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## President's Message

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I contend that we are all creatures of habit. If you think not all you have to do is ask what new habits you have adapted since say March 2020. I think if we were honest with ourselves most of us have changed quite a few ways we behave as we muddle through everyday life. When is the last time you entered a grocery store without a mask? Can you pinpoint the actual date? Doubtful but it seems like a pretty normal modus operandi these days. I for one am particularly pleased to note that the mandatory mask mandate at the range has been followed very attentively by staff, members, and the public patrons alike. I foresee a time when we may not need to do so but it is not easy to predict at this time. I believe this denotes a mutual collective unstated respect we have for each other. Back in my working life I use to tell officers I supervised that they should listen to what people say but more importantly watch what they do. No one can belie their actions and the old axiom of actions speaking louder than words still applies. I mention this observation as a resounding Thank You to everyone who has maintained this compliance.

In April, we have several important issues to resolve in our membership meeting. One is the election of board members. Nominees will be determined at the March Board meeting. If there are balloting challenges we will have to get ballots sent out to members for vote tally after the March meeting. At this time there is going to be an April members meeting unless we have an unfortunate uptick in the pandemic. Members will have the option of attending in person masked as well as complying with social distancing mandates. We will also make it available for members to attend via zoom. The logistics for such attendance will be made by instruction through a blast email. In addition to the election we will also have to pass the budget, report the annual firearms inventory as well any other updates and concerns from the membership.

It is notable to relate that we are currently working on updating the clubs website. We have been meeting regularly to discuss the new look and presentation of the website. Overall, I think we are headed in a very positive direction as it pertains to our public image as well as our informational outreach to members and the public in this regard.

Many of you may have noticed some even outraged that your special use authorization has been eliminated from your membership badges. Since we have implemented a new system of keeping track of special use authorization we have found that many members are way past due to get renewed special use authorization. A good many go back as far as 1998. We are all expected to keep up with the primary thing special use provides with this privilege. Which is, drum roll please, SAFETY!

Let me close with this observation. Since joining the club myself I have grown a greater appreciation for the value of firearms and collectors of these firearms and related items. I learned a lot about high end guns and knives. As sometimes happens serendipitously I heard a song while driving. The title is "The Randall Knife" by Guy Clark. Check it out as I believe it has a good message for us all.

## *WCW Board Meeting Minutes - February 3, 2021*

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by President Joe Rinaldi.

### **Present board members:**

Joe Rinaldi (President)  
Mike Wichser (Vice President)  
Robb Stack (2nd Vice President)  
John Woolley (Treasurer)  
Jeff LeMoine (Chairman Trustees)  
Jim Thompson (Chairman Elect)  
Larry Mallory (Trustee)  
Jeff Gomes (2yr 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)  
Amy Coloma (Archery)

### **Guests:**

Dave Levinson  
Jackie Stone

### **Guest topics:**

None.

### **Committee reports:**

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

### **Archery report:**

Mike Wichser presented. There was a featured story on our archery Olympic hopefuls on King 5 last night, February 2nd. Mike has been providing ongoing training while maintaining government requirements including the use of proper PPE.

Still need to order and pick up the 7 targets that were already approved.

Mike Wichser mentioned the Snohomish Sports Council is trying to figure out a way for us to hold a state championship. A tournament is required for local archers to qualify for Nationals. We are looking to see if we can hold an event at our range. The event would be Fri, Sat and Sun on the last week of February. We will be following the appropriate government guidelines and requirements. Qualifiers need to shoot at least 60 arrows. 6 shooters in a line.

### **Handgun Report:**

Martin Morehouse presented. Martin Morehouse had a meeting with the Range Masters about using Pistol Caliber Carbines (PCC) on Range 3 and they came up with a proposal. The proposal is to change the range to a 'pistol caliber' range. Pistol Caliber Carbines can only be fired from an off-hand position on Range 3. Range 3 will have a preference toward pistol shooters, as this is the only range for them. Carbines still have the option of using Range 1 and Range 2. Range 1 would still be the range to use for high-power pistols, those using rifle cartridges. Pistol special use will still be trained and tested with pistols on Range 3. Rifle special use training will include coverage of PCC use on Range 3. Joe Rinaldi moves to accept Martin's proposal. Larry Mallory seconded. Passed.

