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President's Message

Volunteers

I would like to thank all the members who help out around the club. This time of year it is nasty outside, leaves everywhere, rain and cold weather, windy. This is the time when we get ready for next year. Please help around the club by cleaning up after yourself and your neighbor. This will help reduce what the other volunteer must do.

Events

Standard Pistol starts in February after the Bullseye Postal concludes. Get out the 22 pistols with Iron Sights and let's have some fun. It is Thursday nights, with first relay starting at 7 pm and second relay starting at 8 pm. See you there.

The Lew McMurtery shoot starts in February, check at shotgun for the exact day and location. The shoot is a friendly competition between Machias and Kenmore. We need several shooter to show up to help us when this inter-club competition. The event is single shot continental and 23 yard handicap, 25 each. Come help you club. We used to win this all the time.

Work Parties

We need to pick up around the club, branches etc. Any help is appreciated. We need to clean up around the club house, both inside and out; leaves debris, cob webs, etc. Let me know if you are interested in helping.

Dues are PAST Due

Dues are due. 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. You will **NOT** have club privileges after February 28, 2006 without a new card. Remember it takes a week or two to get the cards out so give yourself time to receive the card in the mail.

Have Fun, Be Safe, and Play Well.
Carl Brattain



Firearms
Education
Committee



Have you taken a new shooter to the range recently? If so, how did you introduce them to shooting? To be sure, part of the process is to show off all your cool toys, but you probably want to "get a convert" while you're at it. What did you teach them? How was their first experience?

If you are like many of us (and I certainly did this with my ex-spouse 35 years ago), I took my 45 auto and an M-1. What did I do wrong? No hearing protection, loud, lots of recoil guns, no time spent on safety (Safety stuff!?!), We don't need no steekin' safety stuff!), maybe 2 minutes on the fundamentals. Ah the ignorance of youth.....

What should you do instead?

You really want to spend 20 minutes talking about the Universal Gun Safety rules. Whether you use the "NRA 3" or the "Cooper 4" doesn't really matter, although the "NRA 3" are a bit easier for a new shooter to understand. This is really important - they need to realize that although guns can be dangerous, they really aren't IF you follow the Universal Gun Safety rules. Remember, many of your first time shooters are "TV-trained", and all they know is that "Guns are bad!"

Spend 20-30 minutes on the 5 fundamentals (yes, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun all have 5 fundamentals, although they are a bit different for the different firearms). Use a water pistol or a blank stock (no metal) to help explain the safety rules and the fundamentals.

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ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!

Board Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2006

President Carl Brattain called the Meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board Members were present except John Conderman. The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were accepted as published. Vic Alvarez gave a cash balance report.

Guests

Richard Ripley Firearms Ed Chairman regarding tentative NRA Instructor Classes. Gary Webster Shotgun Committee Chairman. Michael Wichser Representing JOAD. Ken Deleone Archery Committee Chairman.

Orientation

The following new members have completed orientation:

Alan and Gilda Amort
 Ryan Behn
 Robert Burdick
 Jay Cockerille
 Richard and JoAnn Downs
 Greg Franks
 Odell and Karen Guyton
 Charles Hachtel
 Matthew Hackett
 Mark Hanna
 George Heelas
 Jonathan Holve
 Scott and Karen Jones
 Alexander Lindsey and Lynn Manley
 Tate Myers and Lindsey Miles
 P. David and Karen Naro
 Timothy Schwartz
 Stacy Swanigan
 Charles and Katherine Triandafilou
 Mike VanWinkle
 Robert Watson
 John Worthey

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion by Myron Olson to approve Richard Ripley's proposal for the NRA Instructor Class. Passed.

A Motion by Dave Alvar to appoint Vic Alvarez as Range Committee Chairman. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Respectfully submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary

SHOTGUN Committee

Hello fellow Shotgun enthusiasts! January's Continental Shotgun events were Awesomely Fantastic as reported by Jim Dinnie. Kenmore shooters accomplished high scores at Gig Harbor and took 2nd in the shoot. Mr. Honda of Kirkland, (Larry Mallory) posted a 98. The rest of the team also shot extremely well with everyone posting in the mid 90's. Congratulations to all! Remember Kenmore will host the Continental League Shoot Sunday, February 12th, this is an all day event with approximately 28 squads. We need people to help score lines, register, cashier, serve breakfast and lunch and support our team. The shotgun range is closed for this event. This includes 5-stand.

Winter League is well under way. The scores reflect some fine shooting and increasing improvement. Keep up the good work. (Lambert you need to shoot up to your potential- you currently possess a negative 2 handicap at Continental. We were still investigating some of your scores at this writing.) Remember if you shoot to making up a score be sure to write a little note indicating which week the score is for on the score sheet. Thank You! Please indicate which card number you are shooting at five-stand when shooting for score, Thank You!

Be ready, I warned you, February 18th is the first of six cross shoots with Machias. The first shoot will be at Machais. For those of you who may have forgotten, the event is 25 One-Shot Continental Targets and 25, 23yd Handicap Targets. We encourage all shooters to participate in this event. The team score is comprised of the top five scores of all the shooters for either team. Detailed information at Shotgun Shack. Practice, Practice, Practice! Hey, you Continental League Shooters, we could use some support from your teams. Ladies are welcome to shoot! Ladies please contact Pat Webster if

you are interested in helping on the Ladies Only Day Committee. 206-783-9994.

