

# THE SPORTSMAN

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## President's Message

Recently we were saddened to learn that Mark Silver passed away on February 27th of this year. For those of you who didn't know Mark, he was the acting Club Operations Manager here at WCW from the latter half of 2016 until his retirement in 2020. He moved to Idaho in 2022 and Robert Haverstock was promoted to replace him. He was an avid Shotgunner and headed up our Youth Shotgun League for several years. Mark developed the lesson plan and worked with Dave Levinson and Larry Mallory to give our kids a rich experience they will no doubt carry through life. Mark also took his interest as an expert BBQ chef very seriously actively participating as a contestant and later, as a Judge, for many regional competitions.

During Mark's time at WCW he also outlined and formalized the business structure our Employees follow to this day. He conducted regular weekly meetings, created the Employees Handbook and defined the policies and procedures for L&I and other State and Local regulatory agencies. Perhaps his most unexpected, yet significantly impactful, contribution to our Club was when he negotiated the contract for our Renters shortly before the Covid shutdown period. The significant revenue the agreement generated not only sustained us during a perilous business period but ensured our Club would come through that challenging time in a stronger, more secure, financial position. To say he had a positive impact on WCW and our members, is truly an understatement.

On a more uplifting note, we are planning to celebrate our 80th Anniversary as a Shooting Sports Club on August 17th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. In addition to posting this event on our Club Calendar, we will be sending e-mail messages to all active members and placing flyers at each range. Be sure to mark your personal calendar and make plans to join us for this family-centric Picnic celebration!

Our Board assignments and responsibilities are now complete and we, as a body, are moving forward with a host of new projects and events related to each shooting discipline. Here is a brief overview of who's who in the zoo:

Scott Ray, President; Dave Rusko, VP; Joe Maggiora, Treasurer; Corresponding Secretary, Martin Morehouse, Corresponding Secretary; Gerry O'Brien, Recording Secretary; Aaron Morales, Director; Gabe Shank, Director; Jack Bobin, Director; John Sutton, Director; Justin Kisle, Director; Kevin Eckstrom, Director.

Our new Bylaws spell out the new business structure as dictated by our 501(c) (3) non-profit status. The Committees are as follows: Governance, Finance, Audit, Teller, Shooting Sports Advisory, and Conduct. Members are encouraged to participate in all our committee assignments. Each committee plays a key role in the management of Club business and how we function as a body. There are several openings the Board needs to fill with willing members who can dedicate a small amount of their time to

accomplishing the tasks required. The By Laws are available on our Website and I encourage you to take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the rules that govern our club. As of this writing, we still have openings for members wishing to serve on the Teller Committee (primary responsibility comes at election time for ballot counting and security; minimal time demand) and the Conduct Committee (investigates member misconduct and rules violations and reports to the Board; time commitment as required). We are also in need of a Youth Shotgun coordinator. This is a vital role that deserves a dedicated administrator capable of managing our Youth Shotgun League from introductory through advanced.

In closing I want to remind everyone that the Shooting Sports Committee is now Chaired by Dave Rusko, and he manages the Clubs resources to ensure each shooting discipline, Archery, Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun, receives everything they need to execute tournaments, competitions and other related activities. We also have people on our Board who have experience with Marketing and Event coordination who are ready to assist each of these shooting disciplines with their knowledge and expertise. It's an exciting time and I hope you will come out soon and enjoy your favorite shooting sport and, occasionally, try something you haven't tried before.

## JUNE COMING EVENTS

1 June – Project Appleseed 25 yd clinic  
4 June – Club board meeting  
Each Thursday – Bullseye Pistol League  
7-8 June – NW Safari Tour archery  
7-8 June – USAA Archery Tournament  
7, 21 June – First Steps Shotgun class  
7 June – Rimfire Benchrest Match  
8 June – Club swap meet  
Each Monday – 5-stand Shotgun League  
10 June – clubhouse lead recovery  
11, 29 June – New Member Orientation  
13-15 June – Phil Kiner Shotgun Clinic  
14-15 June – ARA Rimfire State Tournament  
14-15 June – NRA Basic Pistol class  
16 June – Member's Night shotgun shoot  
16 June – Shotgun Committee meeting  
18 June – Rifle/Pistol SP Use Class  
20 June – Pistol Special Use range  
21 June – Centerfire benchrest match  
21 June – Home Firearms Safety class  
22 June – NRA Basic Reloading class  
22 June – CMP Games rifle match  
22 June – Rifle special use range  
23 June – Rifle/Pistol Cmte meeting  
25 June – Wash. Waterfowl meeting  
27-29 June – NRA Instructor classes  
28 June – 100/200 yard Rimfire Match  
28 June – Trap Fundamentals  
29 June – Hunter Group Meeting

