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President's Message

Volunteers

I would like to thank all the members who help out around the club. There are enough of us that if each person just does a little, the place will soon look a lot better. Thanks.

I would like to thank Bill Boettner and Jim Dinnie for helping me with the concrete Slab and drains for Trap house 5. Without some help it would not got as far as it has.

Work Parties

With fall here, we will need help with the leaves. We will need to rake up leaves and clean gutter and side walks. Any help is appreciated. It helps to save money when we don't have to pay for maintenance.

Events

Fall is here and the event schedules change to the winter schedules for all the shooting events. Remember to check your calendar before you come so you're not disappointed when you arrive here.

I don't know if there is going to be a Fall shotgun league. Check out at shotgun to find out if anyone stepped forward to run the league.

Hunter Education was another great success thanks to the hard work of Myron Olson, Phil Murray and all the Hunter Ed crew. They did a great job this year. Overall, they have improved the classes by adding several new instructors with some added enthusiasm. If any one is interested in becoming a Hunter Education instructor, please contact the Range Master and leave your name and phone number and Phil Murray will contact you and explain the process and help you with the State requirements.

Dues

Dues are coming up. Pay as soon as possible and get a jump on the crowd trying to renew at the last minute. The renewal form is in this news letter, on-line and available at the range office. Also, there is a line for donations, if

you are so inclined.

Loading Accidents

Or how to build a bomb. We have had a couple of unfortunate memory lapses on the part of our handloading shooters this month.

A benchrest shooter use Bullseye to fire-form some cases on a Saturday, then loaded up some rounds on Sunday, forgetting he had Bullseye still in the powder measure. It made a very loud noise, and ruined his expensive benchrest rifle. Nearly ruining his face.

The next weekend we had a pistol shooter accidentally fire off a round with a double load of Bullseye in his revolver. It peeled back the backstrap and opened a couple of chambers in the cyclindar. Obviously ruined a nice revolver. Fortunately no injuries.

The common demoninator here is a lack of attention to details. Especially important when working with fast burning powders like Bullseye. These incidents were easily avoidable by using better organization and care. Don't let this happen to you.

Have Fun, Be Safe, and Play Well, and remember that Daylight Savings ends Sunday, October 29th.

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!

Board Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2006

All Board Members were present except Carl Brattain, Ron Healdson, Dan Barton, David Alvar, Darian Carpenter, and Jim Dinnie. There being no quorum no business was conducted.

Orientation

The following new members have completed orientation:

Linden and Rebecca Anderson
Maht Belcher
David and Karen Bell
Paige Biron
Justin Bowhay
Tom Bowhay
Glenn Buhler
Michael Calhoon
Franz Cheng
Scott and Shantell Dunkel
Larry Epstein
Anne and David Figge
Randy Fullerton
Edward Graves
Rob Holman
Heather Johnson and James Sheldon
Mark Jones
William Jorgensen
Robert Khork
Steve Langenbeck
Scott and Trina McCarrell
David McGee
Dan McMullen
Roy and Kelly Morris
Tim and Amy Morrison
Albert Potterf
Alex and Polly Root
Byrwn Scott
Cal Sherman
Jack Shoeman
Chris Smith
William Traverso
Allen Vautier
John and Wanda Watkins
Daniel and Kathie Weakly
Padraic Wenke
Brett and Marla Whitmer
Grant Wistrom
Joel Wojnar



LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING by Joe Waldron

THIS IS IT

The gloves are off. The gauntlet has been thrown down. Mayor Nickels and our legislative enemies have announced their gun control agenda, and gun shows and so-called "assault weapons" (service rifles as used in competition at Kenmore) are right at the top of the list.

The 2006 mid-term election will begin in mid-October, a few weeks after you receive this issue of the club newsletter. 34 of Washington's 39 counties have switched to all-mail balloting, including our own Snohomish County. More than half of the voters in Washington will receive their ballots in the mail some time between 20-25 October. Election Day is November 7th, but by the time that day arrives, many elections will already be decided (although ballots will not be counted until the day of the 7th).

The Gun Owners Action League of Washington (GOAL) has made election endorsements that are posted on the websites of the Washington Arms Collectors (WAC) at <http://www.washingtonarmscollectors.org> or at the web site of the Washington State Rifle & Pistol Association at <http://www.wsrpa.net>. The November issue of *The American Rifleman* and other monthly NRA publications will contain NRA endorsements.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE OCCUPIES THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION TODAY BECAUSE OF 129 VOTES IN A STATEWIDE ELECTION WITH MORE THAN 2.75 MILLION VOTES CAST. 129 VOTES – FIVE ONE-THOUSANDTHS OF ONE PERCENT. DON'T LET ANYONE TELL YOU YOUR VOTE DOESN'T COUNT!

VOTE. ENSURE YOUR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS VOTE. AND PASS THE WORD TO YOUR FRIENDS, SHOOTING BUDDIES AND CO-WORKERS.



Kenmore Range Benchrest Matches

Match day was a beautiful early fall day. Perfect actually. There was dew on the grass in the morning and a slight chill in the air. Thankfully the heat of summer is over. Winds were moderate, just enough to make it interesting. I'll move right to the match results because there's a big announcement at the end of this report.