A very well earned Thank You! To Gerard Loupe and Ron Lagersteth for all their help keeping the trap machine running and setting up for the numerous events. Thank you! also to the Range Masters and the trappers for keeping the volume flowing so well. Bad weather does not necessarily mean slow shooting as we experienced over 200 lines thrown on a cold rainy Sunday last month. Think shooting in the rain is difficult try sitting and scoring in the rain or working repairing and loading the trap machines in the water. Somehow "thanks" does not seem to be enough. So next time you see these people tell them thank you and that you appreciate what the do for you and the club.

This is your club-Get involved. Come to the Shotgun Committee Meetings. The next Shotgun Committee Meeting is Monday, February 13th, 7:00pm at the Shotgun Shack.

Shotgun hours of operation*Daylight Saving hours*

Mon Members only 5-9pm
Tues 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Wed Noon to 7:00 pm
Thur 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Fri Closed
Sat 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sun 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Annual Meeting April 12



Welcome to February. It's the time of the year when some of us archers are looking over our equipment and deciding if what we used last year was up to the task. Maybe there is a new Bow or sight in your future or maybe you are finally deciding to make the switch to Carbon from Alumimium. It's this time of the year to make adjustments before next hunting or FITA season.

If you have already made some changes maybe it's time to take your new equipment to the clubhouse for indoor archery. Every Sunday and Monday nights from 7pm to 9pm members can comfortably shoot for \$1.00 non members \$2.00. Even if you are satisfied with your set up the indoor range can keep you sharp for the next shooting season.

I recently received an update from our Youth JOAD program. In October we welcomed 7 new members Stuart Barton, Brian and Robert Eichenberger, Erick Johnson, Melissa Kjelgaard, Sara Reyna, and Sarah Williams. In December 5 new students Kara, Kyna, Quinn, Shannon, and Sonja Ostling. Some of our newest students have already had a chance to "Shoot For Score" for JOAD achievement awards. Qualifying for JOAD Archer at 9 meters are Erick Johnson, Melissa Kjelgaard, Sara Reyna, and Sarah Williams. Continuing students attaining JOAD Archer status were John Vincent and Emily and Molly Mangels. Qualifying for Yeoman were Elliot Wright and Teddy Pierce. Congratulations students for your effort and achievement.

In other JOAD news Spencer Rothwell getting ready for JOAD Nationals in Salt Lake City this March spent a few days with Coach Alexander Kirillov in December refining his technique.

As District 4 Rep. for WSAA. I recently attended a meeting at Skookum Archery Range where we discussed several items new to our state. Along with WSAA rule changes, awards and FITA tournament requirements we heard about the National Archery In School Program and a report from chairman Dave Mack from the hunting Committee.



Benchrest Match - January 2006

During our winter of thirty days and thirty nights of rain there was a let up on the day of our January match. In fact conditions were very good to excellent-cool, a little drizzle. Some very good to excellent scores were achieved. We shot our normal format for the first three matches at three hundred and two hundred yards. Then we shot a novelty match at two hundred. Here are the highlights of the match.

At 300 yards Rick Graham and Gene Solytjes shot scores of 100, Rick with one x and Gene with two. Gene's target was particularly impressive- a little bee's nest of holes in the 10 ring from his .30 BR which has proved to be a good caliber for him and has gotten other shooters interested in this extremely accurate chambering. It was good to see Bob Gord back at our matches. His first 300 yard target was good for second place-99 with an exceptional x count of 4. Rich dropped only one point all morning for best aggregate, Gene dropped two and Steve Thoennes dropped only three. Great shooting gentlemen!

The novelty match target was a thin curved line running diagonally across the paper and a one inch circle in the upper right corner of the sheet. Seven shots were to be shot at the line and three at the circle. Poetic justice prevailed and Richard Nicol, the creator of the devious target, struck the line and the one inch bull most often (7 out of 10 shots).

Next month will be our last non-trophy match. We'll have a prize appropriate for Valentine's Day so come out to our Feb. 11 match and try to take home a treat for your favorite person, even if that favorite person is you. Info: call Richard Nicol at 206-784-1093 or Rick Graham at 206-784-1324.

Firearms Ed Comm continued.

Be sure you have eye and ear protection that is comfortable TO THEM.

Spend 5-10 minutes on how the range is organized, where the component parts are (berm, range limits, red zone, safety lights/bell, baffles, etc.), and what the Range Rules are.

What guns should you start them with? It's really best to start a new shooter off with a 22 rifle or pistol, or a 12 gauge with light trap loads for shotgun. What?!?! Start with a 22?!?! What a wimp-out! Well, yes, and deliberately so. New shooters need to focus on the fundamentals of aiming and shooting (or pointing and swinging thru for a shotgun). You specifically want to avoid recoil and loud noises. It's overload. It's too much to adjust to at once. Once they have some rounds down-range, and they are comfortable and having fun, THEN you can bring out the Blast-A-Tron 9000 and make all the noise you want. Remember, your objective is to introduce them gently, and get them hooked. Shooting can be fun, but it is something of an unnatural act, and takes learning. Think about it - would you start a new driver in an Indy Car?

One other point - always, always start new shooters with a "load one, shoot one" process. New shooters can be a bit excited, and after they've fired their first shots, you REALLY want them to have an empty gun. Besides, it gives them an opportunity to learn how to load and unload, which is a really useful skill.

This is just a taste of what your NRA Instructors do in the Basic Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun classes that we have at Kenmore every month. We get to introduce new shooters to the fun and joy of shooting, and it is really a satisfying thing to do. We are planning an Instructor Training Class for May 6 & 7. The class is free to all Kenmore Members. Call Richard Ripley or Phil Murray if you'd like to know more