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## President's Message

It time for the newsletter again, boy, it really comes around often. Things are going well. I know that not everyone is happy 100% of the time, but we try to do what is best for the most without undo inconvenience. We probably are not always successful, but we try.

I would like to thank those that have work so hard and volunteered their time. Thanks to all the people at shotgun who have stepped up and helped. That would include David Levinson, Myron Olson, and Ray Lindstrom for helping me cut firewood for shotgun; Gerard Loupe for his work on the traps; Bob Steiner and his staff for running the youth program; Bob Lambert and Ron Rasmussen for running the fall league; and John, Jamie and David Spencer for donating and using their equipment and putting in drainage for Trap field number one.

Thanks to all the archers who have worked so hard, including John Ames for his course and maintenance work, Terry Russeff for all the Tree work on the archery and shotgun range and just around the property; Dave Garrison and Jim Hill for opening the indoor archery; and Mike Wichser and his crew for all the work with Youth Archery.

Thanks to all the range members who run the rifle and pistol events that occur every month at the range. Thanks to Scott Lorenz, Dick Abbey, Bill Drake, Jack Giuliano, Larry Lohkamp, Jack Rookaird, Eric Johnson, James Hearldson, Richard Nicol, and Vic Alvarez are all responsible for one or more events.

I would like to give a big thanks to the committee chairmen and co-chairmen that work so hard. That would be Darian Carpenter and his assistant Ken DeLeone, Roger Ulrich and his assistant Scott Lorenz and Larry Mallory, who all work so hard for the rest of us.

I would like to thank my wife who has not complained much about all the hours I put in at the range all the phone calls because something did not happen that was suppose to or something did happen that was not suppose to happen (this is not a veiled complaint about the calls, they go with the job I volunteered for).

Thanks also to everyone I missed. Often things just get done and we never know who to thank.

### Dues are Past Due

Dues for 2002 are now past due. Thanks to everyone who has already sent them in....and a reminder to the rest of you....get them in now. We will be requiring the display of the new cards very soon to continue receiving member privileges.

Thanks to all the members who managed to send in a little extra along with their dues. You can see from this month's list of donations that a significant number of members appreciate the direction the club is going and are helping out.

### Elections

Finally, elections are coming up in three months. Any one interested in running for the board should let any board member know they are interested and for what position. For the next election I know we need a candidate for Treasurer. We need someone with accounting/bookkeeping knowledge. This is an important job and requires some commitment of time to accomplish. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

*Carl Brattain*

**ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!**

### WCW Board Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2002

Meeting called to order by President Carl Brattain at 8:00 PM. All present except Ray McCardle, excused.

The minutes of the pervious meeting were accepted as published.

President Carl Brattain reported on the club finances.

#### Guests

Ben Engleking, Parker Christie and Rebecca Christie.

#### Orientation

The following new members have completed orientation:

Edward Batt  
William Batt  
Charles Bowen  
Chuck and Margareta Brown  
John Bush  
Sean Cunningham  
Gerald Ellis  
Robert and Paula George  
Theodore Hudlow  
Matt Johnson  
Lenny Lamb  
Constantin Lupastean  
George McAfee  
Andy and Fran Morrison  
Kenneth Opsata  
Mark and Tammy Roth  
Richard W. Smith  
Michael White  
Gary and Kelly Wood

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm  
Respectfully submitted by Dan Barton,  
Recording Secretary.



### Kenmore Range Benchrest Matches

The December rains let up for our December match. We had fine conditions and a good turnout but there was quite a bit of grousing about the match format imposed upon the shooters by the dictatorial match director. We shot only at 200 yards. There were two matches- each 25 shots, one for score, one for group. What's the problem? At least Amos liked it.

Chris Ocwieja liked it too. He won the score match- shooting every shot into the 10 ring- he dropped not a point and scored 5X. Richard Nicol was second- dropping one point- with 5X and Ron Koehler was third with minus one point- 2X.

In the score match Don Gillard had the best average of five 5-shot groups. His group averaged .661 including one that was .378. Good shooting, Don! Mustafa Bilal was second with an average of .710. Leonard Nicol was third- averaging .725 and shot the smallest group- .275.

Next match is Jan. 12. It will be shot at 300 and 200 yards. We don't want a rebellion.

Call Richard Nicol at 206 784-1093 for info.



Archery Committee Meeting – January 2002

A big **THANKS** goes out to everyone that's been doing maintenance to the walk-through and flat range over the last four months. During hunting seasons and the holidays there aren't a lot of members around and I know a few of you have invested a bunch of your time. Hopefully the spring will bring some additional help!

