

# Wildlife Committee of Washington



## New Member **Orientation** Rules and Policy

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### **The Club**

The Wildlife Committee of Washington (WCW) is a non-profit sportsman's club incorporated in 1945. It is non-partisan and non-sectarian. Membership is open to any citizen of good character with a desire to promote wildlife conservation and the hunting, fishing, and shooting sports.

The WCW has owned and operated the Wildlife Committee of Washington Shooting Range for the benefit of its membership and the local community since 1953. All dues, fees and operating profits received by the WCW are used to maintain and improve its facilities and to promote the club's basic goals. The WCW is self-supporting and debt free.

The club as a whole meets quarterly on the second Wednesday of January, April, July, and October at 7:30PM in the Clubhouse. The April meeting is the Club's Annual Meeting. The business of this Annual Meeting includes counting the ballots for the election of members of the Board of Directors, and approval of the budget for the next fiscal year.

The Club produces a monthly club newsletter. The newsletter has been the club's primary method of informing the membership of items of interest, policy changes and up-coming meetings, classes and events. We post it on our web site and place hard copies in the Range and Shotgun offices.

We have a web site address, with club information:

<http://www.wcwshootingsports.org>

The web site, is large and growing, has descriptions and photos of the club's facilities and activities. It has maps and driving instructions, match schedules, newsletters, event calendars, club policy, and range rules. It also has a membership renewal dues form, a printable new member application form, a member's section with other important forms available for printing. There is also the ability to fill out a new member application form or dues renewal forms and pay the fees on-line <http://www.wcwshootingsports.org/new-membership/> . Members are encouraged to read the newsletter on line (or print it out). Notification of each new newsletter posting can be received by email by signing up at <https://www.shootingsports.org/newletter/> The newsletter is always posted by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month.

### **Management**

A 12 member Board of Directors consisting of six Executive Officers, five Trustees and the immediate Past President manages the WCW. The Board is responsible for managing the facility and the club's business operations, providing the administrative services for the membership, handling the finances, setting policy, and managing the employees.

The Officers and Trustees are non-compensated members who have volunteered their time to work on the club's behalf. The most Board members stand for election every year (there are a couple of two year positions). Any member in good standing and desiring to serve may submit their name (in January/February) to the Board for nomination. Ballots are mailed out the last week of March and are counted at the April annual meeting.

The President is the "CEO", chairs the General and Board meetings, insures that all aspects of the club work effectively, and enforces all club rules and policies. The Board of Trustees, a subsection of the Board, is responsible for controlling the physical assets of the club and insuring that the authorized committees operate effectively.

The club has general business meetings of the membership in Jan, Apr, Jul and Oct, held in the Clubhouse at 7:30PM. The April meeting is the “Annual” meeting. This is the start of the club’s financial fiscal year and at this meeting the Board presents a budget for the up-coming fiscal year for approval by the membership. The approved budget sets the financial parameters for the Board and authorizes the year’s spending and projects.

The Board of Directors meets in the first half of every month. The schedule is published annually. Changes to the published schedule will be announced at least 30 days in advance of the published meeting date. The business portion of the Board meeting is conducted in closed session, however any member may address the Board before it goes into executive session and present any views which may be of benefit or interest to the club. Occasionally the Board may invite committee chairmen to stay through the executive session.

### **Committees**

The WCW is organized into Committees which are responsible for the approved club activities. The Archery, Handgun, Rifle, and Shotgun committees each perform maintenance and improvement projects on their respective ranges, under Board approval and supervision, and organize and hold approved events. They offer recommendations to the Board on safety, improvements, maintenance, operation, and activities in their respective areas.

Each committee has a chairman, elected by the committee and approved by the Board, to chair the meetings, make reports, and act for the committee on any item needing immediate attention.

The **Archery Committee**, the **Handgun Committee**, the **Rifle Committee**, and the **Shotgun Committee** meets once a month as scheduled on the on-line Club Calendar. Please refer often to the Club Calendar ( <http://www.wcwshootingsports.org/calendar-rgp/> ) to find out what is happening around the facility and to make sure the facility you want to use is not occupied.

The **Big Game** and **Fishing Committees** host social events and organize outings. The **Legislative Committee** coordinates our involvement with other political action groups who are concerned with hunting, fishing and firearm legislation, and they keep the general membership informed on proposed legislation.

The above mentioned committees are all open to any member with an interest in the area and a willingness to attend meetings. A member can become involved with as many committees as their time and interest permits.

The **Firearms Education Committee** is open only to NRA certified instructors. Members interested in becoming a certified instructor should contact the committee’s chairman. The committee holds NRA certified classes to meet the demand in the community. Home Firearms Safety classes, Basis Rifle and Pistol classes, and beginning Shotgun Clinics are held every month.

The **Hunter Education Committee** is open only to State certified Hunter Education instructors. Members interested in becoming a certified instructor should contact the committee’s chairman.

### **Youth Groups**

We have several youth groups. The Youth Rifle Group shoots weekly during the school year and receives instruction in four position rifle. They may go on several field trips each year to attend matches around the Puget Sound area and spend time working through the NRA junior Olympic qualification courses.

The Youth Archery Group has a JOAD charter and is one of the best in the nation. Our instructors and coaches are nationally recognized. The group participates competitively in national and international matches. The group meets Monday and Friday from 5pm to 7pm throughout the year.

The Youth Shotgun Group is active in the Winter/Spring months.

### **Member Responsibilities**

While we have employees whose primary responsibility is to supervise the safe use of our facility, range safety is the responsibility of each and every member of the club. If a member does not take immediate action when seeing a safety violation or a hazardous situation, he will be disciplined by the controlling committee or the Board. Children on the grounds demand extra diligence on the part of the members to insure their safety and well-being. Remember you are responsible for everything you see and we expect you to keep your eyes open and to take appropriate and immediate action when necessary.

The condition of the facility is also the responsibility of each and every member. Anything needing repair or correction should be reported to the Rangemaster or to a club officer. Trash should be attended to immediately. Pick it up!

Alcohol is not permitted on the club grounds for any reason whatsoever. It is the responsibility of each and every member to prevent the use of alcohol anywhere on the property by members and non-members alike. Ask any violator to immediately leave the property and report the incident to the Rangemaster or a club officer.

All members are required to wear their membership cards while they are on the facility. The card should be displayed as to be plainly visible so there is no doubt as to a member's status. This is your individual responsibility..... it is not the Rangemaster's job to keep track of the status of your membership. No card, no membership benefits.

Work party participation by every member is encouraged. Work parties will generally be scheduled in the newsletter for club wide projects. Committee initiated projects will be discussed at the committee meetings and may be mentioned in the newsletter. The Board will occasionally call for volunteers with special talents.

### **The Business and Rangemaster Authority**

The WCW operates a public shooting facility and a retail business operation to support the other club goals and activities. The club employees are responsible for the business operations and report directly to the Board. The employees have been delegated the authority to control **all** activities on club property, including the temporary closing of a range for maintenance or safety, and temporary suspension of member privileges for cause.

The club maintains a retail product inventory, which includes ammunition, targets, loading components, shooting accessories, and firearm cleaning supplies. Club members receive a 15% discount over the already competitive retail prices.

The club can usually obtain a wide variety of items not normally carried in inventory. We require pre-payment for high value special order items and the final cost to the member is our wholesale cost plus 10%, plus shipping and sales tax.

To be in the retail business the club is required to maintain an FFL. We do **not** allow use of the club's FFL by members. We have chosen not to sell or transfer firearms and we leave those transactions to our members who are in that business, which includes almost all the gun shops in our geographic area.

### **Dues and Assessments**

The club is on an annual basis for its membership dues ... everyone's dues are due on the anniversary of their joining date. The initiation fees and annual dues are set by the Board. They tend to remain constant for many years. Current dues can be found on the on-line posted renewal forms.

The club has a provision for assessments, however it has never been used. The WCW has also remained debt free after paying off the purchase of our land. The WCW has been extremely successful in maintaining a strong financial position, operating at a profit, and managing its affairs to avoid emergencies.

