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## *President's Message*

### **Taking office**

Thank you for allowing me to lead the club over the next year. I will work hard to keep the club moving in a productive direction. There are a few people I wish to thank, for their help during this first month. Vic Alvarez has kept the club together over the past 20 plus years. He has provided all of the background information in every area and has me off to a great start. Vic will continue serving the club in many areas. The next person to thank is Carl Brattain. Carl has served as president for the past seven years and has left the club much better than he found it and with a little money in the bank. When you see Carl say thanks for all he has done. Carl is your past president and as such will have many jobs over the next year. I also wish to thank the board of directors for their support and approval of the many items that have already come to our attention. Your board does much more in your name than many of you might know. Thank them when you see them.

### **Safety issues**

The board of directors directed that chamber flags be used on range #2 starting June 1. At the last range meeting the range committee voted to require chamber flags on range #1 also. All guns will be required to use chamber flags. Even flint locks will need to place the flat part of the chamber flag between the hammer and the flash pan on the unloaded rifle. If you shoot a small bore you will need to cut down a chamber flag to fit your gun.

New cameras are being installed in new location around the club. It is my hope that the unnecessary damage to the baffles and range will stop. All range safety items are provided to keep us safe and open.

### **Members of the year**

Bob Harmon and Ron Barton were voted members of the year last month. Each was awarded a gift certificate for use at the club. Both members have donated their awards to the youth rifle group. Well done Bob and Ron. This is how our club works and we should all remember the youth within our club are our future.

### **Events**

There are many events being conducted around the club this time of the year. Check your calendar and come out and join in the fun. The one item you may want to get signed up for now is hunter education. The class starts soon and you should be signed up early.

Shotgun had a PITA shoot this month and it went very well. The club looked good and all of the equipment worked well thanks to the hard work of the employees and volunteers. Remember, June 13<sup>th</sup> is Ladies only day at shotgun. And the shotgun range will be closed for this event.

### **Summer clean up**

This is a good time of the year to get our club picked up and made to look good. If you have some time to help, get in contact with Carl Brattain or any of our committee chairmen. I know that Ken DeLeone and others in archery are getting the range ready for the up and coming 3-D shoot.

Thanks to everyone who helped out around the club this past month.

### **Image of our club**

I received a letter of concern this week. The letter came from a club member. In the letter he stated that he overheard members talking about subjects that could be considered felony talk and un-American. I

will not get involved in speech or thought control, however I caution all members to act in ways that bring the club good reviews from other members and the public.

### **Special meeting**

A special meeting has been called for Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. This meeting is called for the approval of amendments to the bylaws as read at the last general meeting. Everyone should attend this meeting as the changes are needed to keep the club in conformance with bylaws.

*John Conderman*

**ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!**





**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 members. 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 un-scheduled firearm insurance and \$10,000/

\$5,000 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. Write your check to the NRA or 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  
11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030-7400**

**NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



**NRA**

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NRA RECRUITER ID#

*Wildlife Committee of Washington*  
RECRUITER SIGNATURE

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  NEW MEMBER  
 RENEWAL # \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME: Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST LAST M.I.  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOOSE ONE MAGAZINE** (Junior Members under age 15 receive *Insights* magazine only, 15 and older choose magazine)  
 AMERICAN RIFLEMAN  AMERICAN HUNTER  AMERICA'S 1<sup>ST</sup> FREEDOM

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**  CASH  CHECK OR MONEY ORDER  
 CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHARGE TO:  AMEX  VISA  MC  DISCOVER

ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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MEMBER SIGNATURE (credit card only) \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

1 YEAR ~~\$35~~ **\$25**  
 3 YEAR \$85  
 5 YEAR \$125  
 JUNIOR (18 years & under) \$15  
 ASSOCIATE (no magazine) \$10  
 LIFE MEMBERSHIP  
 Reg. \$1000  Jr. \$550  
 Distinguished - age 65+ \$375  
 EASY PAY\*  PAID IN FULL  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 FOREIGN POSTAGE  
(per year: \$5 Canadian - \$10 other)  
\* EPL \$25 down payment then \$25 quarterly payments until the total dues are paid.

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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