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President's Message

Have you ever wondered where the name January comes from and what it means? It is named for the Roman god Janus, protector of gates and doorways. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, and the other into the future. I suppose this is fitting in a lot of ways as we reflect on the past year while looking forward to what is to come in the New Year. It is interesting how countries differ in how they hail in the New Year. It varies from making a lot of noise and light which includes things like fireworks, gun shots to church bells. I am told that in Denmark, they throw plates and glasses at each other's' front door to banish evil spirits. In the early American colonies, the sound of pistol shots rang through the air. I do not recommend adopting any of these activities in our culture. Some people eat lucky foods. In the southern U.S., black-eyed peas and pork foretell good fortune. Some even purport to have a special drink. Often this is pre-empted by the copious amount of drinking that proceeds the ball drop. Some cultures give gifts to others in order to put your best foot forward. This is I suppose is related to New Year's resolutions or turning over a new leaf. The dawn of the New Year is an opportune time to take stock of your life. The practice of making New Year's resolutions is said to have begun with the Babylonians as early as 2600 B.C. is another way to reflect on the past and plan ahead.

I would venture a guess that you are wondering why I have led this message in this direction. The truth is we often need to take stock

of the past in order to effectively make decisions for the future. I would like to take a generalized analysis as it pertains to our club. The not too distant past reeked of what was an almost debilitating blow to our continued operation. I do not like to blame the pandemic but had it not been for the good fortune of obtaining renters to our club we might have been in larger than dire straits. In the past year we have managed to resume a balance of normalcy and are even making some strides to increase our viability as a club. It is interesting but membership is markedly up. One has to ask the question why. When I first became a board member all I heard based on reputation is that the place was being run by a bunch of stodgy, grumpy people who made this club less than inviting. Many of us have spent a good deal of time trying to rectify that image. Apparently, that is beginning to work. The other thing is that each discipline archery, rifle, pistol and shotgun have new chairmen that have applied efforts to increase their respective footprint. Even the facelift of signage on the various ranges has spring boarded a more upbeat, upscale image. Please continue to read the respective activity reports published in this newsletter to keep abreast of current changes and opportunities. Each activity has made some impressive steps to make the range more appealing. Archery is embarking on beginner's classes particularly centered on bringing youthful shooters in our club. Rifle has done the same and by all measures we are increasing interest in these areas. Shotgun has resumed the youth introductory classes. We have finally started to

introduce steel targets at rifle which I believe is going to be very popular going forward. From the executive side of things we are still waiting hopefully to be approved as a 501-C-3 designation in the not too distant future. If this happens our whole direction could change exponentially.

So here's the pitch for the future. I am sure that anyone who is paying attention to the happenings here at the club has heard the rumor that we would like to remodel a new pistol shooting range. One which would accommodate shoot and move actions and suitable for law enforcement training. We have invited the folks from the Criminal Justice Training Center to come tour our facility. The hope is that if we can get a committed guarantee from them we will be able to overcome the inertia to build it. It is our belief that with the increase of population in the form of the apartment complex going in across

from the range we will benefit. There is also a larger perhaps more impactful benefit to the greater community at large. When police cars and personnel are seen coming in and out of our facility it presents a level of community commitment to safety that has been sorely diminished in the past few years in many communities.

So there you have it, a look backward and another optimistic view looking forward. I want to remind that we will soon be having elections for board positions. I you want to be part of the solution, please put your hat in the game.

In closing, Mr. Robert B. Thomas, founder of The Ole Farmer's Almanac once suggested "Begin the new year square with every man." It is still pretty good advice.

JANUARY COMING EVENTS

3 January – Club board meeting
6 January – Rimfire Benchrest Match
7 January – Winter Shotgun Multiplex
4, 11, 18, 25 January – Indoor Pistol League
13 January – ARA Rimfire Match
15 January – Shotgun Committee meeting
16, 21 January – New Member Orientation
20 January – Centerfire benchrest match
27 January – WCW Hunter meeting
27 January – Trap Fundamentals
27-28 January – WSAA Archery meet
28 January – Special Use class
28 January – Rifle Special Use on range
29 January – Rifle/Pistol Committee Meeting

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Would you like to apply your shooting skills to helping new shooters?

