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President's Message

It kind of feels like things are getting back to normal as it pertains to range activities. Indeed it is at times remarkably busy of late. This has to do with the plethora of new members that have signed up in the last few months. That is a good thing but like many good things there is also a downside from time to time. One of those things is having to wait to use the ranges. I always find it interesting that us older fellows (retirees) get to use the range when everyone else is making a living. I suppose that is one perk of the proverbial hourglass of time that keeps us all in check. Of course during the weekends the place gets pretty crowded on occasion. Our staff do their best to accommodate the needs of members and the public alike. Please keep this in mind when you are planning to come to the range especially when doing so in a group setting. As the weather gets more tolerable the range has a remarkable transition to a park like pleasant place to be. Sometime I just enjoy finding a vantage point and watching the activities of nature, which includes human nature. If you haven't done it, you should try it. You might be privy to an assortment of activities. Let me give you an example. Last year during a very nice pleasant t-shirt wearing day I was observing a guy using our walk through archery range closest to the flat range. He was intently shooting the target and I must admit he displayed a good deal of accuracy. Sitting atop the target stand just to the left of the target was one of our resident hawks. I wanted to ask this fellow if he saw the hawk but felt the better of it since it didn't seem as if either the hawk or the archer were concerned one way or

the other. On another occasion I was walking to my car that was parked next to the chalet. As I looked up after opening my car door there stood a full grown Doe Deer looking at me like I might have a treat for her. I didn't, and do not recommend anyone feed the various wildlife we have on the range.

On another note I want to thank Mr. William Kirk, President of Washington Gun Law for giving a presentation on gun legislation to the membership on March 20 th . He was not only very informative about the latest anti-gun legislation in our state but also very instructive about what is going on in the rest of the country. The good news is that the second amendment is alive and well in many parts of this great country. If anyone needs reassurance that the second amendment is in jeopardy think twice.

There are many cases that have been filed and being filed that challenge the gun grabber's fallacy that law abiding gun owners are the problem. I do think some members were a little perplexed when he talked about specific legislation. That may have more to do with the fact that many of us do not pay close attention to what is going in the state legislature. A lot of people think that there is a top down mandate from the federal government that keeps people worried about our gun rights. The fact of the matter is this ground swell of anti-gun legislation comes from people we elect who propose bills state wide. Pay attention to who you vote for is the bottom line. Who knows maybe sometime he'll do one of his U-tube presentations at our

range. We did give him a membership as a token of our appreciation for his presentation.

One last thing I want to urge members to do before you pack your gun case out to the car to spend some recreational time at the range. "CHECK THE CALENDAR" on the website first. There are a great deal of activities going on especially on the weekends that tie up ranges. I know this month the archery committee has scheduled an early 3-D shoot on the walk through range as one example. We hope to draw a good crowd of hunting enthusiasts for this function. There are also many rifle competitions and pistol activities going on as well. In addition, shotgun classes are happening so it is wise to check the calendar to see if you might be interested in participating in these activities.

APRIL COMING EVENTS

3 April – Club board meeting
6 April – Rimfire Benchrest Match
7 April – Winter Shotgun Multiplex
7 April – CMP Games Rifle Match
13, 14 April – Appleseed 25m Rifle event
9, 14 April – New Member Orientation
15 April – Shotgun Committee meeting
18, 25 Apr – Bullseye Pistol
20 April – Centerfire benchrest match
20 April – Firearm Instructor Class
22 April – Rifle/Pistol Cmte meeting
27 April – ARA Rimfire Match
27 April – Trap Fundamentals
27 April – WCW Hunter meeting
28 April – Special Use classes

Each committee chair will be publishing a list of events in the monthly newsletters. It is wise to read this newsletter especially as it pertains to your area of interest and activity.

Lastly, and I promise lastly, a reminder that we have a Members Meeting coming up on April 10 th at 7:00pm in the clubhouse.

"MUZZLE CONTROL IS CRITICAL!"

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our membership is growing, let your friends know the benefits of joining us. Membership is a good deal, we offer facilities and shooting opportunities that are hard to find locally. Some of these are only open to members.

Our individual membership costs \$297.00, and the family membership is only \$386.10, 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/>

INSTRUCTOR CLASS IN APRIL

We have a WCW Instructor class scheduled for 20 April. If you are interested in teaching firearms fundamentals to new shooters, this may be for you. We plan to review what it takes to teach, what new shooters need to know, and how to get them started safely and effectively. This is a two-hour introduction to teaching.

