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Well here we are looking the autumnal equinox smack in the kisser. Time for pumpkin spice drinks and long weekends of endless football. I wonder if people actually drink those pumpkin spice lattes. The only time I have anything to do with pumpkins is the perfunctory piece of pumpkin pie at thanksgiving. I do know that pumpkin is good for dogs when they have indigestion. Oh and one other thing, pumpkins make good targets. Don't get any hairbrained ideas, we're not going to allow these targets at Kenmore. Well I guess that is enough about pumpkins.

On a more serious note I do have some news that may well impact us at the range. It seems that Fruhling Sand and Gravel across the street has sold their property to a developer. The rumor is that they are going to build a huge apartment complex. This will of course impact traffic on 228th and other considerations to a great degree. It is my hope that someone in the club might volunteer that has experience dealing with planning issues. Someone who can help us deal with this in an advisory capacity. If there is anyone reading this newsletter that is willing to help please get in contact with me ASAP.

As per usual the range is pretty busy with hunter sight in full force. I have not heard any problems with behavior or inconsiderate comportment which is a real good thing. I forewarn that we may have a few staffing shortages which may affect customer wait time. Please be patient and provide yourself enough time for a wait.

There is nothing new on the ammunition supply. This is particularly notable at shotgun. Our club manager checks daily with the various distributors but so far no good news relative to shotgun ammunition.

We hope to start work on range three (pistol) very soon. We have a tentative plan to rectify some of the deficiencies like the baffles as well as making the shooting booths safer. This has been a particularly frustrating thing for me and many others. Of course the matter almost always revolves around money and just how much we're willing to spend. It ranges from one million on the high end to a lot less to fix the must fix items. However there are good intentions as well as a recent purchase of turning target racks which Steve Read found for us at a good price. Thanks Steve. Who knows sometimes this type of purchase can instigate momentum for real improvements. We'll see.

Well that's about it for now except that I highly recommend a trip to Cody, Wyoming. As indicated in my last newsletter I spent the better part of a week and half travelling in an RV. Our ultimate destination was a tour of the Cody Gun Museum. If you are a firearms enthusiast it is a real treat. One could easily spend a great deal of time viewing the gems in that museum.

I leave you with a quote from Henry David Thoreau, 'Walden'.

"Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influence of the earth."

COMPLACENCY HAS NO PLACE AT A GUN RANGE...

WCU Board Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by President Joe Rinaldi.

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Robb Stack (Vice President)
Mike Wichser (2nd Vice President)
John Woolley (Treasurer)
Jim Thompson (Chairman Trustee)
Jeff LeMoine (Trustee Elect)
Larry Mallory (2yr Trustee)
Jeff Gomes (Trustee)
John Sutton (Trustee)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)

Absent board members:

Gary Webster (past President)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager present at meeting:

Robert Haverstock (Range Manager)
Martin Morehouse (Rifle)
Ken Deleone (Archery)
Bob Pritchard (Shotgun)
Emylee Norgaard (Handgun)

Guests:

Dave Levinson
Dan Barton
Steve Read

Guest topics:

Steve Read
Steve spoke with someone who has turning targets they are interested in selling. He has 2 sets of 5 in a rack of turning targets. He is willing to sell them for \$2,000. There are still some things we would need to get for them to work. The board will consider it. Secondly, he would like Winter league indoors on Monday nights. He would like to start Dec 1st.

Dan Barton

A person in the club (Ron Barton) recycles our brass and gives the money back to the club. This results in \$300 to \$1200 per month back to the club. Dan Barton believes he could use some help. Martin and Emylee will post something about helping.

Subsequent to the board meeting, John Sutton spoke with Ron Barton and Ron said he does not need help and will let us know if he does.

Dan Barton also mentioned he would like to know what the club has planned for Range 3 and 4. He would like some information. John Sutton explained we would like to get the baffles fixed and move one of the walls. We would like to stick with the same baffle posts. Dan would like to make sure we are doing something. Joe assured Dan we are working on the updates. Joe suggested we wait until the good weather has passed. The reason is because we will have to shut down the range while we do the work.

