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Well it's not quite spring and the Ides of March are looming, which is the 15th of month. It marks the 74th day of the Roman calendar. It also marked the day of many religious observances and the settling of debts. Not to mention the assassination of Julius Caesar. Of course that assassination marked a critical turning point in Roman history. I find this time of year to be a little sneaky and very unpredictable. The weather can be a little nasty as the winter often is reluctant to shed its grip.

There is some good news that coincides within a week of the fifteenth of March. Mandatory mask mandates will be lifted. Hooray, perhaps we'll be able to see the collective effects of wearing a face diaper for over 700 days. Our club can be proud of the fact that we have endured this pandemic with patience and perseverance which is a credit to our staff, manager, board members and members and the public who frequent our little piece of paradise. To illustrate this point we recently had a follow up visit from Labor and Industries. Once again we were given extremely high praise for how we conduct our business. A few years back we went through a complete audit by Labor and Industries at our request. When it was completed the representative asked if he could use our range as an example to others. This pays big dividends in the long term.

On another note, I am glad to report that we will soon be commencing with the initial remodeling of the pistol range. The overall project will be completed over a period of time and when fully completed will be a state of the art facility. Things like this take time but I am pleased to report that the turtle is finally poking his head out of his shell.

I am still looking for someone to take the helm of the Hunting and Fishing committee. You will note there is a letter to the Washington State game commission in this newsletter. It so happens to be penned by my brother Albert A. Rinaldi Jr. I believe it illustrates and outlines some pretty serious issues of concern. My brother was one of the original co-founders of the Washington State bow hunters association. Please pay attention to the implications that are covered in his letter. This is one of many reasons why I believe we must become more proactive about our diminishing hunting and fishing rights.

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President's Message - continued

We are still scratching and clawing for ammunition but it is good to report that the supply is beginning to become more prevalent. We can still use a significant uptick of shotgun ammunition. Hopefully by late spring early summer we'll get some relief.

I have a couple things that I feel are notable to report. The first is soon we will have an on-site gun smith. Mr Michael Parent is in the throes of finishing up requirements with the ATF to get the proper credentials to proceed with his business. I believe this will be an added component to the services we can offer at our range. The second thing is we have a member, Mr. David Bowerman, who is helping us with a strong marketing plan to help us continue to grow our credibility and positive impact on the greater community at large. I would be remiss if I didn't point out that both Michael and David are members in good standing of our club.

Lastly, just the other day I was observing some people enjoying shooting at five stand. It dawned on me that what have in essence is an adult playground. Members and the public come to our club to get away from the humdrum routine aspects of everyday life. The point is that we should not overlook the value of having fun. Albert Camus once said: "Happiness and the absurd are sons of the same earth."

Maybe so, but let's just do it safely.

Have you seen our calendar lately?

We add events to our 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 the new year, event schedules may be changing. make sure your events are on the calendar. The earlier, the better!

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

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@wcwi.org

March Coming Events

5 March - Rimfire Benchrest Match

6 March - Club Swap Meet

6 March - Winter Shotgun Multiplex

7 - 12 March - Hunter Education class

13 March - CMP Games Rifle Match

14 March - Rifle/Pistol and Special Use meeting

19 March - Centerfire Benchrest Match

21 March - Shotgun Committee meeting

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

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

Club Elections are coming

Our annual election of club officers is coming up in April. We have several biographies for those who are running for re-election, there is still time to turn one in to secretary@wcwshootingsports.org if you are interested in helping the club run.

Running for club president:

Joseph C. Rinaldi: I am the incumbent President of WCW since 2016. My back ground includes BA degree from the University of Washington and MA degree from the Pacific Lutheran University. I am retired from the state Department of Corrections, having served as a parole and probation supervisor. During that time I served as firearms instructor for some ten years. Since assuming the Presidency of this club I believe we have accomplished a great deal in terms of upgrading many infrastructure projects at the club. The past two years have been especially trying in that keeping the club going during the pandemic has been difficult to say the least. I find it hard to embellish my accomplishments but would say that the thing I am most proud of is the improvement of the self-image of the club itself. I believe we have a very solid staff and management practices that reflect a positive image to the greater community at large.

