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President's Message

Grace Period over on March 1

Dues for 2002 are now past due. Thanks to everyone who has already sent them in....and a reminder to the rest of you....get them in now. We will be requiring the display of the new cards beginning on March 1.

No 2002 membership card, then no benefits.

If you forget your 2002 card, do not expect the Rangemaster to make an exception just for you. It is a violation of Club policy.

Elections

The elections are coming up soon. The ballot will go out in the next newsletter. Any one interested in running for the board should submit a letter of intent to the Board as soon as possible. Most of the current Board will be running again, but we do need a candidate for Treasurer. We need someone with accounting/bookkeeping knowledge. This is an important job and requires some commitment of time to accomplish. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

New Gate—New Keys

We will have the new front gate up soon and new locks installed. Check with the Range Office for the availability of new keys, which have been ordered and should be in soon.

The only transition period will be that time between actually having the keys available and the point at which the gate is finally installed and functional.

2003 Dues Increase

Everything continues to get a bit more expensive. We have held the line on dues for quite a while, but have determined that a small increase would be appropriate for the next renewal period. The dues for 2003 will increase \$15 for single and \$20 for family memberships. The financial impact to the

bottom line revenues will be about \$20,000 and will allow the club to continue to add value and services to our membership.

National Rifle Association

Are you a current member of the NRA? If not, why not? Every hunter and gun owner has an obligation to help protect their shooting heritage and the Second Amendment. The best way to help is to keep a current membership in the NRA and to add your voice to the other 4 million plus members. Our combined voice is a force on the national stage, but could be much more effective if all who should join the fight actually do join in.

The benefits of membership more than justify the dues: \$1,000 firearms theft insurance, \$10,000 accidental death insurance, a monthly magazine, and notification of important items effecting your Second Amendment rights.

The club is an NRA club, and an NRA recruiter. We offer a special deal on membership and an easy way to join or to renew. Just click on the NRA logo on our web site home page and you can use your credit card to join or renew your membership directly with the NRA for a \$10 discount. Membership through the club's web site is only \$25. It only takes a couple of minutes and since you are dealing directly with the NRA system, your transaction has no chance to be lost or delayed.

Anyone can use this facility. Talk your friends and neighbors into joining and using our web site to renew. The club receives \$5 for every renewal and \$10 for every new member that uses our web site.

Carl Brattain

ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!

WCW Board Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2002

Meeting called to order by President Carl Brattain at 8:00 PM. All present except Gerald Albertson and Jim Dinnie, excused.

The minutes of the pervious meeting were accepted as published.

President Carl Brattain reported on the club finances.

Guests

Range Committee Chairman, Roger Ulrich, reported on the up-coming Club Event Day and the recent Swap Meet.

Orientation

The following new members have completed orientation:

Michael Anderson
Manuel Ang and Fiona Day
Myles Asper
Frederic Burns
Matt Driscoll
Robert Gallagher
Thomas and Heather Gillespie
Katle Harrington and Chris Crowell
Jon and Cindy Lathrop
Dale McBain
Jay Miller
Mike and Marianne Russell
Greg Spyridis
Frank Ward

Old Business

John Conderman moved to raise annual membership dues to \$90.00, single and \$120.00, family, to take effect January 1, 2003. Motion passed.

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm
Respectfully submitted by Dan Barton,
Recording Secretary.



Kenmore Range Benchrest Matches

It's clear that benchrest shooters are of the highest moral fiber- since weather seems to always be perfect for our match. Our February match day was like an early spring day rather than a winter day. Threatened rains never materialized; it was very calm nearly the whole morning. Skies were bright for good target definition. Range one is a little like heaven sometimes. This was our last pre-season match- next month we start shooting for the trophy again.

We had competition only in the custom class this month. Nearly all our shooters have graduated from factory class or skipped that grade entirely. (New shooter Dave Phipps shot a factory .308 but was using a mechanical front rest. Welcome to our matches Dave. He has an excellent mentor: our resident gunsmith Rick Begin-ski.)

Rod McDonald won the first 300 yard match scoring 100-3X (and this with a 6 power scope!). Bob Gord was second with 99-0X, and Rick Graham was third with 98-4X. In the second match Leonard Nicol beat everyone with his 100-1X score. Don Gillard (yes, that Don Gillard) was second with 99-1X and down on bench 12 Amos Frombach quietly punched in a 98-3X for third. Good shooting Amos!

