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## President's Message

### What hit me?

The last month has been a blur. There has been so much to learn and I now wonder how Carl and the other past presidents got it all done. So far so good, I hope most of you have noticed the many projects that have been started or completed around the club.

### Summer projects

This is the time of year that much of the repair and clean up is done around the ranges and buildings. If you would like to help, contact one of the committee chairmen or club officers and they will direct you to the person that can use your help. If you have no time to help around the club we will let you buy your way out, send money. Any funds we get will be used to offset moneys that are in the budget allowing more money to be directed to shooting and education.

### Range #1 work

As of the time of this writing, work has been started on range #1. The board of directors has directed some changes to range #1 to improve safety. The ground behind the targets at 200 yd's has been removed and placed in front of the targets. The removal of the small hill behind the targets at 200 yd's improves the visibility of shooters traveling out to 300 yd's. This is a major safety improvement. Latter this month or in July we will be working at the 300 yd's impact area. When you see Range Master Roy tell him thanks for all the work he has done on the range with all his equipment.

### Amos Frombach Memorial

There will be a pot luck event in the chalet on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. The family of Amos, all bench rest, range #1 shooters and anyone who knew Amos is cordially invited to attend.

### Summer BBQ

Mark your August calendar for August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Once again the shot gunners are at it with another BBQ. This afternoon event will be a good chance for all club members to meet and greet. Many people have asked me why we don't have more social club events. This will be a chance to have some fun and get to know others within our club.

### Security system

By the time you read this the new security and camera system should be in place. Don't do anything around the club that you don't want to see on T.V. This new system will provide shooters and employees an added level of safety.

### Thank you

Thanks to all the people, committees and anyone else that has worked around the club. It is your club get involved and enjoy.

### June 10 Special Meeting

There was a good turn-out at the special meeting called for the purpose of voting on the 13 Bylaw amendments submitted at the Annual Meeting, with approximately 60-65 members in attendance. Twelve of the thirteen amendments were passed by more than a 2/3 majority. Amendment #2 did not pass.

Please note that the entire new Club Bylaws is posted on our web site which you may read or print out. It is on the "Forms" page, along with other useful club forms.

John Conderman

### Shotgun hours of operation

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

**ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!**

### Board Meeting Minutes May 6, 2009

President Carl Brattain called the Meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board members were present except Myron Olson. The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were accepted as read.

#### Guests:

Phil Murray and Nicole Hamilton

#### Committee Reports:

Mike Wichser Archery, Carl Brattain Range and Gary Webster Shotgun.

#### Unfinished Business:

Gary Webster moved that Dan Barton contact and obtain bids for the creation, permitting and supervision of installation of a club sign facing 228<sup>th</sup> St. Passed

**After Unfinished Business the new President, John Conderman assumed his Office as well as Chairman Elect Mike Wichser and Trustee Dan Heitman.**

#### New Business:

Ken DeLeone moved that rifle and pistol fees be raised for the public to \$11.00. Passed

Larry Mallory moved to require chamber flags for all firearms on Range 2 at all times. Passed

Dan Barton moved for the President to create a job description and proposed budget of salary for a club business manager. The President will present this to the Board for its approval. Passed

Jim Dinnie moved to permit the President, Past President and treasurer as authorized check signatures. Passed

Larry Mallory moved to authorize pay increases for employees. Passed

Jim Dinnie moved to authorize \$15000.00 for installation and equipment for an improved security system. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

### Board Meeting Minutes June 3, 2009

President John Conderman called the Meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board Members were present. The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were accepted as read.

#### Guests:

Myron Olson firearms report and Richard Ripley Firearms Education.

#### Committee Reports:

Mike Wichser Archery, Gary Webster Shotgun and Carl Brattain Range.

#### Business Report:

Carl Brattain

#### Treasurers Report:

Ron Heraldson

#### Unfinished Business:

None

#### New Business:

A Motion by Ken Deleone to distribute range use coupons to some new shooters. Passed. A Motion by Dan Barton to employ Carl Brattain as Business Manager for the club. Passed. A Motion by Gerry Albertson to approve a \$1468.00 payment for archery targets as requested by Mike Wichser. Passed. A Motion by Pat Webster to approve whatever is required for septic tank maintenance. Passed. A Motion by Larry Mallory to permit John Conderman and Carl Brattain to evaluate possible ricochets from Range # 1 to shotgun impact area. Passed. A Motion by Carl Brattain to purchase a new riding mower as a replacement and sell the old one. Passed. A Motion by Pat Webster to pay archery coach reimbursement fees. Passed. A Motion by Carl Brattain to reimburse Mike Wichser for a flat screen monitor purchase. Passed. A Motion by Ken Deleone to approve of Carl Brattain as the Range Committee Chairman. Passed. A Motion by Carl Brattain to approve of Gary Webster as Shotgun Committee Chairman. Passed. A Motion by Carl Brattain to approve of Mike Wichser as Archery Committee Chairman. Passed.

A Motion by Ron Heraldson to have the Minutes of the current Board Meeting read and approved prior to the end of the Meeting. Passed. The Motion by Dan Barton to approve the Minutes of this Meeting. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

### Board Meeting Minutes April 1, 2009

President Carl Brattain called the Meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board Members were present except Myron Olson. The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were accepted as read.