### **Special Use Permits**

Any range activity not normally permitted to a public shooter or a regular member requires a “special use permit”. This includes the use of the facilities that are not open to the public, such as Range #1 (the 300yd range) or the Archery Olympic (FITA) range. Those members who have obtained special use permission have an imprint on their card to visually indicate the type of special activity approved. The details of the permissions are printed on the back of their card. Members engaging in activities without having the permission on their card will lose either their ranges privileges or their membership.

To obtain a special use permit a member must attend the committee’s Safety/Special Use Presentation. The member will then need to attend a range session for rifle and pistol special use. Special Use may then be requested and approved by the committee.

The purpose of the process is to help insure that those members who are using club facilities under their own supervision are well versed in all the rules, have an adequate skill level, and understand their responsibility for the safe operation of our ranges. These classes are posted on the club calendar.

### **Policy**

The Board of Directors is responsible to decide what matters are matters of policy and to establish those rules that make up club policy. Club policy includes this entire document including the Archery, Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun policy and safety rules.

### **Facilities**

The Wildlife Committee of Washington Shooting Range is an 80 acre facility owned and operated by the Wildlife Committee of Washington, a non-profit sportsman’s club. Most of the shooting disciplines are uniquely combined at this one location, from high-power rifle and pistol to Olympic style target archery. Although some of the facility’s ranges are reserved for members and sanctioned matches, much of the facility is open daily to the general public and available to military and law enforcement units on request.

The WCW maintains strict adherence to our **maximum** 9AM to 9PM outdoor shooting hours (7PM for highpower rifle). The end of the open shooting day varies during the year with the changes in available daylight. All open rifle and pistol shooting ends with the closing of the Range Office as does all public archery. The facility is closed 3 days a year, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, and Thanksgiving Day.



**Wildlife Committee of Washington Shooting Range**

The club maintains the following ranges:

**Range #1:** A multi-purpose high-power rifle range reserved for members with special use permits and matches. With a covered all weather firing line, it is fully safetied from 50 yds out to 300 yards. There are 18 cement shooting benches suitable for benchrest matches.

**Range #2:** A multi-purpose high-power rifle range open to members and the public. With a covered all weather firing line, it is fully safetied from 50 yds to 100 yards. There are 20 shooting benches with rests and spotting scopes installed on the line.

**Range #3:** A fully safetied 7, 15, 25 and 50 yard pistol range open to qualified members and 4 days a week to the general membership and the public (for public hours consult our web site). It has a covered all weather firing line with 28 firing points and spotting scopes. There is a built in ransom rest for member use. The range has a turning target 25 yard line and both bullseye and international matches are held. The range has lights and many evening matches are held.

**Range #4:** Currently under construction. When complete, this range will be restricted to members with permission, classes, and matches.

**Indoor Range:** Multi-purpose range accommodating archery at 60 ft, small bore (.22 LR) rifle and small bore (.22LR) pistol at 50 ft and air gun at 33 ft. This range is reserved for matches and organized activities.

**Archery Flat Range:** Multi-distant hunting archery sight-in range with animal targets at distances from 10 to 80 yards and two broadhead pits. Open to members and the general public daily. The range has lights and members can obtain permission to shoot in the evening hours.

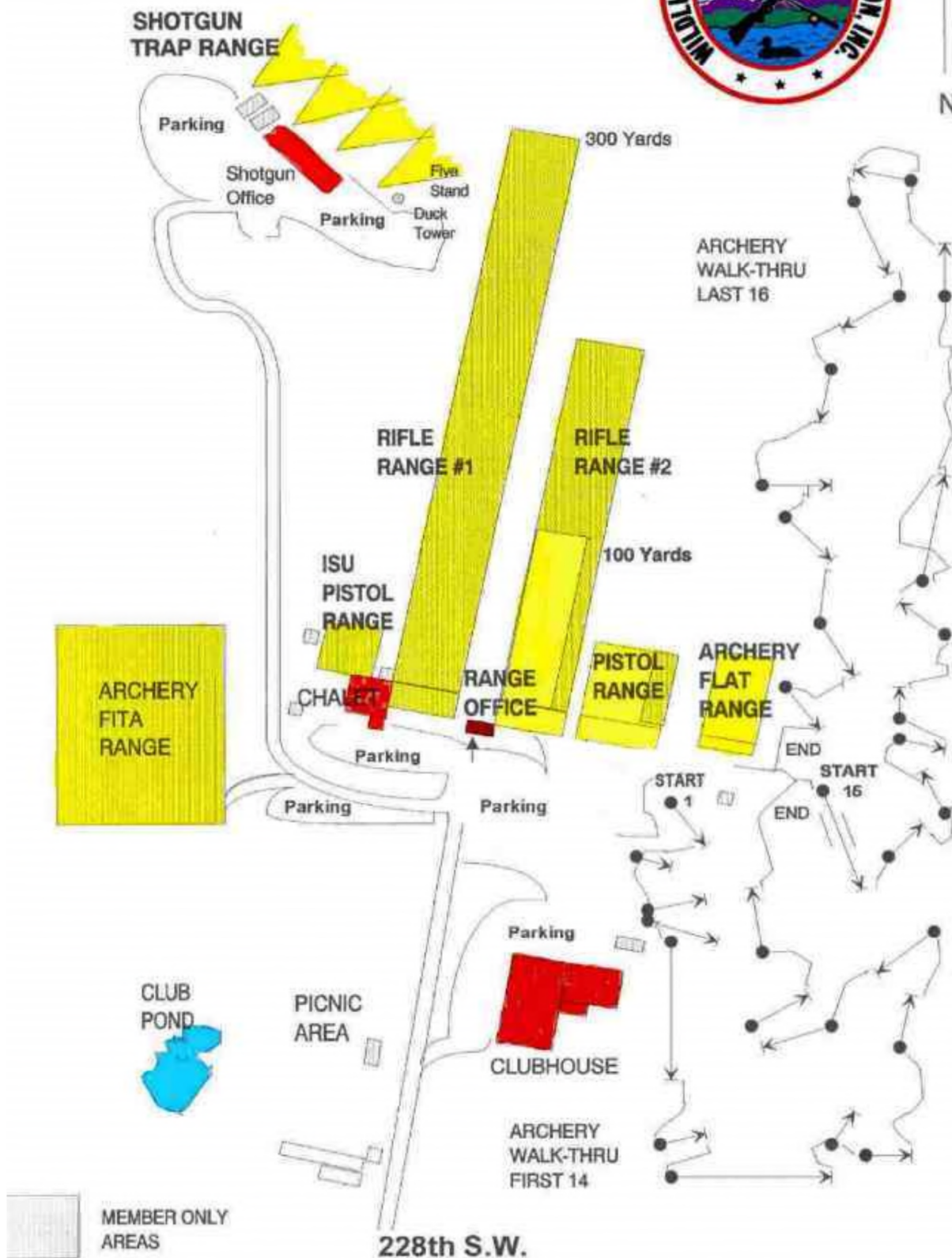
**Archery Field or Walk-thru Range:** 50+ targets encountered in a natural setting by means of sequential shooting lanes. Open to members and the general public daily.

**Archery Olympic Target Range (FITA):** A 100 meter range for Olympic style archery. Reserved for matches and members with special use permits. One of the few dedicated ranges of this type in the country.

**Trap Range:** The shotgun facility has 5 trap fields which are open to members and the general public five days a week. American and International trap are thrown as well as doubles and continental.

**Five Stand:** The shotgun facility has a five stand in operation with a 65 ft duck tower, running rabbit, springing teal and 9 other traps for a large variety of shooting situations. This is a simulation of hunting situations and is essentially a static sporting clay setup. Singles, following pairs, report pairs and true doubles may be thrown during the 25 bird experience.

# KENMORE SHOOTING RANGE LAYOUT



## ***Club Policy***

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## **WCW Policy File**

*The Policies herein were adopted on **June 3, 2015**, by vote of the Board of Directors and, according to the Bylaws, may be changed only upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors.*

**Mission:** The Wildlife Committee of Washington is a non-profit sportsmen club dedicated to the protection of our environment, promotion of conservation and scientific wildlife management, support and promotion of ethical hunting and fishing, support and promotion of law enforcement training, the shooting sports, and firearm safety, and the education of the public on those subjects. The club owns and operates the Wildlife Committee of Washington Shooting Range to provide a safe facility to conduct our activities and further our mission objectives.