We have NRA Instructor Training classes twice a year. Our next classes are on 2, 3, 4 February for rifle, pistol, and shotgun. There is still time to complete all the prerequisites if you are interested.

For more information, contact us at secretary@wcwshootingsports.org.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our membership promotion was very successful, we gained quite a few new members in the last month. Even though the promotion ends on 31 December, membership is still a good deal, we offer facilities and shooting opportunities that are hard to find locally.

Our individual membership costs \$287.71, and the family membership is only \$374.02, and each requires a \$200.00 initiation fee. We still waive the Initiation fee for military, law enforcement and first responders. New members can join us online, at

<https://www.wcwshootingsports.org/new-membership/>

ANOTHER YEAR OF SWAP MEETS COMING

In case you missed our last swap meet on Dec 3d, we have scheduled more for 2024. We have dates set for 3 March, 2 June, 9 December, and 1 December.

Plan on attending one of them, you might find just what you are looking for. Or, this might be your chance to find a new home for that item that you haven't used in years. Bring it in, find a buyer.

The public is welcome, bring your friends!

Any questions please call Ted Hudlow at 425-353-0042.

AFRICAN SAFARI PRESENTATION

South African hunting guide and safari operator Brian Suddaby, will present African hunting information at 6:30 PM on February 6th, for anyone interested in hunting in Africa.

Greg Burke, one of our members, has hunted with him in 2019 and 2022, and is going again in 2024. Contact Greg with any questions or to RSVP for the meeting at 253-318-1568, or email at magoogb@yahoo.com

WCW HUNTER GROUP MEETING

Our new hunter interest group will be meeting every month from 10 AM to 12 PM in the pistol range classroom. The January meeting will be on Saturday the 27th.

This is a place to compare notes, learn about hunting opportunities, and plan future hunting activities.

Contact details:

Michael Noack / (415) 373 2747

KENMORE RANGE RIMFIRE MATCH FOR DECEMBER 2023

There were 23 contestants in this month's match with five competitors in the Expert Division, eleven in the Sharpshooter Division, and seven in the Marksman Division.

Welcome to newcomer Jae Chung.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Matt Daly placed first with a match high score of 246 5X. Keith Wilson finished second at 242 3X and Eric Carter placed third at 235 1X. Target Two: Keith Wilson placed first with a score of 243 4X. Rick McGuire placed second at 239 4X and Matt Daly was third at 238 3X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division: Target One. John Kimbrough placed first with a score of 240 3X. David Konkle in second at 237 2X with Randy Lewellen third at 237 1X. Target Two: David Konkle placed first at 241 3X with Mike Becwar second 238 3X and Randy Lewellen placing third at 234 3X.

Relay Three Marksman Division: Target One. George DeBell was first at 230 1X with newcomer Jae Chung in second at 217 0X and there was a two way tie for third between Todd George and Dave Johnson with scores of 216 1X. Target Two: George DeBell David Savage placed first again at 233 4X with Jae Chung second at 218 0X and George Smith third at 212 0X.

The 2023 Rimfire Benchrest season champion was Keith Wilson with a best 16 target scoring average of 244.81. Kevin Kellogg was second with a score of 242.63, and Eric Carter third at 240.94.

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
matt5404@frontier.com



Keith Wilson, 2023 champion



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.)



STEEL TARGETS

We recently started using a few steel targets on Range 1, for members with rifle special use.