If you would like to help with this project, contact us at secretary@wcwshootingsports.org

ANOTHER YEAR OF SWAP MEETS COMING

Did you stop by our March swap meet? We still have three more scheduled for 2024. We have dates set for 2 June, 8 September, and 1 December.

Plan on attending one of these, you might find what you have been 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.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

When you join the club, or when you renew your membership, you get a new membership badge. To reduce losses in the mail, we will have them ready for you to pick up in the rifle office.

If your badge doesn't have your special use on it, and it should, that means it has expired and needs to be renewed. Just attend the next special use classroom session to get that renewal.

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 April meeting will be on Saturday the 27th.

This is a place to compare notes, learn about hunting opportunities, and plan future hunting activities. We had a good crowd last month, come out and see what we have!

Contact details:
Michael / (415) 373 2747

NOTICE OF CLUB ELECTIONS

Our annual election of club officers is coming up in April. All nominations were to be turned in by the March board meeting.

According to the club bylaws, Election of Board and Vacancies, Section 2, A person must be a member in good standing consenting to fulfill the duties as an Officer or Trustee as set forth in these bylaws to be nominated for or hold office in the WCW.

No one has challenged any of the incumbents for election, therefore we will not be sending out ballots for this year. But the position of 2d vice president is open. Under Robert's rules of order, during our April annual meeting, nominations from the floor may be made to fill the vacancy of second vice president, seconded and voted on by the attending members.

Be sure to attend our annual meeting of members on April 10th at 7:30 PM. This is our annual meeting for club election results and other matters.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Twenty-five 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.

MARCH ARCHERY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The WSAA Blueface Championship held on Feb 23, 24, and 25 was a success. The Championship was split between two venues. One was at Orion Archery and the other was held here at WCW. We had 32 participants at WCW. One of our participants shot a 300 60X, which is the highest score you can achieve. The participants were excited to shoot at our indoor facility and gave us positive feedback. Many had never been to WCW before and toured our walkthrough range. They couldn't believe how big the course was and the target placements. Next year, if WCW holds the Blueface or Multicolor Championship, we will be the only facility, since we proved to WSAA that we can hold the entire tournament.

The flyers for the April 13 - 14 Archery 3D Fun Shoot are posted throughout the facility. The shoot will include 35+ 3D targets over

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3D FUN SHOOT
WCW SHOOTING SPORTS
APRIL 13TH AND 14TH 8AM - 4PM
35+ 3D ANIMALS

2 Money shoots Each Day
Open Category 100% Payout
Recurve, Women, Youth, Cub 100% Payout

	1 Day	2 Day
Senior 60+	\$20	\$25
Adult 18-59	\$25	\$35
Youth 12-17	\$10	\$15
Cubs 8-11	\$5	\$10
7 and Under	Free	Free
Family	\$50	\$75

Contact Info: Gabe Shank - 206 802 5625
Aaron Morales - 253 259 7083
Location: 1031 228th St SW Bothell, WA 98021

MARCH SHOTGUN COMMITTEE UPDATE

Jeff Gomes will be joining Rich Wasserman as co-chair of the shotgun committee.

Competition shoots:

In February the club successfully hosted the Continental Trapshooting League with approximately 17 squads competing. This is a long running PNW shoot that has been going back to the 60's and the Boeing Gun club. We are one of nine clubs hosting the shoot in which clubs and individuals both compete for bragging rights. Jim Dinnie has been our representative to the shoot and has been attending meetings ahead of the season to coordinate. Participants this year have included Scott Ray, Jeff Dornes, Jim Dinnie, and Rich Wasserman. Huge thanks to the people who have volunteered to score/load/assist and our range team of Trappers and made things run like clockwork. A super huge thanks to Scott Ray and his wife who have stepped up to offer a hot meal for attendees. With additional food support from by Jeff Dornes and Jim Dinnie. Scott and Jim won their respective classes for the week!

The PITA multiplex was held the first Sunday of month (thanks to Andrew Gough). It's a great way to try out registered target shooting and consists of 50 16 yard targets, 50 handicap, and 50 doubles. Members and non members are welcome and it's fine to shoot either one or all of the three events. The date for the April event should be on the calendar.

We're in progress on investigating the possibility of having [Phil Kiner](#) hold a trapshooting clinic at club this spring. We've started surveying members on the shotgun mailing list ([survey is here](#)). So far we seem to have strong interest for enough people to fill at least two days of training. Phil is open to coming out for four days. We'll be communicating this week on potential dates in April through June (excluding dates of local PITA competitions). An overview of his [clinics can be found here](#). The subject matter covers singles,

handicap and doubles and includes video based analysis with feedback from the instructor.