## **Rifle Report:**

Martin Morehouse presented. There is contention between the people participating in the benchrest competition. Martin asked for suggestions. We discussed briefly. Martin will go back to the team and ask them to adopt a nationally known set of rules.

## **Shotgun Report:**

Joe Rinaldi presented. Joe Rinaldi said we should hold off on starting members night for another month or so. The Multiplex is scheduled for this Sunday (2/7) in the morning. We have opened up the club house but no more than 12 people are allowed in at a time. Social distancing and wearing a mask are required.

## **Manager's Report:**

Robert Haverstock presented. Robert Haverstock is continuing to work on getting quotes for the automatic gate. He believes he will have several quotes within the next week or so.

Since we do not yet have the new gate, the lock for the entry will be re-keyed and keys will be ordered soon.

Renters are using more hours than anticipated which will continue to help our finances.

We are almost done with all the things our insurance company said we needed to do. We just have one more thing to get finished.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

John Woolley presented. We will be updating the contract with our renters because they rented for more time that was in the original contract.

We are reconciling membership records to prepare it to get the records into our new systems. This is taking quite a bit of work.

## **Trustees Report:**

Jeff LeMoine presented. Michael Parent came to the Trustees meeting and provided a proposal. He would like to do gunsmithing, prototyping and suppressor development. Some board members do not see the benefit. Others thought members may see this as a benefit. We had a brief discussion on if and how this would benefit the membership. It was not clear how the operation work day to day. Joe asked to contact Michael Parent to probe him further on how he thinks this will work. Possibly have him back to a board meeting.

Construction cost of pistol building update was presented. The building itself will be \$1 million. Then, there is the range stuff on top of that. John Sutton thinks this is too expensive. So, they started thinking about what is the minimum we would do? We had a brief discussion on this topic. John Sutton will look into more options and come back with proposals.

The Trustees are suggesting we hire a full-time bookkeeper. The bookkeeper would not be allowed to sign for anything. Everyone agreed we need to do this. We will start looking.

Need to continue to include in the newsletter that the board member selection process is coming up. People should apply to be on the board if they have an interest.

## **Old Business:**

Jackie Stone provided an update on the work she has been doing for marketing, our social media presence and our website.

The website went down this last month. This highlighted the need to change our system. An efficient website has 5 to 10 pages. Our current site is 50 pages. Jackie presented and we discussed several options.

Of the options, we chose to go with a different platform that better supported our needs. We will be looking for a developer to help implement our new website infrastructure.

Jackie Stone asked if we could create signage in such a way we could take pictures of people using the range and post them without an additional signed waiver. Larry Mallory said we could not do that. If we publish pictures of people, we will need a signed waiver from them stating they are giving us their approval.

We discussed some changes that need to be made on our Facebook page. Someone also mentioned our phone number was removed from our webpage and needs to be added. Jackie Stone said she will take of that tonight.

We also discussed other topics related internet presence in preparation for the future and our website updates. Jackie Stone will be working on fixing all the issues that were brought up.

Jackie Stone said she will send out the link to our YouTube presence, Facebook and Instagram.

Memorial situation – Joe Rinaldi heard back from the Bothell PD and they are very excited about the memorial. Joe asked Jeff Gomes to close with the family so we can move forward.

We discussed the update to the pistol special use process. Dale Sieg needs to connect with Emylee Norgaard and Martin Morehouse to finalize the process and next steps.

Robert Haverstock will be making the final preparations this week for the new hours. Robert said within a couple weeks, we will have the new hours implemented.

## **New Business:**

Joe Rinaldi has a friend with tractor for sale. He will get more details. It may be a good option to replace our tractor.

## **For the Good of the Order:**

We had a brief talk about people attending the 2022 Shot Show.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Dale Sieg seconded. Motion passed.

## **Special Use Update**

As a reminder, each time you renew your membership, your special use endorsements count down to their renewal date. Special use renewals come every seven years. We are catching up with our records, so if your new badge doesn't have your special use noted on it, that just means that it is time to renew.

Renewal is simple - just attend the committee meeting that covers your special use, see the briefing to catch up on rules that may have changed in the past few years, and your badge will be updated.