Committee reports:

Notes from the committee reports that were presented during the board meeting are below.

Archery report:

Mike Wichser presented.

The Poland trip for championships went pretty well. Emma ended 7th and Bella ended 9th. This was their first international tournament. Bella beat one of the Olympians. They also shot another tournament this last weekend.

Ken mentioned the range has been pretty full with hunters practicing.

Handgun Report:

Emylee Norgaard presented.

The last committee meeting was on August 9th. We had seven people attend in person and nine attend via Zoom. Four of the attendees earned their pistol special use by attending that meeting.

The last Pistol Special use class was on August 28th. There were ten attendees. There were five that earned their special use as well as one attending to upgrade their caliber.

Emylee mentioned Dan Barton provided a written letter that she was going to read in the board meeting but Dan covered the topics mentioned in the letter during the Guest topics.

Rifle Report:

Martin Morehouse presented.

The Basic Rifle Class was last weekend. 6 people attended. One was 5 years old and completed the whole class.

The next NRA high power is September 26th.

Special use range session - 12 attend and 5 got their special use.

Legal heat proposed a schedule for next year (2022).

They only use the Chalet so their all the dates they are interested will work. Martin will post them on the calendar.

We have acquired the target sockets. We have a few more supplies to get. Then, we will rent an auger to put them in the ground.

Shotgun Report:

Bob Pritchard presented.

We had the first Fundamentals Class and it was successful.

Bob would like to figure out how to get the club house open. The board said we just need to have people wearing masks.

John Sutton said we found another contactor with some other ideas for lighting. We are getting some quotes from them.

We need to get the traps numbered. We also need to paint the numbers on the shooting positions.

Robert said he can paint them if we tell him how big. We said 3". Jeff LeMoine said he has stencil he will provide Robert.

Manager's Report:

Robert Haverstock presented.

Robert has been working with people to help with updating the WiFi. If we do this, our Comcast will be less by about \$200 less per year.

He said we have a problem with a public shooter at 5 Stand. Robert explained what happened. The shooter refused to fill out the electric form, so we allowed him to fill out a paper form. We cannot read his name nor phone number on the paper form. The Trustees asked that all the videos be kept for review. The Trustees believe we should ban him from the facility. Jeff Gomes provided details regarding when a police report should be filed. We discussed requiring public shooters to use the electronic form. Going forward, all visitors will be required to use the electronic forms, or they will not be allowed to use the facility.

Jeff Gomes recommended we have the Bothell PD come in and train the employees on how to deal with customers.

Our renters are still renting regularly.

Treasurer's Report:

John Woolley presented.

Membership dues are up 62%. Dues and initiation fees are up 53%. Revenue is up from this same time in 2019.

We discussed needing to update our logo.

Woodinville Printing may have done the logo and may have an editable version. Mike Wichser will check with his wife and Jeff LeMoine will see if he has it. If we can't find it, Dale will ask his daughter's boyfriend if he can recreate it for us.

We want to thank John W. for doing a great job as Treasurer.

Trustees Report:

Jeff LeMoine presented.

At the last Trustees meeting, they discussed the manager's report. They also discussed the Range 3 options. We want to get the baffles fixed and the wall moved.

Joe suggested we look into using the rubber to fill our baffles instead of gravel. We will investigate this. At the last meeting, they discussed the WCW incorporation issue and the suggestion from our attorney.

We need to update the lease on the care taker's house. Dave Levinson will see if he has a template we can use.

Michael Parent, who presented at March Board Meeting, spoke with Larry. He would like to be up and running on May 1st. We are taking steps to make that happen. One thing he will be offering members is a discounted FFL transfer fee.

Old Business:

501c3 investigation

To convince the state they should allow us to go from a 501c4 to a 501c3 is very difficult. However, it is possible to add a 501c3 that supports the education. We are continuing to investigate options.

Marketing position

Dale shared an update on the Marketing position. Martin, Jeff G. and Dale got together to produce a recommendation.

They recommend we start working with David Bowerman.

One question Dale, Martin and Jeff G. wanted to ask the rest of the board is what is the primary long-term goal for the club. After a lengthy discussion, the result is we want to increase public use of the club.

