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President's Message

New Year

Don't forget that the Range is closed January 1, 2006. We are having New Year Party at the Shotgun Range on Sunday December 31, 2005. We will shoot from 5-9 pm and then socialize afterwards. Come join us, sign up sheet is at shotgun range. Remember the club is closed New Years Day. You all have a great day, enjoy the games and parades on TV or in person and we will see you on Friday.

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

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.

Work Parties

With winter here, we will need help with general clean up of left over limbs, leaves, etc. We will need to rake up leaves and clean gutter and side walks. Any help is appreciated. It helps to save money when we don't have to pay for maintenance.

Dues

Dues are due. 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. You will not have club privileges after February 28, 2004 without a new card. Remember it takes a week or two to get the cards out so give yourself enough time to receive the card in the mail.

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

Let keep it going.

Carl Brattain



Highpower PRONE Rifle Match

Refrigerator Match - 17 December 05

Twenty four degrees, laying on cold concrete does not stimulate warm and fuzzy thoughts about High Power Matches. Nevertheless, with the competition from Saint Nick and the cold, seven intrepid shooters showed up for our second 60 - shot Highpower Prone match, on Saturday.

The "Nevada Nemesis," aka J. D. Hicks, returned to his roots after a three year hiatus - Travelled to Seattle on business, but brought his rifle, and won the match! Jim shot a 600 - 39X to take the cash back to Las Vegas, his current residence. Good to have you back with us, even for a bit, Jim! Stan Vlcek took the combined Expert/Sharpshooter class with a very nice 574 - 16X. Since rebarreling his (Left-handed) Match Rifle, Stan is really coming along! Orin Humphries has been shooting F-Class in our matches for some time, and was awarded first place F-Class for this match, with a 600 - 39X!

Special note of appreciation to Brock Schexnayder, for bringing his propane space heater! We couldn't decide to run him for President, or add 25 points to his score! The heater really saved the morning!

Thanks to all who braved the cold, and we'll do it again next month, on the 21st of January. Merry Christmas, and 10's and X's to all! Dick Abbey

ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!

Board Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2005

President Carl Brattain called the Meeting to order at 7:40 PM. All Board Members were present except John Conderman, Darian Carpenter and Larry Malory. The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were accepted as published. Vic Alvarez reported on the club's cash balances.

Guests

Ken Deleone: Archery Committee Chairman. Alissa Roberts: Representing KVI Radio 570, regarding radio advertising proposal. Gary Webster: Shotgun Committee Chairman. Richard Ripley: Firearms Education Chairman, regarding First Step Rifle Class.

Orientation

The following new members have completed orientation:

Donal Barnes
Wylie Bush
Isaiah Colley
John DeRaspe
Paul and Denise Franklin
Cecily Fuhr
Andrew Galbraith
Sharon Geist and Ken Lindstrom
Harry George
Ralph Hammersborg
Brian Harris
David and Julie King
Carl Marrs
Mark Poulos
Jory Rhinehart
Jeffrey and Ayano Ross
Robert Santillie
Robert Schmelzle
Richard Webster & Kathleen Roudybush

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion by Vic Alvarez to appoint Myron Olson as the Hunter Education Chairman, replacing retiring Ed Pack, was seconded by Jim Dinnie. Passed

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm. Respectfully submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

Shotgun News Letter January 2006
Happy New Year! WOW! I can't believe it, 2006 already. Shotgun winter league has started. If you haven't signed up, do so and shoot your make up scores. Remember to have the Range Master highlight your scores. This is a fun event and can help you improve your scores.

We wish good luck to those of you who are shooting in the Continental League.

Practice one shot Continental and 23yd. Handicap. The McMurtry shoot starts in February at Machais. We need as many of our shooters as we can possibly get to participate in this event. Machais has won the last several years and we intend to bring the trophy back to Kenmore. This event consists of six shoots. There will be three shoots at Machais and three shoots at Kenmore. The shoots will start at Machais this year so the final shoot will be at Kenmore. We will post the schedule at the Shotgun Shack. The more shooters we have at each event the better our odds are. The five best scores from Kenmore and Machais are used to determine the winner of each shoot. The best of six events wins. Last year we were three and three creating a shoot off that we lost at Machais. Let's go for the Gold and win four events out right this year.

PITA- events are just around the corner look at your PITA schedules. There should be events starting in February.

Youth Shotgun League is progressing well. The Youth Shooters are shooting Continental through January 14th at trap one. Starting January 28th they will be at the Five Stand. The dates Five Stand will be closed in the morning are January 28th, February 11th, 25th and March 11th. The youth have the Five Stand between 10:00am and approximately 12:30-1:00pm. Thank you for your patience and consideration.

I want to thank all of the people that have contributed their valuable time and skills to shotgun this year. We are making progress thanks to your assistance. The shack is shaping up. The traps are improving and most importantly we are getting support from our members in many different ways. Demolition, construction, painting, coaching and trapping just to name a few. A special thanks to Terry Diener for the pizza he shares on Monday meeting nights.

Come to the Shotgun Committee meetings the 2nd Monday of each month. These are planning meetings for events and proposals for improvements to be considered by the board to better the Shotgun facility. These meetings usually last 15 minutes to one-half hour. Your input is needed it is your club. Let us know what is on your mind.

Monday nights are reserved for members only. These nights allow you to participate in some fun shotgun games, additional practice time and the ability to seek help from others with your shooting.

Remember your 2006 renewals are now due!

Have fun, be safe and shoot accurately.

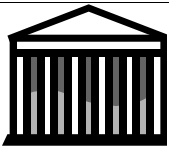
Twenty-five straight to all and to all a Happy New Year!