Running for recording secretary:

Hello, my name is Dale Sieg. I have been on the board at WCW as Recording Secretary since July of 2018. I can't believe how time flies. Why did I join the board? There was a need and I wanted to help the club. I am passionate about the club. I really enjoy the facility, the people, and my fellow board members. I was born and raised in Washington, lived on the east side (Bellevue, Redmond, Bothell) most of my life, went to the University of Washington and graduated with a BS in Electrical Engineering and have lived in Bothell for about the last 30 years. I got my first firearm (Beretta 92FS thanks to Lethal Weapon) once I graduated from the UW and have been hooked ever since. I am a firearm enthusiast and wish I was better than I am but do the best I can. I do most of my own gunsmithing which ends up making one-of-a-kind pieces (aka dings and scratches that no other guns will have).

I am a logical thinker, excellent listener, excellent note taker and very good typist. I am great at creating clarity, driving to closure and have a strong technical aptitude. If elected again, I will use my skills to continue to move our club forward. My primary objective of being on the board is doing what I can to make sure the club is here for years to come. Outside of my day job, working on things for the club is my next biggest time commitment. I ask for your vote to allow me to continue to serve you and the club.

Running for corresponding secretary:

I'm Martin Morehouse, and I have been the Corresponding Secretary for WCW since 2018. I'm running for another term, to continue helping the club run.

I am also the Rifle Committee Chair, so I have met a lot of members while working on the committee or providing rifle special use training. In addition, I am an NRA Instructor and Training Counselor, where I help both the club and the public with our training and classes.

We moved here from Oregon in 1982, and I found the range through the Yellow Pages. I spent 29 years in the Army, between active Army and National Guard infantry, and am retired from the phone company. I have been a member of the club since 2004.

I'm asking for your vote for another term as Corresponding Secretary.

Elections for our board of directors are scheduled at our April members meeting. The form to use to show your intent to run for a position is here.

According to the club bylaws, Election of Board and Vacancies, Section 2, A person must be a member in good standing consenting to fulfill the duties as an Officer or Trustee as set forth in these Bylaws to be nominated for or hold office in the WCW. Nominations must be delivered in writing to the Board of Directors by their regular March meeting. The nomination shall include a statement of commitment to serve signed by the candidate and the support of at least two other members.

WASHINGTON STATE BOWHUNTERS WORKING FOR THE FUTURE OF BOWHUNTING

To: COMMISSION FOR WASHINGTON STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE

Washington State Bowhunters is strongly opposed to a petition filed by a person named Rocky Ross aimed at the elimination of baiting for deer and elk in our State.

COMMISSION ACTION IN 2015: Prior to 2015 baiting for deer and elk was not restricted in our State. However, the issue of baiting for deer and elk was addressed by the commission in 2015. At that time the complaint was that in some areas of our State truck loads of apples were being used as bait. This was viewed as being excessive by some people. The end result was that the commission reduced baiting to a 10 gallon limit. Further, no baits were to be placed within 200 yards of each other. This was a major blow to hunters.

PETITION: The petition filed by Rocky Ross would totally eliminate baiting for deer and elk under the guise that it would delay the onset of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and would retard the transmission of the disease. What the petition fails to state is that there is NO CWD IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. Further it is a fallacy that the elimination of baiting would delay the start of CWD in our state. That is simply not true.

