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President's Message

What is wrong with this picture?



Absolutely nothing! Please note the worldwide safe carry practice of a break-open shotgun. The obviously open actions immediately demonstrates these shotguns are in an inert status, incapable of accidentally causing harm.

The reason for this picture is that we have a couple of members who want to rewrite the safety rules to their own personnel ideas on the subject. And then force those rules on others. The result has been these members are causing disruptions on the shotgun range and have reduced our business by verbally chastising public shooters for violating their view of safety, thus chasing off shooters.

While we want our members to enforce the club rules and monitor safety on all our ranges, it is not permissible to make up your own rules. The club has over 50 years experience in developing safe range practices and our rules are the rules that will be followed at this facility.

Those members who have been overly pro-active are on notice that their actions are unwanted and detrimental to the club. If it continues, their privileges will be suspended, and we will consider applying Article XIV of the Bylaws.

Carl Brattain

ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!



by Joe Waldron

Election 2003

2003 is an off-off year election, meaning none of the "big" names are up for election. But every election has at least one or two races that will have an impact on gun owners and on the shooting sports. The 2003 election is no different.

The primary election will be held on 16 September and the general election on November 4th. Several county offices are on the ballot in 2003. Snohomish County will elect a new County Executive. County Sheriff Rick Bart is up for reelection, as is County Council chairman Gary Nelson.

In King County, the "even numbered" county council positions (e.g. position 2, position 4, position 6, etc) are up, as well as the Position 9 election to fill the seat of the recently-deceased Republican (and solid pro-gun legislator) Kent Pullen.

It is the King County Council that will make the final determination of which site is selected for the Brightwater wastewater plant (how's that for politics: "wastewater" becomes "Brightwater"). While Kenmore/WCW is off the list for now, it ain't over 'til the fat lady sings.

Cut-off for voter registration is normally 30 days prior to an election, but you can register in person at the County Auditor's or Elections office in the County Administration building up to 15 days before the election.

It is said that our republic is founded on three boxes: the ballot box, the jury box, and the bullet box. By healthy exercise of the first, we can negate the need for the third. Voting is a basic responsibility of citizenship. If you don't vote, you have no right to complain.

If you have any questions about fire-

arms-related legislative issues, or Washington gun laws in general, please call me at my Bellevue office at (425) 454-4911. I am not an attorney, nor do I practice law, but I have had a hand in writing or amending much of the firearms code on the law books today. I can provide a layman's interpretation to Washington firearms code and how it is being interpreted.



The Big Game 3-D was again another success. We were down in numbers from last year's record, but it shouldn't be a surprise with our current economy. I'd like to thank all those that helped with the event. We're already looking for a Event Chairman for next year's 3-D. If you're interested or know someone that would excel in that roll, come to the next meeting in October.

We will not be having a September Committee Meeting as it overlaps with early archery season. For those headed a field, good luck!

The WSAA annual convention is October 25 & 26th. WSAA has us down as having 22 members which gives us only two delegate votes. Please e-mail your name if you're a WSAA member and what to be represented by WCW at the convention. I need this soon!!!

Recently there have been a few public shot gunners locked it. The Range Master is responsible to lock the gate. When leaving the range during evening hours remember to leave the gate as you found it.

Remember to wear you club badge in plain view while at the range. There is going to be a concerted effort to enforce this club rule.

Darian Carpenter



CMP/Highpower Rifle

A small but determined group of CMP High Power shooters enjoyed the sunshine and balmy weather today (Sunday , 17 August) and shot fine representative scores at the monthly Kenmore (Wildlife Committee of Washington) 50 - Shot NMC tournament - commonly called the CMP qualifier match.

Our Match Winner was Quentin Pankey, a Master Class shooter, who finished with a very respectable 480 - 10 X! We had to mix the Sharpshooters and Marksmen to obtain a class, and our First Combined was Mike Noel, a sharpshooter in Marksman clothing (until the NRA catches up with him!) Mike had a 432 - 3X.

Of the best news of the day - we had a repeat Junior shooter, a graduate of our Kenmore Junior (smallbore) program. Ethan Morrison, shooting a brand new AR - 15, with unknown ammunition (factory), put up a 385 - 2X - which beat his last score by 31 points! Encouraging to have Juniors participate and excel!

Our Next Kenmore adventure will be our annual M-1 Garand (only) match, on the 21st of September. A standard 50 - shot NMC course of fire, but with two categories - M-1 as issued, and M-1 Match (externally altered - i.e. globe front sight, modified stock, etc..) Dust off your gas guns, and come try your luck!

Dick Abbey