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## President's Message

It is once again time for the newsletter and unfortunately I have bad news. John Ames, a life member and a major supporter of our Archery group past away in July 12<sup>th</sup>. John organized our very first 3-D archery shoot 26 years ago. John nursed that event along and was instrumental in creating the largest single money making shooting event for Archery, if not the entire club. John ran every shoot for most of the 26 years and maintained most of the walk through course. John will be missed and leaves some huge shoes to fill. The archery group will need several volunteers to step up and take over what John Ames was doing for them.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that have worked around the club for the last several months. The help is appreciated. We are moving forward with several improvements at Shotgun, the FITA Range, and Rifle and Pistol Ranges. Nadine has done a lot of landscaping between the Rifle and Pistol range and has improved the looks of the place. Most of the new windows are in at the Shotgun range and we are now looking for volunteers to help with the installation of the insulation. And we need to volunteers to help with some concrete work. If you are willing to help, give you name and phone number to the Range Master at Shotgun. We have a fork lift at shotgun thanks to the efforts of Connie Unger, Gerard Loupe, Ron Lageson, and Roy Stephenson.

Our upcoming EVENTS includes our hunter sight-in period. Remember that during hunter sight in, no guests are allowed, and try to limit the length of your stay on Range 2 if public shooters are waiting. Also, you can always help the Range Master out during this busy period by helping with clean up as the day wears on and brass is on the deck. During this period be alert to safety problems such as muzzle control and number of rounds loaded at a time.

We had the swap meet and it was moderately successful. We had several members showing their valued treasures and attempting to help others take those treasures home. There was some success in that endeavor, but more buyers would always be helpful. In fact I believe some members left with more treasures than what they arrived with, which is always fun. Next Swap meet is January.

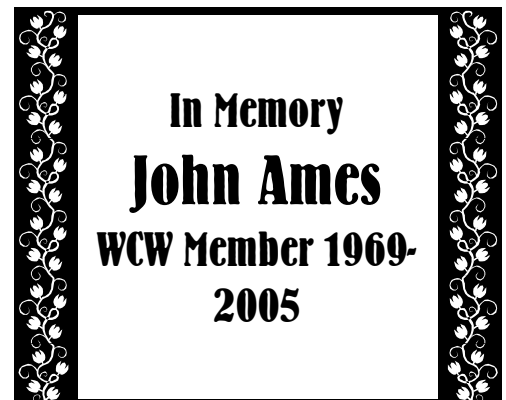
Hunter Education is another great success thanks to the hard work of all the Hunter Ed crew. They are doing a great job this year. The schedule is extremely full this year and we will need more instructors if we are to keep up the pace. If any one is interested in becoming a Hunter Education instructor, 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.

### Reminders

Range 1 must be cleaned up by the members that use that Range, please do your part.

Have Fun, Be Safe, and Play Well.

*Carl Brattain*



**ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!**

**Board Meeting Minutes****August 10, 2005**

President Carl Brattain called the Meeting to order at 7:45 PM. All Board Members were present except Darian Carpenter, Gerald Albertson, Larry Mallory, Jim Dinnie and Vic Alvarez. There being no quorum, no official business was discussed or completed. The Meeting had been moved to the second Wednesday of August to try to accommodate those on vacation the first Wednesday. This temporary move did not help, still no quorum.

**Orientation**

The following new members have completed orientation:

Brian and Lyda Arrington  
 David Bartolomeo  
 Robert Bourgoin  
 Dennis Bruders  
 Joe Burke  
 Yon Pom Choe  
 Deborah Choi and Kevin Carriere  
 Michael Condon  
 Antonio Cruz  
 Sean Horrel  
 John and Christine Kearnes  
 Bill McBee  
 Todd and Anne McBee  
 Michael McCaslin  
 Patrick Myrto  
 Bryce Richert  
 Thomas Slomer  
 Shane Warren  
 Dale and Mardonia White  
 Eric White

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

Respectfully submitted by Dan Barton,  
 Recording Secretary.

**Shotgun hours of operation***Daylight Saving hours*

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

**Kenmore Range  
Benchrest  
Matches****Benchrest Match Report- August 2005**

Six non-vacationing shooters turned out for our August match. Hard to imagine why someone would want to be out in traffic or waiting in a line for the ferry when they could be at one of our excellent late summer matches. It was a beautiful morning for shooting, cool at first and then warm by mid-day. It was an extremely good opportunity to practice for the Big One, the Frombach Match in October. Winds were irregular and very tricky. Several targets had one shot that was way out of the 10 ring. With these shooters shooting a "9" is a national tragedy. The shooters were nicely challenged on this morning.

Well, maybe not Joe Burns, who only dropped one point all day. In match 1 at 300 yards he shot 100-3x, Mustafa Bilal 100-2x and Rick Graham 99-2x. In the next match at 300 Joe dropped his only point and let Mustafa win this time. Mustafa had 100-2x again, Joe 99-2x and Rick 99-1x. Very brutal competition and very good shooting.

At 200 yards Jerry Wilson shot the best score of the day, a sizzling 100-5x, Joe was right behind with 100-4x and Rick was again third with 100-2x. What a great "x" count chase this match was. Five "x" or more is superb shooting. Congratulations Jerry!