Dale, Martin and Jeff G. will follow up with the people and start working on a marketing plan. We briefly discussed our expectations for the marketing work and decided we will discuss this on a future date. We will need to make sure we have clear metrics so we can evaluate our progress towards our goals.

New Business:

Martin moved that we accept the 'Resolution of the Board of Directors Of Wildlife Committee of Washington, a Washington Nonprofit Corporation CORRECTING SCRIVENER ERRORS and ratifying prior resolutions of the Board of Directors and Members'. John Sutton seconded. Passed.

There is a Washington Arms Collectors show in Monroe on September 18th and 19th. Robb Stack asked Martin to send out a message to membership asking for volunteers to sit at a table to promote the club. Robert said he will investigate if he has a flier we can hand out at the show.

Dave Levinson said we have banners in storage that we can use at the show.

Robb Stack shared an idea of providing people RV storage on our property for a small fee. We discussed this idea and the consensus was we not pursue this. There was a suggestion to make board member badges a different color. We will pursue this. Joe Rinaldi moved that we purchase the turning targets proposed by Steve Read. Martin Morehouse seconded. Passed.

For the Good of the Order:

Our Facebook presence is still going strong.

Up 43% on our page 'likes'.

Up 20% on post engagements.

The archers doing so well has really been exciting and helping our page have more interactions with our followers. Still looking for photos and neat things to share if anyone has anything.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 9:30 PM. Jeff LeMoine seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg, Recording Secretary.

We need news

If there is something going on in our club, or something planned that you would like everyone to know about, drop us a note. There is a lot happening and this is a good place to let people know.

The deadline each month for updates or articles is the 25th, just send what you have to secretary@wawi.org

Kenmore Rimfire Match Report September 2021

There were a record tying 34 contestants in this month's match with eleven competitors in the Expert Division, ten in the Sharpshooter Division and thirteen in the Marksman Division.

Welcome to newcomers Lawrence Coleman, John Kimbrough, Jeremmy Valencia, and James Valenta.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Luka Treperinas placed first with a score of 246 4X. Keith Wilson was second at 241 2X, Stephen Goodwin finished third at 239 3X and Fred Zingleman fourth at 238 5X. Target Two: Keith Wilson finished first with a score of 245 6X. Stephen Goodwin placed second with a score of 244 4X, Luka Treperinas was third at 241 3X and D.D. was third at 240 5X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division Target One. T.Q. finished first at 246 6X. Ryan Higginbotham was second at 237 5X with Kevin Kellogg placing third at 234 1X. Target Two: T.Q. finished in first place again with a score of 244 6X. Josh Ness finished second at 240 5X with Ryan Higginbotham placing third at 236 5X.

Relay Three Marksman Division. Target One: Ryder Higginbotham shot a score of 237 1X for first place and newcomer James Valenta finished second a score of 233 3X. Rick Meade was third at 232 1X with R.W. in fourth at 230 4X. Target Two: Randy Lewellen finished in first place at 234 1X and Rick Meade finished second with a score of 230 2X. Ryder Higginbotham was third at 228 5X with John Kimbrough in fourth at 227 3X.

The scores are posted under the Events tab on the range website. Contact me if you have any questions about this match.

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NRA Highpower Match Report, September 2021

This month only two shooters turned out for our September NRA Highpower Match. James Jackson was here for his first match with us, and Bruz Marzolf attended to stay in practice.

James was getting back into highpower, as he had last used his rifle about ten years ago. His score of 337 - 0X gives him room for raising his score next time. Bruz is a lot more current, and his score of 483 - 16X shows it. Both were using AR's.

This was our first match with the new target supports on Range 1. It was nice to be able to hang targets in order, without working around target support posts. We also missed the rain that showed up on Sunday, with hardly any wind and mild temperatures on Saturday morning.

This match was our last NRA Highpower match for the year. We will finish up the last three months of the year with CMP Games matches. Spectators are welcome to come out and see how it is done, position shooting is a good way to improve your shooting skills. And going against the clock makes it even more challenging. For details, check our calendar entry, or contact me.

