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## President's Message

### Volunteers

I would like to thank all the members who help out around the club. Jim Dinne for helping me with the new trap house and for agreeing to take over the Youth Shotgun League. Mike Wichser, who with the assistance of the Andersons and some of the parents run the youth archery program. Jack Giuliano, George Dunbar and crew who have run the youth Rifle program for many years. To the guys that run all our shooting events, like Dick Abbey, Roger Ulrich, Bill Drake, Scott Lorenz, Vic Alvarez, Richard Nicol, Rich Graham, Jerry Graham, and others who I have probably failed to name; thanks a whole bunch, it is you guys that make the club. To the guys that run our training programs, Myron Olson for Hunter Education and Richard Ripley for Firearms Training and all the instructors that make the program a success. I have undoubtedly left several people out and I apologize to them, but the point is that many people donate a lot of time to make this club what it is and we all appreciate it.

I would like to thank all the Committee Chairmen who donate a lot of time, guys like Gary Webster at Shotgun Committee, Vic Alvarez at the Range Committee and Ken DeLeone at Archery Committee; Vic Alvarez for running the orientation every month along with Joe Waldron, and Committee Chairmen; Ron Hearldson for all the time he spends as Treasurer; Dan Barton for taking on Inventory; Myron Olson for taking care of the banking; and Scott Lorenz for holding several training sessions for bulleye shooting. It is volunteers that make a good club great.

### Events

Bullseye League is just starting this month, come on out and join us at the club house on Thursday evenings, first relay starts at 7 pm with additional relays to follow.

### Work Parties

With Fall here, we will need help with the leaves. We will need to rake up leaves and

clean gutters and side walks. I would like to thank Ted Hudlow and Griz Grizwold for repairing baffles on Range 2 in spite of all the direction and assistance they received from Dan Barton.

### Dues

Dues are coming up. Don't forget that you must pay your dues by January 1, to stay current. 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.

This is a great place thanks to the work of many members over the last 50 plus years. Let keep it going.

### Thanksgiving

Remember the club is closed Thanksgiving Day. You all have a great day, eat plenty of Turkey and see you the day following. Remember no one is allowed at the club that day, this includes members, instructors, and employees.

Have Fun, Be Safe, and Play Well.

*Carl Brattain*

### Dave Stenman 1945-2006

Dave Stenman passed away this month, losing his long fight with medical problems. Dave, a Vietnam veteran, big game hunter, NRA Instructor/Trainer, a good friend to many of our members, and a one-legged smiling dynamo, will be missed around the range. God speed Dave.

**ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!**





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Ever given any thought to what it takes to run a range? How can you keep multiple shooters (as well as range visitors, and even the surrounding countryside) safe? Suppose these shooters are shooting very different types of guns, or participating in very different types of events? What happens if something goes wrong? What do you do to respond, and what should you have done to prevent (or at least reduce the likelihood of) the incident?

Welcome to the world of the Range Safety Officer. Running a range is not magic - most of us have watched the Rangemasters in ordinary operation, or Range Officers in an NRA or IPSC Competition. While that's a taste of it, there is a LOT more to it.

The NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) class is a 9 hour, non-shooting class aimed at teaching you what you need to run a range from an operational standpoint. It doesn't speak to marketing, finance, state law, or a variety of other topics that are needed to run a range as a business. It does speak to the operational considerations of running a range day-to-day. How do you know the range is ready for shooters? What is needed to close the range at the end of the day? What do you do when a shooter has a hardware problem? What do you do when a shooter has a behavior problem? What do you do if there is a medical emergency (NOT someone getting shot)? Worst of all, what do you do if someone does get shot (regardless of how)?

The main thing that's needed is to have thought about these possibilities long before the first shooter steps to the line. How do you prove that you have thought about them, and have communicated the results to shooters, employees, visitors, etc? What you need is a Range Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The SOP turns out to be one of your best friends if you ever have a problem. It shows, in a moderate amount of detail, what was supposed to be done, and, if the SOP was followed, what was actually done. Hopefully, things were done correctly (or at least in accordance with the SOP), and you are covered as

well as possible.

How do you go about creating an SOP? This is the heart of the course. The class was written by Larry Quandhal, the NRA's Manager of Education and Training. Larry is a former Marine, and the course is written to give you the tools to prepare an SOP for Marine Base Quantico - that is, multiple ranges firing everything from pistols to artillery simultaneously, spread out over several square miles. Clearly, you're unlikely to need that much depth when you're just out shooting, but it's nice to have the tools to do it with. The principles don't change, only the scale and the details do.

The RSO class is approximately 9 hours, mostly classroom, with some range and emergency drills included. There is a written test at the end. The next RSO class here at Kenmore will be Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 0800 to 1800. The cost of the class is \$80, which includes the (somewhat steep) NRA fees. You can sign up by contacting Richard at 206-271-0670, or [richard.ripley@verizon.net](mailto:richard.ripley@verizon.net)

Finally, we certified new Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun Instructors on the weekend of October 13, 14, and 15. Congratulations to George Smith & Paul Smith (Pistol), Eldon Vincent (Shotgun), and Phil Sohn (Rifle). All 4 also certified in Home Firearms Safety.

