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## President's Message

I felt it was time for a new look to the President's Message, so here is my first shot at a different format.

I look around the club and notice that we have really accomplished something here. We have a fine shooting facility with some pretty good members. But I can't help but dwell on some of the complaints I receive. The ones that trouble me, in my opinion, just concern a member's momentary inconvenience. My first thought is to send back a cold corporate business response and simply restate the facts of the matter. My second impulse is to ignore the person, which, based on my flash point, is sometimes the best tact. My dilemma is, how do you tell a member nicely that they are being self-centered and impractical when they expect prior notification of all maintenance activities which might interfere with their immediate use of a range.

So here is my general response. Before making a complaint that you want the board to act on, take some time and think about what happened, try to imagine why it may have happened when and how it did. Sleep on your complaint for a day or two and then see if it is really a problem or just a momentary inconvenience.

Let me assure everyone that we do things when we can get them done and that advance notice would be nice but often not practical or even possible. For example, we sprayed the ranges for weed control this spring. That was based on weather and availability of the contractor. Mowing the ranges also depends on the weather and employee and machinery availability. Sometimes you will just be unlucky and pick the wrong day.

I would like to thank the volunteer for all their work. Obviously, I don't know them all, but thanks just the same. Here is a list that I do know of, Ray and Ray for the elec-

trical, Gary and Jay for stripping the Range Office, Pat and Gary for preparing for the Paralyzed Veterans shoot, Dick for fixing the leaks, Nadine and crew for grounds work at pistol, Fred and Eric for cleaning the roof, Bob for helping Gerard, and Gerard for all his work. I would like to thank all the people that helped on the PITA shoot in May and the Veteran's shoot, with scoring and tasks during the shoot. It was great to see so many members jump up and help.

At last orientation, we had a standing room only crowd. I would like to thank Vic and the crew for doing the orientation since I was out of town yet again.

That's all for now -

*Carl Brattain*

## NRA Basic Muzzleloading Rifle Class

**Date:** Saturday and Sunday, July 30th and 31st

**Time:** 9:30am - 4:30pm each day.

**Cost:** \$50.00. All materials and equipment provided.

Pre-registration and pre-payment **REQUIRED**. First-come, first served!

Call Phil Murray at 425-844-1918 for information or to pre-register.

**ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!**

**Board Meeting Minutes****June 1, 2005**

President Carl Brattain called the Meeting to order at 8:00 PM. All Board Members were present except Darian Carpenter, Larry Mallory, and Jim Dinnie. The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were accepted as published. Vic Alvarez reported on cash balances.

**Guests:**

Gary Webster, Shotgun Committee Chairman, and Ken DeLeone, Archery Committee Chairman.

**Orientation**

The following new members have completed orientation:

Jonathan Aadland  
 Aaron Barouh  
 Albert Brosas  
 Earl Farrow  
 Duncan Fobes  
 Paul Gilson  
 Tom and Becky Greene  
 Jason Hickman  
 Abhijit Inamdar  
 James Keblas  
 Makoto Kusakabe  
 Joseph Lubin  
 Pamela Lynn  
 Shawn Marcel and Jessia Robinson  
 Scott and Cindy Minette  
 Peter Morris  
 Bob Murray  
 Brad Myer and Liz McKay  
 Leonard Ogle  
 William and Chris Pennington  
 Wally Pereyra  
 Joshua Piano  
 Doug and Lori Roop  
 John and Lauri Skalski  
 Joshua Smith  
 Tony and Marion Toy  
 Raymond Wiggins  
 Jonathan Wright  
 Stephen Yabroff

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

The Shotgun range will be open on Fridays from 3 to 8pm through August, except July 9th.

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

May and June were good months for the Kenmore Range. Many improvements were and are being made, and many of our shooters were successful at the events they participated in. The first PITTA Shoot hosted numerous squads with several shooters from Kenmore winning buckles. The PVA Charity Shoot, to be known as the Kenmore PVA Classic forevermore, was very successful. We raised approximately \$1400.00 for the NWPVA Shooting Sports. Great results for our first crack at it. Eric Zweizig took the Singles Champ Buckle shooting 50 straight and Dick Brattain took the Handicap Buckle. George Wells won the High Vet Buckle. Dick also won High Over All. The Chair Shooters did well also with Sean shooting 48 for first in Singles Chair and Ernie Butler winning the Handicap event for the Chair Shooters. After the event some of us had the opportunity to shoot from the wheel chairs and we gained an added appreciation of what it takes to compete from a chair. Gwen Campbell won Ladies Champ and Pat Webster won Ladies R/U Champ. As if this was not enough for Gwen, she won Ladies Class B at Granite Falls the following day with a score of 99.

I want to thank all of the people who worked so hard to make this a great event. Terry Diener, David Levinson, George and Tony Wells, Roy and Huck, Pat Webster and Paul Brown.

We wish to extend thanks to all of our sponsors for the event. Without your participation this would have been a ho-hum event but to the contrary the event was great and everyone I talked with indicated to me that they had a super good time. I wish to list a few of our sponsors at this point: D J's Loan and Sport, Adventure Sports, Stan Baker Gun Shop, Remington Firearms, A Bird, A Cat and A Dog Veterinary, Snohomish and Battle Creek Golf Courses, AMS Guns, Kesselring Gun Shop, Kenmore Gun Range, Greg Minor, Terry Diener, Ron

Lageson and a special thank you to the Little Nickel for all their advertising. If I missed some of you, I apologize and will catch up with you at a later date.

