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President's Message

New Gate Keys

We are changing the gate key. Effective March 1, your old gate key will no longer work. You may purchase a new gate key at the Range Office for \$5. This is necessary because of the number of people who have not paid their dues yet and possess a gate key. Sorry for any inconvenience, it looks as though this may become a yearly event.

Election of Officers and Trustees

If you are interested in running for a club office, you need to let a board member know by March 1, so we can get your name on the ballot. There will be no additions to the ballot after the board meeting on March 1.

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.

Events

Standard Pistol started February 23, 2006 with a warm-up. Get out the 22 pistols with Iron Sights and let's have some fun. It is Thursday nights, with first relay starting at 7 pm and second relay starting at 8 pm. See you there.

The Lew McMurtrey shoot started in February at Machias. Check with shotgun to see shoot dates and come out and help. The format is 1 shot continental and 23 yd. handicap. We alternate between Machias (Seattle Rifle & Pistol) and Kenmore (WCW) shooting the first and third Saturday of Feb. - April, I think. Confirm dates, times, and places with Shotgun. Remember, this is a friendly competition between the 2 shotgun groups. It is fun, join in only the top five scores count towards the competition;

Cast Bullet Matches begin March 26, shooting starts at 10 am, come out and watch or participate;

Remember to check the Calendar for events prior to coming out to shoot.

Work Parties

If you would like to help, sign up in the Range Office. We will start posting things to be done, so you can see what to do.

Dues

Dues are PAST due. The renewal forms are in your news letter, on-line and available at the range office. Also, there is a line for donations, if you are so inclined. Your club privileges are suspended after February 28, 2005 without a new card. **YOU NEED TO WEAR YOUR CARD SO THE RANGE-MASTERS KNOW YOU HAVE PAID.** Remember it takes a week or two to get the cards out so give yourself time to receive the card in the mail.

Have Fun, Be Safe, and Play Well.

Carl Brattain

Annual Meeting April 12

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 1, 2006

President Carl Brattain called the Meeting to order at 7:40 PM. All Board Members were present except Dave Alvar, Darian Carpenter, Gerald Albertson and Jim Dinnie. The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were accepted as published.

Guests

Ken Deleone Archery Committee Chairman, Gary Webster Shotgun Committee Chairman

Orientation

The following new members have completed orientation:

- Bill and Gail Bowers
- Anthony and Gillian Bozanic
- John Darcy
- Guy Gendron
- Derek Gottschalk
- Jim Hartman
- Eric and Elizabeth Johnson
- Annie Li and Mark Crispin
- Peter Mallory
- Tracy and Leif Moen
- Cliff and Sharon Morgan
- Fred Olson
- Alan Pryor
- Thomas and Beth Rollins
- E. Gerald Sellers
- Joseph Sewell
- Jerry and Karla Surdyk
- Steven Susterich
- Alan Syracuse and Frances Rodenburg
- Gary Thomas
- Roger West
- Eric White

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion by Larry Mallory to approve the purchase of a banner to promote upcoming activities. Passed

A Motion by Larry Mallory to approve door prizes for the Annual Meeting in April. Passed

A Motion by Pat Webster to re-key the front gate this Spring. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Respectfully submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

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.