The next NRA Instructor Training class here at Kenmore Range will be in May, 2007. We always need additional instructors in all of our disciplines - pistol, rifle, shotgun, and muzzleloading rifle. If you'd like to give back to the sport you enjoy, please consider becoming an NRA Certified Instructor. You'll be teaching the necessary knowledge, skills and attitude for safe and effective marksmanship to the next generation of shooters. NRA Instructor Classes will give you the necessary training.

As usual, if you have any questions, please contact either Richard Ripley 206-271-0670 [richard.ripley@verizon.net](mailto:richard.ripley@verizon.net) or Phil Murray 425-844-1918 [phil-murray@comcast.net](mailto:phil-murray@comcast.net)

**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:

**\$200 Donations**

Michael Goza

**\$100 Donations**

Rod Russell  
Rich Smith

**\$80 Donations**

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**Thanks!!!**



### Kenmore Range Benchrest Matches

#### 2006 Frombach Match Report

This year we replaced our regular club match with the Frombach Match, our yearly benchrest match dedicated to our dear friend Amos Frombach in which anyone can shoot any gun they choose but which is ideally suited for a true BR gun which can shoot one hole groups at 100 yards. The match consists of 8 ten-shot groups shot at 300 yards. The smallest aggregate of group size for the day is the winning score. The best shooter takes home the very nice trophy and can show it off to his spouse and friends for a whole year and thus puff up his/her ego for quite a while. The previous four years the trophy has been sequestered in the home of Mustafa Bilal. His friends probably got tired of looking at it, no doubt in a very visible place in the Bilal home-stead. This year it changed hands in a terrific shooting match, the winner being decided in the last of the 8 matches and by only a few thousandths of an inch.

We set up the targets and were all set to go until we looked through the scopes and no targets were clearly visible. We were fogged in! So we waited and eventually there was enough hot air expended to clear away the mist.

Conditions were extraordinarily good all day. Wind flags were out en masse but barely needed. There were quite a few groups less than and right around one inch. The secret to winning this match is to not shoot any large groups meaning over one and a half inches and to shoot one or two very small ones if possible. A good group works for you all day just as large one will drag your aggregate down. After three or four matches it was clear that three shooters were going to be the prime competitors. Robert (Mac) McCluskey, Gene Solyntjes and Rick Graham were shooting consistently. Rick started out with a 1.717 in. group, very uncharac-

teristic for him but then settled down to his usual steady excellent marksmanship. Mac started off with the first best small group and then went on to shoot two more best groups of a match. Gene didn't shoot any small group match winners, he just shot consistently and was in first place after the first four matches. In the second half of the match each of these three shooters shot one or two groups larger than they would have liked and which eventually lead to the last of the eight matches being the deciding one. To their credit each of them shot an excellent last group. Mac held on to his slim lead and won the match with an aggregate (corrected to 100 yard equivalent average) of .4257 in. Rick was second with .4398 and Gene's agg was 4462. Other shooters put in some excellent results as well. Joe Fischnaller's agg was also under .500, namely .4728. He also shot the small group in match 4 as did Floyd Middlebrook in match 2 and Bob Gord in match 7. It was good to have Mark Walker at our match. He came up from Bonney Lake to shoot with us. Please come again Mark. We enjoyed your company.

Congratulations to all the shooters who competed in our match. Anyone who wins this match deserves it. It is an unusual match. There are very few 300 yard benchrest matches and this one is grueling. It isn't easy to shoot so many ten shot groups and remain focused all day. It was very impressive that the best shooters were able to shoot tiny groups in the last match of the day when they needed it most. Also thanks to all the people who donated prizes which we drew numbers for. Everyone went home with some goodies. Congratulations to Mustafa for being such a great champion for four years and again to Mac for taking home the prize everyone covets the most, best shooter of a long day of shooting. Lastly thanks to Roger Ulrich and Rick Beginski for helping with the scoring and computer work.

The Nov Match has been *cancelled*, see you in December. For information call Richard Nicol at 206-784-1093 or Rick Graham at 206-784-1324.



#### ***DCM/Highpower Rifle***

The unaltered military bolt-action rifle match was well attended despite the weather. Thanks to Mother Nature and the typical NW October Sunday, weather it made this nostalgia match that much more interesting and that much more realistic for the 11 shooters. All that was needed to make this even more realistic, a couple of trenches or sand bagged positions.

The different national arms were represented by two Swedish Mausers, two M1903A3s, four Enfields, two 98 Mausers and a K-31 Schmidt Rubin. The competition was tough as a result of the old battle sights and bad light. Despite the conditions a good scores were shot over the 40 round CMP type match. The Marksmen category was won by Bill Krett shooting an Enfield with a very nice score of 311-1x followed closely by Robert Wilcox with a score of 299-1X shooting a 1903A3 Springfield. Well done Bill now stick with that shooting jacket.

In the combined category (Master/Expert/Unclassified) the honors went to Mark Moran with a score of 346-1x shooting an Enfield.

The match winner was Orin Humphries with a score of 349-2X shooting a Swedish Mauser. All shooters had a great time and I must add a safe match considering that some of these rifles are or almost are hundred years old. This was the last CMP match for the season, hope to see all the shooters back next year.