



# 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. It is nice to see someone just cleaning things up to look a little better than how they found it. There are enough of us that if each person just does a little, the place will soon look a lot better. Thanks.

### Events

Spring is here and the event schedules have changed, so remember to check your calendar before you come to shoot. And remember the on-line calendar is the most up-to-date.

Hunter Education starts again in July. I know that it will be another great success thanks to the hard work of the Hunter Ed crew. They do a great job.

### Work Parties

With spring here, we will need help with spring cleaning. If you have some free time, the club house needs to be cleaned and we need to put in some retaining walls. If this is something you would be interested in doing, let me know and I will arrange to get the needed supplies to do the job.

The single biggest task is the work at the shotgun Range. We are making the trap fields a lot more handicap friendly, which will include some leveling and placing and compacting gravel between the shooting stations on each trap field. We are also working on the appearance of the upper club house. If you would like to help, contact Gary Webster, Shotgun Committee Chairman.

### Elections

We had the club elections and the members return the current slate of officers. The Vice Presidents switched positions, Chairman of Trustees rotated, Jim Dinnie was elected for two years and Pat Webster replaced Joe Waldron. I would like to thank Joe for his ser-

vices and for his continued work as our Legislative Chairman. Joe decided not to run again because of all his other commitments, which are extensive.

### Awards

This year's Member of the year was Myron Olson, for his continued support and assistance to me in operating your club. Myron has served as Trustee on the Board of Directors for several years and is always there to taken on additional task that need to be done.

President award for FY 2005 was presented to Gerard Loupe for all his work at Shotgun, Richard Ripley for all his work with the Firearms Education Program, and Dan Barton for all his work on the Board. These gentlemen have worked around this club for several years.

If you see any of the recipients, you might want to thank them for making your club a better and safer place to play.

Have Fun, Be Safe, and Play Well.

*Carl Brattain*

### Shotgun hours of operation

*Daylight Saving hours*

Mon	Members only 5-9pm
Tues	5:00 to 9:00 pm
Wed	Noon to 7:00 pm
Thur	5:00 to 9:00 pm
Fri	Closed
Sat	10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sun	10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!**



# SHOTGUN Committee

Shotgun News Letter, May 2005

Two major events will be held at the Kenmore Shotgun Range in May. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Ladies Only Day event will be held. This is a very successful and popular event, the entry enrollment sold out two months early. The shotgun range will be closed to all except for those participating in the event.

May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the first of two PITA shoots being hosted by Kenmore Gun Range. Again the range will be closed to all shooters except those participating in the event. Spectators are welcome! Come and support Team Kenmore even if you are not shooting. Watch, enjoy, learn, have lunch, bring a friend, introduce someone new to the shooting sports.

WCW received a grant from the Friends of the NRA. This grant was requested in support of the Youth Shotgun League. The Grant is for \$ 3,000.00. These funds are earmarked for a safe, shotguns for the Youth Shotgun League and gunsmith charges for adapting the shotgun's length of pull to fit the youth. On behalf of the Youth Shotgun League, WCW, the Youth League Shotgun Instructors and myself, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! FRIENDS OF THE NRA.

The McMurtry shoot was very close this year. For the first time in four years Kenmore positioned itself to win the event by winning three shoots and forcing a shoot off for the trophy. We lost the shoot off 82 to 76, a six-bird differential on a wet windy day. We are looking forward to a brighter day next year. Remember the only bird to concentrate on is the bird you are calling now! As chairman of the Shotgun Committee I want to thank all the shooters who came out and participated in this event. With continued diligent practice, and continued support of our shooters, we

can and will return the trophy to Kenmore.

Congratulations to Jim Dinnie and Pat Webster for being elected to Trustee Positions on the Board of WCW.

Have fun, Shoot Safely and Accurately! Good Luck to All Shooters in upcoming events!

*Gary Webster*



## LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING by Joe Waldron

.As I write this there are five days left in the 2005 Regular Legislative Session. No gun bills have passed the legislature, but it's not for lack of trying.

On two occasions in the past two weeks, Rep. Ruth Kagi (D-32-Lake Forest Park) has attempted to amend her lead shot ban (HB 1822) and lead shot excise tax (HB 2211) bills into other bills still moving through the House Appropriations Committee. Both times she failed to get the votes necessary to attach her bills, but without doubt she will try again as the bills move out to the House floor.

Historically, shootings such as the one at Red Lake High School in Minnesota last month are followed by calls for more gun control. Pull a "canned" gun bill off the shelf and claim, "If only we had passed this, this terrible tragedy would never have happened." That hasn't happened with the Red Lake shootings, probably because the guns used belonged to the shooter's police-officer grandfather, and Gramps was the first victim. The fact is, no gun law will prevent the kind of incident that occurred in Minnesota.

I'll provide a wrap-up of the Olympia legislative session next month.

### Washington, D.C.

The big news in the other Washington remains the battle between Senate Republicans and Democrats over several

of President Bush's nominations to various federal judicial positions. The hot issue this week is confirmation of the appointment of Undersecretary of State John Bolton as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Bolton is the individual who led the fight against U.N.-mandated worldwide gun control in New York City two years ago. Senate Democrats, and possibly one Republican, are lining up against Bolton, accusing him of being "anti-United Nations." And that's a bad thing?

## Range Committee



### Pistol

Our annual Standard Pistol League has just ended and Air Pistol is starting. You can still come and join the fun with all the other air pistol shooters on Thursday evenings 7-9pm.

Scott Lorenz was the overall winner (again) of the Standard Pistol League. He averaged 560/600 for the 8 separate matches making up the league.

Randy Ketchum was 2nd OA and 1st Class A, with Paul Landes coming in 3rd OA and 2nd Class A. Vic Alvarez was 1st Class B only because Paul Ketchum did not have a score for the 8th match and DNF'd. Paul will be competing in Class A next year with his father.

David Westberg was 1st Class C/D averaging 519.4/600 for the 8 matches with Mike Lang coming in second. Steve Becka was the high shooter in Class E with Albert McCaughan coming in a close second.

We have a new Club League Trophy with all the pistol league placings counted toward an overall club champion. Paul Landes was the best club shooter during the 2003 season, and Vic Alvarez was the club champ for this last year.

**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.**

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 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.

Just remember, use the form below, or use our web site direct link. 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**

PREMIUM GIVEN - EK381145     SEND PREMIUM - EK381133

**NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NRA RECRUITER **XC005464**

*Wildlife Committee of Washington*  
RECRUITER SIGNATURE

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 DAY PHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOOSE ONE MAGAZINE** (NOTE: JUNIOR members receive Insights magazine)  
 AMERICAN GUARDIAN     AMERICAN RIFLEMAN     AMERICAN HUNTER

**MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

- 1 YEAR ~~\$25~~ **\$25.00**
- 2 YEAR \$60
- 3 YEAR \$85
- JUNIOR (under 21 years old) \$15
- DISTINGUISHED \$30  
(age 65+ or disabled veteran)
- LIBERTY (no magazine) \$10
- EASY-PAY-LIFE \$25\*  
\*\$25 down - 29 quarterly payments  
TOTAL COST - \$750
- LIFE (payment in full) \$750
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
- ADDITIONAL MAGAZINE  
(per year \$15)
- FOREIGN POSTAGE  
(per year: \$5 Canada, \$10 other)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION

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