HUNTERS ARE NOT THE PROBLEM: Has the commission considered the fact that WDFW feeds thousands of deer and elk in it's feed lots? If CWD comes into our State should WDFW be prevented from feeding these animals? What about the great numbers of private citizens who feed deer and elk on their land, even in cities and towns? How would we stop them from doing so? What about the alfalfa fields, the corn fields, the apple orchards, the blackberry patches etc. How are these going to be regulated if CWD comes into our state? Would farmers have to stop growing their crops? How would this be enforced? These activities probably concentrate more animals than 10 gallons of apples. Does it make sense to think that the use of 10 gallons (two buckets) of apples would have much of an impact on the animals even if CWD was present in our State?

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE IS A NATURAL PHENOMENON

As mentioned earlier there is no CWD in the State of Washington. It appears that CWD has just occurred in nature. Apparently there is no known cure for CWD. Importantly, not every animal in a herd will contract CWD. Hopefully, the various wildlife departments can come up with a cure and not simply put the onus on hunters by eliminating the limited baiting we still have.

HUNTING IS A TIME HONORED SPORT

Hunting a God given right which originated from the beginning of time when hunters harvested game to feed their families. Even today most hunters want to put meat on the table for their families. For bowhunters, baiting is an opportunity to get a close range shot with a limited range implement. This gives more of an expectation of a clean kill. As some of you may know, most of the deer and elk are nocturnal and feed at night. If a person is lucky he or she might see an animal the first hour after sunrise and the last hour before sunset. Many hours are spent in tree stands and/or ground blinds without seeing a single deer or elk. Further, baiting allows older hunters to still be able to hunt even though they cannot navigate the woods like they could when they were younger. Also, what about our youth? Baiting would allow them the opportunity to perhaps see an animal at closer range.

THE PETITION LOOKS LIKE AN ANTI HUNTING PLOY: There is no valid reason to even give the petition any consideration. It is premature because there is no CWD in Washington. Why not leave hunters alone. Let us enjoy the limited baiting we have in our State. Why must we be the brunt of those who do not like us to hunt?

Status Quo: Let hunters continue to have the baiting which the commission established in 2015, a 10 gallon limit. This seems to be working even though it is limited.

Thank You. Dated February 15, 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WASHINGTON STATE BOWHUNTERS

SMALLBORE SMORGASBÖRD

3 Position 22LR Match @50 Yards
A-23 Targets provided

10 shots standing
10 shots sitting or kneeling
20 shots prone

Any 22LR Rifle
2 Classes : Iron Sights and Scoped
Sling or no, your choice
Bring your Shooting Mat

Third Saturday of the Month @1 PM on Range 1
Public Shooters Welcome

First Match April 16th

\$10 entry fee, proceeds go to club youth programs

Dust off that Riflemans Badge you earned at
Appleseed and join us!

More info: smallbore.smorgasbord@gmail.com

Kenmore Rimfire Match Report February 2022

There were a record breaking 38 contestants in this month's match including three in the air rifle division with fourteen competitors in the Expert Division, five in the Sharpshooter Division and sixteen in the Marksman Division.

Welcome to newcomers Eric Little, Steve Sun, and John Meyers..

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Keith Wilson placed first with a score of 245 8X. T.Q. was second at 245 2X with Mark Huber finishing third at 244 3X and Joe Little in fourth at 243 7X. Target Two: Joe Little set an all high x count with a score of 246 11x. Harvey Waldron was second with a score of 245 5x with Mark Huber third at 245 4x and Ryan Higginbotham fourth at 243 7x.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division Target One. Kevin Kellogg was first with a score of 243 3x. E.C. finished second at 237 1X with Rick Meade in third at 233 1x. Target Two: Kevin Kellogg repeated in first at 246 5x. E.C. repeated in second at 238 3X with Steve Trepirnas placing third at 234 2X.

Relay Three Marksman Division. Target One: Newcomer Steve Sun finished first with a score of 245 4x. Cecil Chrisinger was second at 226 4x with R.W. in third at 226 2x and newcomer Jon Meyers fourth at 224 1x. Target Two: Cecil Chrisinger placed first with a score of 239 1X. Steve Sun was second at 233 3X with Allan Kaas Eckhoff in third at 230 1X and John Kimbrough fourth at 226 1x.