At 200 in the first match, Leonard again came in first with another 100, this time with 3Xs. Don was second, again with 99-1X, and Bob was third with 98-3X. In the second match- just to show he hadn't just been lucky all morning as most people suspected- Leonard scored 99-0X for first. There was a two-way tie for second: Rod and Rick both had 98-2X and three shooters had 98-1X for third: Bob Gord, Gerald Earl and Richard Nicol.

Next match is for real. Match is March 9. Come back Dave. Please note- we intend to change our matches to the first Saturday of the month starting in April so we don't conflict with the Tacoma BR matches.

Any questions call Richard Nicol at 206 784-1093.



The weather stayed halfway decent for the mid-February prone 60-shot match at Kenmore. The High Masters turned out en masse, (ten, if you must know) to show how it's done! A nice cross-section of classifications otherwise, with three Masters, two Experts, three Sharpshooters, two Marksmen, and one Master-Unclassified.

X-Count separated the Match Winner and the 1st and 2nd HM Places - yep, all "clean", with John Lloyd maintaining his 'legendary' status with a 600-47X MW win. Jay Brooks and Jim Hicks took 1st & 2nd HM with 600-45X and 600-44X, respectively.

Fine scores against the MR-31 reduced target. Expert Chris Gailey turned in a much-improved 570-16X in this combined class, as well.

Orin Humphries and Steve Fischer took 1-2 in the combined MA & EX class with 585-23X & 577-19-X respectively. Eric Peterson and Stan Vlcek teamed up on the combined SS/MK class to score respectable (and respective) 583-12X and 529-8X. First-year Marksman Tom Smith doubled his last-month's score, using his new AR-15 - I think he's on to something!

Our last of the Winter Prone matches at Kenmore will be next month, on Saturday, 16 March.

The 50-shot CMP 'across-the-course' matches begin at Kenmore on Sunday, 17 March. Sign-ups start at 0830, first shots downrange at 1000.

Dick Abbey



North Puget Sound Friends of NRA

The North Puget Sound Chapter of the "Friends of NRA" will be having their Tenth annual dinner and auction on April 6, 2002, the usual Saturday night. The food and merchandise is great. The money raised by these dinners are distributed to gun clubs and educational groups around the State based on their proposals in support of general NRA goals. An equal amount goes to the National Foundation for distribution around the Nation.

The preparation and planning for our dinner is being done at meeting held at WCW on Wednesday nights. The committee needs your help. Call Gerry at (206) 542-4587 for details on tasks to be done.

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details about the dinner/auction, the merchandise, and how to get tickets. Many items will be available through bucket raffles and games as well as some in a silent auction. This is a family event and many of the items will appeal to the ladies.

Gerald Graham

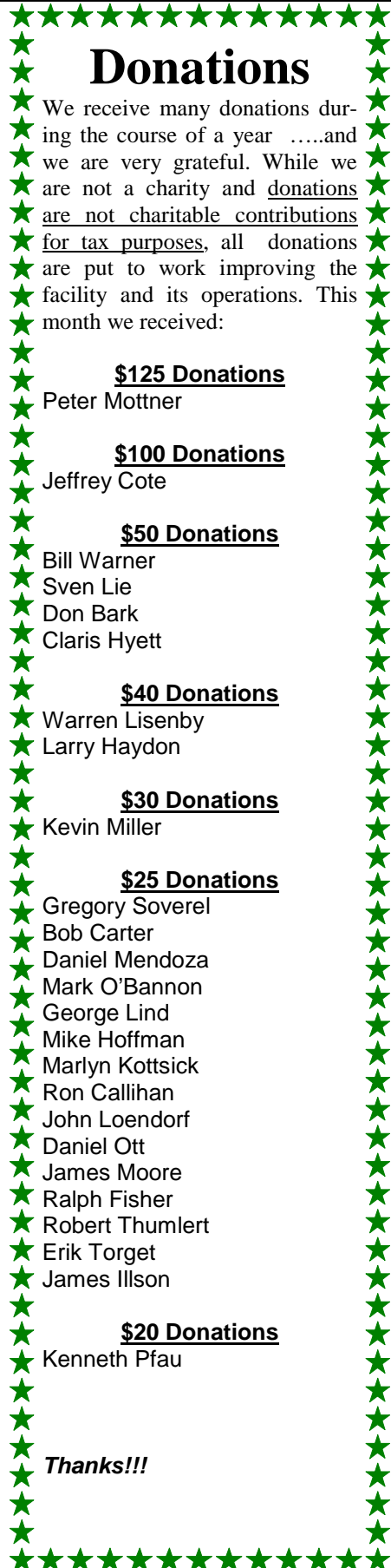
shotgun

Committee

Shotgun hours of operation are:

Normal hours

- Tues** 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Wed** Noon to 5:00 pm
- Thur** 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Sat** 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Sun** 10:00 am to 5:00 pm



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:

\$125 Donations

Peter Mottner

\$100 Donations

Jeffrey Cote

\$50 Donations

Bill Warner
Sven Lie
Don Bark
Claris Hyett

\$40 Donations

Warren Lisenby
Larry Haydon

\$30 Donations

Kevin Miller

\$25 Donations

Gregory Soverel
Bob Carter
Daniel Mendoza
Mark O'Bannon
George Lind
Mike Hoffman
Marlyn Kottsick
Ron Callihan
John Loendorf
Daniel Ott
James Moore
Ralph Fisher
Robert Thumlert
Erik Torget
James Illson

\$20 Donations

Kenneth Pfau

Thanks!!!



Cast Bullet Matches

Starting in March and running through October, there will be a Cast Bullet match the fourth Saturday of each month. Match fees for the regular monthly matches are \$8.00. There are both Plain Base and gas check classes. All shooting is done from the bench, using targets at both 100 and 200 yards. Both score and group matches are shot on alternating months, starting with a group match.

The Washington State Cast Bullet championship match will be held on June 29th and 30th. This will be in addition to the regular match for June. We have had several national records shot in these previous matches. More information on this event in the future.

If you need more information, call Roger Ulrich at 425-788-4715.

Ramblings

It's a very slow process, but more and more members are moving over to the internet for their information. They are finding that it is complete, quick, and that they cannot lose or misplace it.

The more folks that opt out of the snail mail system the more money the club can save on printing and mailing. And savings are not insignificant as the savings could add up to as much as \$10,000 a year. Give the on line newsletter a try....you might like it.

To jog your memory as to when the newsletter is uploaded to the web, we have an automatic email notification of newsletter postings.....just send an email to news@wcwinc.org to get on the mailing list.

Join Your Friends at the NORTH PUGET SOUND "Friends of NRA" Banquet and Auction!

Come join your fellow NRA members and supporters for a fun-filled evening the whole family will enjoy. This exciting event will raise funds in support of vital projects including: youth education, firearms training programs, hunter safety classes, and much more. *Friends of NRA* features...

✱ **Great Food** ✱

✱ **Auctions** ✱

✱ **Door Prizes** ✱



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Merchandise!**

- ✱ Browning Mod. 1885 High Wall .45-70 Govt.
- ✱ Benelli Nova 12 ga. Pump Shotgun
- ✱ Winchester Model .94 30-30 Big Loop
- ✱ "NRA Express" Train Set
- ✱ Exclusive NRA Merchandise
- ✱ Framed Wildlife Art
- ✱ ...and much more!

NORTH PUGET SOUND "FRIENDS OF NRA" BANQUET AND AUCTION

SATURDAY, April 6, 2002

**5:30 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 P.M. DINNER AND AUCTION**

**HOLIDAY INN, SOUTH EVERETT
101 - 128TH STREET - I-5 at Exit 186**

CALL OR WRITE FOR TICKETS TODAY!

Contributions to the NRA Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by federal income tax laws

Friends of NRA EVENT TICKET ORDER FORM

Return ticket request to: N. Puget Sound Friends of NRA, P.O. Box 1462, Edmonds, WA 98020 **PHONE: 206-542-4587**

Name _____ *Dinner Choice:*
Address _____ Beef
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Chicken

Please send me ticket(s) _____ at \$30.00 each

Total Number of Tickets: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

check made payable to: North Puget Sound "Friends of NRA"

credit card (check one) ___ VISA ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ American Express

credit card # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

I am not able to attend the event but I have enclosed my tax deductible donation of \$ _____ to help our local *Friends of NRA* committee.