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President's Message

Year half gone

Time has really been moving fast this first half of 2011. July already, and I can't tell if summer is coming or going. This past month I have noticed that many shooters are coming to the range and having fun even if the sun is hiding. Shotgun and the rifle ranges had record attendance days during the past month.

Summer projects

Take a look around the club. If you see some thing that needs cleaning, raking or fixing get involved. This is your club and every thing you do to help, saves the club money.

A busy month

There are a number of interesting events at the club during July. The archery 3-D shoot will be held on July 9th and 10th. The club property is closed to all other events on these two dates. Even if you don't shoot archery, come out and have a hamburger. There is a bench rest match on the 16th and a CMP match on the 17th. On the 23rd there is a cast bullet rifle match. On Friday the 29th Big Five will be conducting employee training in the club house from 7am until 4pm.

Something new again (shotgun)

On the forth Monday of each month there will be a members only gathering at shot gun from 5pm until 9pm. If you love to shoot shotgun this is an event you do not want to miss. The shooting fees have been adjusted and there are a number of games to play if you dare. I'm not sure if it was Gary Webster or Carl Brattain who said that no one could ever beat them shooting the game of Anne Oakley. Sounds like Carl but I think it was Gary. Come out and have some fun.

Cartridge and reloading tool show

The club had it first cartridge, reloading tool and collectable show on June 11th. The show was a huge success and hundreds of

boxes of ammo and many collectable items changed hands. This was a no gun event. This event was the brain child of club member Tom Graham. Tom came to the board and started talking about having this event many months ago. Tom did all of the foot work and paid for the advertising out of his own pocket. All of the participants of the event and the club members who attended felt that this show was fun and rewarding and should be conducted again next year. There were several people who came to this show who had never been on our property before. Many of them told me that we have a great club. I would like to take this space in the clubs news letter to thank Tom for his efforts in making the club a fun place to be a member. Great job Tom.

John Conderman

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:

\$100 Donations

Don Toenyan

\$25 Donations

David Christie

Thanks!!!

ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!

Board Meeting Minutes June 1, 2011

President John Conderman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board Members were present except Gerry Albertson and Larry Mallory, both excused. The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were read.

Guests:

Jeff Lemoine and Jack Giuliano

Committee Reports:

Jeff Lemoine and Mike Wichser Archery, Jack Giuliano Range and Gary Webster Shotgun.

Business Manager's Report:

Carl Brattain

Treasurer's Report:

Russell Felch

Unfinished Business:

East fence line repair, improvements to the clubhouse, shot shack and club entrance near the front gate and flagpole.

New Business:

Ken Deleone moved to table the discussion of purchasing a defibrillator until additional information is available. Passed.

Ken Deleone moved to give all committee chairmen a standing invitation to attend all board meetings. Passed.

The Board of Directors of the Wildlife Committee of Washington does hereby resolve an issue with the USAA savings account and hereby authorizes John Conderman, Russell Felch and Gerald Albertson to be signatory on the account. Passed.

Carl Brattain moved to open the shotgun range normal hours of operation on Monday and Friday Holidays except for Christmas and New Years. Passed.

Carl Brattain moved to open the shotgun range the 4th Monday of each month normal hours for members only. Passed.

John Conderman moved to permit a local Boy Scout troop to shoot at the rifle range for a merit badge qualification to be conducted under agreed rules. Preliminary only, date is not yet determined. Passed.

Carl Brattain moved to open the pistol

range to members and non-members additional hours. The pistol range will open at noon and close the same time as the rifle range on Friday thru Sunday and all holidays, which fall on Mondays except Christmas and New Year's Day. Passed.

Gary Webster moved to purchase archery target flip cards at a cost of approximately \$760.as requested by Jeff Lemoine. Passed.

Mike Wichser moved to purchase replacement target butts total cost including shipping under \$2600.

Carl Brattain moved to donate \$50. for refreshments to be distributed at the 4th of July Parade in Bothell as requested by Dan Barton. Passed

Ken Deleone moved to approve the Minutes of this Meeting. Passed

Dan Barton moved to adjourn this meeting. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

Orientation

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

Sam Bolinger and Maggie Ireland
Brad Bollinger
Nicholas and Isabel D'Ambrosia
Tom Davis
John and Christa Donahue
Dylan Doran
Brian and Trace Dougan
Edmund Dunn
Zachary Hileman
Timm Hines
Joseph Horvatll
Robert and Nancy Hunter
Teri Kundert
Danny Mansour
Ron Newton
Benjamin Short
Jeff Snowden
Dave Somers
Mark Stevens
Dennis Wallace
Jeff and Michelle Wolf

Welcome to the club.