The scores are posted under the Events tab on the range website.

Contact me if you have any questions about this match.

Matt Daly

Match Director

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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.)



Kenmore Benchrest Match Report February 2022

There were 17 contestants in this month's 300-yard benchrest match with four contestants in the Factory class and thirteen in the Custom class.

Ten mile per hour winds persisted throughout the match.

Match 1 Custom Class: Jeff Locke placed first with a score of 102. Tom Horne and Mark Huber tied for second with scores of 101. Factory Class: Pat Farrel was first with a score of 95 with Matt Daly second at 93 and Bruce Teel in third at 86.

Match 2 Custom Class: Tom Horne was first with a score of 102. Richard Nicol was second at 101 with Ernie Snyder in third at 100. Factory Class: Matt Daly placed first with a score of 94. Pat Farrel finished in second with a score of 93 and Eric Little in third with a score of 86.

Match 3 Custom Class: There was a four way tie for first place at 101 between Larry Wright, Mark Huber, Tom Horne, and Joshua Shaw. Factory Class: Matt Daly placed first with a score of 96. Pat Farrel finished in second with a score of 94 and Bruce Teel in third with a score of 92.

Match 4 Custom Class: Tom Horne was first with his fourth consecutive 100+ score of 103. There was a four way tie for second at 100 between Jeff Locke, Larry Wright, Bob Boldman, and Joshua Shaw. Factory Class: Matt Daly finished first with a score of 95. Pat Farrel placed second at 91 with Eric Little in third with a score of 90.

The winner of the Custom Division was Tom Horne with a total score of 407 with Jeff Locke second at 399 with Mark Huber and Joshua Shaw tied for third at 397. The winner in the Factory Class with a score of 378 was Matt Daly. Pat Farrel was second at 373 and Bruce Teel placing third at 359.

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

Donations for the month of January.

Thanks to our members who have donated to the club in January. You can also see here the results of our brass recycling efforts.

Li, Annie D	\$19.28
Norehad, Ernest	\$69.28
Picini, Donald	\$10.13
Villantini, Dominic	\$4.81
MEMO:Brass	\$1,192.73
Donations TOTAL	\$1,296.23

WCV Board Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Joe Rinaldi.

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Robb Stack (Vice President)
Gary Webster (past President)
John Woolley (Treasurer)
Larry Mallory (2yr Trustee)
Jeff Gomes (Trustee)
John Sutton (Trustee)
Scott Ray (Trustee)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)

Absent board members:

Jeff LeMoine (Trustee Elect)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager present at meeting:

Robert Haverstock (Range Manager)

Guests:

None

Guest topics:

None

Committee reports:

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

Archery report:

No committee report was presented.

Handgun Report:

No committee report was presented.

Rifle Report:

No committee report was presented.

Shotgun Report:

No committee report was presented.

Manager's Report:

Robert Haverstock presented.

Renters are continuing to use the facility. Robert mentioned the water shutoff valve will be replaced in the Spring after it stops freezing.

The Continental Shoot will be this Sunday (2/6). The maintenance team completed several electrical updates at the range. We are looking into a new bell or siren system because our bells are starting to wear out.

Our security cameras are having some issues and need to be fixed. Our camera person will be in next week to fix it.

Treasurer's Report:

John Woolley presented.

Nothing significant was reported. We continue to look good.

Trustees Report:

Larry Mallory presented.

No Trustee report was presented.

Old Business:

We had a brief discussion on Range 3. John Sutton provided an update. John received two bids for the footing and wall construction. One was around \$35k and the other was greater than \$60k. Mike W. is still interested in building our new baffles. His original estimate was \$46k for 21 baffles. We are waiting for an updated price. Dale suggested we look at steel baffles. This is something Dale saw at the SHOT Show. Martin will ask the booth suppliers how much steel baffles would cost and how much they would charge to install them. Martin will also find out how tall the baffles need to be if we install retrievers.