### **1. PLEDGE**

"It shall be my sincere duty to observe and uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Wildlife Committee of Washington and to support its' objectives and activities to the best of my ability.

I shall also be considerate of the rights of others and shall do all in my power to conserve our wildlife and natural resources for the best possible use."

### **2. WILDLIFE PRESERVE**

The Club property is designated as a wildlife preserve.

### **3. METHOD OF BRINGING IN NEW MEMBERS**

Upon application, payment of the initiation fee and the pro-rata dues for the year, recommendation by the Membership Committee, and the approval of the Board of Directors.

Attendance at an Orientation meeting is required before any benefits are granted and before a membership card is issued.

### **4. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Planning Committee will be made up of a Chairman appointed by the Board and the Chairmen of the Archery, Range and Shotgun Committees.

The function of the Planning Committee is to evaluate all proposed construction projects submitted by the Standing Committees and to make recommendations to those Committees and to the Board on the compatibility and feasibility of those projects.

The Board will maintain a "master" plan for the development of the Club property and all proposed projects should be evaluated against this plan.

### **5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the members of the Board completing the first year of a two year term. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of nominees for consideration at the March Board meeting.

### **6. ELECTION PROCEDURES**

Each voting member will receive a printed ballot in the mail. The voting directions will be made public each year with the Ballot mailing.

### **7. COUNTING OF BALLOTS**

The Chair will select a sufficient number of those members present and not on the ballot to assist the Nominating Chairman in the counting of votes.

## **8. STANDING COMMITTEES**

The following Standing Committees will be authorized and supported by the Club:

- Archery Committee
- Handgun Committee
- Rifle Committee
- Shotgun Committee
- Hunter Education Committee
- Firearm Education Committee
- Legislative Committee

Each active Standing Committee shall select a regular monthly meeting date to be published in the Club Newsletter. All Committee meetings shall be held on the Club grounds in facilities not open to the public.

## **9. CLUB FACILITIES USE BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS**

Applications for use of Club facilities must be made in writing to the Board, stating use, purpose and the facilities required. Fees for the use of Club facilities shall be determined and assessed by the Board upon consideration and approval of the requested use and may include damage deposits and cleanup charges in addition to rental fees. A formal rental agreement may be required.

The Club will not allow the unsupervised use of any of our range facilities by an outside organization. Exceptions may be granted to law enforcement agencies that use the range on a regularly scheduled basis.

Under no condition will the Club allow any outside organization or individuals to use Club facilities for events open to the general public.

## **10. DISBURSEMENTS AND WORK PARTIES**

Committee Chairmen may not submit bills in excess of \$150 per vendor without prior Board approval. All contracts must be approved by the Board of Directors and signed the appropriate club officer.

## **11. LOST OR STOLEN PERSONAL ITEMS**

The Club will not be responsible for any personal items that are lost, stolen or broken while on the Club grounds.

## **12. UNCLAIMED PERSONAL ITEMS**

Unclaimed personal items turned over to the Club will be held for a period not in excess of 90 days. All reasonable effort shall be made to locate the proper owner, however articles unclaimed at the end of 90 days will be disposed of at the discretion of the Board.

## **13. Deleted June 3, 2015**

## **14. ANNUAL CLOSURES**

The Club grounds will be closed on Thanksgivings, Christmas, and New Year's days.

## **15. DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS**

No firearms shall be discharged on the Club grounds from official sunset (or end of business day) to 9:00 am the following day, except:

1. Indoor range.
2. Shotgun range when open until 9:00pm.
3. Approved events.

**16. SAFE SHOOTING POSITIONS**

No firearm will be discharged nor arrow launched from any place on the Club grounds not specifically approved by the Board of Directors as a safe shooting position for the target engaged.

**17. UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN ON CLUB GROUNDS**

No child under the age of 16 may be on Club grounds unless under the direct control of a responsible adult.

**18. ALCOHOL ON CLUB GROUNDS**

No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed on Club property. The Rangemaster/Caretaker's residence is excluded from this policy.

**19. INITIATION FEES**

An Initiation fee for processing applications for membership shall be submitted with the application form. The initiation fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**20. ANNUAL DUES**

The annual membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall include Washington State sales tax.

**21. CLUB FIREARMS**

All Club firearms will be stored in a secure location with limited access. The Chairman of Trustees will conduct a complete inventory of all Club arms at least twice a year. All Club firearms shall be restricted to use on Club grounds unless the Board specifically grants an exception.

**22. RANGE RULES**

The Archery, Range(Handgun and Rifle), and Shotgun Policy and Safety Rules, as approved by the Board, are adopted as part of this policy file.

**23. ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES**

The Administrative Guidelines, as approved by the Board, are adopted as part of this policy file.

**24. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES**

The Operational Guidelines and Orientation package, as approved by the Board, are adopted as part of this policy file.

**25. POLICY ENFORCEMENT**

It is the duty of each member to ensure that the club's policy is enforced. Any member may have their card pulled and their club privileges suspended for violation of these policies. The Board will be the final arbiter of all suspensions of club privileges. The next and final level of enforcement will be permanent suspension of membership per the Bylaws.

# Archery Committee



The Archery Committee's mission is to promote the safe and appropriate use of bows and arrows through education, training and providing a safe shooting opportunities, while at the same time preserving and protecting our environment:

1. Maintains state-of-the-art outdoor archery facilities.
2. Holds classes in marksmanship, competitive shooting events, and bow hunting safety..
3. Has several special interest sub-committees which are responsible for holding various special events:
  - a. Olympic style (FITA)
  - b. Bow Hunter
  - c. Field Archery
  - d. Youth archery (JOAD)
4. Actively supports the archery sports by holding matches and programs:
  - a. Annual 3-D shoot in July
  - b. FITA matches
  - c. Youth archery (JOAD) on Monday and Friday evenings
  - d. Indoor archery during winter months
5. Maintains membership in State and National shooting sports organizations:
  - a. Washington State Archery Association (WSAA)
  - b. National Archery Association (NAA)
  - c. US Archery
  - d. Junior Olympic Archery Development Charter (JOAD)
6. The Archery Committee meets on the 1st Thursday of each month, at 7:30 PM in the Chalet. The meeting lasts about an hour. Event Chairman report match results and on upcoming events, maintenance and safety issues are discussed, work parties are planned, Special Use requests are handled, and topics of interest are discussed. The Archery Committee meetings are open to any interested member.

## **ARCHERY POLICY**

### **Hours**

Public shooting hours as set by the Board of Directors will be posted and advertised and will apply to all members without specific Special Use permission. The current hours are:

Monday – Friday	12 Noon to dusk/7PM
Saturday – Sunday	9AM to dusk/7PM

All open shooting will terminate before the departure of the rangemaster irrespective of the time, since he locks the gate on his way out.

### **Club Members**

Members have no additional shooting privileges beyond the supervised public shooters except as specifically granted by the Archery Committee on a case by case basis. The process of obtaining additional shooting privileges is known as “Special Use”. Members do have additional responsibilities, however, which includes the enforcing of range safety rules and club policy.

All Club members are required to wear their membership cards in plain sight. All Club members are required to sign-in on the sign-in sheets at each of the ranges they use.

### **Public Shooters**

Public shooters may shoot on the Flat Range and/or the Walk-thru Range during the posted public shooting hours for a fee set by the Board of Directors.

A release form will be filled out and signed by every public shooter before use of the ranges is allowed. Junior (under 18 years old) public shooters may shoot only if they are under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian who can assume responsibility and can legally sign the release form.

### **Handicapped Shooters**

Members will accord every courtesy and assistance to handicapped shooters using our facility. Our ranges are open to handicapped shooters within the bounds of safety, which will be the overriding consideration.

### **Guests**

Since the facility is open to public shooters the club has only minimal guest privileges. A person who has never used the ranges may be signed in by a member as a guest and have the normal public shooting fees waived. A release form must be filled out and signed by every guest and all public shooter rules and restrictions apply, **including hours**.

Members with Special Use endorsements may bring in one non-member, or member without special use, to use special use facilities under the members’ direct supervision, during public hours. The non-member will pay a standard day-use fee for the use of the facilities, and complete the standard range waiver. The member without special use in this case does not pay any fee and is not required to complete a waiver. The non-member, or member without special use, will be given a wrist band with the member's WCW number on it. Members will sign out their guests at the office when they leave the range. On ranges with benches or fixed firing positions, the member and the non-member will use the same bench or position, with only one at a time shooting. Normal policy for range use and safety violations will apply.