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Kenmore Benchrest Match Report

September 2021

There were ten contestants in this month's 300-yard benchrest match with eight shooters in the Custom Class and two in the Factory Class.

Match 1 Custom Class: Bruce Teel placed first with a score of 102. Larry Wright and Bryan Zolinkov tied for second at 101. Factory Class: Matt Daly was first with a score of 99 with Christian Eckhoff in second with a score of 92.

Match 2 Custom Class: Custom Class: Richard Nicol placed first with a score of 103. Bruce Teel was second at 102 with a three-way tie for third at 101 between Jeff Locke, Larry Wright, and Joshua Shaw. Factory Class: Matt Daly was first with a score of 97 with Christian Eckhoff in second with a score of 95.

Match 3 Custom Class: Custom Class: Larry Wright was first with a score of 104. Parker Letson was second at 102 with Richard Nicol in third with a score of 101. Factory Class: Matt Daly was first with a score of 95 with Christian Eckhoff in second with a score of 94.

Match 4 Custom Class: Custom Class: Larry Wright placed first again with another 100+ score of 101. Bryan Zolinkov was second at 100 with Parker Letson third at 99. Factory Class: Christian Eckhoff was first with a score of 94 with Matt Daly placing second at 91.

The overall winner in the Custom Class was Larry Wright with a total score of 407 with Richard Nicol in second at 402 and with a two way tie for third between Jeff Locke and Joshua Shaw at 397. The overall winner in the Factory Class with a score of 382 was Matt Daly with Christian Eckhoff in second at 375.

For information on this match contact Matt Daly matt5404@frontier.com

Project Appleseed and the Civil Air Patrol

We recently hosted cadets from several Civil Air Patrol squadrons for a Project Appleseed event. This is to resume their marksmanship efforts, which had been on hold for well over a year.

This was conducted over the weekend of 18-19 September, on the smallbore range in our clubhouse. Nineteen cadets attended, along with their staff and leadership.

Project Appleseed instructors provided the instruction, along with the historical perspective that their program provides.

By the end of the event, 3 cadets had qualified as Pro-Marksman, 12 as Marksman, and one as Sharpshooter. Two were very close, but kept their existing scores of Marksman and Marksman 1st Class. Most of the cadets who qualified as Marksman also qualified as Pro-Marksman earlier in the day.

MAJ Cox, their Civil Air Patrol Professional Development Officer, will be able to present NRA Marksmanship Program medals to the cadets based on their scores from this event.

Andy Song, the Project Appleseed Shoot Boss for the event, sent his thanks to the board and members of our club. "Thanks for hosting us and the Civil Air Patrol cadets. It is a wonderful facility and man, was I appreciative of having a roof over my head last weekend! We would've run the event even if it was outside but I'm sure everyone in attendance was very grateful to not have to do all that in the downpour!"

In Memoriam, Scott Gibbs

Scott Gibbs passed away early this month on 7 September. He loved shooting trap and 5-stand. He also shot pistols, but shotguns were his favorite. He liked to have coffee in the clubhouse with the other shooters. Because of his health problems he hadn't been out there much in the last year or so but most of the other old timers will remember him.

Have you checked our calendar lately?

We add events to our club calendar every week. Be sure and check your events, or the events you are interested in, to make sure they are accurate.

With fall approaching event schedules are changing. make sure your events are on the calendar.

If you see something that needs to be fixed, or if you have something new to add, contact me at secretary@wcwi.org.

Coming Events

Here are some of the highlights from our October calendar.

6 October - Monthly club board meeting

11 October - Rifle/Pistol Committee meeting

13 October - Quarterly member's meeting

18 October - Shotgun Committee meeting

We also have our normal schedule of matches, classes, and events.

For more details, see our calendar, or for questions, contact me at secretary@wcwi.org.



PLEASE DONATE!

Donations accepted year-round of **USABLE SINGLE SPEED BIKES AND TRIKES** to be distributed to children of domestically abused women of Snohomish County. Drop off your bikes and trikes in front of the chalet anytime and a club volunteer will deliver them to the Women's Shelter.

(Good condition only please.)