Discussions have already begun concerning this year's 3-D. No, it's not too early. We need more and new volunteers to step forward. It's really is a lot of fun and a great way to get to know some of your fellow members. There are three main areas where some "new blood" would be welcome: Kitchen Coordinator, Coarse Coordinator (3), and Registration.

Speaking of "new blood", the archers need someone to step into the Chairman position. My term is up in April and it's time for someone new to direct our efforts.

If you're an archer and not a member of both of the below organizations, please join as they need everyone's support to ensure our sport continues.

#### WSAA

<http://www.crispie.com/wsaa>  
or key word search WSAA

#### WSB

<http://www.wabowhunter.org>  
or key word search WSB

Darian Carpenter – Archery Chairman



**North Puget Sound Friends of NRA**

The North Puget Sound Chapter of the "Friends of NRA" will be having their Tenth annual dinner and auction on April 6, 2002, the usual Saturday night. The food and merchandise is great. The money raised by these dinners are distributed to gun clubs and educational groups around the State based on their proposals in support of general NRA goals. An equal amount goes to the National Foundation for distribution around the Nation.

The preparation and planning for our dinner is being done at meeting held at WCW on Wednesday nights. The committee needs your help. Call Gerry at (206) 542-4587 for details on tasks to be done.

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details about the dinner/auction, the merchandise, and how to get tickets. Many items will be available through bucket raffles and games as well as some in a silent auction. 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*

- 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

**Donations**

We receive many donations during the course of a year .....and 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:

**\$120 Donations**

Jack Fay

**\$100 Donations**

Leslie Cole  
Jack Matches  
George Peterson  
Paul Herndon  
Bronston Kenney  
David Kautz  
David Railsback

**\$90 Donations**

Vern Rasmussen

**\$75 Donations**

Barry Teschlog  
Walter Rust

**\$50 Donations**

Sean Dawkins  
Rolf Mogster  
Darryl Davis  
Walter Plonski  
Clark Jacobs  
Aaron Spencer  
Timothy Reynolds  
Dave Garrison  
Gary Bloxham  
Chadwick Creamer  
Camden Hardy  
Jeff Higgins

**\$40 Donations**

Alan Carey  
Curt Calson  
Troy Bloedel

**\$30 Donations**

John Blatchford  
Dale Kennedy  
James Reusser  
Daril Hahn

**\$25 Donations**

Robert Weesies  
W. F. Griswold  
Ed Funk  
Thomas Ginda  
Eric Peterson  
Marcus Ulland  
Dennis Fishel  
Chris Forehand  
Lynn Dill  
Dewey McGinnis  
John Ryan  
John Simons  
Braden Rowbottom  
Gary Ferrin  
David Hulten  
Pete Bailey  
Michael Craig  
Wayne Budbill  
Ted Stevens  
Reid Stevens  
Doug Jordan  
James Heraldson  
Jeff Gietzen  
Mike Berish  
Fred Graham  
David Wilkerson

**\$20 Donations**

Mike Pendergrass  
Royal Fitting  
Robert Putansu  
Ron Haight  
Dan McMillan  
David Rodriguez  
Terry Morgan  
Ken Chaplin

**\$15 Donations**

Jeffrey Dornes

**\$10 Donations**

Raymond Neibert  
Jack Paxson  
Frank Baker  
Dan Cline  
Leonard Nicol  
Richard Silcox

**Thanks!!!**

# Join Your Friends at the NORTH PUGET SOUND "Friends of NRA" Banquet and Auction!

Come join your fellow NRA members and supporters for a fun-filled evening the whole family will enjoy. This exciting event will raise funds in support of vital projects including: youth education, firearms training programs, hunter safety classes, and much more. *Friends of NRA* features...

✱ **Great Food** ✱

✱ **Auctions** ✱

✱ **Door Prizes** ✱



**Unique NRA  
Merchandise!**

- ✱ Browning Mod. 1885 High Wall .45-70 Govt.
- ✱ Benelli Nova 12 ga. Pump Shotgun
- ✱ Winchester Model .94 30-30 Big Loop
- ✱ "NRA Express" Train Set
- ✱ Exclusive NRA Merchandise
- ✱ Framed Wildlife Art
- ✱ ...and much more!