\$200 Donations

Mark Reisinger

\$100 Donations

James Harding

James Nordale

Chris Sherwood

\$60 Donations

Wayne Budbill

\$50 Donations

Douglas Arnold

Michael Craig

Dave Deutschman

Brett Gehrke

Ronald Gehrke

Ron Haight

Stephen Kenagy

Mark Levine

George Lind

Dale Miller

Terrance Scanland

Aaron Spencer

Elton Welke

\$40 Donations

Larry Haydon

James Thompson

\$35 Donations

Keith Firth

\$30 Donations

Robert Barnett

Michael Brahm

Chadwick Creamer

Jeffrey Higgins

Mark Jackson

James Keblas

Morton Mallory

Karl Mulder

Doug Plager

David Rodriguez

Sharon Rose

Kevin Sgrignoli

Andrew Solomon

Troy Trompler

\$25 Donations

Michael Boseck

James Flatley

Braden Gehrman

Robert Gehrman

Frederick Julian

Michael McConnel

Daniel McHarness

Reid Stevens

Terry Tradal

\$20 Donations

Aun Chhor

David Kautz

Mike Meenen

Terrance Morgan

Darren Pinne

Rob Rogers

James Thoman

\$15 Donations

Jeffrey Dornes

\$10 Donations

- Russell Allen, Steven Bean, William Bentler, Mike Berish, Douglas Blye, Robert Bourgoin, Albert Brosas, P. Ronald Callihan, Daniel Campbell, Thomas Campbell, Clayton Canfield, Robert Carter, Deborah Chase, Art Clemente, Walter Colbourne, John Conderman, Hugh Cronin, Drian Crow, Walter Crow, Brian Elston, Edward Funk, Aaron Gauger, Daniel Goodwin, Stephen Goodwin, Henry Grenley, Marc Grenley, Douglas Hadley, Tim Hillman, Michael Homchick, Greg Hull, James Illson, Lee Jamison, Doug Jordan, Peter Keigher, James Kline, Carl Knabe, Darrin Kuebler, Russell Kuehn, Sven Lie, Alexander Logan, Bruce MacPherson, Paul Marbourg, Shawn Marcel, Richard Mayer, Christopher Miller, Brady Montz, Joshua Nelson, Martin Nelson, Douglas Noble, Ernest Norehad, Christopher Norwood, Morris Parrish, Robert Parry, Eric Peterson, Douglas Ricks, Dean Sams, Robert Sandblom, Paul Scherwin, Charles Scofield, Gregory Shuey, William Simmons, John Simons, Tim Snowden, Delmis Spivey, James Stichka, Barry Teschlog, Erik Torget, William Traverso, Dennis Tyskiewicz, Stanislav Vlcek, Patrick Wee, Mike Winkler, Richard Wurdack

Thanks!!!



March Newsletter

As the days grow longer it appears that more of us archers are dusting off our equipment and heading for the range. It's good to see you there.

At our last meeting we learned that our JOAD program, thanks to Doug Roop and George Wells, was awarded a grant of \$1500.00. It is the hope of the group that with additional funds more targets for the FITA range may be purchased. Speaking of the FITA range I've already seen a few members using it. That can only mean the ditch Carl provided us last year is draining the range more thoroughly. Next time you who use the range see Carl thank him.

There was also a motion approved to support the Darrington Archery Association with a donation of \$150.00 for a practice target with recognition of WCW for the 2007 Nationals.

We also discussed the new 3 yr. hunting package presented at a public meeting Jan 20th with WDFW. There are some changes in archery rules, seasons and herd management proposed for next season.

Recent high winds have caused several dead trees to be blown down. In the interest of range safety we have begun to remove dead and dangerously leaning trees found across the trails and roads of our walk thru. Some of these have already been cut and stacked.

Those members who need some free wood contact me and I will show you where the easy to remove wood is located. While using the walk thru to help with Road and Trail maintenance if you come across branches or limbs that can be removed easily please do so.

Stay tuned for up coming work parties. We need to stuff bags, reposition 3 targets and provide road and trail maintenance for the walk thru. General clean up of all ranges and storage areas along with rebinding and reposition of several flat range carpet targets. Any help will be most appreciated.



Turn out was light for our February Valentines match, which is too bad, because although it was cool early it soon warmed up and turned into a really nice spring like day. Conditions were overall not bad but switchy winds and some significant mirage kept it interesting.

We divided the match into two sections this time with the first 3 targets shot in our regular format and then we shot a novelty target with heart shaped bulls to determine who got to take home the chocolate this year.

The first portion of the match was won by Rick Graham, dropping 2 points for the 3 targets shot. Second place went to Richard Nicol, dropping 5 points, and third place went to Gene Solyntjes, dropping 7 points.

Now on to the chocolate... Gene Solyntjes shot a very nice target and broke the most hearts to lay claim to the chocolate this year. In so doing he broke the string of three straight years of severe chocolate hoarding that had been going on by one of our shooters. Way to go Gene!

Next match is March 11th and it marks the start of our regular benchrest season. Matches now will count towards the yearly agg trophy. Competition for this traveling trophy has really been increasing the last few years, and one must attend as many matches as possible, and shoot consistently good to win it these days. So come out next month and start racking up those points!

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Annual Meeting April 12

Alvarez's Ramblings

Since I was left with a column to fill, I thought that I would talk a bit about Special Use and the rules concerning those permits.

We have 3 separate areas which have special use....Archery, Rifle, and Pistol. Having a permit in one does not allow activity in the others. Having a key to the front gate does not give permission to use those facilities you do not have specific permission to use.

Each area requires attendance at a committee meeting and getting your special use form approved. You must get your special use approved for 3 consecutive years in each area before you can ask for automatic renewal for that area. And if you miss paying your dues for a year or miss getting a permit one year you start all over again.

Some members have expressed an objection to having to sit through the presentation so many times. To those who believe they know it all, let me know and I will be happy to let you give the presentation every month.