#### Guests:

Mike Wichser Archery, Richard Ripley Firearms Education, and Lorrie Starkweather, Russ Felch and Larry Anderson Bylaws Review Committee.

#### Committee Reports:

Mike Wichser Archery, Carl Brattain Range, Gary Webster Shotgun, Richard Ripley Firearms Education and Dan Barton Bylaws Review.

#### Unfinished Business:

None

#### New Business:

A Motion by Pat Webster to approve the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget. Second by Jim Dinnie. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM. Respectfully submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

## Orientation

The following new member applicants attended Orientation this month and received their membership cards:

Dennis Baerwald  
Mark Blondin  
T. David Blundell  
Jerry and Linda Campbell  
Stephen Doty  
Mike Durbin  
William and Audra Farley  
Bart Flora  
Greg and Jean Ford  
Peter Frix  
Wayne and Hadley Horodowich  
Mark McCann  
Daryl Remily  
Dena Rigby  
Michael Schmierer  
Teri and David Smith  
James Twisselman  
Tim and See Fong Waelhte  
Herman Westerhoud

### Memorial for Amos Frombach

On July 18, at 2:30 PM after our benchrest match the shooters will meet in the Chalet (next to Range One) to celebrate the life of Amos Frombach who died the day before Thanksgiving last year. Art Clemente will be a valued guest. He knew Amos for many years. They had a lot of adventures together and I'm sure he'll have many interesting stories to tell. Anyone who knew Amos will certainly have a tale or two, if only to recount one of Amos's stories about his life.

Amos grew up in Saskatchewan and experienced things which most of us couldn't imagine, for example trying to keep their cattles' watering trough from freezing throughout the bitter Canadian winter. He was lucky to grow up during simpler times, when it was easier to walk out into the countryside and have outdoor adventures without much worry about bothering anyone. Of course most of us met him at our Kenmore Range where we all knew him as a generous man who loved shooting to the core and who was always so generous with his knowledge and his time. Like so many of us it was Amos's rifle that was the first really accurate rifle we had ever shot. He got me hooked on precision shooting and was forever a source of inspiration and enthusiasm. He was one of those rare people who really loved life and had no regrets about it.

Please come to our memorial for Amos and share a story or two. Note that our Benchrest match will be on July 18, the third Saturday of the month rather than on the second Saturday, due to the big archery tournament which will be July 11 and which closes down our range. Thanks. Richard Nicol



#### Kenmore Range Benchrest Matches

##### Benchrest Match Report: June 2009

With what is hopefully now an annual event, our June match is a warm-up match for those with the resources and strength to bring a rail gun (machine rest, small cannon) to the line. In July there will be a big match for these little monsters in Tacoma. So this was a good opportunity for the shooters to work out the bugs in their loads and their big rubber bands (which bring them back to battery). This is shooting with minimal human input, except, and crucially, for the ability to read the wind. Which there was plenty of on this particular day.

Six shooters had such weapons so they filled the first bay neatly. All were chambered in 6mm PPC and all shooting was done at 300 yards for group. Absolute trust is necessary since these guns can quite easily shoot ten shots all touching at this distance. It is really impossible at times to see all the holes in the paper. And absolute trust there is. So what happened. Well, it was a heck of a good match with some outstanding small groups shot, but at the end of the day it is the person who can shoot consistently in each round of targets who will probably win and so it was.

Tom Dickson drove over the hill from Rathdrum, Idaho which just happens to be the home of BAT Machine Company which just happens to be where Tom works and is in fact fairly high up in the cheese hierarchy at this brilliant company. As everyone knows this enterprise makes some of the finest rifle actions on the planet and raised the bar for quality in the world of precision rifles. And Tom was a good advertisement for his company. He won the match with an aggregate score of .3193 (minute of angle equivalent at 100 yards, I think).

Interestingly, small group in each match was won by a different shooter, Rick Graham shooting the smallest of the day, a tiny little round hole .571 inches in diameter (ten shots, yikes!). Almost unbelievable. Mustafa Bilal also shot a group in the "fives", his being .591". Jeff Yost was second in the overall agg. with an average of .3336" and Rick was third with an agg. of .3437". It was good to see Jeff at the match and we all wish him the best dealing with his health obstacles. He has a heck of a lot of pluck and fortitude.

It was good to see Craig Kehsler back shooting accompanied by his father. Craig built his rail gun and brings good humor and energy to our matches. We sure hope this innovative shooter keeps coming to Kenmore and sharing his creative spirit. Congratulations to Tom Dickson for winning and thanks for coming all that way to

shoot with us. It is good to have this good-natured and talented competitor shooting with us. He raises the standard for all of us and that's a good thing.

Our next match is July 18 and we'll be shooting our regular format, shooting for score at 300 and 200 yards. For information call **Richard Nicol at 206-784-1093** or **Rick Graham at 206-214-6484**.

#### Pistol Marksmanship and Competition Seminar

The 1st Saturday of each month we have a pistol training session for Bullseye and International Standard Pistol. Learn what competition is all about and get a lot of practice on timed and rapid fire. Need to bring, at a minimum:

- A. .22LR semi-automatic standard pistol (5" barrel).
  - B. 300-400 rounds of .22 Standard Velocity LR
  - C. \$10 fee
- Starts at 9:00AM on Range #3

