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President's Message

Volunteers

I would like to start by thanking all the people who volunteered to work around the club. Every month many of you volunteer to help repair and clean up around the clubhouse. It's the little things, like picking up a mess you see, picking up brass on the firing line, and removing used targets, that keeps our range looking good.

Events

Remember, we are always having events at the range, so check your calendar before coming to shoot. We have upcoming matches that could impact your shooting. This is even more important with the start of spring and the beginning of the busier match season.

Dues

Dues were due January 1. We allowed a grace period until March 1. If you don't have a 2003 badge, you will be handled as a public shooter. I hope everyone understands that it is now past due for renewals.

Also, since we have been liberal with members in the past, some folks have gotten the idea that it is ok to drop out for a year or two. The club bylaws require continuous membership and payment of all current and past dues owed. Either you support the club and remain a member, or not.

Reminder

The reminder topic this month is range safety rules and etiquette. Range #1 rules require that we keep muzzles all on one basic line in each shooting bay. If a person is position shooting, then everyone coming on to the bay must also shoot position. The best way I know to keep the muzzles in a basic line while shooting from the bench is to have all muzzles in front of the bench surface. This is required for safety reasons and is good etiquette. This reduces the blast that

hits your neighbor. Now I know that muzzle breaks throw the blast back and that is something we must live with, but etiquette would dictate that if you are shooting rifle with a muzzle break that you try select a bench with minimum impact on your neighbor.

Our range rules also require that you clean up after yourself. You must make a reasonable effort to clean up. No one will get upset if you pick up your cleaning patches and you happen to miss one, but conversely, if you leave cleaning solution puddles on the bench and grime all over the bench surface, that is not a reasonable effort. Please be considerate of others. I am going to ask all committee chairs to make a special effort to discuss range rules, safety, and etiquette at the committee meetings and, hopefully, in the newsletter articles.

Elections

Nominations for office must be to the Board by 8 P.M. March 5, to be on the ballot. The ballots will go out in the April's newsletter, which will be mailed out early. That means that all articles for the April News letter must be turned in on time, March 12. I hope everyone votes in the election.

NRA Classes

We have added to the regular monthly schedule of NRA classes. The Firearms Education Committee is now holding a Basic Pistol class on the second weekend of each month and a Basic Rifle class on the fourth weekend. This is in addition to the First Steps Shotgun on the first Saturday and the Home Firearms Safety class on the third Saturday.

Have Fun, be Safe, and play well with others.

Carl Brattain

ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!

WCW Board Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2003

Meeting called to order by President Carl Brattain at 8:00 PM. All Board members were present except John Stewart, Dave Alvar, and Larry Mal-lory.

The minutes of the pervious meeting were accepted as published.

Guests

Richard Nicol, expressing his concern of tree cutting on the berm of Range #1. Jerry Graham, representing the Friends of NRA and Jeff Daily, Field Represent-ative for the NRA.

Committee Reports

Archery and Range committee chair-men reported on the activities in their areas.

Orientation

The following new members have com-pleted orientation:

- Bernie Alfred
- Jeffrey Egelston
- Robert and Robin Fairbanks
- Frederick Julian
- Robert and Susan Keeger
- Steven Mehl
- Rollo S. Montgomery
- Dean Sams
- Lenny and Charlene Saunders
- Rodney Shultz

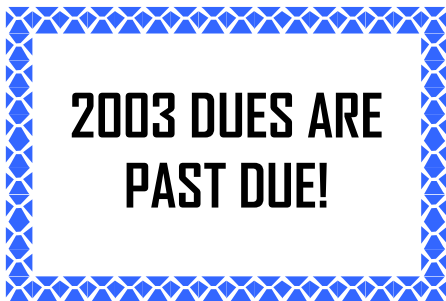
Old Business

None

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm
Respectfully submitted, Daniel Barton
Recording Secretary



Donations

We receive many donations dur-
ing the course of a yearand
we are very grateful. While we
are not a charity and donations
are not charitable contributions
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This month we received:

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Thanks!!!



Archery Committee – February

We had good attendance! Thanks to those who took the time to attend.

I've posted a "sign-up" sheet for this year's 3-D in the Archery Committee News under the Members Section of our web site. If you're interested in participating, please send me a note.

Darian A Carpenter



North Puget Sound Friends of NRA

The North Puget Sound Chapter of the Friends of the NRA will be having their eleventh annual dinner and auction on **April 26, 2003** at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Everett.

The food and merchandise is great. The money raised is distributed to qualify-
ing gun clubs and educational groups
around the state in the form of grants.
An equal amount goes to the National
Foundation for distrubution around the
country. Our club has benefited directly
from these grants to support our instruc-
tor training classes.

