and Susan Cross  
William Doolittle  
Mark Fillingham  
Jason Franklin  
John Huskinson  
James and Biz Jaskovsky  
John and Sheila Jurgens  
Chad McDonald  
Charles Mohseni and Anette Wachter  
Robert Moore  
Arthur Otness  
Anthony Phelps  
Craig and Linda Rantz  
George and Laurie Trowbridge  
Judy Wallis

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

A Motion by Myron Olson that the quarterly inventory will be conducted by the two V.P.s, Dave and John with assistance from a Shotgun and Range master employee. Passed

A Motion by John Conderman that all Minutes from the previous Board Meeting are read. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM. Respectfully submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

**LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING***by Joe Waldron*

We'll take a look first at the federal election and what it likely means for gun owners. I'm going to save most of my commentary on the Washington elections for next month, after I've had a chance to discuss the outcome with legislators from both parties. One point must be made up front: guns and gun control were not an issue in this state or in the national elections. Democrats running in the South made it a point to say they were pro-gun.

Without question, the core issue in the federal elections, with spillover into state races, was the war in Iraq. General dissatisfaction with the ongoing conduct of the war, even by those that originally supported the invasion of Iraq, was enough to give control of both houses of Congress to the Democrats. The Senate will be 49-49 Democrat and Republican, with two "independents – Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and Bernie Sanders (I-VT) – voting with the Democrats for control of the Senate, 51-49. In the House of Representatives, the line-up will probably end up 234 Democrats to 201 Republicans.

With the possible exception of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), Democrat leadership in both the Senate and House will be solidly anti-gun. From Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) on down, all are rated "F" by the NRA.

One immediate impact of Democrat control of the Senate is confirmation of Presidential appointees. John Bolton, our Ambassador to the United Nations, has single-handedly led the fight against U.N. gun control schemes. Unfortunately, Democrats blocked Senate confirmation of Bolton as U.N. ambassador, so he is currently filling what is called a "recess appointment." He still requires Senate conformation to remain in the job past the end of this year – and that confirmation is unlikely to come. While U.S. policy will probably continue to oppose U.N. gun con-

trol, whoever replaces Bolton will not have his command of the gun issue nor personal commitment to it.

Another area requiring a friendly Senate is confirmation of federal judicial appointments. Should there be any additional Supreme Court vacancies in the next two years (and political pundits believe there may be as many as two more), Bush stands almost no chance of getting another conservative onto the bench.

Viewed in isolation, we'd say gun owners should stand by for major gun control legislation to pass. But the 2006 election is not an isolated event. Democrats control both chambers of Congress for the first time in 12 years, but there is an equally big prize ahead: the White House. Democrat overreach in 1993-94 (tax increases, Hillary-care, gun control) cost them control of Congress in the 1994 elections. Will Democrats repeat that mistake and push a liberal agenda – including gun control – placing the 2008 election at risk? We'll learn pretty soon.

One gun control measure they are likely to act on fairly quickly is passage of a new "assault weapon" (and "high" capacity magazine) ban, probably more restrictive than the original 1994 version. Recall Senator Dianne Feinstein's sound bite on *60 Minutes* a decade ago? When asked why her 1994 "ban" didn't really ban these semi-auto firearms, Feinstein replied, "Mr and Mrs America, if I had the votes I would have taken them all." She may or may not have the votes yet, but she's a lot closer.

**WE NEED TO WRITE TO PRESIDENT BUSH AND ASK HIM TO HOLD FIRM AGAINST MORE GUN CONTROL. GUNS WERE NOT AN ISSUE IN THE 2006 ELECTION. GUN CONTROL IS A FALSE PROMISE – IT DOES NOT REDUCE CRIME.**

The Honorable George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20050



Firearms Education Committee



Home Firearms Safety—HFS

What is the most important NRA class that we teach here at Kenmore Range? Hint - it is a non-shooting class.....

It's called Home Firearms Safety (HFS), and it is a 4 hour, non-shooting, pure safety class.

We joke that it's intended for the "non-shooting spouses or significant others of gun nuts", but it's more than that. It's the class that allows those who are afraid of guns to find out about them in a non-threatening environment. It's the opportunity to take someone who is neutral or maybe even a bit anti-gun, and show them that the hardware isn't the problem. In short, it's a starter class.

It's also a really good way to introduce kids to guns. Although I don't recommend it, I've had children as young as 6 years old take (and pass!) the class.

The class is 4 hours, broken down into 4 lessons. Lesson 1 is the bulk of the safety lecture, but it also covers the nature and number of firearms accidents, and how the real issue is not hardware, but behavior.

Lesson 2 is a description and demonstration of how to unload the 8 most common firearms action types. We cover bolt, pump, lever, semi-automatic, and break action long guns, as well as single and double action revolvers and semi-automatic pistols. We talk a little about background on these action types, but mainly it's how to recognize them, and how to unload them.

Lesson 3 is a discussion of ammunition and how it works, a short demo of cleaning and some considerations for safe storage of guns and ammunition.

Lesson 4 is what they came for - hands on with each of the 8 action types. Each student unloads all 8 action types under

an Instructor's supervision (sometimes a couple of times, until they are comfortable). We ask for some feedback, hand out certificates, and the class is complete.

We essentially do this class as a public service. The course is priced at only \$15, and allows up to 2 children, ages 12 or less, to take the class for free with a paid adult. The purpose is to get families to take the class together, so that everyone is on the same knowledge level.

Over time, we've had people take the class who were slightly anti-gun who "turned around", tried the shooting sports, found that they enjoyed them, and went on to become Club Members. We've even had HFS students who eventually became instructors!

Finally, the next NRA Instructor Training class here at Kenmore Range will be in May, 2007. We always need additional instructors in all of our disciplines - pistol, rifle, shotgun, and muzzleloading rifle. If you'd like to give back to the sport you enjoy, please consider becoming an NRA Certified Instructor. You'll be teaching the necessary knowledge, skills and attitude for safe and effective marksmanship to the next generation of shooters. NRA Instructor Classes will give you the necessary training.

As usual, if you have any questions, please contact either Richard Ripley 206-271-0670 richard.ripley@verizon.net or Phil Murray 425-844-1918 philmurray@comcast.net

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Ronald Lageson, Kenneth MacArthur, John Martinis, Tom McClelland, Robert Moore, Robert Parry, Frank Portulano, Jon Schwartz, Dallas Soward, Brian Styke, and Marko Yakovlevitch

Thanks!

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