Hello from the Archery desk.

A few changes to take note of. The door to the container has been fixed. Do not try to open the right side door. It has been locked and needs to be left closed because the hinges are not safe to use. The lock has been moved to the left door and works great.

In the coming month we will try to get the carpet bails changed out for the Block targets. The field is still too wet to get the work done. And just a reminder NO BROADHEADS on the Block targets.

The 3d shoot is coming up fast. Look for some new shots this year that will test your skills, not your distance! The 3 courses have been weed-whacked. Shotgun and the pond have been set up. We are still going to need help the Friday before the shoot to get the walk-thru set up. If you think you can help contact me so I can get a head count. A reminder; if you help set up you do not pay to shoot Saturday or Sunday. If there is a shot you have been thinking of get with me and let's get it in. I will also need help pulling the walk-thru down on Sunday after the shoot.

Speaking of help, a big ,big thanks to Ken, Jeff , Dom, John, Ron and Nathan for braving the nettles and getting the weed-eating done. And if I've missed anyone I apologize. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to see everyone at the 3D shoot July 9th and 10th. There will be JOAD practice going on this year but no tournament on that weekend.

Jeff LeMoine

SPOT LIGHT ON A MEMBER

Richard A. Gilmore

Gil served in the U.S. Army and also the Navy. He enlisted at 16. He put his age down as something different and since they did not check things out like they do now. He was in the service during WWII and served as a bomber pilot. Gil flew 29 missions over France and Germany. In 1944 he was shot down over France after the invasion. There were 10 men in his plane and they lost one. He was rescued by the Canadians. During his time in the service he received The Distinguished Flying Cross, a Purple Heart, a Good Conduct medal, and his group received 2 Presidential Citations.

Gil met his wife while he was in the service. She was a civilian worker. They got married when he was 23 and were married for 57 years. They had two children.

Gil joined the club around 1981. He was mainly interested in archery. There were only 14 targets on the walk through range and Gil put his time into helping to put in the rest. He worked as an operating engineer in Alaska and the company he worked for let him use a dump truck and bulldozer to get work done on the range. When there was need of a container to store the 3-D animal targets he got permission from the board to purchase one he found at Harbor Island and then drove it up to the range. With the equipment he had access to he got the ground ready and the container was set alongside of the clubhouse where it is still in use.

Gil served a year on the board as a trustee and has run for President several times just to keep everyone honest. He was very active in shooting tournaments and put a lot of time into the 3-D Shoots. He was also recognized as a compound bow expert and has helped many members with setting up their bows as well as instructing them as to how to shoot better. Many members would seek him out when they were learning how to bow hunt. He would get a hunting trip organized and off they

would go. On one hunting trip to Oregon her and Bob Lambert both came back with an elk.

Gil has been involved in every aspect of this club. He has done pistol, rifle, and archery, and in his later years, he has been very involved in shotgun. He is the only man involved in the Ladies Only Shoot and he is our Gate Keeper. He parks his truck down by the yellow gate and there is nothing he likes more than to tell the men that they can precede no further on that day. I don't know if you would call him the devil's advocate or a rebel rouser but he surely likes to stir things up and like he says "get people thinking".

We all get a kick out of Gil. Nobody can say he is boring and he certainly has his own way of doing things. Gil will be 88 in August. Thank you Gil, for all you have done for this club. You are appreciated and we are happy to see you spend as much time on the range as you do.

Ann Hansen



Firearms Education Committee



There is still a steady demand for our classes. Fifty-four students completed classes at the Kenmore Range this month. We awarded NRA certificates to nine students in our Home Firearms Safety class on 21 May. Richard Ripley, Michael Challenger, Bill Bentler, and Mack Middleton provided the instruction and coaching.

We could use donated firearms for the Home Firearms Safety class. The instructors have been using their own guns for this class for years, but dedicated instructional firearms would be very useful. They don't need to be fireable, but the actions need to function mechanically. Larger calibers are also better, so students can see and handle them better. Please call Phil Murray (425-844-1918) or Richard Ripley (206-271-0670)

We also had nine students in the Basic Rifle class on 28 – 29 May. Martin Morehouse, Michael Challenger, Orin Humphries, and Doug Scoville were the instructors. One 11-year old student enjoyed the class so much, on Sunday afternoon he asked "what are we going to do tomorrow"!