Our first hybrid (zoom + in person) shotgun meeting was held. Total participation was up significantly overall, mostly in person. We will continue the zoom experiment for the next several months.

At the shotgun committee meeting this month we covered some questions around processes to maximize shooting when the club gets busy. Rich, Justus and Robert H met and discussed. One part of the discussion resulted in a plan that trained members will assist staff in setting up/loading Trap 1 when volumes peak - and members will be able to shoot there without having to wait for public lines. Some further discussions are going on around making orientations somewhat faster while still maintaining a great first visitor/user experience.

Joe shared an update on the skeet field investigation. The vendor that lead reclamation was discussed with seems potentially less engaged. So we are doing some additional research around feasibility of dual use of the space - with some measurements being taken last week. Initial numbers do seem to bring up some important questions as to whether there is adequate space. But the investigation will continue.

We are working to improve the coverage of the shotgun mailing list and have posted information around the clubhouse on how to easily sign up (previous method was a signup paper that was put out only on occasion). In addition members [can use this direct link](#).

Jeff shared an overview of the accidental discharge incident and reminded everyone of the need to ensure firearms were empty. pump/Semi actions open, double check over under/etc.

Update on skeet field discussions. Converging on belief we don't have room without a shot curtain or other significant modifications to standard plans. This is based on

our understanding of minimum distances of shot fall requirements and measurements Scott Ray/Rich did both on the fields and using google earth. Jeff/Rich agreed to check with Tim Lade on what he'd drawn up previously which we understand to have reached a similar conclusion. Suggested we post that view in the clubhouse to avoid re-discussing.

To do for next board meeting: seek confirmation that funds are allocated for lighting, and move forward with lighting trap 1 by end of summer (in preparation for earlier sundown).

Based on feedback from the Trap Fundamental instructors we decided to reduce the class participants to 5 (from 6). This is expected to make instruction easier being able to have the whole class on the line at once. The meeting discussion brought up the need to think about how to increase the instructor pipeline for the class as it seems demand for the class is higher than current supply (based on every class being filled except for December's in the past months).

Jeff and Dave brought hot dogs and chili (+ dessert) to the last members night. This (and the beautiful weather) was likely the driver of a super busy turnout with 16 people in attendance for the membership meeting and folks having to wait to shoot. 36 lines shot in the 2 hours we were open (shorter due to extended meeting discussion vs. other member nights).

The first member's night of the month included a trial run of the Nordic Clays Trapmaster (throwing singles and doubles). While the group observed that the "more realistic flight of targets" suggested in the marketing literature was perhaps optimistic, overall everyone shooting the new targets seemed to have a big smile on their face while doing it.

Jeff Dornes proposed/volunteered to restart his "distributed" weekly trapshooting league (singles/doubles/handicap). This concept he'd run in the past allows people to compete at their convenience by taking advantage of our staff scoring games. We're hoping to work out

the details to provide a bit of friendly completion for both members and public shooters.

The next PITA Multiplex will be on 4/7 starting shooting at 9am (registration at 8:30am). This is a great way to get a time effective introduction to PITA registered shooting in the area.

Phil Kiner clinics confirmed for June. One day clinic on 6/7 and a two day clinic 6/8-9. All classes were filled very quickly and a waitlist was established (and still open) for folks who'd like to join.

The Winter Continental League finished in March with Jim Dinnie, Scott Ray, Jeff Dornes and Rich Wasserman representing the club - with most participants shooting all 9 clubs around the area. Unfortunately, to be competitive we need to field a full squad minimum (5+) of shooters. Folks who shoot continental and who would like to learn more are encouraged to reach out to Rich to learn more about this fun opportunity to compete and checkout clubs across the region.

A NOTE ON STEEL TARGETS

Our steel targets on Range 1 are being used well, but there are a few notes.

If you use them, put them away when you are done. The next member doesn't need to hike downrange to find where the targets were left.

If you are missing, go back to paper targets and see where your rifle is hitting, The steel target supports have been taking some hits lately.

If you have a problem using the steel targets, or have a suggestion, let me know at secretary@wcwshootingsports.org

Or, you can always attend a rifle committee meeting and get involved!

KENMORE RANGE RIMFIRE MATCH FOR MARCH 2024

There were 28 contestants in this month's match with four competitors in the Expert Division, nine in the Sharpshooter Division, five in the Marksman Division and ten in the Rifleman Division.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Keith Wilson placed first with a score of 244 3X. Eric Carter finished second at 238 6X and Reed Thorkildsen placed third at 236 1X. Target Two: Keith Wilson placed first again with a score of 242 6X. Reed Thorkildsen placed second at 241 4X and Eric Carter was third at 241 3X.