"I think I have been to the meeting for 3 years in a row, but I am not sure". If you have, your membership card would have your permit printed on it. If not, you need to attend another meeting.

As Carl has stated in his column, we will be changing the front gate keys every year. That work is in process and new keys will be available shortly. You will only have a couple of weeks to get a key before the locks are changed, so be alert or be locked out.

Did you know that we are getting over 100 visitors a day at our web site?

Did you know that we added 428 new members last year?

Did you know that if everyone renews, we will have over 2200 members?



LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING

by Joe Waldron

Action in Olympia is the focus for this month's column.

This year's short (60 day) legislative session is almost over. As I write this we're on Day 42 of the session, which is scheduled to end at midnight on 9 March. Unlike last year, only limited attention was paid to the issue of gun control (I'm sure the fact that this is an election year had nothing to do with this!), with only one pure gun control bill being opened to a public hearing.

The one gun control bill was SB 5343, a rehash of last year's "gun show loophole" bill. The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) led the attack on gun shows, with a panel of three members led by WASPC Executive Director Don Pierce (who made television ads for Washington Ceasefire during the debate on I-676 nine years ago). When challenged for documentation that gun shows were a source of felons' guns, they had nothing to offer. Pro-gun Democrat Senator Jim Hargrove asked what the difference was between private sales of firearms at gun shows and anywhere else. WASPC responded, "None, we want to restrict ALL private transfers of firearms statewide, not just at gun shows."

The bill was brought up for a vote in executive session on February 1st. The bill failed to make it out of committee, receiving only three votes from nine committee members. Senate judiciary Committee chair Senator Adam Kline said he'd bring the bill up every year until it passes.

For those of you who don't care about gun shows, you'd better pay attention to that response. Want to advertise a gun on the bulletin board at the range, or trade guns with another shooter at the trap range? Not if WASPC has it's way. You'll have to find a FFL (federally-licensed firearms dealer) to process that sale, with the resulting paperwork audit

trail. That's what this "gun show loophole" business is all about – creating a de facto gun registry statewide.

We have been told that the proposed DNR land use regulation has been significantly amended from the draft version released last November. A meeting will be held in Olympia on Monday, 27 February, to review the latest draft regulation. The general prohibition on possession of loaded firearms in any developed area has allegedly been eliminated. I have not seen the proposed draft, so I'll have to withhold comment until next month.

The process to adopt regulations is a long one. While the state's sunshine law requires permitting the public to attend scheduled meetings, only committee members are allowed to speak (much like the executive session of a legislative hearing). The proposed regulations are scheduled for public release and input in the June timeframe.

SHOTGUN Committee

The month of February was busy at shotgun. Participants kept busy shooting their scores for the closing of Winter League. Check the standing sheets to see what scores you may need to make up.

We hosted a Competition for the Continental League. There were 26 squads competing at this Continental League Shoot. Some fine scores were posted at the shoot. Tom Davis of Gig Harbor ran 100 Straight. Great Shooting! Joe ran 25 straight at trap 4, terrible shadows and all.

The Youth League finished their eighth week of instruction. Some fine scores are being posted by the youth. One of the students posted a 21 with 3 additional chips on the first target at the 5-Stand. Excellent shooting especially with a pump gun. All the students are doing fine and all of them are winners just for

braving the adverse weather conditions we have had to put up with this year. Let alone the fine safe shooters they are becoming.

PITA got underway at Evergreen over Presidents' Day Weekend. I hope the scores were much higher than the temperatures have been.

Thank you to all the members who helped with the Continental Shoot by keeping score, serving, etc. And special thanks to Gerard, Ron, Ann and the Trappers who made the shoot go very smoothly.

A WORK PARTY SIGN-UP SHEET is posted at the shotgun shack front desk. We need volunteers to help with the new trap that we are installing. We need to drain and finish digging out the trap, place some crushed gravel, make forms and level the base (floor) before pouring the concrete slab. We will need to dig some trenches for wiring and drainage. Things are continuing to shape up. In order to keep the progress moving we need help. So, sign-up, to help. Sorry, that the times for these ventures are not solid at this time, mainly because of the weather, we will post the times as to when the help will be needed.

Remember to read your April News Letter from the Club. Remove your ballot, fill it out and bring it to the annual meeting, Wednesday, April 12th, 8:00 PM at the Clubhouse. For those of you members that may be new or for those of you that do not know where the Clubhouse is, it is the first building to the right after you come into the club through the main gate. Come and find out what happens, what the budget for the year holds in store, who is elected and maybe even win one of the door prizes that will be given out at the meeting-MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

Have fun shoot safely and accurately.

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