



# The Sportsman Newsletter

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## President's Message

### Volunteers

I would like to thank all the members who help out around the club. This time of year it is nasty outside, leaves everywhere, rain and cold weather, windy. This is the time when we get ready for next year. Please help around the club by cleaning up after yourself and your neighbor. This will help reduce what the other volunteer must do.

A special thanks to Dave Alvar and Dan Barton for cleaning up the Range Office basement and removing the ceiling insulation that the mice had made a mess of. A dirty job which was much appreciated.

### IMPORTANT ITEMS

#### Dues

2005 dues are now past due. This is the last newsletter which will include a renewal form, and is the last newsletter that unpaid members will receive. Some members have remarked that we should send out a bill. ***Please consider this to be your final bill.***

Those members without 2005 Membership cards are suspended as of the end of February and have no club benefits. You may not use any of the ranges as a member until you receive your 2005 card to wear.

#### Member Hours

The lock on the front gate will be changed on March 15th. If you have Special Use permission and a gate key, you will need to pay another \$5 and get a new gate key before March 15th. After that date your current key will not work.

#### Ballots

Ballots to elect the club's Board of Directors will be sent out with the March newsletter. Please mark your ballot and mail it back to the club so that we receive it before April

13th, or bring the filled out ballot to the April Annual Meeting.

Remember, the members who volunteer to serve on the Board take stock of how involved the members are in the welfare of the club. It is an insult to your Board that a majority of our members do not bother to take the time to vote and definitely implies that the serving members' contributions are not valued by the membership. The message is that we don't care who is serving on the Board.

You should care. A poor Board can easily sink a club. We are losing clubs and ranges all around us. At least get active enough to fill out a ballot.

#### Work Parties

We need to pick up around the club, branches etc. Any help is appreciated. We need to clean up around the club house, both inside and out; leaves debris, cob webs, etc. Let me know if you are interested in helping. Have Fun, Be Safe, and Play Well.

*Carl Brattain*

### Shotgun hours of operation

*Normal hours*

Mon **Members only 5-9pm**

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 February 2, 2005

President Carl Brattain called the Meeting to order at 8:00PM. All Board Members were present except John Conderman, Jim Dinnie, and Larry Mallory.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as published. Vic Alvarez reported on cash balances.

#### Guests:

Ken Deleone, Archery Committee, Gary Webster, Shotgun Committee, and Larry Anderson, JOAD program.

#### Orientation

The following new members have completed orientation:

Dean Anderson  
Daniel and Barbara Boulet  
Michael and Ronni Brown  
Russell and Greer Cowan  
Bill Cowin  
Peter Ekstrom  
Grace Ellen and James Daly  
Lester Feistel  
Floyd and Alethea Goodwin  
John Gunderson  
William and Kay Harkcom  
Frank and Vlasta Koch  
Nicholas Mason and Deidre Dockweiler  
Michael and Laura Orr  
Howard Rippee  
Terrance Scanland  
Gerald Strong  
Steve Wiltfang  
Fred Young

#### Old Business:

None

#### New Business:

Dan Barton moved to approve expenditures of up to \$10,000 on remodeling the interior of the Shot Shack. Passed.

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

## Donations

We receive many donations during the course of a year .....and 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:

#### \$400 Donations

John Jordeth

#### \$250 Donations

Chris Suver

#### \$100 Donations

Ron Haight

Paul G. Smith

Finley White

#### \$80 Donations

Chadwick Creamer

#### \$50 Donations

Dave Deutschman

Brett Gehrke

Ronald Gehrke

Dale Kennedy

James Pierce

Aaron Spencer

#### \$30 Donations

Paul Abson

Eric Beardsley

Michael Brahm

Frank Joiner

Ali Moayeri

Lyle Riibe

David Rodriguez

Gregory Soverel

#### \$25 Donations

Sherrill Myers

Walter Plonski

#### \$20 Donations

Buck Brunner

James Thoman

Grant Willman

#### \$10 Donations

Russell Allen

John Anderson

Mike Berish

James Bloomer

Mike Boseck

Dan Cline

Thomas Ginda

Brian Hammer

Glen Hill

David Hulten

Peter Keigher

## Donations cont:

#### \$10

Michael Leavitt

Randy McSmith

George Meier

Gary Mitchell

Andy Parypa

Lubo Stavenik

Erik Torget

Stephen Yates

**Thanks!!!**



Kenmore Range  
Benchrest  
Matches

### February Benchrest Match Report

Our February benchrest match drew a light turnout for our annual Valentines Day shoot. Those that shot were rewarded with some pretty fair conditions, with just enough wind to keep it interesting. As is the usual at this shoot, some people seem to get tough when there is chocolate at stake!

#### Match 1, 300 yds

1<sup>st</sup> Rick Graham 100

2<sup>nd</sup> Gene Solyntjes 98

3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Nicol 96-1x

#### Match 2

1<sup>st</sup> Rick Graham 100-2x

2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Yost 98-2x

3<sup>rd</sup> Gene Solyntjes 97

#### Match 3, 200 yds

1<sup>st</sup> Gene Solyntjes 100-6x !!!

2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Nicol 100-3x

Jeff Yost 100-3x

Rick Graham 100-3x

3<sup>rd</sup> Nathan Lindeman 96-1x

#### Match 4

1<sup>st</sup> Rick Graham 100-4x

2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Nicol 100-1x

3<sup>rd</sup> Jeff Yost 100

Rick Graham ended up taking home the chocolate with a total score of 400 – 9X. (and breaking the most hearts!) All in all, quite a fun shoot!

March 12th kicks off our new BR season. Call Richard Nicol at 206-784-1093 or Rick Graham at 206-784-1324 for info.

# SHOTGUN Committee

Shotgun News Letter, March 2005

At this writing Kenmore is one up in the McMurtry Shoot with Machais (best of six shoots.) The first shoot was held at Kenmore where we enjoyed a great turn out in numbers from the Kenmore Shooters. Our best five scores tabulated 218/250, Machais tabulated 213/250. Carl Brattain shot 25 straight at One Shot Continental. We are off to a good start. We need as many shooters as possible to attend and participate in this shoot.

The shoots are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in the months of February, March and April. February 19<sup>th</sup> the shoot will be at Machais. March 5<sup>th</sup> the shoot will be at Kenmore. March 19<sup>th</sup> the shoot will be at Machais. We will need all the shooters that we can possibly muster for the remainder of the shoots. In the past we have been able to have a good showing at the Kenmore range, but only a handful have made the journey to Machais. The final two shoots will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kenmore and April 16<sup>th</sup> at Machais.

Many of the shooters meet at the Buzz Inn in Snohomish around 7:00 to 8:00AM for breakfast prior to the Machais shoot. Go TEAM KENMORE!

Other up coming events: May 14<sup>th</sup>, LADIES DAY AT THE RANGE; May 21<sup>st</sup>, PITA SHOOT; June 18<sup>th</sup>, PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, Northwest Chapter, CHARITY SHOOT, entry fee \$50. Format, 50 singles and 50 handicap birds, lunch is included, event open to all, lunch only \$5.00 bring the family; June 25<sup>th</sup> PITA SHOOT. There are sign up log books and forms at the Shotgun Shack to assist for these events.

### Unwanted Behavior

It troubles me to bring this kind of information to the Shotgun Newsletter, however I must. This can become a safety issue. It has been brought to my attention that an incident occurred at Shotgun this past month involving several shooters.

The shooters had a disagreement while on the line and rather than let it go or take their problem elsewhere, they continued their dispute on the line let alone on the WCW property. This behavior will not be tolerated.

These types of disputes are unfair to the

others on the line who have paid their fees and or to anybody else on the range. These disputes could have very serious consequences for those involved in the dispute and possibly for the by-standers. Frustrations can escalate. How upset or mad an individual becomes can never really be determined until it is too late.

Let your problems and disagreements go for a more appropriate time and place or leave the range! If you do not comply with the range rules you will be removed from the range and barred from the range until you have attended a board meeting or committee meeting to sort out the incident and receive the judgment and penalties as directed by the group. Fair Warning! Play well together!