Moving into June, we held a well-attended Instructor Training Course on 3 – 5 June. We graduated ten new Basic Rifle instructors, and ten new Basic Pistol instructors, as well as certifying sixteen of the Candidates as Home Firearms Safety instructors. NRA Training Counselors Phil Murray, Richard Ripley, Dan Reynolds, Jerry Harrott, Wayne Clapper, John Marler, Boyd Kneeland, and Phil Sohn spent the weekend presenting these classes.

Back to our regular classes, nine students attended the Basic Pistol class on 11 – 12 June. Brien McCrea, Terry Denton, Jack Juliano, and Maurice Robkin presented the material and awarded the students their certificates. At the same time, Phil Murray and Jim Hickey taught an NRA Range Safety Officer class to seven students. Finally, Martin Morehouse, Gregg Jones, and Doug Peterson had 10 students in the June Home firearms Safety Class, and Phil Murray, Dan Reynolds, and Doug Peterson taught Muzzle Loading Pistol to 3 students.

Our next Instructor Training class is tentatively scheduled for January 13, 14, and 15, 2012. Watch the newsletter for more details.

Martin Morehouse

Shotgun hours of operation

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

4th Mon Members Only 5-9pm



CMP/Highpower Rifle

The June 50 Shot NRA High Power Match

The June match (Father's day match) of the 2011 season was attended by nine shooters.

The line up consisted of 2 Unclassified, 2 Master, 2 Expert, and 3 Marksman. The service rifles were represented by one AR-15 and 6 M-1A's. The Match rifle category was made up one space gun in .223 Remington and a bolt action match rifle in 30-06 Springfield.

The conditions were less than ideal with slight drizzle and changing from low light to partially sunny.

Despite the weather good scores were shot. The prizes were awarded as follows: 1st Marksman Service Rifle category was won by James Thoman with a score of 425-4Xs. The Combined Master/Expert/Unclassified was won by Orin Humphries with a score of 464-10Xs, with Robert Shuey taking the second place, hot on Orin's heels, with a score of 461-5Xs. The Match Rifle category and was won by Stan Vleck with a score of 472-6Xs.

A very big thank you to Orin Humphries for help with the match and for helping the new shooter.

The next match is scheduled for Sunday July 17th, same time same event. My apologies to the club members for any inconvenience due to the match schedule errors. We will try our best not to let this happen in the future.

Stan Vleck

Bits and Pieces

It's time to write about a few things that members seem to be having trouble with lately.

First, what we have called "Hunter Pistol" for the last 13 years is a Range #1 special use for a pistol that cannot be shot on the pistol range because of the caliber. It was instituted so that members could shoot a pistol chambered in high power rifle cartridges such as a .308, .223, 30-30, etc., in pistols, like a Contender or a Remington XP-1, off the bench on Range #1.

Some members have confused this special use with NRA Pistol Silhouette, which is not shot on our range. We do not allow either steel targets nor laying on your back shooting a pistol resting on your leg. There is some talk about renaming the special use to "High Power Benchrest Pistol" to better identify the privilege that is intended.

Second, we expect (demand) the other members using our facility to stop folks who are not following the rules. If you do not know what is permitted and what is not permitted, or do not take the appropriate action when warranted, you do not deserve a special use permit. And, I expect will lose the privilege.
Vic



SHOTGUN Committee

The shotgun committee met on June 13th with around 20 members present. We are seeing a good turn out for the meeting night. Starting this month on June 27th we are open from 5:00-9:00pm for members only. The price of shooting will be \$3.00 a line. There are no paid employees on this night. Dinner will be available for \$5.00.

Patty Webster once again did an outstanding job of running the Ladies Clinic. The gals loved it and with the instruction they received everyone of them broke targets. The instructors that were there did a great job. Thank you so much for the many hours you put in to make this event possible. Brianna Bruce, Cindy Murdock, Gwen Campbell, Jill Sato-Heitmann, Joyce Brown, Melinda Rand, Pam Duncan, Pam Lynn, Pat Webster, Sue Coughtry, Twyla Campbell, Val Bruce, and Vanny Chaam, you have all put a great focus on our club for encouraging women to get involved in this sport and also to succeed at it. Gerard, and Larry and Bill, you had those traps running perfect. It took a lot of people to make this event work and a hugh thank you to each of you.