Relay One Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Ernie Snyder placed first with a score of 244 7X. Alex Powell came in second at 242 2X with Rick McGuire finishing third at 237 6X. Target Two: Rick McGuire placed first at 240 3X with Ernie

Snyder in second at 238 7X and Alex Powell placing third at 235 4X.

Relay Two Marksman Division: Target One. Peter Jaszczak was first at 224 2X with Jae Chung in second at 223 1X and Nathan Hood placing third at 220 1X. Target Two: Peter Jaszczak placed first again at 227 2X with Nathan Hood second at 224 1X and Cecil Chrisinger third at 223 3X.

Relay Two Rifleman Division: Target One. Todd George was first at 218 0X with Jason Pahlman came in second at 213 0X and Dave Johnson third at 208 1X. Target Two: Jason Pahlman was first at 227 0X with Bill Pettersen 216 1X and Todd George tied for second with scores of 216 1X.

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

Contact me if you have any questions about this match.

Matt Daly | Match Director
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PLEASE DONATE!

Donations accepted year-round of **USABLE SINGLE SPEED BIKES AND TRIKES** to be distributed to children of domestically abused women of Snohomish County. Drop off your bikes and trikes in front of the chalet anytime and a club volunteer will deliver them to the Women's Shelter.

(Good condition only please.)



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
- Or, use the single A-frame supports
- Hang the targets with the supports behind the steel, targets angled down
- Use the small target sets, carry them out and use them, then bring them back when you are done
- 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

ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEANUP REPORT

With perfect prognostication, the volunteer Adopt-A-Road cleanup crew was able to complete our biannual task under beautiful warm sunshine filled skies.

A huge THANK YOU to members Tom Cole and Derrick Mangrum who along with Board Member Joe Maggiora managed a new record time of 2.5 hours to collect 10 bags of trash and 25lbs of debris. 228th ST SW is now clean and pristine on both North and South sides from 7th PL W all the way down to the bottom of the hill at Locust Ave.

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.

And this month, don't forget our annual members meeting on 10 April in the clubhouse!

MARCH 2024 SIEBERT TROPHY BENCHREST CENTERFIRE MATCH REPORT

There were 14 contestants in this month's benchrest match.

The Wally Seibert Trophy match is a 50 shots for record competition contested at 100 and 200 yards with one shot for record at each of the five record bulls on each of five target sheets at both of the distances with unlimited sighters allowed.

Winds were in the two mile an hour range with temperatures in the low 60's.

100 yard targets:

Match 1: Nine competitors shot a score of 50 with Pat Farrell first at 50 4x followed by Jeff Locke, Richard Nicol, and Parker Letson tied for second with scores of 50 3X.

Match 2: Twelve competitors shot a score of 50 with Jeff Locke, Erik Figler, Pat Farrell, and Troy Rice tied for first by posting 3X's.

Match 3: Ten competitors shot a score of 50 with Parker Letson in first posting 5X's with Rick Beginski in second with 4X and Kevin Turner, Jeff Locke, and Pat Farrell tied for third with 3X's.

Match 4: Eight competitors shot a score of 50 with Jeff Locke in first with 5X's. Richard Nicol was second with 4X and Bryan Zolnikov, Larry Wright, Rick Beginski, and Parker Letson tied for third with 3X's.

Match 5: Ten competitors shot a score of 50 with Bryan Zolnikov in first posting a 4X count. Larry Wright, Ernie Snyder, Jeff Locke, Rick Beginski, Bill Rice, and Pat Farrell tied for third with a 3X count.

At the end of the 100 yard target series Jeff Locke was in first place with a score of 250 17X with Rick Beginski second 250 16x and Parker Letson third at 250 14x.

Eight competitors finished with scores of 250.

200 yard targets:

Match 6: Eight competitors posted scores of 50 with Ernie Snyder and Troy Rice tied for first

with a 3X count. Richard Nicol placed third with a 2X count.

Match 7: Six competitors posted scores of 50 with Jeff Locke in first with a 3X count. Parker Letson was second with a 2X count. Bryan Zolnikov and Rick Beginski tied for third with a 1X count.

Match 8: Seven competitors posted scores of 50 with Rick Beginski placing first with a 3X count. Jeff Locke placed second with a 2X count. Larry Wright, Bryan Zolnikov, and Parker Letson tied for third with a 1X count.

Match 9: Five competitors posted scores of 50 with Bryan Zolnikov placing first with a 2X count. Ernie Snyder and Jeff Locke tied for second with a 1X count.

Match 10: Five competitors posted scores of 50 with Larry Wright finishing in first with a 2X count. Bill Rice and Troy Rice tied for second with a 1X count.