We will be adjusting how they are used as we get experience with them on our range. Our current use rules are:

- Use only at 100, 200, or 300 yards
- Bullets under 2850 FPS at the target
- Use only club targets
- Use 2x4 crossbars for support
- Use the target posts with the 2x4 brackets
- Hang the targets with the rubber straps behind the steel
- If you aren't hitting the steel, go back to paper
- You can use paint or stick-on targets for aiming
- Return the targets when done shooting. They hang on the back of the firing line wall.

For more information, contact us at

secretary@wcwshootingsports.org

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

One hundred and three new members attended our club orientations during the past month. We are glad to have you join us!

There are lots of volunteer opportunities around the club if you would like to help support the activities you enjoy.

Contact a committee chair for more information, or contact me at secretary@wcwshootingsports.org.

CALENDAR UPDATE

Don't forget to check our calendar for updates and changes before coming out to shoot.

Our calendar is updated frequently, and should be a good guide to what is open and available. Save a wasted trip, and take a look before coming.

If you would like to see what is going on in the club, and get a look at what may be coming in the future, everyone is welcome to attend our board meetings and committee meetings. We hope to see more members at our meetings.

DECEMBER 2023 BENCHREST CENTERFIRE MATCH REPORT

There were eleven contestants in this month's 300-yard benchrest match with eight contestants in the Sharpshooter Division and three in the Expert Division. This is the season ending match with awards for the Shooter of the Year to be awarded. The weather conditions were exceptionally good for scoring with wind speeds at 1-2 miles per hour.

Match 1 Expert Division: Jeff Locke finished first with a score of 105 with Kahn Nguyen in second at 102 and Richard Nicol third with a score of 97. Sharpshooter Division: Matt Daly finished first with a score of 101 with Pat Farrell second at 99. Kevin Turner and Christian Eckhoff Bill tied for third at 98.

Match 2 Expert Division: Kahn Nguyen finished first with a score of 103 with Jeff Locke in second at 102 and Richard Nicol third at 101. Sharpshooter Division: Christian Eckhoff finished first with a score of 100 with Kevin Turner and Pat Farrell tied for second with scores of 98.

Match 3 Expert Division: Jeff Locke finished first with a score of 104 with Kahn Nguyen in second at 102 and Richard Nicol third at 95. Sharpshooter Division: Pat Farrell finished first with a score of 101 with Christian Eckhoff in second at 99 and Bill Rice placing third at 98.

Match 4 Expert Division: Kahn Nguyen finished first with a score of 104 and Jeff Locke was second at 102 and Richard Nicol placed third at 101. Sharpshooter Division: Pat Farrell and Christian Eckhoff tied for first with scores of 100 with Kevin Turner third at 99.

The winner of the Expert Division was Jeff Locke finishing with a total score of 413. Kahn Nguyen was second at 411 and Richard Nicol third with a score of 394. The winner of the Sharpshooter Division was Pat Farrell with a score of 398. Christian Eckhoff was second with a score of 397 and Kevin Turner placed third with a score of 391.

The Shooter of the Year was Jeff Locke for the second year in a row with a best six of nine scoring average of 404.83. Kahn Nguyen was second with a score of 399.50 and Rick Beginski was third with a score of 393.33.

The Sharpshooter Division Winner was Pat Farrell with a best six of nine scoring average of 392.50. Bill Rice was second with a score of 387.00 and Matt Daly placed third at 375.50.



Jeff Locke



Pat Farrell

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

WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by
President Joe Rinaldi.

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Jeff Gomes (Vice President)
Gabe Shank (2 nd Vice President)
Joe Maggiora (Treasurer)
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding
Secretary)
John Sutton (Trustee Chairman)
Dave Levinson (2 Year Trustee)
Patty Woolley (Trustee Elect)
Scott Ray (Trustee)
Aaron Morales (Trustee)

Absent board members:

Gary Webster (past President)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager present at meeting:

Robert Haverstock – Facilities Manager
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding
Secretary)
Gabe Shank – Archery
Dave Rusko – Handgun
Peter Goodwin – Marketing

Guests:

None.