## *Kenmore Rimfire Match Report*

*February 2021*

There were a record 31 competitors competing in this month's match with eighteen competitors in the Match Division and thirteen in the Sport Division with the addition of a fourth relay.

Welcome to newcomers Dan Callahan, Connor Crowley, and Casey Remick.

The weather conditions included gusting winds.

Relay 1 Match Division Target One Brian Lapinski scored a 241 1X with Ted Larson second at 236 2X and Brian Walker finishing third at 234 5X. Match Division Target Two: Ted Larson placed first high with a match high of placed first at 243 5X. Emil Praslick was second at 240 5X and Brian Lapinski came in third at 240 3X.

Gusting swirling winds continued in the second relay.

Relay 2 Sport Division Target One. Newcomer Dan Callahan finished first at 230 1X. Ron Wuesthoff was second at 222 0X with H.H. Liao placing third at 221 3X. On Target Two Christian Eckhoff finished in first place with a score of 229 1X. H.H. Liao placed second at 225 1X with Dan Callahan placing third at 223 2X.

The Third relay was comprised of nine Match Sport shooters with the wind calming down from to Relay 2.

This relay was a Winchester Model 52 sweep with the top three targets scored by contestants with this model rifle. In the Match Division Target One, Mark Huber won with a score of 240 3X. Matt Daly and Parker Letson tied for second at 236 3X. On Target Two Parker Letson was first with a score of 239 4X. Mark Huber was second at 236 3X and Matt Daly placed third 235 4X.

There were five Sport contestants in the Fourth relay. On Target One Ryan Higginbotham finished first with a score of 233 1X with Steven Dunning placing second at 224 3X and Josh Ness in third place at 210 1X. On Target Two, Steven Dunning was first 234 2X. Ryan Higginbotham was second at 228 3X and Josh Ness third at 215 0X.

These 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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## Kenmore Benchrest Match Report

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

The wind conditions were swirling throughout the entire match.

Match 1 Custom Class: Ted Larson placed first with a score of 102 with Mark Walker second at 101 and Bruce Teel third at 100. Factory Class: Matt Daly and Christian Eckhoff tied for first at 94 with Brian Walker third at 91.

Match 2 Custom Class: Ted Larson was first with a score of 104 with Mark Walker and Joshua Shaw tied for second at 102. Factory Class: Brian Walker was first with a score of 100. Christian Eckhoff was second with a score of 98 and Matt Daly placed third with a 94.

Match 3 Custom Class: Mark Walker and Praveen Kumar tied for first with a score of 101. Ted Larson and Joshua Shaw tied for third at 99. Factory Class: Matt Daly and Christian Eckhoff tied for first at 96 with Brian Walker in third at 94.

Match 4 Custom Class: Bruce Teel and Mark Walker tied for first at 101. Ted Larson and Praveen Kumar tied for third at 99. Factory Class: Christian Eckhoff was first with a score of 99. Brian Walker was second at 97 with Matt Daly third with a score of 93.

The overall winner in the Custom Class was Mark Walker with a total score of 405 with Ted Larson in second at 404. Praveen Kumar was third at 400. The Factory Class winner was Christian Eckhoff at 387. Brian Walker was second at 382 and Matt Daly came in third with a score of 377.

For information on this match contact Matt Daly [matt5404@frontier.com](mailto:matt5404@frontier.com)



## *CMP Match Report*

*February 2021*



Travis Foley, George Smith, Daniel Moy, Riley Mallatt

Four competitors turned out for our February Civilian Marksmanship Program Match. They represented quite a range of rifles.

Riley Mallatt was using a Moisin-Nagant, in the Foreign Military category.

Travis Foley competed with an AR, an M4-style in 5.56mm, for the Modern Military category.

Daniel Moy was also using an AR, but a heavy version with a scope, for the Unlimited Modern Military category.

And finally, George Smith shot with an M1 Carbine, the first one of these we have seen here in quite a while.

With four shooters in four categories, all four took top score in their rifle category. Daniel was overall top score, and qualified for the Modern Military Silver award.

The match proved that competition lets you find all the problems that can happen, but then you can improve from there.

We have room for you at our March CMP Games match, come on out and try it.

Contact Martin Morehouse, 425-765-0253, for more information.