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President's Message

Old year done a new year started

We have just finished the club's fiscal year and will now be operating under the new budget approved by the membership. We ended the year in great financial condition and all of the clubs committees and programs are strong.

The only problem during the past year is that the many programs the club offers are booked two to three months in advance. Great job and a thank you must go out to all of the club's instructors. Members who would like to help instruct firearm classes please contact Richard Ripley at r.ripley@wcwinc.org. Members wishing to help out with Hunter education should contact Carl Brattain at carl@wcwinc.org.

Annual meeting

The club's annual meeting was held on April 13th. There were around one hundred members in attendance. Reports were made by all committees. Carl and Russ presented the financial statements. With no opposing candidates, the Board was again unanimously approved by the membership for another term. The highlight of the meeting (other than door prizes) was the awards.

Mike Wichser was recognized for his outstanding contributions to WCW. Mike has given much time and treasure working on club buildings and programs. Vice President Ken DeLeone gave a presentation listing the many accomplishments of Mike. Most of the young archers Mike instructs were in attendance. Thanks Mike from all of us.

Vic Alvarez received the first ever Lifetime Achievement Award. Vic has been an active member (Vice President(3), President (13), Past President(8), Range Committee Chairman(10), Webmaster) for many years. Most of the programs and procedures at WCW are a result of Vic's hard work and dedication. He is also a fair pistol shooter. Vic has won this year's Club Pistol League

Championship again.

Philip Murry received Instructor of the year. Phil has won this award so many times we should call the award the Phil Murry award.

Dave Levinson was awarded member of the year. Dave has been an outstanding member for many years and it was just time to acknowledge his efforts. Dave can be found working, teaching and playing at WCW almost daily. Thanks Dave.

It was great to see Ed Pack at the annual meeting. Ed, at 95 years old, is the club's senior member.

Special use Range #1

It has come to my attention several times over the past year that some members are not following proper procedures on Range #1. If you shoot Hunter Pistol, position shooting or CMP type shooting please take the time to read and learn our club rules. I am requesting that all members assist in applying the rules.

Examples of rules I have observed being violated include: Minimum allowed target placement of 100 yards. Hunter Pistol must be shot from the bench off a rest. Loaded guns must be pointed down range. All centerfire rifles will be loaded with only 1 round, except those who have permission to practice for CMP matches. All members must clean up after they're done shooting. Thanks in advance for your help in keeping our range safe and open.

Cartridge Collector show, club house

Mark your calendar for June 11th if you are a cartridge collector or antique tool reloader. There will be more detailed information as the date gets a little closer.

John Conderman

ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!

**Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2011**

President John Conderman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board Members were present except Mike Wichser and Gary Webster, both excused. The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were read.

Guests:

Paul Zoba, Tom Graham, George Smith, Jack Giuliano, Alan Carey and Jeff Lemoine.

Committee Reports:

Jack Giuliano Range, Jeff Lemoine & Ken Deleone Archery and Pat Webster Shotgun.

Business Managers Report:

Carl Brattain

Treasurers Report:

Russell Felch

Unfinished Business:

Main clubhouse improvements & Shotgun clubhouse improvements.

New Business:

Larry Mallory moved to have \$2000.00 available for shotgun events this fiscal year including \$1300.00 for the upcoming PITA event. Passed

Larry Mallory moved to allow a cartridge case collecting show at the clubhouse on June 11, 2011 as promoted by Tom Graham. Passed

Larry Mallory moved to approve the formation of an air rifle competition-shooting schedule as proposed by Paul Zoba and Alan Carey. Passed

Ken Deleone moved to purchase three 3D archery targets for approximately \$1500.00 total. Passed

Ken Deleone moved to approve the Minutes of this Meeting. Passed
Jim Dinnie moved to adjourn this Meeting. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

Orientation

The following new member applicants attended Orientation this month and received their membership cards:

- David Black
- Tim Boyle
- Reg and Valerie Bruce
- Charles Ferguson
- Michael Flakus
- Richard and Carolyn Fouch
- Chris and Melissa Garbrick
- Steve and Cameron Goan
- Ronald and Terri Jamerson
- Robert and Charmaine Krieg
- Mike Kuran
- Eric Lindquist
- Chuck Louden
- Dallas Meggitt
- Marc Osso
- R.V. and Justine Palmer
- John and Laura Ruppert
- William and Gulnara Schroer
- Kirk Sealls
- Robert Shandera
- Thomas Tritz
- Timothy and Jill Tucker
- James Tuss
- Brenda Wagner
- Lavon and Katherine Weighall
- Mark Zembrushi

Welcome to the club.

Range Committee



We wrapped up the Bullseye Postal League with our top team in second place. We could sneak into 1st if our good shooters practiced a bit before the league starts and if all our good shooters participated.

We have started our annual Air Pistol League. It will go until the end of June. This popular event is shot at 10 meters (33 ft) at a very small target using .177 match air pistols. The pistols are powered by compressed air (scuba), CO2, pneumatic or spring. If you do not have a proper air pistol, the club has a few air pistols that can be used to shoot the league.

This year's League Champion was recognized at the Annual Meeting. His name was added to the League Trophy and he received a couple of bricks of .22LR match ammunition. And it was me. The coach should not be at the top of such competition. Especially an old coach. Let's get on out and beat the coach!

Vic Alvarez

Pistol Marksmanship and Competition Seminar

The 1st Saturday of each month we have a pistol training session for Bullseye and International Standard Pistol. Learn what competition is all about and get a lot of practice on timed and rapid fire. Need to bring, at a minimum:

- A. .22LR semi-automatic standard pistol (5" barrel).
 - B. 300-400 rounds of .22 Standard Velocity LR
 - C. \$10 fee
- Starts at 9:00AM on Range #3



Annual General Meeting Minutes April 13, 2011

President John Conderman called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. All Board Members were present. The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and approved.

Guest:

Dan Wood representing the Forgotten Children's Fund

Committee Reports:

Mike Wichser Archery, Gary Webster Shotgun and Jack Giuliano Range

Business Manager's Report

Carl Brattain

Treasurer's Report:

Russell Felch

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Jack Pennant moved to reappoint existing Board Members, for an additional fiscal year term 2011-2012, since no Board positions were contested. Second Ray Cox, Passed

Vic Alvarez moved to approve the budget, as presented by Carl Brattain, for fiscal year 2011-2012. Second Barbara Ulrich, Passed

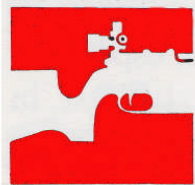
Richard Ripley presented the "Instructor of the Year Award" for Phil Murray.

Ken Deleone gave a short speech recognizing Mike Wichser for his outstanding achievements with the youth archery team.

John Conderman presented the "Member of the Year Award" to Dave Levinson and the "Lifetime Service Award" to Vic Alvarez.

Carl Brattain moved to adjourn this meeting. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

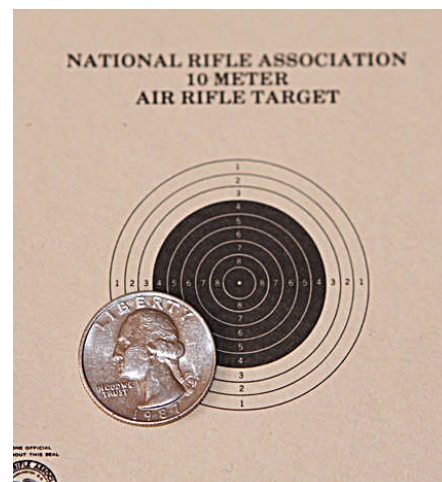


International Air Rifle

We will be shooting match air rifle on Tuesday nights at the Clubhouse. Sessions will begin on April 26^h and continue through the end of June. We'll get started at 7:00 pm.