## 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. Check the club calendar for the next special use classroom session and sign up there to attend to get that renewal. Please don't just drop in, we have limited space for this class.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Ten new members signed up for new member orientation in May. Welcome to our club!

Do you have skills that would help here at the club? There are lots of volunteer opportunities 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](mailto:secretary@wcwshootingsports.org).

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our membership continues to grow, 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 still costs only \$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.wcwsshootingsports.org/new-membership/>

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Members, please visit the range office and check your membership record the next time you're at the range. Make sure we have your current address, phone number and waiver on file.

## DONATIONS AND MATCHING FUNDS

As club members, we can get corporate matching from our employers of donations we make to the club. Some employers will also donate funds based on volunteer hours performed by employees or retirees. As an example, Boeing will cash match up to 100% with a minimum, of \$25.00. Volunteer time is paid at \$100.00 per 10 hours worked. Or if teams of 5 or more are volunteering, it is \$20.00 per hour, per team member. Boeing will match 100% per employee per year to a maximum of \$10,00.00 for active employees, and 50% match up to \$3,00 per year for retirees. Check with your employer to see if they offer corporate matching. This could be a good source for donations, as well as increased exposure and recruiting opportunities.

## SWAP MEET!

Our June swap meet will be on Sunday, 8 June, in the clubhouse. Setup is 7:15 am with an 8 am start and the swap meet ends at 11 am. Plan to come early! Tables are for members only. Uncase firearms and have the actions open before entering the building. All firearms have to enter through the front door to check in. We will have an FFL dealer on site to handle transfers. Any questions, call Ted Hudlow at 425-353-0042.

## MEMBERS -

If you are able to support your range with volunteer time, please complete this short survey and let us know how you can help.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQHMZD3>

Volunteers can always start small. Drop in on an event or project and ask how you can help.

## HOUSEKEEPING

Our club is not just a business, it is a club for those of us who enjoy the outdoors and the shooting sports. We have to work together to keep everything running well. Often, we find range equipment such as benches and mats left scattered around on Range 1. Our maintenance crew empties the trash cans, but this kind of thing is up to us. Not many of us would visit a friend, rearrange the furniture, and dump trash in their house.

If we see something out of place, we as members are there, we can fix it. Whether it is a dropped target or a broken target support, now is the best time to take care of it. If it is too much to deal with, let the rangemasters know. If you have a suggestion to improve our facilities, come to a committee meeting or contact a committee chair and make the suggestion.

## ARCHERY UPDATE

Archery Shoots and Tournaments are still going through August at our local clubs. They are posted at the upper flat range on the bulletin board and at [Washingtonstatearchery.com](http://Washingtonstatearchery.com).

There are two archery tournaments being held on June 7-8th. The NW Safari Tour will be held on the walkthrough courses and the USAA target shoot will be held on the FITA field. Flyers are hanging all around the facility with specific information. Come have fun and support the club.

If you want to help out with either of the tournaments contact Archery Chair Gabriel Shank.

## CLASSES, ALMOST EVERY WEEK

Do you know someone who is looking for basic firearms training? We have NRA certified classes here almost every weekend.

These classes introduce newcomers to shooting in a safe and welcoming atmosphere.

As well as our lineup of basic courses, we also teach two sessions a year of NRA certified instructor courses. This is for those who have experience in shooting, and would like to learn how to present that experience to new shooters. We need more instructors!

If you are looking for instructor training, our next one is planned for late in June, and there are prerequisites you need to consider.