In the last match Joe was back in front with 100-2x, Jerry and Mustafa tied for second scoring 100-1x each and Bill Gildroy had to go and drop one point and spoil his excellent "x" count. It was 99-5x for him. It was wonderful to have Bill back with us after a few months away. Always good to have such a good-natured guy to joke around with. Another surprise for us was a visit by Bob Larson. Everyone was happy to see him up on his feet

again. He's been battling cancer since last winter and he's apparently won the battle, the best results and the best news of any on this morning. He says he'll be shooting at our match in Sept. We sure hope so. Joe Burns went home with the big bucks (\$10) accumulating the best combined score of the day. Good shooting, Joe. Joe has also been doing well at the matches in Tacoma. Not surprise there.

The next match is later in the month as well. Come shoot with us on Sept. 17. Call Richard Nicol 206-784-1093 or Rick Graham 206-784-1324 for info.



The pistol shooters are participating in a Free Pistol League on Monday evenings and a Standard Pistol League on Thursday evenings. These leagues will be wrapping up in September and we will then be preparing for the winter Bullseye .22LR Indoor League and Postal.

After winning the postal for several years, we tanked it last year, coming in 4th place. The reason was a number of our better shooters did not participate. Let's hope all our good Bullseye shooters make the time and come out this year. The boys in Vancouver really raised the bar last year, so we have to rise to the challenge....start getting some practice in guys!

Scott Lorenz has been holding a pistol Bullseye training session on the first Saturday of each month, 9am to noon. The cost is \$10 and you need several hundred rounds. It has been well attended and well received. Come on out and observe if you think you may be interested in getting in to competitions.

*Vic Alvarez, Pistol Coach*



**LEGISLATIVELY  
SPEAKING**  
*by Joe Waldron*

Over the next couple of months we may see the fate of gun ownership settled without even having the issue raised directly. In the next 60 days or so, President Bush will likely nominate TWO individuals to fill vacancies in the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS). Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor submitted her resignation on July 1st, and Chief Justice William Good news from the other Washington (D.C.).

Just before going on its summer recess at the end of July, the U.S. Senate passed an amended version of S.397, the Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. S.397 would prohibit lawsuits against manufacturers, distributors and dealers in firearms for unlawful acts committed by purchasers of those firearms.

Unlike last year, when a number of virulent anti-gun amendments (e.g. assault weapon ban extension, gun show regulation, etc) were added to last year's version, S.1805, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist played hardball and refused to allow votes on many of those amendments this time around.

Two amendments were attached to S.397. The first, by Wisconsin Democrat Herb Kohl, requires the provision of a locking device with all handguns sold at retail. The amendment passed on a 70-30 vote.

More than 90% of new guns already come with a locking device or capability (lockable pistol box with lock provided). So retailers (FFLs) would have to give or sell a lock with the remaining 10% of handguns and with used handguns.

Another mandatory "lock up your gun" law? No.

Nothing in the amendment mandates the USE of a locking device, merely the provision of one. And as a trade-off, it provides civil immunity to a consumer who VOLUNTARILY chooses to keep his or her handgun locked when not in use (a

handgun kept in your night table for personal/family protection is IN USE).

The second amendment to the bill, by Idaho Republican senator, and NRA director, Larry Craig (who is also the prime sponsor of S.397), repeats existing federal law regarding banned handgun ammunition specifically designed to penetrate body armor (protective vests) and adds enhanced sentencing for individuals convicted of using such ammunition in a crime of violence or in drug trafficking. It also directs the Attorney General to conduct a study "to determine whether a uniform standard for the testing of projectiles against Body Armor is feasible." This kind of study has already been conducted in the past by the National Institute of Justice. The Craig Amendment passed 87-11.

A certain national gun rights advocacy group is claiming that the Craig Amendment is a "Trojan Horse" that gives the Attorney General the authority to unilaterally declare certain kinds of ammunition "armor piercing" and by extension, ban the ammunition. The "Trojan Horse" story spread like wildfire over the internet.

This is simply NOT TRUE. Read the text. Consider the source of the amendment (100% pro-gun Larry Craig). In fact, in last year's version, S.1805, it was Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) who ran the same amendment. No one called it a Trojan Horse last year.

The House version of S.397 already has 257 co-sponsors, more than enough to pass the bill. It likely will come up for a floor vote shortly after the House returns from its summer recess on 6 September. With any luck, before the 1<sup>st</sup> of October S.397 will become law and manufacturers, distributors and dealers won't get bled to death with attorney's fees.

**Alvarez Ramblings**

We have done quite a bit of work around the facility lately. Roy has been busy with his equipment parked on our property. He has extended and groomed the FITA parking lot, done more touch-up work on the FITA range, and dug the hole of the 5th trap house at shotgun.

We cut down the maple trees at the pistol range since they were rotting and splitting. Nadine Worsham has worked to beautify the front of the pistol range with flowers and brick work.

Carl has been very busy working on the upper shotshack. He has installed new windows and with the removal of the dropped ceiling, the place is starting to look pretty good. The roof was redone and insulated. The next task is to insulate the walls.....call Carl if you want to help.

We terminated the trial summer Friday shooting at shotgun due to low attendance. Folks are just doing too many other things in the summer and we found that the added hours were not justified.

**Member Only Shooting**

We have member only areas and member only times for all our disciplines. For rifle, pistol and archery it takes a special use permit to participate. For shotgun it is Monday evenings.

In each case it is restricted to MEMBERS. No guests, no in-laws, no friends or other shirt-tail relatives. This is a very simple concept. It is easy to administer since all participants will be wearing membership cards (with the proper markings when necessary).

This is "club policy" and you are not only charged to follow club policy, you are required to enforce it. Violation of club policy can result in loss of privileges and, in extreme cases, loss of membership.

**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  
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