The preparation and planning for our
dinner is being done at meeting held at
the WCW on Wednesday nights. Your
help would be appreciated. If interested
please call Jerry at (206) 542-4587

See the flyer in this newsletter for de-
tails about the event and how to get
tickets. This is a family event and many
of the items will appeal to the ladies.
Gerald Graham

Range Committee



Pistol

The club postal match league finished up with Scott Lorenz taking the top spot again with a 97/100 average. Good to see that Scott's injured shoulder has healed enough to be able to compete again....it only took two years.

Allen Evans took 2nd overall and Paul Landes was third overall and 1st Expert. A new shooter, Shane Way, was 1st SS, and our youngest shooter, Paul Ketchum, took 1st MK by a wide margin. Both Paul and Shane will be competing in higher classes next time around.

The Inland Empire postal league is still in progress having completed match 7 as of this writing, out of the 10 scheduled. The WCW first team of 4 shooters has managed to sneak into the top spot with a score of 8026 out of a possible 8400, 7 points ahead of a Whitefish MT team and 23 point ahead of a White Mountain AZ team. WCW #2 is in 9th place and WCW #3 is in 21st place out of about 70 teams competing. We are the only club with two teams in the "A" division and the only club fielding 5 teams. These matches are being reported in the Spokane newspaper, the Spokesman-Review, and on their web site.

Having more good shooters competing gives us an edge, since the top 4 scores of the week makes up our 1st team. We have had 11 different shooters contributing to the 1st team's scores. This competition has definitely become one of the high points of our shooting year.

We have begun our annual Standard Pistol League, Thursday evenings from 7-9pm. And will be shooting our annual Air Pistol League as soon as Standard finishes, about the 2nd week of April. Air Pistol is one of the best ways to improve your pistol skills and to get involved in pistol target competition.

The club has air pistols available to use in the league matches. And pellets cost a penny each. Mark it on your calendar and come give it a try.

Free Pistol shooters notice: we will have a Free Pistol League starting in March. We will shoot on Monday evenings from 7-9pm under lights at a 25 yd target. Free Pistol is an Olympic event. It is the hardest of all the pistol sports and the only event which has been little changed over the last 100 years.

The .22LR equipment has developed into a very specialized form. Long barrels and a long sight radius with normal iron sights. Single shot actions. Set triggers with no restriction on trigger pull weight. Grips which provide a lot of help and fit like a glove.

And since this is a 50 meter event, the reduced target for 25yds is very small. I mean really small.

This is slow, precision shooting. Sixty shots in 2 hours. We shoot our match at a rate of 20 shots in twenty minutes, and change targets after each twenty shots. While a specialized Free pistol is not required, loading and shooting single shot is. The highest score I have ever seen shot with a standard pistol was Scott Lorenz, at the top of his game, shooting a 542 in a sectional match with a GSP. The effort gave him second place in that National Championship, losing the top spot only by how they applied the tie breaking rules.

There are also some Championship day matches coming up soon...keep an eye on the calendar. If you are interested come on out and take a look. Many of these leagues are a good way to get started in the world of competitive pistol shooting.

Want more information?
Contact Vic Alvarez



Highpower PRONE Rifle Match

.The February issue of the Kenmore 60-shot Prone Matches transpired with no major weather-related hitches! Hard to believe it's winter, when it's 50 degrees, and only a smattering of rain!

We had 21shooters in attendance, with over 50% in the High Master Class! Makes for a formidable competition, don't you think? An F-Class shooter - Orin Humphries - who is sporting a bad shoulder, and can't handle the sling and compression of the Prone position, shot a 600 - zillion X's, but could not participate in the "Approved competition". Orin, nevertheless came out and competed!

Our Junior "new shooter," Whitney Schultz, who fired an Expert on her first-ever match in December, returned to prove it was no fluke by shooting another expert-class score again. Glad to have you with us, Whit - you lend a lot of class to this bunch!

The combined Marksman/Sharpshooter winner was Stan Vlcek, who shot his 6.5 Swede to a 528-6X. The combined Master/Expert class was taken by Bruce (Sandbagger) Holiway, with a very nice 597-28X!

The High Master Class covered a lot of ground, with Wes Hall taking 3rd HM at 599-46X, Rich Vedvick with a 600-41X. Jay (bad eyes) Brooks at 600-46X! Our Match Winner was Felix (Bud) Solis, with a 600-47X. Note that one point and less than 5 X's separated all four top spots in the match! That's Competitive shooting in the Northwest!

Our next Prone match at Kenmore, and our last for this Winter, will be on 15 March - Saturday. Sunday the 16th of March will initiate our CMP Matches there, with a 50-shot NMC. Registration on both days will begin at 0830, with first shots downrange at 1000.

Come on out and enjoy!
Dick Abbey



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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.**

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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.

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