At the end of the 200 yard target series Bryan Zolnikov placed first with a score of 250 5X. Jeff Locke finished second at 249 7X with Ernie Snyder in third at 249 5x.

The Wally Seibert Trophy winner with an aggregate score of 500 18X was Bryan Zolnikov. Jeff Locke was second at 499 24X with Ernie Snyder third at 499 11x.

The scoring file is located under Events/Match Schedules/Match & League Results/Centerfire Benchrest Match Scores

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



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Wally Seibert Trophy winner Bryan Zolnikov



2024 Wally Seibert Centerfire Benchrest Match competitors.

100/200 YARD RIMFIRE MATCH REPORT

There were 12 contestants in the recent 100/200 yard rimfire benchrest match.

Keith Wilson and Victor Young tied for top place with scores of 389 overall. A detailed match report will follow, next month.

WCW SHOOTING SPORTS RIMFIRE TEAM ARA INDOOR NATIONALS 2024 CHICKENFOOT INDOOR RANGE, GA

The Kenmore ARA team of TQ, Harvey and Mark went to Cedar Town Ga to represent the Washington ARA Unlimited Division for the indoor Nationals and the Professional Shooting League. The major challenge in cross country tournaments, is getting gear to the competition. We have more than the standard gear, we each have our rifles, 1500 rounds of Ammo, a 1 piece rest, our tools and equipment and a shooting stool. I never imagined I would be paying \$300 to transport a \$100 stool, cross country. We allocated 5 days to compete in the national tournament. After flying all day the first day and arriving late in the evening, we went to the range the following morning at 6:30 to practice and check in and find a place to set up our gear. In the afternoon, they had a memorial shoot to honor the owner/competitor of the facility, William Casey, that had recently passed.

The next morning, it was another 6:30 arrival. The Professional Shooting league had their 5 card competition. There were cash prizes and the top 10 finishers would qualify for the big money shoot at the end of the year with a \$5000 payout. The PSL targets are tougher than the ARA targets and it was very competitive. Harvey and Mark were competing in this match. Harvey was doing well after 2 cards and was in the top 10 positions, Mark was a ways behind at 50th . After 4, Harvey was in #7 with Mark on the rise to 34th . On the last card, Harvey shot a 2250, which dropped him to 14th place, just 50 points out of 8th place and qualifying for the Big Show. Mark moved up to 29th position to finish out the day.

Day 3: The ARA Tournament is a 2 day, 6 card tournament with about 100 competitors. Each Target has a winner . The winner of the tournament is tabulated at the end of Competition. Harvey, Mark and TQ shared a bench and worked together to transition from 1 shooter to the next as the relays changed. After 3 cards, TQ was in 21st place and Harvey right behind in 24th position with mark trailing at 35th . On the 4th card, TQ shot an astounding 2450 20X to WIN the 4th card, beating out all other competitors. At the end of competition, it was TQ finishing 19th overall , Harvey 24th and Mark at 33rd , only being separated by 75 and 175 points.

This was an outstanding performance from the Kenmore Crew, representing the West Coast. plus a lot more. . .



Mark, Harvey, and TQ

WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES –

MARCH 6, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:02 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)
John Sutton (Trustee Chairman)
Patty Woolley (Trustee Elect)
Scott Ray (Trustee)
Aaron Morales (Trustee)

Absent board members:

Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)
Dave Levinson (2 Year Trustee)
Gary Webster (past President)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager present at meeting:

Robert Haverstock – Facility Manager
Gabe Shank – Archery
Dave Rusko – Handgun

Guests:

Peter Goodwin
Michael Parent

Guest topics:

Peter Goodwin presented.

Peter presented his last marketing update. He provided the board the large Post-It note pages he created during the planning meeting. Then, he shared the following recommendations.

- 1) Reconvene group ASAP to confirm strategic and tactical direction from initial meeting.
- 2) Finalize Member and Public Shooter Surveys
- 3) Assign tasks to Board Members with completion dates.

Peter summarized the Wildlife Conservation Group Events we have done and have

planned. They are below.

Completed:

- 1) Ducks Unlimited/Seattle
- 2) Ducks Unlimited/Marysville (Snohomish)
- 3) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation/Issaquah
- 4) Safari Club International/Puget Sound Chapter (Lynnwood)

Upcoming:

- 5) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation/Woodinville
- 6) Safari Club International/Northwest Chapter

He shared his thoughts on the website refresh. He said the objectives would be to drive increased overall WCW Revenue through a refreshed look and feel to illustrate a welcoming, family-oriented, supportive place for all people to participate in shooting activities on a unique piece of protected land. He shared he did not believe volunteers should be used for this effort. We tried this but we found it is challenging for people to be able to commit to the amount of work the refresh would take. Peter recommends we pay someone to do this work. He received a quote from Andy Stack and he shared it with the board.