*Gary Webster*



**LEGISLATIVELY  
SPEAKING**  
*by Joe Waldron*

We're one third of the way through the 2005 legislative session and, for the first time since 1993-94, Democrats now control the entire legislative process, from House to Senate to the Governor's desk. Urban Democrats like Senators Adam Kline, Jeanne Kohl-Welles and Darlene Fairley and Representatives Ruth Kagi and Jeannie Darneille lost no time in filing various kinds of gun ban bills.

There are bills running to ban "assault weapons" (SB 5475, Kline / HB 1627, Kagi) (far broader than the 1994-2004 Clinton gun ban, complete with registration and inspection of your home by the county sheriff), .50 BMG caliber rifle ban (SB 5593, Fairley), Legislative Building gun ban (SB 5344, Fairley / HB 1489, Williams), statewide lead shot ban (HB 1822, Kagi), ban on guns in state parks and recreation areas (HB 1490, Darneille), a ban on the private sale of guns at gun shows (SB 5343, Kohl-Welles), and a ban on open storage of firearms (SB 5342, Kohl-Welles / HB 1473, Moeller).

On the flip side of the coin, we do have some pro-gun bills running as well. They include a bill authorizing the use of legally-owned suppressors (silencers) (SB 5167, Hargrove), renewal CPL extension period for deployed military members (SB 5545, Roach), restoration of firearms rights (SB 5635, Schoesler), CPL renewal postcard notification (HB 1804, Ericksen) and a bill limiting political subdivisions from using no-discharge ordinances to prevent lawful hunting (HB 1926, Blake).

In addition, two Joint Memorials (SJM 8005 and HJM 4002) ask Congress to pass gun manufacturer lawsuit protection. Senate Judiciary chairman Adam Kline (D-37) quickly scheduled a hearing on several of the Senate gun ban bills, for January 25th. But a funny thing happened in Olympia on the 25th. Nearly 400 citizens showed up for the hearing... and only a dozen or so were there to SUPPORT the gun bans. Everyone else there signed in in OPPOSITION to the bills. In addition to the hearing room, two additional rooms had to be opened to handle the overflow! The hearing was scheduled to last the usual two hours, but despite Chairman Kline's limiting testimony in opposition to the bills, the hearing ran 45 minutes over the scheduled end.

Rural district Democrats in the House of Representatives certainly heard about the overwhelming pro-gun turnout in the Senate, and told their leadership in clear terms that they did not want anti-gun bills to move in this session! Looking back at the elections of 1994, it was rural – frequently pro-gun – Democrats who paid the price for the anti-gun zeal of the Seattle/Tacoma/Spokane/Vancouver anti-gun crowd. The anti-gun Democrats from safe urban districts pushed gun control, and rural Democrats (many of whom voted AGAINST gun control laws) were tossed out of office. Our rural Democrat friends don't want to see a repeat of 1994 in next year's election!

House Judiciary Committee chair Rep. Pat Lantz (D-26), from Gig Harbor, assured me she would not give a hearing to any anti-gun bills in the first half of the legislative session. She said she wanted to wait and see what – if any – anti-gun bills came out of the Senate. That gives us a welcome breather there, allowing us to focus our efforts on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

There's some good news there as well. The Senate Judiciary Committee consists of five Democrats and four Republicans. Theoretically, the anti-gun bills should move out on a 5-4 vote. However... one of the five Democrats is Senator Jim Hargrove (D-24), a solid pro-gun rights legislator. The four Republican Senators (Steve Johnson, 47th district; Bob McCaslin, 4th; Mike Carrell, 28th, and Luke Esser, 47th) are holding firm with Hargrove, keeping the bills from moving out of committee.

On Tuesday, February 15th, the House Natural Resources, Ecology and Parks committee conducted a public hearing on the proposed lead shot ban (HB 1822). Pointed questions of the bill's sponsors by rural committee Democrats Bill Eickmeyer and Brian Blake pretty well ensures this bill will not move either.