### **Inspection of Equipment**

At any time, the Rangemaster or a range official may inspect any equipment on the ranges, and may order any equipment off the ranges which they, in their sole judgement, consider to be inappropriate or in an unsafe condition.



**Parking**

All members and public shooters will park in the main parking lot. The Flat Range parking lot is restricted to only handicapped shooters and club maintenance vehicles during public shooting hours.

**Restrictions**

*A. Intoxicated or otherwise impaired*

Any person who, in the opinion of the rangemaster or range official, is intoxicated or otherwise a potential safety hazard, may, at the discretion of the official, be prohibited from using the ranges and/or ejected from the facility.

*B. Equipment*

1. Cross-bows are not allowed.
2. Any extra attachment to the bow that would allow the draw weight of the bow to be relieved from either or both arms will not be permitted.
3. Overdraw bows must have a protective shelf.

*C. Arrows*

1. Blunt tipped arrows are prohibited.
2. The use of Broadhead tipped arrows are prohibited except on the special Broadhead pits on the Flat Range.

*D. Targets*

Only the targets provided on the target butts or a substitute standard paper target face property mounted on the target butts will be permitted.

*E. Positions*

1. Archers must position themselves perpendicular to the face of the target at the established shooting positions so that they are shooting directly down-range. Cross shooting into other shooting lanes will not be tolerated.
2. Archers must be able to draw their bow without raising the plane of the arrow over the target.

*F. Skill Level*

All shooters are required to have adequate skill to place **all** their shots into the target butts. Shooters who cannot should remove themselves and obtain additional instruction..

**Rules**

The attached Archery Safety Rules will be available to each public shooter. Each shooter must follow the Archery Safety Rules and any other rules posted.

**Violations**

Any shooter who has been observed violating these rules or any other safety rules may at the discretion of the rangemaster or, in his absence, any club member observing the violation, be ejected from the ranges. If the violator is also a club member, the Rangemaster or observing club member will submit a written account to the Archery Committee, which will judge the seriousness of the violation and determine an appropriate penalty (suspension of range privileges). The rangemaster or any club Officer has the authority to confiscate a member's card for serious violations.

Members who observe safety or policy violations and take no direct action to correct the situation should expect the suspension of their shooting privileges.

Any member who feels aggrieved by the decision of the Archery Committee may appeal the decision to the Board of Directors.

Any Club member who wishes to deviate from the rules established for the public shooters must submit in person a Special Use Request to the Archery Committee at their regularly scheduled meeting. All deviations will be at the discretion of the Archery Committee within the guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

**Special Use Permits**

Special Use Permits will expire at the end of the calendar year corresponding to the member's Membership card the Special Use permission is printed on.

**Events**

All archery events will be organized, sponsored and controlled by the Archery Committee and approved and calendared by the Board of Directors.

**Annual Sight-in**

Member privileges may be restricted during the annual hunter sight-in period, depending on the range availability or lack thereof (public shooters have priority during this period). Members are expected to volunteer to help on the line during hunter sight-in to aid the public shooters and to insure complete safety.

**Member Purchases**

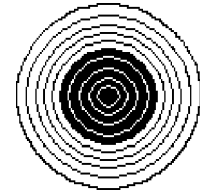
Members may purchase items from the club at reduced prices, either in inventory or by special order through the Range Office. Items purchased for non-members will be at non-member prices.

**Wildlife Committee of Washington**

**ARCHERY SAFETY RULES**

**Safety is everyone's responsibility.** Each shooter will observe and comply with the following rules:

1. Arrows shall remain un-nocked and safely stored at all times except when the shooter is in position on the firing line and the range is clear to fire.
  2. Nocked arrows will be pointed in a safe direction at all times, they will be pointed directly down-range and **BELOW** the horizon at all times. Under no conditions will a shooter point a nocked arrow above the horizon while drawing the bow.
  3. Regular cease-fires are called by the Range Official or, in his absence, by mutual consent of all the shooters on the line. When a cease fire is announced, all bows must be brought to rest, arrows unnocked and safely stored, and shooters must remove themselves from the firing line..
  4. Only **AFTER** all shooting has ceased and all shooters have removed themselves from the firing line, may shooters proceed down-range to retrieve their arrows.
  5. The Range Officer or, in his absence, the shooter who has called the cease-fire is personally responsible for safely ending the cease-fire by insuring all shooters have returned from down-range and that the range is again clear.
  6. Each shooting position on the firing line has a corresponding target butt directly down-range. Each shooter must shoot **ONLY** at the target provided or an approved paper target, which has been properly hung on the target butt directly down-range from his position.
  7. Under no conditions will more than one arrow be nocked on the bowstring..
  8. Crossbows and blunt tipped arrows are not allowed on our ranges. Broadhead arrows may only be shot at the sand pits on the flat range with the permission of the Rangemaster.
  9. The hierarchy of authority on the ranges is; Rangemaster, Assistant Rangemaster, Temporary Rangemaster, Club Member, public shooter. ***Club Members who observe safety or range use violations without taking immediate action will be suspended***
  10. Each shooter is required to observe and comply with any other rules posted on the range. Absent specific rules all shooters will follow generally accepted archery safety standards and use good common sense. As a bow owner/user YOU are responsible for your actions. ***Shooters who endanger public safety will be prosecuted***
  - 11.. Shooters who are unable to place their shots on their target may be asked to leave the range and not return until they have successfully completed appropriate training classes.
  12. Shooters who deliberately shoot anything but the target butts will be ***charged for the damage*** and ***BARRED*** from the ranges
  13. There will be absolutely no intoxicants allowed on WCW property. Violators will be ***BARRED*** from the facility
  14. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone and to inspect all bows, arrows and equipment brought to this facility.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT SHOOTERS ARE BEING MONITORED AND RECORDED BY CLOSED-CIRCUIT VIDEO***



## Rifle Range Committee

The Rifle Committee's mission is to promote the safe and appropriate use of firearms through education, training and providing a safe shooting opportunities, while at the same time preserving and protecting our environment:

1. Maintains state-of-the-art outdoor shooting facilities for all types of rifle shooting.
2. Holds classes in marksmanship, competitive shooting events, gun safety and reloading.
3. Has several special interest sub-committees which are responsible for holding various special events:
  - a. CMP/Highpower rifle
  - b. Benchrest
  - c. Blackpowder
  - d. Smallbore rifle
  - e. Youth rifle
4. Actively supports the shooting sports by holding regular matches, leagues and programs. These include:
  - a. CMP/Highpower on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
  - b. Benchrest centerfire on the 2nd Saturday of each month.
  - c. Cast Bullet rifle on the 4th Saturday of the month.
  - d. Indoor smallbore rifle on Tuesday evenings during the Winter months
  - e. Youth rifle on Friday evenings during the school year.
  - f. Highpower Prone Rifle on the 3rd Saturday during the Winter.
5. Maintains membership in State and National shooting sports organizations:
  - a. National Rifle Association (NRA)
  - b. USA Shooting (USAS)
  - c. State Rifle and Pistol Association (WSR&PA)
  - d. National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF)
  - e. Puget Sound Rifleman's Association (PSRA)
  - f. Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)
6. The Rifle Committee meets monthly in a joint meeting with the Pistol Committee at a date and time shown on the club calendar. Event Chairman report match results and on upcoming events, maintenance and safety issues are discussed, work parties are planned, Special Use requests are handled, and topics of interest are discussed. The Range Committee meetings are open to any interested member.

## ***RIFLE RANGE POLICY***

### **Hours**

There will be no outdoor firearm shooting from 9PM to 9AM. The normal outdoor ranges hours will be from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM or dusk, whichever comes first, except that all open shooting will be closed by the departure of the rangemaster.

Public rifle shooting hours as set by the Board of Directors will be posted and advertised and will apply to all members without specific Special Use permission.

### **Members**

Members have no additional shooting privileges beyond the supervised public shooters except as specifically granted by the Range Committee on a case by case basis. The process of obtaining additional shooting privileges is known as “Special Use”. Members do have additional responsibilities, however, which includes the enforcing of range safety rules and club policy.