Guest topics:

None

Committee reports:

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

Archery report:

Gabe Shank presented.
Archery Purchased 14 new Recurve bows
and 124 arrows for \$900. The youth fund
was used to purchase them with board
approval. Jeff Anderson said he would

purchase the finger tabs and arm protectors
to go along with the bows and arrows. We
would like to thank Bill at The Nock Point
for the generous price they provided to
purchase the archery equipment.

Archery World Classic Tournament was
held December 1 st through the 3 rd . WCW
had at least 15 participants in the
tournament. Amelia Chung won the Youth
Female under 12 division. Everyone said
they had a great time.

Work continues on the upper walk-through
course. The leaves were blown off the trails
on the entire course, 26 new steps were
added, and crushed gravel is being applied
in the steep and muddy areas. The Archery
Chair will take any help he can get with the
maintenance of the course. If you want to
volunteer an hour or two, please contact
Gabe Shank. No experience needed!

We are looking into creating a Wednesday
Night Barebow Club from 6PM to 9PM. If
you are interested, please contact Gabe
Shank. This event will be free for Club
Members and \$5.00 for public.

Handgun Report:

Dave Rusko presented.

The remaining calendar year New Member
Orientation (NMO) classes have been posted
to the calendar. 41 new members attended
NMO class in November. Two NMO
classes are scheduled in December. One on
12/12 – 7:30pm and one on 12/17 – 9am.

Rifle/Pistol Special Use class was on
November 26 th and had 17 attendees.

Dave suggested we modify the concealed
carry verbiage in our rules to make them
easier to understand. Martin will create a
draft of the suggested changes. He will
include the before and after versions for the
board to review and approve.

Dave proposed we add Pistol Special Use
winter hours from 4pm-7pm 6 days a week
and 9:01am-7pm on Tuesday (when the
Range is closed). The board said that would
be okay.

Dave said he met a new member who is a
website engineer. Can he ask him if he is
willing to help us? The board said yes and
put him in touch with Peter.

Dave and Martin met with NRA instructors and went through course materials. A member proposed a \$10 fine for any member found not displaying their badge while on range property. We discussed briefly and decided we will not pursue this.

Rifle Report:

Martin Morehouse presented. The next rifle special use was moved to Dec 17 th so it does not conflict with the Christmas holiday. Legal Heat canceled their session because lack of students. There is a new coordinator for training and Martin will make sure they know they have to pay rent when conducting classes on our facility. We will have three CMP matches during the first half of 2024. We will have three NRA matches the second half of 2024. Applesseed will have another session this coming Saturday. Martin brought one of the steel targets he created for people to use at our range and shared how they will be hung and the process for using them. It looks great. He will hold an introductory session on using our steel targets at WCW on Dec. 16th. Martin has added an event to the calendar for member Greg Burke. He has asked Brian Suddaby, a safari outfitter from South Africa, to come to a question-and-answer session at WCW on February 6 th . I'll add this to the newsletter in January and February. There was a meeting a week or so ago for members interested in hunting. It was well received.

Shotgun Report:

Joe Rinaldi presented. We discussed an incident on the shotgun range that upset a member. Joe and Robert took care of the issue and shared the details with the board. Shotgun usage is starting to increase. Patty and John were very active in the new shooter program. It went very well. Thank you, Patty and John.

Managers Report:

Robert Haverstock presented. Robert shared that there is a new thermostat in the clubhouse. It is not completely set up, but we will have it fully installed within a week or so. It will be controllable remotely. The Wi-Fi in the clubhouse is not currently working and it will be working again within a week or so. Robert has ordered a bunch of supplies in anticipation of his absence at the end of December. We talked about the IT contract. The board believes this is something we should move forward with. Robert agrees this would be a good idea.

