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Every time I sit down to script a monthly newsletter I struggle with exactly what to report. There are always new things happening in the various avenues of activities. As an example just this past month we managed to get a few things fixed that were long overdue. The roof on the rifle office needed to be repaired. In addition, trap zero on the shotgun range had to be refurbished. Both these projects have been completed. I want to thank both John Sutton, one of our trustees, as well as Andrew Gough for their help, expertise and guidance in getting these jobs completed. We will soon be working on getting many other infrastructure projects completed while the weather is cooperating. This involves both the rifle and pistol ranges. We will keep you posted as we make progress on these repairs.

On another note it appears things are beginning to lighten up when it comes to the pandemic restrictions. We did of course get a visit from Labor and Industries recently to look into a complaint that was leveled regarding our adherence to the PPE mandates. I am proud to report that while we have not received a final report there were no glaring issues noted by these inspectors. It is my sincerest hope that soon we will receive a notification from the Governor's office further lifting the restrictions and mask mandates. In the meantime, I appreciate the level of compliance that staff, members as well as public customers have displayed. I believe it constitutes a level of respect for our club that we can all be proud of.

The ammunition crisis continues but there have been rumors that the flood gates of supply will soon be opening. Of course everyone is bracing for the cost increase that will be attendant to resupply of product. I would point out that we have received some shotgun ammunition but are requiring we dole it out on day use basis. If you shoot two games you be able to buy two boxes of shells. This keeps us in a position to have a reasonable amount of shotgun ammunition available for a longer period of time and to prevent hoarding. On the other hand, we have plenty of 9mm ammunition for sale at the rifle office. We are not going to put any restriction on the amount a person can purchase on this pistol ammunition.

Let me take this opportunity to relate a story that illustrates how coincidence affects us all. Back about 1997, I returned to my hometown in NW Connecticut. It was the middle of winter, February as I recall. I was staying at a local historical hotel. It was mid evening around 8:00pm. I sauntered over to a local restaurant. I was greeted by the bartender who was an old friend of my family. There was only one other gentleman sitting at the bar. After a while we got into a conversation. I told him I was from the Seattle area. He indicated he was on a sales trip at the moment but lives in New Jersey. Somehow, we got to talking about baseball. I told him about how I sat next to Pee Wee Reese during the 1978 All Star game in Seattle which I found out when a fellow asked him for his autograph. I sat in for silence for the rest of the game listened and learned. Then this fellow recalled a story I will never forget. He said, when he was a kid his mother was a diehard NY Giants fan. When they left NY for San Francisco it about broke her heart. The subsequent summers were spent taking the family vacations to Philly and Pittsburgh when the Giants were an east coast swing. Of course his Mother's favorite player was "The Say Hey Kid" Willie Mays.

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Fast forward many years and this fellow was visiting one of the newly opened casinos in Atlantic City. The greeter was none other than Willie Mays. By this time my new acquaintances mother was in a care facility hanging onto the last vestiges of life. This fellow took an opportunity to approach Mr. Mays. He explained how his mother was such an inveterate fan of the Giants but especially of Willie. He asked if he might be able to get an autograph from Willie. Willie asked where his mother was located. He indicated she was in a nearby care facility. Willie just said, Pick me up tomorrow morning and we'll go visit her. The look on his mother's face was awe inspiring. He recounted that she died a couple of days later with a smile on her face.

So you might wonder what this has to do with the Gun Range. I happen to know that if we had not been saved by the financial coincidence of the essential renters we might well be facing serious problems. As one of my friends recounted recently, crazy coincidence is God's way of staying anonymous.

Avoid complacency, it can be a serious mistake at a gun range.

WCW Board Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by President Joe Rinaldi.

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Mike Wichser (2nd Vice President)
Robb Stack (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:

Andrew Goeff
John Henry
Matt Daly

Guest topics:

Matt Daly (member) presented.

Matt said he emailed a draft of the language he recommends we put on our website for future elections. He said he sent it to Joe. The board will review the recommendation and decide what to do next.

Andrew Goeff (member) presented.

Andrew shared the progress being made on Trap0. They are making good progress. They should have the field built out in a couple weeks. This may impact our open hours but we want to make sure we get it done as soon as possible. Andrew also brought up that the Stewart kids (family members) have qualified for Nationals. The Nationals will be in San Antonio and he was wondering if the board could use some of the Youth Program money to support their trip to the Nationals. Joe asked to send us a proposal and the board will consider donating money. Andrew said he will send us a proposal this week.

John Henry (member) presented.

John would like to shoot a rifle caliber pistol up to 300 yards (Special Use). He described the pistol which is scoped and will be used with a bipod. He wants to make sure he is following the rules. If he needs to make changes to his system (better scope or other), he is willing to do so. The board said he is approved to shoot his pistol as he described in the meeting and following all the appropriate safety procedures.

Committee reports:

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

Archery report:

Ken Deleone presented.