All Club members are required to wear their membership cards in plain sight. All Club members are required to sign-in on the sign-in sheets at each of the ranges they use.

### **Public Shooters**

Public shooters may shoot on Range #2 (rifle) during the posted rangemaster supervised public shooting hours for a fee set by the Board of Directors.

A release form will be filled out and signed by every public shooter before use of the ranges is allowed. Junior (under 18 years old for rifle and under 21 years old for pistol) public shooters may shoot only if they are under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian who can assume responsibility and can legally sign the release form.

### **Handicapped Shooters**

Members will accord every courtesy and assistance to handicapped shooters using our facility. Our ranges are open to handicapped shooters within the bounds of safety, which will be the overriding consideration.

### **Guests**

Since the facility is open to public shooters the club has only minimal guest privileges. A person who has never used the ranges before may be signed in by a member as a guest and have the normal public shooting fees waived. A release form must be filled out and signed by every guest and all public shooter rules and restrictions apply **including hours**. Guests will pay retail public prices for any ammunition, components or supplies purchased.

Members with Special Use endorsements may bring in one non-member, or member without special use, to use special use facilities under the members’ direct supervision, during public hours. The non-member will pay a standard day-use fee for the use of the facilities, and complete the standard range waiver. The member without special use in this case does not pay any fee and is not required to complete a waiver. The non-member, or member without special use, will be given a wrist band with the member's WCW number on it. Members will sign out their guests at the office when they leave the range.

On ranges with benches or fixed firing positions, the member and the non-member will use the same bench or position, with only one at a time shooting.

Normal policy for range use and safety violations will apply.



**Law Enforcement/Military**

Member privileges may be restricted occasionally to allow law enforcement or military units to use our ranges. All law enforcement and military use will conform with our safety rules and their shooting activities will be restricted to the safe use of our ranges as they were designed, i.e. fixed firing line, adequate marksmanship and proper impact area. All law enforcement or military unit use will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

We have a special use process for law enforcement Sniper/Swat Team individual use of Range #1.

We will waive our shooting fee for all law enforcement officers in their duty uniform who wish to shoot at our public range during public shooting hours.

**Inspection of Firearms and Ammunition**

At any time, the rangemaster or a range official may inspect any firearm or ammunition on the ranges, and may order any firearm or ammunition off the ranges which they, in their sole judgement, consider to be inappropriate or in an unsafe condition.

**Parking**

All members and public shooters will park in the main parking lots. The Pistol Range parking lot is restricted to only handicapped shooters and official vehicles during public shooting hours.

**Restrictions**

*A. Intoxicated or otherwise impaired*

Any person who, in the opinion of the rangemaster or other range official, is intoxicated, impaired, or otherwise a potential safety hazard, may, at the discretion of the official, be prohibited from using the ranges and/or ejected from the facility.

*B. Firearms*

1. Range #1 (Qualified Member Only Range)

- a. This range is restricted to only those members who have obtained specific Special Use permissions.
- b. All member activity is limited to that granted to the member through the Special Use process.

2. Range #2 (Public Rifle Range)

- a. Pistols are not allowed in the public shooter area.
- b. Rifles may be loaded to the magazine capacity.
- c. Rifles will be shot off the bench unless specific permission has been granted by the rangemaster to shoot off-hand.

*C. Ammunition*

1. Armor-piercing, explosive, or tracer ammunition is absolutely prohibited on any of the ranges, as well as steel jacketed ammo.
2. All types of shot-shells (multi-projectile) are prohibited on all rifle and pistol ranges.
3. BMG-50 and similar rounds are prohibited on our ranges.

*E. Targets*

1. Only the approved paper targets and spots sold through the Range Office will be used.
2. Each shooter may hang only one target directly down range from their shooting position on the target frames provided.
3. When using portable target frames, the target must be hung at such a height that the bullets passing through the target still impact in the designed impact berm (club members with special use only).

*F. Positions*

1. Prone, sitting, kneeling position shooting will only take place on the platform in front of the shooting benches by members with specific Special Use permission. Position shooting will take place only in those secure shooting bays which are, at the time, exclusively restricted to position shooting.
2. High power pistol is only shot from a rest or bipod on Range #1 cement bench with Special Use permission. High power pistol fired offhand is allowed only with a separate endorsement.
3. Pistols and pistol caliber rifles will be shot only from the center of each shooting position on Range #3. Supporting the pistol next to the dividers or directly on the shooting bench is not allowed. The pistol rests provided may be used.

*G. Skill Level*

1. All shooters are required to have adequate skill to place **all** their shots on the target. Shooters with new firearms and those with maladjusted sights are expected to get on the paper within a reasonable number of shots (less than 10) while using the rests provided.
2. Any shooter who does not possess the skill to hit the target paper will remove themselves or be asked to leave. They are expected to take the appropriate formal training and obtain the required skill level before returning to use the range.

**Rules**

The attached Range Safety Rules will be available to each member and to each public shooter. Each shooter must follow the Range Safety Rules and any other rules posted.

**Violations**

Any shooter who has been observed violating these rules or any other firearm safety rules may at the discretion of the rangemaster or, in his absence, any club member observing the violation, be ejected from the ranges. If the violator is also a club member, the rangemaster or observing club member will submit a written account to the Range Committee, which will judge the seriousness of the violation and determine an appropriate penalty (suspension of range privileges). The rangemaster or any club Officer has the authority to confiscate a member's card for serious violations.

Members who observe safety or policy violations and take no direct action to correct the situation should expect the suspension of their shooting privileges.

Any member who feels aggrieved by the decision of the Range Committee may appeal the decision to the Board of Directors.

**Special Use Permits**

Any Club member who wishes to deviate from the rules established for the public shooters must submit in person a Special Use Request to the Range Committee at their regularly scheduled meeting. All deviations will be at the discretion of the Range Committee within the guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

Special Use Permits will expire after seven years. They can be renewed at any time.

**Events**

All rifle and pistol events will be organized, sponsored and controlled by the Range Committee and approved and calendared by the Board of Directors.

**Annual Sight-in**

Member privileges may be restricted during the annual hunter sight-in period, depending on the range availability or lack thereof (public shooters have priority during this period). Members are expected to volunteer to help on the line during hunter sight-in to aid the public shooters and to insure complete safety.

**Member Purchases**

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**Emergencies**

There are fire extinguishers positioned at each range building for fire suppression as well as water hoses at the Range Office and the Pistol range.

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**RIFLE RANGE SAFETY RULES**

**Safety is everyone's responsibility.** Each shooter will observe and comply with the following rules:

1. Firearms will be unloaded, magazines removed and actions locked open, with a chamber flag inserted. Firearms will be unloaded, magazines removed and actions locked open, with a chamber flag inserted, at all times except when the shooter is in position on the firing line and the range is clear to fire. Shooters will keep their finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
2. Firearms will be pointed in a safe direction at all times. Firearms on the firing line will be pointed directly down-range at all times. Firearms in racks or being moved on the range will be unloaded, with chamber flags inserted and removeable magazines removed.
3. Firearms may not be handled nor may shooters approach the firing line during a cease-fire. The firing line is marked on ranges #1 and #2 by a red-painted floor.
4. Regular cease-fires are called by the Rangemaster or, in his absence, by mutual consent of all the shooters on the line. All firearms must be unloaded, magazines removed, actions locked open, with a chamber flag inserted, and all shooters standing behind the cease-fire line **BEFORE** a regular cease-fire is called and the cease-fire bell activated.
5. Only **AFTER** a cease-fire has been called and the cease-fire bell turned on, may shooters proceed downrange to check and change their targets. Shooters going to the 200 or 300 yard targets on Range #1 will take the bell switch key, on its red lanyard, with them to the targets and return it to the acting rangemaster when they return. Shooters who are using the range with no one else present will take the key and lanyard with them while downrange.
6. The Rangemaster or, in his absence, the shooter who has called the cease-fire and activated the cease-fire bell is personally responsible for safely ending the cease-fire by insuring all shooters have returned to the cease-fire line and that the range is again clear. The bell will be de-activated by the same person who activated it.
7. Each firing position on the firing line has a corresponding target frame directly down-range. Each shooter must shoot **ONLY** at an approved paper target, which has been properly hung on the target frame **directly down-range** from his position.
8. All rifles may be loaded to the capacity of their associated magazine or magazines.
9. Black powder shooters will insure that all containers of black powder and percussion caps are **closed** while shooting to prevent any possibility of a flash explosion.
10. Eye protection and ear protection are required to be worn by everyone on the range.
11. The hierarchy of authority on the ranges is; Rangemaster, Assistant Rangemaster, Temporary Rangemaster, Club Member, public shooter. **Club Members who observe safety or range use violations without taking immediate action will be suspended.** Immediate action consists of either correcting or reporting the violation.
12. Each shooter is required to observe and comply with any other rules posted on the range. Absent specific rules all shooters will follow generally accepted firearm safety standards and use good common sense. As a firearm owner/user YOU are responsible for your actions. **Shooters who endanger public safety will be prosecuted.**
13. Shooters who are unable to place their shots on their target may be asked to leave the range and not return until they have successfully completed appropriate training classes.