Next, we discussed the senior discount. Scott Ray shared things he was hearing from senior members. Scott suggested we consider adding a grandfather clause and maybe putting out requests for donations. We decided we will not change anything at this time. Then, we discussed the initiation fee. We had a brief discussion and decided we will not change anything at this time.

Dale provided a marketing update. He provided a summary of what we talked about last week in the marketing meeting and what Dale saw at the Shot Show. Dave Bowerman and Jeff Gomes will be taking pictures at the Continental Shoot to post on our website and use for other purposes.

Joe talked about the need of getting the hunting and fishing committee functioning. We have a potential candidate to lead this. Robert will be talking to the candidate this week and will get back to us.

John Sutton talked about getting handrails. They will cost about \$500. John will get these purchased and installed.

Robert commented on collateral logo replacement. He will work on purging our old collateral. As he orders new collateral, he will be using the new logo. Robert mentioned that both the Bobcat and forklift are fixed.

Next, we discussed the member's question regarding if we have to pay taxes on our dues. Members do have to pay taxes on dues but not the complete dues. 56% of our dues are non-taxable based on being a gun range membership and 44% are subject to sales tax due to taxable services provided. This is accounted for in the amount we have to pay.

John Woolley investigated how much the senior discount costs the club. It is \$29,987.50 per year.

An update was provided to the online waiver to state members cannot train for money without talking to the board and receiving board approval.

New Business:

Do we want to do something this year to give a bio on people running for board member positions? Joe said we do want to do that. Joe will have a form added to the newsletter. The bios need to be in the March Newsletter. If a candidate wants their bio in the March newsletter, they need to submit the content to WCW by March 20th.

Dale suggested we start sending members notification about legislation affecting our members. We should not take sides but provide the information to our membership so they can comment as they feel appropriate. The board is okay with this if it is unbiased.

The bikes to the women's shelter will be delivered on February 4th.

We discussed if we should allow the WAC to have small gun shows at WCW? If so, someone should contact Richard Ripley. The board is okay with this. Martin Morehouse will contact Richard to say we are open to it if they are interested.

We discussed needing to add an item to the Policy/ New Member Orientation Manual stating people cannot train for money without board approval. Martin said he will get the information from John Woolley and add it to the manual.

Joe brought up the idea of hosting axe throwing. We had a brief discussion.

Shotgun committee had a discussion regarding the automated trappers. The people at the meeting did not like the idea. So, we will not pursue this.

Scott Ray mentioned we should start mentioning donations in the newsletter again. John Woolley will start providing this information to Martin to include in the newsletter.

Clay pigeon prices have gone up. We will need to raise our prices. We will only raise the price of the clays.

Martin Morehouse mentioned the Appleseed Project is still planning their 'long range' Appleseed event for August 20th and 21st.

The Civil Air Patrol would also like to plan an Appleseed event on 30 April 30th through May 1st in the clubhouse.

A smallbore position match is now on the calendar for the third Saturday of each month, April through September on Range 1, organized by Brian Lapinski. Brian Wilson has proposed a quarterly smallbore benchrest 100/200-yard match. The board is fine with this.

Brian Walker asked about using steel targets for .22s on Range 1. He will look at how other ranges handle this and let us know what he finds. We found polymer targets at the SHOT Show, will see if those would work for him.

Alex Roeber would like to conduct civilian TASER training classes on Range 4, similar to the arrangement with Legal Heat. He is now a certified TASER trainer. These would be classroom sessions, to include training shots at paper targets using taser darts. The board is okay with this as long as Alex complies with the requirements we outlined in the previous board meeting.

For the Good of the Order:

Robb asked if we could use the reader board to promote weekly items. John Woolley suggested we purchase a digital reader board for people to see from the street.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 9:04 PM. Dale Sieg seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg, Recording Secretary.