International Air Rifle is shot using match air rifles that shoot .177 caliber lead pellets. All shooting is done in the standing position from a distance of 10 meters. If you don't own an appropriate match air rifle, we will have a couple of loaner rifles for you to try out.

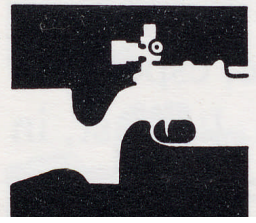
Our plan is to have open practice sessions, then practice matches, two matches to determine classifications, and finally a match to determine club champion. Junior shooters are welcome if they can



keep the pellet in the scoring rings. There will be a \$25 fee collected to cover the season costs. Come on out and give it a try.

For more information, contact: Paul Zoba at 206-920-8388 or pzfree-wcw@yahoo.com or Alan Carey at 206-427-8257 or alcarey@w-link.net





Rimfire Position Rifle

2011 Smallbore Rifle League –Final Report

This article wraps up the 2011 Puget Sound Riflemen’s Association (PSRA) Winter League. The league is formed of ten teams from clubs based at Paul Bunyan, Cascade, West Seattle and the WCW. Scheduled league shooting finished on March 29.

The West Seattle Totems ran the table with a record of 12 wins and 0 losses, the first team in more than 20 years to finish with a perfect record. Paul Bunyan finished a clear second with a record of 8W-4L. A three way tie for 3rd place at 6W-6L developed between the WCW Wild Mink, WCW Skunks, and Glendale EZXs. A round-robin shoot-off between these teams to determine 3rd place was held at West Seattle on April 5. Both the Wild Mink and Skunks shot above average, but in the end the Wild Mink took 3rd place and the Skunks had to settle for 4th.

Skunks

Final averages for the 12 weeks (out of 400 possible) were:

- Jeff McGee 389.50
- Arnie Graham 385.46
- Dan Graham 379.00
- Ernie Snyder 375.17
- Susan Graham 358.73
- Bob Wissbrod 357.33

In addition, the Skunks had the 2nd highest team aggregate score for the league, finishing with 18,314x19,200 for an overall average of 95.39%

Overall league awards for the Skunks included:

- Dan Graham – High Expert – 379.00
- Jeff McGee – Prone – 100.00%
- Arnie Graham – Sitting (Overall) – 99.91%
- Jeff McGee- Sitting (High Master) - 99.67%

Note that for the high prone score, Jeff was in a 4-way tie that included Arnie Graham. Jeff was awarded the high season award on a tie-breaker from the last night of league.

Wild Mink

Final averages for the 12 weeks were:

- Emma Carey 386.67
- Alan Carey 374.17
- Dan Daines 372.58
- Paul Zoba 355.58
- James Pace 341.90
- Brien McCrea 340.83
- Matt Zoba 325.36

James Pace won the high kneeling award for the Marksman class with an average of 89.20%.

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:

\$100 Donations

Finley White

\$25 Donations

- Douglas E. Arnold
- Herbert Curl
- Chris Johnson
- Marco Micheletti
- Allen Norman

\$10 Donations

Maurice Audette

Thanks!!!



The WCW Mink proudly display their 3rd place trophies. From left to right: Paul Zoba, Rod Smith (captain), Matt Zoba, Dan Daines, James Pace, Emma Carey, Brien McCrea, and Alan Carey.

Shotgun hours of operation

Mon	Closed
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



**Kenmore Range
Benchrest
Matches**

We finally got a dry match day! After this rainy spring we've had we were feeling pretty good about that! Conditions were quite challenging with brisk quickly switching winds causing most shooters to drop more than their usual share of points. But, that's what keeps it interesting, and it always feels good to hold off and steer a bullet into the X at 300 yds when the wind is trying to push it across the target!