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14. Shooters who deliberately shoot the range baffles or supports will be ***charged for the damage*** and ***BARRED*** from the ranges.
15. There will be absolutely no intoxicants allowed on WCW property. Violators will be ***BARRED*** from the facility.
16. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone and to inspect all firearms, ammunition and equipment brought to this facility.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT SHOOTERS ARE BEING MONITORED AND RECORDED BY CLOSED-CIRCUIT VIDEO***



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**CLUBHOUSE INDOOR RANGE SAFETY RULES**

**Safety is everyone's responsibility.** Each shooter will observe and comply with the following rules:

1. The clubhouse range is for supervised shooting events only. There will be a WCW Coach, Instructor, or authorized Match Director/Supervisor directly in charge of any shooting activity on the clubhouse range.
2. Firearms will be brought to the range in a case, or with the action open and a chamber flag inserted. Firearms will be unloaded, magazines removed and actions locked open, with a chamber flag inserted, at all times except when the shooter is in position on the firing line and the range is clear to fire. Shooters will keep their finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Firearms will be pointed in a safe direction at all times. Firearms on the firing line will be pointed directly down-range at all times. Firearms on the firing line will be pointed directly down-range at all times. Firearms being moved on the range will be unloaded, with chamber flags inserted and removeable magazines removed.
4. Firearms may not be handled nor may shooters approach the firing line during a cease-fire. The firing line in the clubhouse range is designated by the Coach, Instructor, Match Director, or Supervisor in charge of the event.
5. All cease-fires are called by the official in-charge. All firearms must be unloaded, magazines removed, actions locked open, with a chamber flag inserted, and all shooters standing behind the cease-fire line **BEFORE** a cease-fire is called and shooters move downrange. Chamber flags are not required for the air gun sports
6. Cease-fires continue until the official in-charge declares the cease-fire to have ended.
7. Eye protection and ear protection are required to be worn by all shooters and any others who are near the restricted firing line area when shooting firearms. Ear protection is not a requirement for the air gun sports. Neither is a requirement for the archery sports.
8. Each shooter is required to observe and comply with any other rules posted on the range and any directions given by the WCW official in-charge.
9. The WCW official in charge will ensure that the range exhaust fan system is used for any event using firearms. Lead abatement procedures will be followed after firearms and air gun events.
10. Shooters who deliberately shoot anything except their target will be ***charged for the damage*** and ***BARRED*** from the ranges. Rifle shooters who shoot sighter groups in the woodwork will be removed and ***BARRED*** from events on this range.
11. Observers will stay behind the ready line and not distract the shooters.
12. There will be absolutely no intoxicants allowed on WCW property. Violators will be ***BARRED*** from the facility.
13. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone and to inspect all firearms, ammunition and equipment brought to this facility.

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**RIFLE RANGE USE RULES**

The following rules apply to member use of all rifle ranges.

Member hours - No firearms will be fired on any range before 9:01 or after the closing of the Range Office. All members with Special Use endorsement will have a gate key and wear their membership card.

Member sign-in - Members will sign in to each range they use on the provided sign-in roster, as they arrive to begin shooting, and when they complete shooting and leave the range.

Caliber limitations - Ranges #1 and #2 are limited to rifle calibers below .50 Browning, .416 Chey-Tac and similar cartridges with muzzle energies above 8000 foot-pounds at the muzzle. (460 Wby Mag, 8000 ft-lbs) Baffles have been tested with .338 Lapua.

Bullet limitations - Armor-piercing, steel or tungsten-core bullets are not allowed on the ranges. Multiple projectile loads are also not allowed; when in doubt check with a Rangemaster.

Multiple shots - Shooting will be done at a slow fire pace, no faster than one shot every two seconds.

Targets - Members will only use targets attached to the existing target frames. Aiming points will be kept away from support frames. Pictures of people or human shapes will not be used as targets. Members will only hang one target at a time, from the target frame that matches their shooting position. Targets will be removed when the shooter is done.

Cleanup - Members will clean up after themselves, to include targets, muzzleloader patches, cleaning materials, and cartridges and cartridge boxes.

Special Use - Members will apply for Special Use permission when they wish to use Range #1 at any time or Range #2 during member hours.

The following rules apply to member use of Range #1, with the appropriate Rifle Special Use endorsement.

Bench rest - Shooting from the bench can be done at 50 or 100 yards with rimfire rifles, 50, 100, 200, or 300 yards with centerfire rifles, 50 or 100 yards with highpower pistols, and 50 or 100 yards with blackpowder or muzzleloading rifles or shotguns firing slugs. Bench rest shooting is generally done from the east or center shooting bays.

Off-hand rifle - Shooting from the off-hand position will be done from either between the benches, with the forward foot touching the bulkhead, or from the forward platform. This is limited to 50 to 100 yards for any rifle from between the benches, and at only 100 yards from the platform.

Highpower pistol - Shooting highpower pistols will be limited to pistols using rifle cartridges, and will be shot from a rest or a bipod on the shooting bench. High power pistol fired offhand is allowed only with a separate endorsement.

Pistol-caliber carbines - All shots must be on the paper at 50 or 100 yards.

Chronograph - Chronographs will be arranged so that bullets passing over the chronograph will hit the 100 yard impact area without damaging the target frames. Setup of chronographs should not unduly delay or impede the ability of other shooters to use the range.

Muzzleloaders - Muzzleloading rifles will be fired at 50 or 100 yards. They will be loaded from a powder measure or with propellant pellets, and powder and cap containers will be closed when firing.

Shotguns – Shooting slugs from shotguns will be done at 50 or 100 yards. Shotguns may be smoothbore or rifled, or use a rifled choke tube. Shotguns with modified or full chokes will not be used with slugs.

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**RIFLE RANGE USE RULES**

Air Rifles – Members with Air rifles using SCUBA cylinders for air refills will make sure that the cylinders are laid in a stable position so that they will not fall or tip over, in order to protect the valve from damage. Members with rifle special use may use .17 or .22 caliber air rifles before 9 AM. Members will note 'air rifle' when they sign in early on the range.

Position shooting - Position shooting is generally done from the west or center shooting bays, from the forward platform. This will be done at 100 yards, and includes prone, sitting, kneeling, and off-hand. This may be done with either rimfire or centerfire rifles. Position shooting from the prone, sitting, and kneeling positions may be done from the platform at 50 yards.

Long-range prone - Long-range prone will be done at 100, 200 or 300 yards from the forward platform, with centerfire rifles.

Long-range smallbore – Shooting at 200 yards with .22 LR will be allowed for matches and for scheduled events. Practice at 200 yards outside of a supervised event or match will not be allowed.

Shooting sticks - Shooting sticks will be used at 100 yards from the forward platform, from either the standing, kneeling, or sitting positions. The member may use a single stick, a bipod or a tripod.

Barricades – Portable VTAC-style shooting barricades can be used at 50 or 100 yards from the forward platform. Shooters will only use one barricade at one position and shoot at only one target at a time.

Reactive targets – Polymer reactive targets may be used if they are placed between target supports in the same area as paper target bullseyes. Shots must hit the backstop in the same area as when using paper targets.

Magazines - Magazines may be loaded to full capacity.