Michael Parent presented.

Michael shared HB 2118 will be passing soon. This will put a large number of FFLs out of business and thus decrease the number of FFLs in the state of Washington. Michael shared he would like to remain at our facility. To do this, he has to make some updates to the building he is using. He shared what changes need to be made to comply with HB 2118. Dave Levinson estimated it would cost WCW about \$2,000. Michael will be responsible for all the equipment. Aaron said he would help Michael with creating a plan. This needs to be completed by July 1, 2024. The board said they support starting the planning to make the improvements.

Committee reports:

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

Archery report:

Gabe Shank presented.

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A flyer for a 3D Fun Shoot event. The text on the flyer includes: "3D FUN SHOOT", "WCW SHOOTING SPORTS", "APRIL 13TH AND 14TH 8AM - 4PM", "35+ 3D ANIMALS". It also lists "2 Money shoots Each Day", "Open Category 100% Payout", and "Recurve, Women, Youth, Cub 100% Payout". A table shows pricing for 1 Day and 2 Day shoots for various age groups. Contact info for Gabe Shank and Aaron Morales is provided, along with the location: 1031 228th St SW Bothell, WA 98021.

	1 Day	2 Day
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The outdoor FITA Field targets arrived. They are sitting in 8 boxes next to the women's bathroom. They will be moved to the green storage container on the FITA Field soon.

The Crossbow project is moving along. We can use old target butts to create the moveable targets on the Flat Range. The issue is pulling the bolts out. We have made the target centers removeable, so the archer can place them on the ground and pull out their bolts. After about 20 shots, the archers are exhausted pulling bolts. But there is no reason they cannot use the field and select targets once we establish rules for them.



We need to add to our FITA Field Targets. This will reduce the amount of wear and tear on them and allow us to hold more Target Championships at the range. We can get the old ones for \$1750 plus tax no shipping cost. The new ones are \$2299. We need to take advantage of this opportunity. The target cost may be reimbursed by the SnoCo Recreation Hotel tax Grant. We will be able to submit it this year if we purchase the targets. Gabe would like to purchase 5 of these targets. This would be about \$9700. We discussed this. Robert Haverstock thought we should double the number. Gabe moved to spend up to \$20,000 on these targets. Patty Woolley seconded. Passed. Gabe said this will allow us to apply to the Sno County Hotel Recreation Tax grant. We may get a significant amount of this money back.

The Archery Containers and shed are in shambles. They look horrible and are not reflective of the club we want the public to see. The containers are on their last leg and the shack has fallen over and is leaning against the container.



No idea how much longer any of them will last. I propose we buy two new containers and build a roof over the top of them like the one in the picture. Estimated cost. \$10-12,000, depending on cost of containers.

This is what the shed would look like. It is temporary/moveable and would not require a permit.



Silver Arrow Bowmen in Mt Vernon asked us if we had any spare targets they could have. Silver Arrow is also a non-profit organization whose archery course is on county land. They need the large circular targets for summer outdoor archery events in the park. We have 16 unused circular targets sitting in the back storage area that are unused. Gabe proposed a trade. They would provide all the labor to build us new target holders for the FITA field in return for the target butts. Each target Butt took an average of 2 hours to build. We anticipate they would need to build 20 target holders. Aaron brought up we need to fix the decking around the FITA archery shack.

Handgun Report:

Dave Rusko presented.

The steel targets on range 3 have been utilized well. Members requested brighter contrast to allow for better sight picture during low light shooting. Targets have been painted various colors recommended by manufacturers to enhance visibility.

The steel target frame storage rack build has completed. All 4 steel targets are stored on the east end of pistol range.

The classroom tables and chairs have been assembled and installed.

Range 3 public shooter volume continues to increase.

44 members obtained Pistol Special Use in February 2024.

7 members have signed up for the special use class for March 2024

We had 16 new members attend the February 13, 2024 New Member Orientation.

We had 25 new members attend the February 18, 2024 New Member Orientation.

March 2024 New Member Orientation is scheduled.

March and April NRA Metallic cartridge reloading classes are sold out. We have not advertised these classes to the membership yet. Richard Ripley would like to purchase some equipment for the reloading class. We are making \$450/class. There is a lot of interest in reloading. He would like to purchase 3 of the Lee kits for about \$1000. This would be a 90-day ROI. Scott Ray moved to spend up to \$1000 for this equipment. John Sutton seconded. Passed. Martin Morehouse has scheduled a Firearm Fundamentals Instructor Class for 20-April 2024.