As the weather warms and the rain subsides attendance at our shoots usually increases and today we had a fair turnout. Ten shooters showed up to try their hand at wind doping, rifle tuning and gun handling. It was good to have new guy Douglas Schwind bring his Savage varmint rifle out and shoot with us. This stuff was all new to him but by the end of the shoot he seemed to be getting a handle on it, posting his best target when conditions were tough est. We'd like to see more of Kenmore's varmint hunters come out and shoot with us. Get yourself and your gun tuned up for that summer hunt!

When the smoke cleared Rick Graham came out on top posting a score of 499-12X. Mustafa Bilal claimed 2nd place with a score of 494-7X, and John Parrish came in 3rd tying Mustafa on score but losing on X count... 494-2X. Good shooting guys!

Next month (May 14th) will be our yearly "Rail Gun Warm Up" shoot. Never heard of a rail gun? Rail guns are the unlimited class in Benchrest competition. These are little return to battery shooting machines. They are sometimes built by the competitors themselves, and represent the top end of what is possible in the field of rifle accuracy. For anyone interested, this is a fun match to look in on while it is going on. We have two classes for this shoot... Those who have rails will be shooting for group at 300 yds, and those that don't have rails will be shooting our regular score format.

Hope you can make it!

For more info contact Rick Graham
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Manager's Remarks

We have started our new year and we believe we hit the ground running. We have new inventory arriving and broaden the supplies we are carrying. Though we have significantly reduced our inventory of bullets, we can still do special orders for the bullets you may want. We are stocking a few Nikon scopes just help our shooters out. We have new gun vises for your cleaning and gunsmithing needs. We will be doing a number of improvements in the coming year and will need help building and painting. We will be using the on-line work party list to get help. If you are interested, please sign up on line by sending an email to volunteer@wcwinc.org or let one of the Range Masters know.

I would like to thank all the members for their help and understanding during the last year
Have Fun and Be Safe.
Carl Brattain

NRA Banquet Photos



Junior Rifle Program

Match Reports

There were a total of 42 youth shooters from the south Snohomish County clubs attending our April match. We had 20 of our WCW members competing in 6 classes.

In those classes, our juniors were awarded 1 first place, 3 second places, and 3 third places.

In previous months, WCW shooters also brought home 13 first places, 9 second places, and 4 third places.

All four matches saw 179 shooters competing, and our club received many, many compliments on our facility. All parents were encouraged to tour the rest of our ranges.

Our Friday evening shoots were expanded to four relays, and all 11 slots on each filled and slightly overbooked. For next season, beginning on Sept 16, we already are receiving new prospective young shooters.

For more information, contact
Jack Giuliano 425-483-6487



Hello from the archery desk.

The archery chair has changed. Mike will still be around doing the fabulous job with the JOAD program. A big thanks to Mike for all he has done and is doing for the archery end of the club. Thanks Mike.

As spring gets sprung the walk thru course will be in need of sprucing up. So lets plan on a Walk Thru work party on May 14th. Meet at 9:30 at the flat range. We will do a clean up of the the blow downs and start doing some planning for the 3D Shoot. If you have some ideas I encourage you to attend the May 5th meeting at 7:30 in the Chalet.

Thanks and shoot straight
Jeff LeMoine

SHOTGUN Committee

The Shotgun Committee met on April 11th. Our attendance is up to around 20 to 25 members. It is good to see our members taking an active role in what is going on. Dinner is served from 5:00-7:00. If you are a new member and would like to come up here for the meeting you will get a one time only free meal.

The plans are under way for a new 5- Stand building. Dave Levinson is the contact person if you would like to help. He can be reached at 206-915-8460. He is looking for volunteer help and I know he would appreciate your calls. The committee also voted for Dave to purchase a stand up heater. Thanks Dave, you have put a lot of time and energy into this project.