Gary Webster

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

Swap Meet January 22



LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING
by Joe Waldron

Two items top this month's list: Department of Natural Resources rulemaking and the start of the 2006 legislative session in Olympia. At the end of November the state Department of Natural Resources released a nine-page list of proposed rules or changes to rules regarding use of DNR-regulated land (DNR manages more than five MILLION acres of Washington land). Among the proposed changes would be a prohibition on possession of any loaded firearm in any developed site or area, new rules regulating shooting areas, including de facto prohibition on shooting outside designated areas, and a new section that would declare all roads, trails and other facilities to be CLOSED unless designated open (current status is open unless designated closed).

The prohibition on loaded firearms is a clear violation of RCW 9.41.060(8) and probably of state preemption (RCW 9.41.300), not to mention the state constitutional provision affirming the right to bear arms for personal protection. The proposed road closure is a major land grab that would automatically block access to PUBLIC land unless the DNR bothered to "open" it for public use.

Concerned members should contact Land Commissioner Doug Sutherland by e-mail at cpl@wadnr.gov, by telephone at (360) 902-1004 or by snail mail at Commissioner of Public Lands, P. O. Box 47001, Olympia, WA 98504-7001 and ask him to stop this outrageous action.

On December 12th, Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske held a press conference to call for legislation regulating gun shows, including requiring FFL-conducted background checks for all sales of firearms at gun shows (thus adding \$25-35 to the cost of a firearm transfer between private parties). The Seattle P-I was quick to endorse the call for action three days later. (Also ignoring the fact that the only gun shows conducted in the greater Seattle area are put on by the Washington Arms Collectors, who

require a background check of all members.) This press conference marks the opening shot of the 2006 legislative session and Washington Ceasefire's Number 1 wish from the legislature. The session starts January 9th, and will last for 60 days. Because this is the short session, bills will be moving more quickly. In addition to gun show regulation, "assault weapon" and .50 caliber rifle bans, there's a good chance the lead shot hunting ban and \$.25 per ounce excise tax on lead shot will be revisited as well. That would add more than \$7.00 to the price of a box of 12 gauge trap loads!

Starting in January I will be publishing a weekly e-mail update of happenings in Olympia in the GOAL Post. Distribution is free. E-mail me at jwaldron@halcyon.com, with the words "GOAL Post" in the subject line to be added to the list.

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:

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- ★ **\$110 Donations**
- ★ John Kalina
- ★ Jim D. Young
- ★ **\$100 Donations**
- ★ Scott Fleury
- ★ Mark Pearson
- ★ George Peterson
- ★ **\$80 Donations**
- ★ Lester Dorris
- ★ Jack Riggs
- ★ Don Toenyan
- ★ **\$60 Donations**
- ★ Duncan Montgomery
- ★ Richard Thornton
- ★ Paul "Bill" Warner
- ★ **\$50 Donations**
- ★ Steve Block
- ★ Richard Roy
- ★ **\$35 Donations**
- ★ Gerald Wigren
- ★ **\$30 Donations**
- ★ Paul Abson
- ★ Harry Barton
- ★ Paul Beethe
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- ★ David Taft
- ★ Tony Toy
- ★ Janes Tweedy
- ★ Robert Weesies
- ★ **Thanks!!!**
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The NRA and the WCW

Our club is an NRA recruiter, and we get a commission for all new members we sign up and for all renewals processed with our recruiter ID number. We receive \$10 for every new member and \$5 for every renewal.

The club has a significant number of NRA members and it would be a real benefit to the club for all those members to renew using the form below, or by using our web site direct link to the NRA renewals....on the home page. Besides, by renewing through the club, you save \$10. **Let's see, you save \$10 and the club gets another \$5....what a good deal.**

Then there are a great many WCW members who are not yet NRA mem-

bers. The club would receive \$10 of the \$25 special dues for every member who would join through the club. You would be doing your part on a national level to protect your gun and hunting rights. **You save \$10 and the club gets another \$10....a really good deal.**

Sign up your wife or husband or friends on a Liberty membership for \$10 (no magazine) and the club gets a \$5 commission. Don't want to get the full membership, sign up on a Liberty membership for yourself.

We have been getting an extra \$1,000 a year without much effort just from the few who sign up....we could get a great deal more and you would be doing yourself a favor. The benefits which come with an NRA membership are significant. You get \$1,000 unsched-

uled firearm insurance and \$10,000 accidental life insurance. And you would be adding to the strength of the organization, which has passed the 4 million member mark. There is strength in numbers and the NRA numbers should be much higher. Let's all pull together and give them the support they need.

As an aside, the NRA provides the lesson plans and manuals for all our safety classes.....and grants for some of our projects.

Just remember, use the form below, or use our web site direct link. Use your credit card for easy processing.

SAVE MONEY and HELP THE CLUB.

Special Rates for NRA Membership \$25.00

By special arrangement, the NRA is allowing us to sign-up members for **\$10 OFF** their regular dues. Pay by credit card or your check made out to the **NRA**. Mail it to the club, drop it off at the Range Office or mail it directly to the **NRA**:

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Wildlife Committee of Washington
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- 2 YEAR \$60
- 3 YEAR \$85
- JUNIOR (under 21 years old) \$15
- DISTINGUISHED (age 65+ or disabled veteran) \$30
- LIBERTY (no magazine) \$10
- EASY-PAY-LIFE \$25*
*\$25 down - 29 quarterly payments
 TOTAL COST - \$750
- LIFE (payment in full) \$750
- OTHER _____
- ADDITIONAL MAGAZINE (per year \$15)
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- \$ _____ DONATION

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