Treasurers Report:

Joe Maggiora presented. Joe M. shared some challenges he has been working through regarding our bookkeeping. Joe M. shared we continue to be down \$13,000 to \$14,000 per month. Dave L. suggested we don't allow carryover from one budget year to another. The board agreed. Joe M. said he is going to start working on budget planning after Jan 1st. He asked the board members to let him know if they want to participate.

Trustees Report:

John Sutton presented. Aaron brought up the idea about getting an archery instructor as an employee. The board liked this idea. 3 cameras need to be fixed because they were vandalized. The trustees discussed if we should hire Kevin as the IT support company. They reviewed the contract. Joe R. moved to accept the contract. Joe M. seconded. Passed. They also discussed RFID badges for gate locks. They thought we could just use a lock instead of an automatic gate. They will investigate this. We discussed lead reclamation. The company who visited the range are a couple weeks out on the analysis and they will get

back to us.

Range 4 has stalled out. John asked if we could start working on the Range 4 space to make it ready for archery. Gabe said we could start doing that. John S. will look at it and figure out what we can start doing. Dave L. has a scrap guy who will take the trailer as is. We agreed we should let the scrap guy have the trailer and remove it from the property.

Marketing Report:

Peter Goodwin presented.

Peter shared details of the revenue increases we have had in 2023. This is great news. Peter asked Patty if she had a view of how many new members we got in 2023. She did not have that information readily available. Patty said we got 70 members out of the 5000 promotion emails to non-members. We had only 3 out of 22 new members prior to the offer ask for their money back. Currently, we will not continue the promotion after it is over. When it is over, we will look at the data to determine if we should bring it back in some way.

We have analytics for non-members. Scott R. suggested we look at that to determine what things we should do.

Regarding police department outreach, Edmonds is coming out to WCW this week for a tour.

We lost our volunteer who was helping with the newsletter and webpage. So, Peter suggested we consider working with Andy Stack. We will be looking at what we need to fix and then look at different templates. He is still reaching out to Securite. Still working on possible collaborations.

Regarding the Domestic Violence Services Food/Toy Drive, Peter said we will be delivering the gifts soon and will post pictures and details on Facebook.

Peter said we need a 2024 planning meeting. Peter said we should do this outside of the board meeting. The objective will be to outline what we will do in 2024. Joe R. suggested we do this after the Shot Show.

Old Business:

The handrail work John S. was doing is complete.

We looked at our FFL and associated regulations and we believe we are covered. We confirmed we don't need to have background checks run on volunteers. Peter has 75% of the proposal for archery shelter completed. He will share the proposal with the trustees when he is done. We will conduct the shredding event in 2024.

The board approved we will donate two memberships to Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation event.

We decided we will not pursue hosting gun shows outside of our regular swap meet.

Dave R. investigated the chairs being repaired. Dave R. said it would be too expensive to repair them. We need to purchase new chairs if we want to replace them.

Dave R. investigated grip modules for the Ransom Rests. Dave will have the members buy the inserts to use with the rest and the members will own the inserts.

We have finished purchasing everything for the shotgun clubhouse.

New Business:

We discussed some business related to our employees.

We discussed some membership issues. Joe would like to propose the board donate some money in addition to the donations we have received. The board supports this. Aaron wants to give kudos to Gabe for the work he is doing on the range. Thank you Gabe!

Aaron said he would help Dale with the administration of the Instagram account.

We talked briefly about participating in the Sportsman's Show at the end of January.

Our counsel provided a sample set of contracts for us to review. Dave L.

suggested we require a refundable damage deposit in the contract. Joe suggested we have a standard fee for all facilities. Dave L. suggested we table this discussion and finish the discussion later.

Joe R. would like to donate \$500 from WCW. The board is okay with that. Dave Levinson moved we accept Joe R.'s proposal. Joe M. seconded. Passed. For 2024 planning, we need to do consider a shredding event, a banquet and a youth event like we did several years ago.

For the Good of the Order:

None

Dale Sieg moved to adjourn at 9:27 PM.
Patty Woolley seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,
Recording Secretary.