NRA classes are actively being promoted at New Member Orientation and Special Use events.

Our industrial sewing machine is working again. So, we can sew new sandbags.

All florescent overhead firing line lighting fixtures on Range 2 have been replaced with new LED light fixtures with B type pass-through replaceable bulbs. Special thanks to Michael Frost, Flynn Rector, and Martha Barger for their hard work on this project.

The shooting bench at lane 16 has been reinstalled as the resurfacing process cannot be performed until ambient temperature increases to above 55 degrees. Robert is recommending we try stall mats as a surface material. We will mock one up and test. Scott asked if we have a plan for the scopes at 25 yards. Dave said he is working on something for lanes 1 through 4.

Rifle Report:

Dave Rusko presented.

Range 1 usage signs have been created and are posted.

The rifle range office parking lot floodlight has been replaced. We will replace the light

in front of the Chalet next.

Joe asked that we investigate decreasing the height of the spotting scopes. Dave Rusko said he is looking into it.

Rifle matches for the coming month are Rimfire Benchrest on March 2 nd , Centerfire Benchrest match on March 16 th , ARA Rimfire on March 23 rd , and 100/200 yard Rimfire Match on March 30 th . We also have an Inland Empire smallbore match for the junior rifle team on March 17 th .

Our next NRA Basic Rifle Class is on March 23 rd and 24 th .

Indoor smallbore practice is on the calendar on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 6 PM, as well as Tuesdays from 6 to 9 PM.

The Youth Rifle season runs every Friday at 6 PM.

We conducted an NRA Reloading class on February 17 th , and scheduled two more for March 17 th and April 21 st .

We have scheduled a Firearms Fundamentals Instructor class for April 20 th at 2 PM, to train instructors for future WCW Fundamentals classes.

32 people attended the rifle Special Use classes in February. The next Rifle Special Use range session is on March 24 th .

We are working on a video script to cover rifle and pistol special use renewals. This should be linked to membership renewals, so that special use can be renewed annually, by watching the video. The video should be about 6 to 7 minutes long.

Civil Air Patrol is asking about open dates for an indoor shooting session for their cadets. We will work with them on dates.

We bought three more steel rifle targets, 8" round, for member's use. These can be mounted on the existing 100-, 200-, and 300-yard target posts with 2x4 crossbars, or use our new steel target supports. These are A-frame supports that are to be placed right in front of the existing target frames. In this way, the bullet fragments will not cut the paper targets for the next bench. The A-frames are stored out of the way to the left of the 100-, 200-, and 300-yard targets, and are to be put back when not in use. The steel targets are stored on the backside of the half wall behind the firing points. We only

accept the use of the club steel targets and supports. Members will have to set up the support crossbars as needed. We also have two sets of smaller targets on their own portable supports. These are 1", 2", and 3" targets. These seem to be getting good use as well. We have updated and posted the range rules to support this.

The 4x4 target posts on Range 2 may need updating and repair. We are setting up a work party for this. Mark Huber can still be our contact for the steel pipe.

Mt Baker Council BSA is holding a Pull For Scouting clay shooting event on May 4 th , and asks us to contribute a sponsorship. The minimum level is for an individual scout at \$225 or a shooting station at \$300. Joe said we can go ahead and do that.

Dave asked if members are added to the newsletter when they join the club? If not, should it be automatic, with an opt-out provision? We propose opt-out newsletter and email contact. We should automatically add new members to the list. Patty said it is supposed to be an opt-out option. All members should automatically be added to the list. Patty will look into this.

We donated a family membership to Helping Hands Ministries in Bothell, to use for their fundraising auction on March 24 th . They have thrift stores in Bothell, Clearview, Lake Stevens, and Monroe. The BSA Shooting Sports Committee at Fire Mountain Scout Camp needs some information to help them build a sign for Loupe's Last Stand, the Cowboy Action Range we helped them build. Matin will let them know we don't have any pictures.

Shotgun Report:

Jeff Gomes presented.

Jeff shared there were 14 attendees at the Shotgun committee meeting. They are trying out using Zoom to see if that increases attendance.

We discussed the possibility of putting in a skeet field. Scott said fitting it in will be very challenging. Scott said there is more work to do to make sure we can do it. The system will have to be portable.

We had a discussion about how to manage

orientation. We want to make sure we are not making it difficult for existing members and the returning public to use the range. John Sutton brought up the idea of a video orientation.