We start out at 300 yards. In the first match Richard Nicol shot through the breeze with his 30 cal. scoring 100-3x, Rick Graham was next with 99-2x and Mustaf Bilal scored 98-0x for third. Rick jumped into first in the next match with 100-2x, Mustafa came in second this time with 100-1x and Richard slipped down to third scoring 98-3x.

At 200 Rick was again sighted in better than anyone. He again came in first with 100-4x, the highest score in any match. Jeff Yost was right behind with 100-3x and Richard scored 100-2x. That was a close match. On the last target, Richard scored 100-3x, Rick 100-2x and Jeff dropped one point with 99-4x.

Rick shot very well in this match and secured the Shooter of the Year trophy for himself, having shared it with Mustafa last year. Mustafa did come in second and Joe Burns came in third in the total of points won in the matches from March to Sept. Congratulations to Rick! Also note that Rick won the three day match down in Tacoma on the previous weekend. He's having a very good year and deserves it.

In October we have our annual Frombach match. It will be on the second Saturday of October, replacing our regular match. Date is Oct. 14. There will be several prizes awarded by random drawing to the shooters who don't happen to be the match winner. Rick Graham is donating a set of tails to the windflags he is manufacturing. Mustafa has promised to donate a shooting accessory of some kind, as yet unspecified, but since he is such a classy guy you can be sure it will be nice. And Richard will photograph the rifle of one of the winners for the cover of *Precision Shooting Magazine*, so bring a good-looking rifle and join us at the Frombach match. Your rifle may become famous! You don't have to win to be a winner! Any questions call: Rick Graham at 206-784-1324 or Richard Nicol at 206-784-1093.



Firearms
Education
Committee



Anyone out there like to hunt? Yeah, I thought so.

For many people, they have been doing it so long that they have forgotten what it was like to get started. New hunters today (well, OK, everyone born after January 1, 1972) MUST have a Hunter Education card in order to get their first Hunting License. There are also 15 states that require a Hunter Ed card to get an out-of-state license - and more are picking up that idea.

What is Hunter Education? Well, it used to be (and sometimes still is) called "hunter safety". That's a good description. The class is overseen by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Instructors who teach it are volunteers. The DFW trains the Instructors, supplies materials, exams, completion certificates, etc. The DFW requires a minimum of 10 hours of instruction. Here at Kenmore, we usually run 13-14 hours, depending on the class

The class here at Kenmore, consists of 3 weekday evenings and a Saturday morning. We cover a number of topics, including

- Safety (firearms and archery)
- Conservation
- Sportsmanship and the Law
- Map and Compass
- Rifles
- Pistols
- Shotguns
- Archery
- Marksmanship
- Survival
- First Aid
- And others.

Clearly, since the total class is only 13-14 hours, we can't really do justice to most of those topics. What we try to do is give the student a taste of what they need to know - essentially whet their appetite for more information that they will need to get later, on their own.

There is a lot of information that we

don't cover. Things like:

- Animal identification
- Animal anatomy
- Bullet/Arrow effects
- Shot Placement
- Tracking
- Game Management Units
- and a lot more.

What Hunter Ed does do is to give people the basics - to help them realize what they still need to learn.

What about Kenmore's program? It turns out that Kenmore teaches about 15 classes each year - that's over 500 people. Many of these students are in the 9-14 age range. Considering that the DFW's total program teaches about 500 classes per year (we do 15) and 13,500 students per year, that means Kenmore alone is doing about 4% of the State's total Hunter Ed.

If you want to help new people get into the sport, Kenmore Range has a VERY active Hunter Education program. Certification as a Hunter Ed instructor is controlled by the DFW. The process is a bit more involved - it requires a background check, passing a written test, and about 12 hours of class. If you'd like to get involved, contact Richard or Phil, and we'll point you in the right direction.

Finally, a reminder about the NRA Instructor Training class October 13, 14, and 15 here at Kenmore Range. We 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 efficient 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
or
Phil Murray 425-844-1918 phil.murray@comcast.net



DCM/Highpower Rifle

Sunday's CMP match was attended by eight M-1 Garand shooters. Five M-1 service rifles, later more details on that, and one genuine M-1D. The weather was reasonable, no rain, and after all the excitement to serious business. Even though the M-1D shooter, Orin Humpries, had the highest score 447-5X this rifle did not qualify for the winning prize. Well done Orin in any case the rifle is in a great shape. The combined match winner was Chris Harrott, marksman, with a great 403-1x followed closely by another marksman, Bryan Geary with a score of 360-0x.

All the shooters had great time shooting the venerable M-1s. It is amazing to see the conditions of these shooting, functional implements even after more than fifty years of service and the pride of the shooters, plainly visible, when handling and shooting these rifles. I have not observed any malfunctions throughout the match and all the rifles on the lie functioned flawlessly.

One other point of interest is that at least two M-1s served double duty as they were shared by two shooters each through the match.

At this time I would like to thank the volunteers for assisting with cleaning and checking over the Club's Garands. Specifically to Orin Humpries for his technical knowledge and providing all of the various gauges to check the rifles over. The other volunteers were William Krett, Alan Pryor and myself.

The next month match is the unaltered military bolt guns. Dust off those Nagants, Mausers, 30-03's, Enfields, bring along 48 appropriate rounds of ammunition and join us for the last CMP match this season.