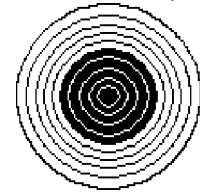
Matches and events - Matches and scheduled events have priority on Range #1. Members with special use endorsement may use Range #1 during an event if there are available shooting benches. Members will use Range #1 during an event under the direction of the event coordinator or match director. Members will use the range in such a way as to not hinder the conduct of the event.

The following rules apply to member use of Range #2.

Bench rest - Shooting will only be done from the bench, at 50 yards for rimfire rifles and shotguns with slugs, or at 100 yards for centerfire and muzzleloading rifles. Shotguns may be smoothbore or rifled, or use a rifled choke tube. Shotguns with modified or full chokes will not be used with slugs.

The following rules apply to member use of Range #3.

Pistol caliber carbines may be fired from a standing position on Range 3. Members using pistol caliber carbines or air rifles will use shooting benches to the right of the line, starting with bench #28 and filling in right to left.



## Handgun Range Committee

The Pistol Committee's mission is to promote the safe and appropriate use of firearms through education, training and providing a safe shooting opportunities, while at the same time preserving and protecting our environment:

3. Maintains state-of-the-art outdoor shooting facilities for many types of pistol shooting.

4. Holds classes in marksmanship, competitive shooting events, gun safety and reloading.

3. Has several special interest sub-committees which are responsible for holding various special events:

- a. NRA Conventional Pistol (Bullseye)
- b. International Pistol
- c. International Air Pistol

4. Actively supports the shooting sports by holding regular matches, leagues and programs:

- a. Turning target practice the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.
- b. Air Pistol League (April-June), Thursday evenings.
- c. Summer Outdoor smallbore Pistol League, Thursday evenings.
- d. Indoor smallbore Postal on Thursday evenings during the Winter months
- e. Fall Outdoor smallbore Pistol League, Thursday evenings
- f. Several pistol matches during the year.

5. Maintains membership in State and National shooting sports organizations:

- a. National Rifle Association (NRA)
- b. USA Shooting (USAS)
- c. State Rifle and Pistol Association (WSR&PA)
- d. National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF)
- f. Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)

6. The Pistol Committee meets in a joint meeting with the Rifle Committee on a date and time listed in the club on-line calendar. The meeting lasts about an hour. Event Chairman report match results and on upcoming events, maintenance and safety issues are discussed, work parties are planned, Special Use requests are handled, and topics of interest are discussed. The Range Committee meetings are open to any interested member.

**Hours**

There will be no outdoor shooting from 9PM to 9AM. The normal outdoor ranges hours will be from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM or dusk, whichever comes first, except that all open shooting will be closed by the departure of the rangemaster. Approved outdoor pistol events may shoot up to 9:00 PM.

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**Members**

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**Public Shooters**

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**Guests**

Since the facility is open to public shooters the club has only minimal guest privileges. A person who has never used the ranges before may be signed in by a member as a guest and have the normal public shooting fees waived. A release form must be filled out and signed by every guest and all public shooter rules and restrictions apply **including hours**. Guests will pay retail public prices for any ammunition, components or supplies purchased.

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*B. Firearms*

1. Range #3

- a. Rifles are not allowed, except rifles using pistol cartridges and air rifles.
- b. Pistols that use bottle-neck highpower rifle cartridges are not allowed.
- c. Small frame pistols, derringers, and other pistols with minimal sights are not allowed unless specific permission has been obtained from the Rangemaster.

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*F. Skill Level*

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2. Firearms will be pointed in a safe direction at all times. Firearms on the firing line will be pointed directly down-range at all times.
3. Firearms may not be handled nor may shooters approach the firing line during a cease-fire.
4. Regular cease-fires are called by the Rangemaster or, in his absence, by mutual consent of all the shooters on the line. All firearms must be unloaded, magazines removed, actions locked open and all shooters standing behind the cease-fire line **BEFORE** a regular cease-fire is called and the cease-fire bell activated.
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6. The Rangemaster or, in his absence, the shooter who has called the cease-fire and activated the cease-fire bell is personally responsible for safely ending the cease-fire by insuring all shooters have returned to the cease-fire line and that the range is again clear. The bell will be de-activated by the same person who activated it.
7. Each firing position on the firing line has a corresponding target frame directly down-range. Each shooter must shoot ***ONLY*** at an approved paper target, which has been properly hung on the target frame ***directly down-range*** from his position.
8. All shots must be ***aimed and hit the target!*** During public hours, shooting will be done at a slow fire pace, no faster than one shot every two seconds. Quick draw, hip shooting and other un-aimed shots are not allowed. Members with special use qualification, during special use hours, may shoot with no minimum time between shots. Pistols removed from "concealed carry" become range firearms and subject to the above rules. These pistols may not be re-holstered and must leave the property in a pistol case.
9. Black powder shooters will insure that all containers of black powder are ***closed*** while shooting to prevent any possibility of a flash explosion.
10. Eye protection and Ear protection are required to be worn by everyone on the range.
11. The hierarchy of authority on the ranges is; Rangemaster, Assistant Rangemaster, Temporary Rangemaster, Club Member, public shooter. ***Club Members who observe safety or range use violations without taking immediate action will be suspended.***
12. Each shooter is required to observe and comply with any other rules posted on the range. Absent specific rules all shooters will follow generally accepted firearm safety standards and use good common sense. As a firearm owner/user YOU are responsible for your actions. ***Shooters who endanger public safety will be prosecuted.***
13. Shooters who are unable to place their shots on their target may be asked to leave the range and not return until they have successfully completed appropriate training classes.
14. Shooters who deliberately shoot the range baffles or supports will be ***charged for the damage*** and ***BARRED*** from the ranges.
15. There will be absolutely no intoxicants allowed on WCW property. Violators will be ***BARRED*** from the facility.

We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone and to inspect all firearms, ammunition and equipment brought to this facility.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT SHOOTERS ARE BEING MONITORED AND RECORDED BY CLOSED-CIRCUIT VIDEO***

## **CLUBHOUSE INDOOR RANGE SAFETY RULES**

**Safety is everyone's responsibility.** Each shooter will observe and comply with the following rules:

1. The clubhouse range is for supervised shooting events only. There will be a WCW Coach, Instructor, or authorized Match Director/Supervisor directly in charge of any shooting activity on the clubhouse range.
2. Firearms will be unloaded, magazines removed and actions locked open, with a chamber flag inserted, at all times except when the shooter is in position on the firing line and the range is clear to fire.
3. Firearms will be pointed in a safe direction at all times. Firearms on the firing line will be pointed directly down-range at all times.
4. Firearms may not be handled nor may shooters approach the firing line during a cease-fire.
5. All cease-fires are called by the official in-charge. All firearms must be unloaded, magazines removed, actions locked open, with a chamber flag inserted, and all shooters standing behind the cease-fire line **BEFORE** a cease-fire is called and shooters move downrange. Chamber flags are not required for the air gun sports.
6. Cease-fires continue until the official in-charge declares the cease-fire to have ended.
7. Eye protection and Ear protection are required to be worn by all shooters and any others who are near the restricted firing line area when shooting firearms. Ear protection is not a requirement for the air gun sports. Neither is a requirement for the archery sports.
8. Each shooter is required to observe and comply with any other rules posted on the range and any directions given by the WCW official in-charge.
9. Shooters who deliberately shoot anything except their target will be charged for the damage and BARRED from the ranges. Rifle shooters who shoot sighter groups in the woodwork will be removed and BARRED from events on this range.
10. Observers will keep to the back of the room and not bother the shooters.
11. There will be absolutely no intoxicants allowed on WCW property. Violators will be BARRED from the facility.
12. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone and to inspect all firearms, ammunition and equipment brought to this facility.