Jeff wanted to remind people we will have William Kirk coming to the range on March 20 th .

Phil Kiner will have a shotgun class on June 6 th and 7 th and a second one on June 8 th and 9 th .

Managers Report:

Robert Haverstock presented.

Our internet was down today. They found out we could set up a hotspot with our phones so we could still take money. Robert will talk to Kevin about what we can do for a backup system to make sure we can still keep the range open when we lose our primary internet connection.

Robert was contacted by a female pistol instructor out of Oregon. She wants to train from the holster at WCW. She wants to do this in May on a Saturday from 10am to 3pm. Robert thought we could give them from 9am to 12noon without a problem.

Robert needs the board's permission to allow her to train drawing from holster. Joe said it is okay if she is a certified instructor. Robert will move forward.

Robert brought up the trap 1 lights. We had previously approved \$5,000 to install this light. So, they will look into putting up the light.

Robert mentioned classroom space is going to be important in the future.

Treasurers Report:

Joe M presented.

He is still working on the updates to our membership numbers and fee increases. Sign-in logs are important for our taxes. We need to make sure we are capturing them. Our bank accounts are doing a little better than 5% annual return.

Joe is working on the budget proposal for the annual meeting.

Scott asked about the interest in the P&L.

He said it is only about \$10,000. Joe M. thinks this is probably caused by an issue with Morgan Stanley and Quickbooks reconciliation. We hope to have that fixed by next month. Scott also said the archery income is showing \$0. Patty said there should be an entry for archery income under Special Event - Archery. Joe will look into it. Patty said she would help figure this out. Our donations are way down. Patty thought it was because of RockGymPro. It is not easy to donate using RockGymPro. Patty said she will contact RockGymPro to see if there is anything we can do about this.

Trustees Report:

John Sutton presented.

Trustees are happy with how things are going.

We are looking for another lead reclamation place. Dale provided a contact for a second reclamation company.

We are getting the new forklift.

We will work on getting some of our equipment (four-wheeler and etc.) off the books and off the property.

Dave L. is working on a cover for the forklift. Joe mentioned there were a couple options (large and small). Joe suggested we get the larger one.

Our network system provider (Kevin) has all the video equipment, and we are waiting for a permit to finish the install.

At the Trustee's meeting, they discussed increasing the FFL shack.

They also discussed the need to work on scheduling for shotgun and shotgun staffing. They discussed the possibility of having another youth shotgun league.

They discussed putting in a hatchet throwing range. It may be a money generator.

Ted Ludlow said the swap meet went very well. Ted got \$160 for our youth program.

Old Business:

Gabe discussed the Social Media Coordinator (SMC) position he proposed last month during the special Board meeting held on Saturday. The SMC would post pictures, events, and information about the club over Facebook and Instagram. They

would be paid 3 hours a week at \$75 or \$300 a month. He submitted Gabi Sasai's name as a candidate for the position. She is very good at social media, a club member, and college student. He believes she is the perfect person for the job. This can be a 4 month trial basis. Patty Woolley moves we hire Gabi to do this work. Gabe Shank seconded. Passed. Dale said before this can start, we need to find someone to help reconcile our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Gabe said Aaron can help with that.

Gabe also suggested we subscribe to Metricool. This is a social media management tool and calendar. This can be accessed by chairpersons, and they can place events and notices in advance of the event on a schedule.

Joe mentioned we need a second person on our FFL and it will be Gabe.

New Business:

The range gate light post has been temporarily mounted and is again illuminating the gate and driveway area. Permanent replacement is scheduled for this spring.

The Adopt-a-Road Spring cleanup is scheduled for March 16th and posted on the calendar.

New bylaws will be delivered by Scott (our attorney) this week. Joe explained some of the changes we will need to make to our bylaws. We will need to present this in the April meeting so we can vote on it in July.

Joe received a call from John Conderman. He said WAC will no longer be able to have the shows in one of their current locations and he asked if WAC could have it at our facility. We won't decide now.

Dale mentioned that Insights is interested in using our facility for their training. Joe said to have the person contact him. Dale will connect them.

Gabe found someone who is interested in helping create some videos. They will try creating one for archery as a test.

Patty brought up that the Postal league requires a certain number of tournaments for the participants. 3 children need another tournament. John Woolley would like to use the small-bore hours on Tuesday to conduct a tournament for the children. Joe said that is fine.

For the Good of the Order:

We discussed the social post about our range creating noise. We received a lot of community support. Joe said community outreach like offering a garden is something we should do to increase community support. Patty suggested we have a community day.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 9:33 PM.
Patty Woolley seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,
Recording Secretary.