We have decided to have the 3D event. They went to the health district to discuss food for the 3D event. They said it is not a good idea for the club to purchase and provide the food. However, a food truck would be an alternative as long as they have the proper permitting. Larry said he knows someone with a food truck. Larry will contact them to see if the food truck can get a Snohomish County permit. If he can, we should be able to have the food truck at the event. The 3D Shoot will be the 2nd weekend in July (10th and 11th).

Our new targets should be here by the end of this month.

World trials and Olympic trials are this month. Eight people from our club are going to the World trials.

Handgun Report:

Emylee Norgaard presented.

She said several members wanted to thank the Board for adding the Zoom meetings. Also, those members appreciate being able to use pistol caliber carbines (PCCs) on range 3.

We conducted the first revamped special use in person training a couple weeks ago. We, the educators, learned a lot about how to conduct the class. We believe it was successful.

As part of the learnings, Emylee proposed we change the scoring part of the training to be more consistent with rifle. That is, we simply require all shots are on paper. Larry Mallory moved to change the scoring requirements to match what is done for rifle. Jim Thompson seconded. Passed.

Rifle Report:

Martin Morehouse presented.

The next Rifle Special Use range session is on April 25th. This session was cancelled as our instructor took a new job.

Our next NRA Basic Rifle Class is on May 22nd.

Our next joint committee meeting is scheduled for 10 May.

Eleven people attended our last committee meeting (2 in person, 9 through Zoom).

Still planning to replace the target post sockets on Range 1 at the same time the near baffles are replaced in the spring. We need to come up with a solution for the new target system. Jeff LeMoine said he has a great solution and will get together with Martin to figure out next steps.

No maintenance parties scheduled, but we are planning to replace Range 1 target post sockets once we land on a solution and coordinate the work with the other range work.

Basic Pistol classes are now planned for Range 3 and the clubhouse for the coming months, to work through their backlog of students needing the hands-on part of their classes.

Martin mentioned Snohomish County is working to develop a shooting park, including archery, shotgun, pistol, and several rifle ranges. The following link shows their current status. <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2706/Sky-Valley-Shooting-Park>

Shotgun Report:

Bob Pritchard presented.

Robert Haverstock said we will be receiving a pallet of shotgun ammunition this week. He does not know how much it will be yet.

Joe Rinaldi said we need to consider how much we charge for the box. We need to make sure are fiscally responsible to the club and supporting our members. We discussed markups. We will set different prices for members and non-members. We will look to make a profit from non-members and be almost selling at our cost to our members.

Multiplexes are happening every first Friday through September. The next one is this Friday 5/7.

Manager's Report:

Robert Haverstock presented.

We are continuing to work on the website.

The rifle office roof was replaced.

Renters have slowed down a little but it should ramp back up soon.

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L&I is coming on Friday to make sure we are compliant with the Governor's mandates.

Lead reclamation is being looked at.

Jim T. asked if we need to have the quad worked on.

This is something Rob will investigate.

Treasurer's Report:

John Woolley presented.

April was the first month of the fiscal year. He reconciled the last fiscal year and provided the information to our CPA. Without renters, we would be losing money.

Purchasing the ammunition we could find has been bringing people to the range.

Recently, our range fees have been flat but our employee expenses have gone up. Dale said this makes it sound like the added hours is not increasing attendance at the range. He thought we should find out when people are shooting and only be open during those hours (non-Special Use hours). John will look to see if we can generate a report that shows when people are using the club.

We discussed if we should invest some money instead of the low interest savings accounts. We discussed and the consensus is we should not invest because it is too risky.

Trustees Report:

Jeff LeMoine presented.

Lead reclamation is being investigated.

Renters contract negotiation will happen in June.

As mentioned in the Archery report, the 3D Shoot will be happening. We discussed what we will charge.

Old Business:

We discussed what to do with Range 3. Jeff LeMoine will pull people together to develop a plan.

Jeff Gomes is working with Robb to create a plaque for the Shoop memorial. Jeff will work with the family to figure out what to write on the plaque. Targeting the 4th of July for putting up the plaque and having some event.

Joe found an attorney who may help us with looking into the 501c3 at a reasonable rate. Joe will talk to him.

Robert Haverstock is talking to Safe Insight about holding classes at our facility. He is moving forward with scheduling the classes.

New Business:

This Friday at noon, we have two Washington State L&I employees coming to take a look at our club to make sure we are following the proper protocols.

Joe Rinaldi invited them to come check out our facility.

Larry Mallory wanted to make sure everyone on the Board goes to Robert instead of directly to employees. It is very important Robert is directing all employee activities. Everyone agreed.

Larry Mallory suggested we encourage the employees to suggest customers use credit cards.

Larry Mallory brought up the need for marketing. He thinks we need to find someone to handle our marketing. The primary reason we need to do this is that we need to draw more public shooters. We need to do this before the renters stop renting. Joe suggested Martin send out a message asking members if there is anyone who can help in this space. Martin will do that.

Emylee volunteered to help with the Facebook cleanup. Dale will get her our account information.

Dale asked if we need an attorney to write up the changes to the Article 5 by-law changes. Dave Levinson said no.