Jim Duffy has been selling advertising space on the shotgun range fence between the trap field and the sidewalk. So far he has sold 11 plus signs. He has raised \$1300 for the PITA shoot in May. Congratulations Jim, you have done an outstanding job! If you are interested in an advertising spot in a highly visible place, contact Jim Duffy at shotgun

Jeff Dorns ran an exceptional league this winter. He will have the awards ready to go at the May 9th meeting.

Well, if Brian Styke tells you there is something wrong with his shotgun, believe him. He kept checking it when he was on the line shooting but couldn't see anything wrong. When he got off the line he spotted a crack in the stock. After he got home and took the receiver off his gun snapped in two!!!!!!!!!!!! And that pretty wood with all the swirls is not looking so good today. I'm sure glad you have other guns Brian, because we can't imagine what you would be like off the boat and not shooting as much as you want.

If you have not been up to shotgun in the last month make a trip up here. The inside of our bldg. is all done. New paint, new wainscoting, a propane fireplace we

do believe we are the chosen people and we have it all. Thank you, very much Carl, John and all the board members for what you have done for us, up here on the end of the road.

Ann Hansen



**Firearms
Education
Committee**



The students keep coming, even in this cold part of the year. Our Home Firearms Safety class on 19 March had nine students, taught by Wayne Clapper and Cynthia Murdock. The weekend of 26 – 27 March was our Basic Rifle class, also with nine students. Phil Sohn, Richard Ripley, and Michael Challenger provided the instruction for this class.

On 2 April, Wayne Clapper and Cynthia Murdock were back, to award NRA certificates to eight students for their success in the First Steps Shotgun class. George Smith did a great job of lining up assistant instructors for the 9 – 10 April Basic Pistol class. His assistants were Brien McCrea, Dick Abbey, Jim Soderberg, and John Marler. The class finally had six students enrolled, giving them a great instructor to student ratio!

The Home Firearms Safety class on 16 April had a full student roster of ten. Phil Murray, Terry Denton, and Gregg Jones presented the material for this class, introducing more students to the variety of firearms they might encounter.

Martin Morehouse

RANGE OFFICERS

Do you act as a Range Officer in a competition or event, either here or at another venue? Do you need (or just want) the NRA **Range Safety Officer** certification? Contact Phil Murray at philmurray@comcast.net or 206-844-1918

NRA Instructor Training June 3, 4, and 5, 2011

Ever taken a new person to the range? When you did, did you talk with them about the safety rules, how they work, and why they are important? Did you explain how the gun works, in addition to the simple mechanics of how to fire it? Did you discuss the fundamentals of shooting – things like position, grip or mount, breathing, aiming or pointing, and follow-thru? Did you start them with a 22, or a 12 gauge with light trap loads? Or were you as dumb as I was when I started my girlfriend (and later ex-wife) with a 45 auto?

Wouldn't it be better to start someone off with a proven approach? One that covers all the necessary bases? You can learn to do this. Yes, it's a lot of material. But NRA Instructors do it almost every weekend here at the Club, and students walk out knowing the right way to handle guns, and with the knowledge that they can shoot safely and have fun.

You can make a difference. You can help new shooters get started. You can be a Second Amendment activist. All it takes is a 3 day weekend to learn, and then a weekend or two a year to practice. WCW is having an NRA Instructor Training Class on June 3, 4, and 5. Yes, unfortunately, if you are not currently certified, it does take all 3 days. Any future certifications only take 2 days. We're offering Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun Instructor classes. You already know how to shoot, why not learn how to Teach? Call Phil Murray at 425-944-1918, or Richard Ripley at 206-271-0670. The Kenmore Website also has an explanation of the process – visit <http://www.wcwin.org/club/educ4.htm>

Finally, these classes usually cost between \$150 and \$300 for each certification. As Kenmore Members, you get a substantial discount – they are free. You pay for them by teaching once or twice a year. It's a great deal, a lot of fun, and very rewarding. Give Phil or Richard a call today.