The work on the 5-stand is coming along and thank you again to Dave Levinson and his helpers. The concrete was poured and soon we will see the finish.

Ann Hansen

Rangemaster's Corner

Roy Stephenson, WCW Senior Rangemaster

There seems to be a lot of confusion over the difference between rifles marked for .223 Remington or 5.56 NATO calibers. Are they the same? Is the ammo for each safe in the other? A discussion is probably necessary due to today's heightened interest in these calibers.

These two cartridges came about when the military adopted the Colt M16 rifle which originally used .223 Remington ammo. To insure the military rifles functioned reliably in combat conditions (dirtier operating and storage arena, longer times between cleaning/maintenance in combat zones, lots of full auto firing and loading heavier FMJ projectiles), some changes were made to the ammunition and the rifle's chamber.

While the .223 Remington sporting cartridge and the 5.56 X 47 mm NATO cartridge appear to have the same dimensions they do not. The best way to measure these differences is to compare reamers used to cut each chamber. As you can see in the following table, there are differences in the two chambers.

ITEM	.223 REM	5.56 NATO	DIFFERENCE
Base Diameter	0.3760	0.3780	0.0020
Shoulder Diameter	0.3553	0.3560	0.0007
Case Mouth Diameter	0.2540	0.2550	0.0010
Freebore Diameter	0.2245	0.2270	0.0025
Base-to-Case Mouth Length	1.7720	1.7750	0.0030
Base-to-Shoulder	1.2340	1.2380	0.0040
Neck Length	0.2200	0.2180	-0.0020
Freebore Length	0.0250	0.0500	0.0250

(Information from AR15 Barrels.com. Dimensions in Inches.)

Additionally, 5.56 NATO military brass has a thicker wall, and thus, the cartridge has a reduced capacity. (*Hand loaders take note.*) Another difference is that the throat angle of the NATO chamber is 0.6° LESS than the .223 Remington creating a bit more of a restriction as the bullet enters the barrel. The .223 Remington chamber is rated for a maximum of 50,000 CUP (*Copper Units of Pressure*) while the 5.56mm chamber is rated for 60,000 CUP. That extra 10,000 CUP might possibly be sufficient to cause a failure in a chamber that's only rated for the "sporting" .223 Remington caliber. Firing the 5.56 NATO cartridge in a rifle chambered for .223 Remington could cause over-pressure problems such as a difficult extraction or an occasional popped primer. Extreme cases could result in a damaged rifle.

The Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI), issued a bulletin several years ago advising against using military 5.56 MM Military ammunition in a rifle chambered for .223 Remington Sporting ammunition. However, it is safe to use .223 Remington ammunition in a 5.56 NATO chamber.

I think I will follow their recommendation. – Roy

WILDLIFE COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON
KENMORE RANGES

**2011 HIGH POWER BOLT ACTION AND M-1 GARAND MATCH
SCHEDULE**

Dates of Competition: 18 September, 2011 – M-1 Garand Match; 16 October, 2011 -
Unaltered Military Bolt Action Match
(Third Sunday of each month.)

Location: Kenmore Gun Ranges – 1031 228th St. SW, Bothell, WA 98021
Phone: 206-481-8686

Competition is open to all. All Shooters need to be present by 09:30 hours on the date of the match for orientation. The maximum number of shooters is 30, on first come first served. Registration begins at **09:00 hours** on the day of the match.

Match entry fee: \$20.00

Firing begins 10:15 hours.

Course of fire: 10 shots prone position slow fire at SR-21 target
 10 shots prone position rapid fire at SR-1 target
 10 shots from sitting position rapid fire at SR-1 target
 10 shots offhand (standing without sling) slow fire at SR-1 target

(Five minute sighting period preceding the slow fire prone position will be allowed.)

Classifications: NRA classifications will be used, and only unaltered Service rifle category will be allowed to compete for prizes.

Procedural and Safety Reminders:

- 1) NRA Rule 9.12 – No re-fire Rule. Alibis and saved rounds re-fires will not be allowed.
- 2) Yellow Empty Chamber Flag/Open Bolt Indicator must be used.
- 3) Eye and Ear protection is required.
- 4) Club members wishing to use Club-owned M-1 Garands must attend a Garand orientation session prior to registering with the Rangemaster WELL BEFORE the day of the match.
- 5) No solid steel or armor piercing ammunition allowed.

For further information contact the Rangemaster at 206-481-8686;
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