In addition we had the good fortune of help not only from our members and volunteers but assistance from other clubs' members including Bill Boetner and Mike Davis from Machais. In addition, we received assistance from our sponsors in the form of volunteers to assist including Ken from Stan Baker Gun Shop. Ken was on hand to help with what ever needed to be done. I want to thank Ernie Butler for all his guidance with this event. The event was a total success thanks to all of your efforts, participation and help with running the event.

Good Luck to all of our Competitors at the up-coming events, Kenmore PITTA Shoot, The PITTA State Tournament and the Grand.

Support your sponsors, they support us.

Remember the Shotgun Range is now open Friday's from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM, now through Labor Day. One exception Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> the Shotgun Range will be closed in order for Ken to set up the 3-D Archery Targets. The entire Range is closed July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for the 3-D Archery Event.

Remember to attend the next Shotgun Committee Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in July at 7:00 PM. We need your input.

Have fun shooting and be safe.

**Shotgun hours of operation**

*Daylight Saving hours*

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Members only 5-9pm</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>5:00 pm to 9:00 pm</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Noon to 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>5:00 pm to 9:00 pm</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>3:00 pm to 8:00 pm</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10:00 am to 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:00 am to 5:00 pm</b>



## LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING by Joe Waldron

The Washington State Rifle & Pistol Association (WSR&PA) is THE official state affiliate of the National Rifle Association. There are several dozen clubs and organizations affiliated with the NRA in Washington, including the WCW, but the WSR&PA is the NRA's formal affiliate. In the absence of any official NRA representation at any event or function, the WSR&PA speaks for the NRA.

While the WSR&PA was incorporated in 1951, it traces its lineage back to the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and Congress' creation of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice (NBPRP). NBPRP was established to promote proficiency in marksmanship skills using the service rifle, to ensure a pool of qualified marksmen and coaches was available in the event of a general mobilization.

The NRA joined with the NBPRP in conducting service rifle (and pistol) matches all across the country, and became the governing body for such events. Similar organizations were formed at the state level in many cases, including in Washington.

The original focus of the WSR&PA was (and their principal focus remains) on formal, competitive rifle and pistol marksmanship. At times they have delved in cowboy action shooting, silhouette shooting and other disciplines, but it all revolves around some form of competitive shooting.

Another important – even critical – role played by the WSR&PA is development of junior shooters. They have a committee devoted solely to that effort, the Junior Smallbore Development Committee. Washington shooters regularly place in Olympic competition, due in large part to the program run by the WSR&PA. Four of 21 shooting event participants in the Athens Olympics came from Washington!

Like the WCW, the WSR&PA is also a Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) affiliate.

Until recently they published a bi-monthly newsletter, *The Primer*. Due to cost considerations, they're looking at a less frequent edition, and/or an on-line version as well. The WSR&PA maintains a web site at <http://www.wsrpa.org> where contact information and membership applications may be obtained.

I would encourage WCW members to join the WSR&PA as well. (In my "day job" with the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms I'm frequently asked why someone should join this or that organization if they already belong to the NRA? The answer is simple: the more gun organizations you belong to, the more times your name is counted... just like in a King County election!)



## Kenmore Range Benchrest Matches

Wet and blustery conditions were the order of the day for our June benchrest match. Still some shooters were able to deal with it just fine. Mac McCluskey won the Custom class money by dropping just 2 points all day!

**Overall winners for June...** (400 points possible)

### Custom class...

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mac McCluskey 398-6x (cash winner)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mustafa Bilal 397-9x
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Boldman 396-7x

### Factory class...

- 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Thoennes 381-3x (cash winner)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan Sangrey 371-1x
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeff Bursik 348 1-x

Next Kenmore match is July 16<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

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I hope all of you are planning to attend the 25th year anniversary of WCW'S Big Game Animal 3D or The first annual Star FITA on July 9th and 10th. We still can use some help with course set up which will occur all day July 8th. Those of you who help with set up will shoot the event free. How's that for bribery. If you have not attended our 3d come on out and see what a great shoot we put on.

In other archery news the second in a series of NAA FITA qualifiers was shot Saturday June 4th. During the event two archers shot qualifying scores. Martian Lotz, Walla Walla senior male compound and Dwayne Montgomery Seattle, senior male compound. Lotz shot a 1385 and Montgomery scored 1354 out of a possible 1400.

On Sunday the club held a 900 round. High scores in the event were Dwayne Montgomery (865) senior male compound and Larry Anderson (805) senior male recurve bow.

Again on July 9th WCW will host its first annual Star FITA using FITA and NAA rules and dress code. A 900 round will be shot on July 10th. Practice ends begin at 9:00 AM each day. The first arrow for score begins at 10:00 AM. For additional information please contact Lytton Smith (lytttonsmith@earthlink.net) or 425-483-8534.



Pistol Competition Seminar 9am to Noon, Saturday, July 2. Standard .22LR pistol. \$10.

**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**:

**National Rifle Association, Recruiter Program Department  
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NRA RECRUITER **XC005464**

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RECRUITER SIGNATURE

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  NEW MEMBER  
 RENEWAL # \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME: Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
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