Dale brought up the need of replacing our wifi network since we do not have the proper credentials to manage our existing system. Robert Haverstock will investigate replacing the WiFi at the club. Dave Rusko (a member) said he would be willing to help make suggestions on what to do. Dale will connect Dave to Robert.

Dale asked if we could have newsletters at the office for members who do not receive email. Robert Haverstock will print out a few copies of our monthly newsletters and have them at the office for members.

Dale asked if we should use Zoom or Teams. The one benefit with Zoom is it allows for dial in but it is more expensive. Most people thought Zoom was the better way to go for now. Dale will get a club owned Zoom account.

Joe mentioned we should inform members we are making changes at the facility based on a prioritized list. The priorities we are using to formulate the list are safety first, fiscally necessary next and then thoughtful decision making from the board.

For the Good of the Order:

Joe wanted to thank John Woolley for all his work on the POS system.

Special thanks to John Sutton. We got a new roof on the rifle office. It looks good. We discussed possible options for the fiberglass covered area.

Robb ask if we can start First Step Shotgun? The board said yes.

Robb asked if we will we open up the swap meet to the public? We discussed and will decide as we get closer to the date.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 9:30 PM. Dale Sieg seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg, Recording Secretary.

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.

Do you need a shooting coat?

One of our members has moved, for family reasons.

He left us a leather rifle shooting coat, size 44.

If this is something you can use, contact our manager, Robert Haverstock, through the rifle office.

Kenmore Rimfire Match Report

April 2021

There were 32 contestants in this month's match with nine competitors in the Match Division and 23 in the Sport Division.

Welcome to newcomer Bud Hyett.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Keith Wilson placed first with a score 244 6X with Fred Zingleman second at 241 2X, and Brian Lapinski finishing third at 239 5X. Target Two: Keith Wilson repeated in first place with a match high score of score of 245 7X. Brian Lapinski finished in second at 243 3X with David Guyer third at 241 5X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division Target One. Harvey Waldron finished first at 238 3X. Eric Wittig was second at 236 6X with T.Q. placing third at 231 4X. On Target Two T.Q. finished first place with a score of 235 4X. Eric Wittig was second again at 234 4X with Eric Carter placing third at 227 5X.

There was no Relay Three.

Relay Four Marksman Division Target One. Alexia Fischer finished first with a score of 231 4X with David Konkle placing second at 231 2X and Dan Callahan in third place at 231 0X. On Target Two Dan Callahan placed first with a score of 235 3X with David Konkle placing second again with a score of 234 3X and Ryan Higgenbotham third with a score of 230 1X.

Relay Five Marksman Division Target One. Robert Blaylock finished first with a score of 222 0X with Randy Lewellen placing second at 214 1X and Ian Bochart in third place at 209 1X. On Target Two, Ian Bochart was first with a score of 221 1X. Randy Lewellen was second again with a score of 216 1X and Robert Blaylock in third with a score of 213 0X.

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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Kenmore Benchrest Match Report

May 2021



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

Welcome to newcomer Zhixin Huang.

Match 1 Custom Class: Ted Larson placed first with a score of 101. Zhixin Huang was second at 99 with two way tied for third at 98 between Jeff Locke and Joshua Shaw. Factory Class: Matt Daly was first with a score of 96. Brian Walker was second with a score of 91 and Luka Treperinas was third at 86.

Match 2 Custom Class: Custom Class: Ted Larson placed first with a score of 101. Jeff Locke was second at 100 with Zhixin Huang third at 99. Factory Class: Brian Walker was first with a score of 97. Matt Daly was second with a score of 94 and Luka Treperinas was third at 90.

Match 3 Custom Class: Custom Class: Zhixin Huang placed first with a match high score of 103. Joshua Shaw was second at 102 with two way tied for third at 99 between Jeff Locke and Ted Larson. Factory Class: Matt Daly was first with a score of 94. Brian Walker was second with a score of 88 and Luka Treperinas was third at 84.

Match 4 Custom Class: Custom Class: Ted Larson placed first with a score of 101. There was a three way tie for second at 100 between Parker Letson, Zhixin Huang, and Joshua Shaw. Factory Class: Matt Daly was first with a score of 95. Brian Walker was second with a score of 94 and Luka Treperinas was third at 82.

The overall winner in the Custom Class was Ted Larson with a total score of 402 with Zhixin Huang in second at 401 and Joshua Shaw third at 398. The overall winner in the Factory Class with a score of 379 was Matt Daly. Brian Walker was second at 370 and Luka Treperinas finished third at 342.

For information on this match contact Matt Daly mattd5404@frontier.com

CMP Match Report, May 2021



This month's event was the NRA Highpower Match. It looks like our competitors this month were the three masketeers. Fuzhou Hu, Robert Shuey, and George Smith finished in that order, with scores of 466-14X, 454-7X, and 428-4X respectively. All used AR-pattern rifles, this is our first match in quite a while to not have any military bolt guns.

We have room on the line for more shooters next month, on 13 June. Come on out and see how you shoot against the clock, and against a bit of competition. The weather should be even nicer then!