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## NORTH PUGET SOUND "FRIENDS OF NRA" BANQUET AND AUCTION

**SATURDAY, April 6, 2002**

**5:30 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR  
7:00 P.M. DINNER AND AUCTION**

**HOLIDAY INN, SOUTH EVERETT  
101 - 128<sup>TH</sup> STREET - I-5 at Exit 186**

**CALL OR WRITE FOR TICKETS TODAY!**

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Contributions to the NRA Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by federal income tax laws

### *Friends of NRA* EVENT TICKET ORDER FORM

Return ticket request to: N. Puget Sound Friends of NRA, P.O. Box 1462, Edmonds, WA 98020 **PHONE: 206-542-4587**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ *Dinner Choice:*  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Beef  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken

Please send me ticket(s) \_\_\_\_\_ at \$30.00 each

Total Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

check made payable to: North Puget Sound "Friends of NRA"

credit card (check one) \_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_ American Express

credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I am not able to attend the event but I have enclosed my tax deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help our local *Friends of NRA* committee.



## Legislatively Speaking by Joe Waldron

### Washington, D.C.

Congress returned from their holiday recess on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and gun control will be on the agenda. Republican Senators John McCain and Mike DeWine are pushing strongly for the McCain-Lieberman "gun show terrorist loophole" package (S.890). The problem with McCain-Lieberman isn't the background checks themselves, it's the multiple lists of "vendors" that would have to be provided to the BATF before and after each show. "Vendor" is defined as anyone with a gun for sale or trade at the show, not just table holders. That's almost everyone who attends the show. It's interesting that the Democrat majority have pushed two Republicans into promoting this legislation.

The second big gun issue in D.C. is retention of "instant check" background records for use in criminal (not just terrorist) investigations. The compromise agreement when the Brady Act was passed in 1993 was that records of law abiding gun owners (approved sales) would NOT be kept. That compromise was critical in getting Brady passed. Now Senators Charles Schumer and Ted Kennedy want to keep a list of law abiding gun owners (S.1788). Unfortunately, the American people have already gone on record as saying they'll allow almost any intrusion into their personal lives in the name of anti-terrorism.

### Olympia Watch

The 2002 regular Washington legislative session started on January 14<sup>th</sup>, with one important change from last year: Democrats have total control of the process. House Speaker Frank Chopp (D-Seattle) has already promised Washington Ceasefire there WILL be a vote on "gun show loophole" legislation. What other gun bills will move is open to debate.

I had a call a few days ago from a friend in Bellingham who is very active in Democrat politics. She told me there

is a major debate underway in the Democrat caucus in Olympia over just how far to go with gun control this year. Urban Democrats want a complete overhaul and tightening up of our state gun laws. They would like to change the concealed pistol license (CPL) to a much more restrictive "needs based" licensing system like California's -- if you can't convince the Sheriff or Chief you really need a CPL, you don't get one. There has been talk of banning semiautomatic firearms, not necessarily limited to so-called "assault weapons." Recall Australia's "assault weapon" ban included semi-auto and pump shotguns.

Then a Democrat representative called me just before the session started to say he had been instructed to develop several pro-gun bills, including a positive gun show protection bill, CPL reciprocity, streamlining the background check process, etc. The big question here is, even if the bills passed the legislature -- an uphill battle at best -- would Governor Locke sign them? Or are they just looking for "cover" votes for election time?

The session is scheduled to end on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### GOAL Post

Once again, I will be publishing the GOAL Post, a weekly summary of activity in Olympia, during the legislative session. 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](mailto: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.

## Ramblings

It's a very slow process, but more and more members are moving over to the internet for their information. They are finding that it is complete, quick, and that they cannot lose or misplace it.

The more folks that opt out of the snail mail system the more money the club can save on printing and mailing. And savings are not insignificant as the savings could add up to as much as \$10,000 a year. Give the on line newsletter a try....you might like it.

To jog you memory we have an automatic email notification of newsletter postings....just send an email to [news@wcwinc.org](mailto:news@wcwinc.org) to get on the mailing list.

And speaking of the web site, we are continually adding club content. This month we have added the National Records which have been set by WCW members (that we know of). And there are quite a few. But we can use some more. If you have set a National Record, please let me know and let me scan your certificate for inclusion.

The new front gate is almost ready for installation. Scott Lorenz has been putting it together....and it is heavy duty. Once the gate is up, we will be re-keying the gate lock....so remember to keep checking for new key availability or you may find yourself locked out, or worse yet, locked in.

We've taken a break on Monday night ISU Free pistol, but it will start up again soon. The Standard Pistol Winter league on Thursday nights is also starting the first week in February.

Vic