## **Shotgun Committee**



The Shotgun Committee's mission is to promote the safe and appropriate use of firearms through education, training and providing a safe shooting opportunities, while at the same time preserving and protecting our environment:

1. Maintains state-of-the-art outdoor shooting facilities for trap and 5-Stand shooting.
2. Holds classes in hunting, calling and beginning shotgun..
- 3, Has several special interest sub-committees which are responsible for holding various special events:
  - a. Trap
  - b. Continental
  - c. 5-Stand
4. Actively supports the shooting sports by holding regular matches, leagues and programs:
  - a. Sunday money shoots.
  - b. Annual Continental Shoot
  - c. PITA Shoot
  - d. Ladies Day and Charity Shoots.
5. Maintains membership in State and National shooting sports organizations:
  - a. National Rifle Association (NRA)
  - b. USA Shooting (USAS)
  - c. Pacific International Trap Association (PITA)
6. The Shotgun Committee meets on the 1st Monday of each month, at 7:00 PM in the Shotshack. The meeting lasts about an hour. Event Chairman report match results and on upcoming events, maintenance and safety issues are discussed, work parties are planned. The Shotgun Committee meetings are open to any interested member.
7. The Shotgun Committee maintains a special relationship with the Washington Waterfowl Association which holds their monthly meetings at the shotshack, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, with shooting starting at 5PM.

## **SHOTGUN POLICY**

### **Public Hours**

The shotgun automatic clay target machines are only available for use during the public shooting hours, when they are run by club employees, or during special club events. Public shooting hours as set by the Board of Directors will be posted and advertised.

### **Members**

Club members may shoot on the shotgun range during public shooting hours and during hours set aside for Members Only for a fee set by the Board of Directors and posted at the Shotgun Office. The line fee to members will approximate the cost to the club.

All club members are required to wear their membership cards in plain sight.

### **Public Shooters**

Public shooters may shoot on the shotgun range for a fee set by the Board of Directors and posted at the Shotgun Office.

A release form will be filled out and signed by every public shooter before use of the ranges is allowed. Junior (under 18 years old) public shooters may shoot only if they are under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian who can assume responsibility and can legally sign the release form.

### **Handicapped Shooters**

Members will accord every courtesy and assistance to handicapped shooters using our facility. Our ranges are open to handicapped shooters within the bounds of safety, which will be the overriding consideration.

### **Guests**

Since the facility is open to public shooters the club has only minimal guest privileges. A person who has never used the ranges may be signed in by a member as a guest and shoot lines that day for member prices. A release form must be filled out and signed by every guest.

Guests will pay retail public prices for any ammunition, components or supplies purchased.

### **Inspection of Firearms and Ammunition**

At any time, the Rangemaster or a range official may inspect any firearm or ammunition on the ranges, and may order any firearm or ammunition off the ranges which they, in their sole judgment, consider to be inappropriate or in an unsafe condition.

### **Restrictions**

#### ***A. Intoxicated or otherwise impaired***

Any person who, in the opinion of the Rangemaster, is intoxicated or otherwise a potential safety hazard, may, at the discretion of the Rangemaster, be prohibited from using the ranges and/or ejected from the facility.

#### ***B. Firearms***

Firearms used on the shotgun range will be limited to shoulder fired shotguns of 12 gauge, 16 gauge, 20 gauge, 28 gauge, or 410 gauge.

Firearms will remain unloaded with their actions **OPEN** at all times unless the shooter is on the line. Racked guns must have their actions open unless they have break-open type actions. When picking up or carrying a gun, the action must be open and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times - muzzle to the ground.

Guns on the line may be loaded, but the action must be kept open until it's your turn to shoot. When changing stations, all guns must be unloaded and actions open before moving.

***C. Ammunition***

Shot will be strictly limited to lead shot sized 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2, or 9. Only shell lengths of 2-3/4" or less are allowed. No magnum shells are allowed. The only exception will be for .410, in which case 3" shells are acceptable. Only 12, 16, 20, 28, and .410 gauges are acceptable on our Shotgun ranges.

***D. Shooting Stations***

Whenever shooting stands are employed, all shooting will be done from within the confines of the stand. All shooting stations employed and the shot fall zones will have specific prior approval by the Board of Directors.

***E. Targets***

Clay targets thrown by club trap machines are the only targets which may be shot at this range, except; a patterning target may be used with specific permission of the rangemaster and only in the designated area.

***F. Safety Cones***

The servicing of trap machines will only be done under safe range conditions with an orange safety cone displayed. Shooters will not enter a trap field while a safety cone displayed.

**Safety Rules**

The attached Shotgun Safety Rules will be available to each shooter. Each shooter must follow the Range Safety Rules and any other rules posted.

**Special Use Permits**

There is no special use available for shotgun.

**Trap Machines**

All trap machines will be run by club employees or, on occasion, by designated experienced club members. All loading and adjusting of the trap machines will only be accomplished by club employees or specifically designated club members.

**Events**

All special shotgun events will be organized, sponsored and controlled by the Shotgun Committee and approved and calendared by the Board of Directors.

**Violations**

Any shooter who has been observed violating these rules or any other firearm safety rules may at the discretion of the rangemaster or, in his absence, any club member observing the violation, be ejected from the ranges. If the violator is also a club member, the rangemaster or observing club member will submit a written account to the Shotgun Committee, which will judge the seriousness of the violation and determine an appropriate penalty (suspension of range privileges). The rangemaster or any club Officer has the authority to confiscate a member's card for serious violations and suspend shooting privileges until resolved by the Shotgun Committee or the Board.



Members who observe safety or policy violations and take no direct action to correct the situation should expect the suspension of their shooting privileges.

Any member who feels aggrieved by the decision of the Shotgun Committee may appeal the decision to the Board of Directors.

**Member Purchases**

Members may purchase items from the club at reduced prices, as determined by the Board of Directors, either in inventory, or by special order through the Range Office. Items purchased for non-members will be at non-member prices.

**Range Employees**

The rangemaster and all trap employees work directly for the Board of Directors. All members and public shooters will follow the directions of the rangemaster and trap employees while on the shotgun range facilities. Any and all disagreements will be brought to the Board's attention for resolution. Public disputes will not be tolerated.

**Board of Directors**

Nothing in this policy will restrict the Board of Directors from acting unilaterally on any matter they deem to be in the best interest of the Club.

**Wildlife Committee of Washington****SHOTGUN RANGE SAFETY RULES**

**Safety is everyone's responsibility.** Each shooter will observe and comply with the following rules, generally accepted firearm safety standards and use good common sense **or will be asked to leave.**

- 1. COMMANDS** - Follow all commands of range personnel..
- 2. MUZZLE AND TRIGGER CONTROL** - Guns will be pointed in a safe direction at all times. Keep your finger off the trigger until it's your turn to shoot.
- 3. UNLOADED AND ACTIONS OPEN** - All guns will be kept unloaded and with actions open at all times except on the firing line.
- 4. GUN HANDLING** - There will be no gun handling or mounting of guns in the shot shack. Actions of all guns placed in gun racks are to be open except break-open guns. Immediately open the action of any break-open gun picked up from a gun rack.
- 5. EYE & EAR** - Eye and Ear protection are required to be worn by all shooters and any others on the firing line side of the fence.
- 6. CEASE FIRE** - In the event of a cease fire, all guns will be unloaded, the actions will remain open and all gun handling will cease. The display of an **orange cone** on a trap house indicates a trap field cease fire is in effect.
- 7. SHOOTING STATIONS** - Shoot only from designated shooting stations. Before moving to the next station, unload your gun and keep the action open.
- 8. BACK UP SHOOTING** - Only one shooter is permitted to shoot at each target thrown. No back up shooting.
- 9. LOAD ONE SHELL** - Load one shell only for 16 yard and Handicap Trap. Load two shells only for Doubles Trap, Continental Trap, 5-Stand or Sporting Clays.
- 10. TRAP LOADS ONLY** - Only **lead** shot sizes of 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2 or 9 are permitted on this range. No magnum loads are allowed.
- 11. MALFUNCTIONS** - In the event of a misfire or malfunction, carefully open the action, unload the gun and check the barrels for obstructions.
- 12. AUTHORITY** - The hierarchy of authority on the ranges is; Rangemaster, Head Trapper, Trapper, Club Member, public shooter. *Club Members who observe safety or range use violations without taking immediate action should expect to have their shooting privileges suspended.*
- 13. SAFETY VIOLATIONS** - Report all safety violations to range personnel.
- 14. CONDUCT** - Abusive, obnoxious, or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
- 15. INTOXICANTS** - Absolutely no intoxicants are allowed on WCW property. Violators may be barred from the facility.
- 16. OTHER** - We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone and to inspect all guns and ammunition brought to this facility.