If that does not give you enough time to prepare, we will hold instructor classes in January 2026 as well

You can find these classes on our calendar at [Calendar – WCW Shooting Sports](#), and on the NRA website at [Search for Courses | NRA Training](#)

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you have something for the newsletter, send it in to [secretary@wcwshootingsports.org](mailto:secretary@wcwshootingsports.org). Our deadline each month is the 25<sup>th</sup>, but the earlier the better. Other members would be glad to find out what is going on and attend or even participate in one of our events.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The work on our range office deck is on hold, as we wait for building permit approvals. If you see progress, you will know that the permits have gone through.

## 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. Or, check in when you arrive. The range you need may be available earlier than you expect.

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.



## WCW RIMFIRE MATCH FOR MAY 2025

There were 35 contestants in this month's match with twelve competitors in the Expert Division, eleven in the Sharpshooter Division, eight in the Marksman Division and four in the Rifleman.

Welcome to newcomers Jason Guo, Barry Johnson, and Bruce Baillie.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Keith Wilson placed first with a score of 246 6X. Eric Carter and Steve Dunning tied for second at 245 5X with Ernie Snyder in fourth at 244 6X. Target Two: Steve Dunning placed first with a score of 246 7X. Keith Wilson placed second at 245 5X. Mike Becwar and David Seibert tied for third with scores of 243 3X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Don Smith placed first with a score of 243 3X. Jason Pahlman placed second at 242 1X. Bill Ritchie was third at 241 4X and Alex Powel fourth at 234 3X. Target Two: Jason Pahlman placed first again at 245 3X and Bill Ritchie came in second 242 1X. Don Smith was third again at 238 2X and Jeff Kalina was fourth at 236 4X.

Relay Three Marksman Division: Target One. Scott Price was first at 235 5X with Jay Cho in second at 234 2X. Peter Jaszak finished third at 232 5X.

Target two: Jay Cho placed first at 236 4X and Scott price was second at 229 5X. G.D. was third 226 1X.

Relay Three Rifleman Division: Target One. Casey Schremp was first at 221 1X with Jason Guo in second at 219 3X and Bud Hyett third at 208 1X. Target Two: Jason Guo placed first at 234 2X with Budd Hyett second at 223 2X and George Smith third at 196 1X.

Don Smith was promoted to the Expert Division. Scott Price and Jay Cho were promoted to the Sharpshooter Division.

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  
[mattd5404@frontier.com](mailto:mattd5404@frontier.com)

## BULLSEYE PISTOL LEAGUE

We have a good turnout for our Spring/Summer Bullseye League. There is room, so if you want to try something a bit more challenging, come out on Thursday night and see how it works.

The matches are 90 shots, starting with three strings of 10 shots each in slow fire, then ten in timed fire, ten in rapid fire, then two strings of ten each in timed fire, and ending in two strings of ten shots each in rapid fire. Scores last week ranged from 529-2X to 845-16X, so the competition is there.

## MAY 2025 BENCHREST CENTERFIRE MATCH REPORT

There were twenty contestants in this month's 300-yard benchrest match with ten in the Expert Division and ten contestants in the Sharpshooter Division.

The first relay consisted of the ten Expert Division shooters and one Sharpshooter Division . The second relay consisted of nine Sharpshooters.

To accommodate the larger fields, the target boards were rebuilt to accommodate two targets. The competitors shoot targets one and two with a five-minute break between them followed by shooting targets three and four with the same five-minute break.

The weather conditions were cloudy skies with rain starting at 11am.

### Relay 1 Expert Division:

Target 1: Bill Rice finished first with a score of 106. Richard Nicol was second at 103. Jeff Locke finished third with a scores of 102.

Target 2: Curt Ibach and Ken O'Sage tied for first with scores of 104. Jeff Locke finished third at 103.

Target 3: Kevin Turner, Jeff Locke, and Ken O'Sage tied for first with scores of 101.

Target 4: Curt Ibach finished first with a score of 103. Kevin Turner and Jeff Locke tied for second with scores of 102.



### Relay 2 Sharpshooter Division:

Target 1: Christian Eckhoff placed first with a score of 102. Jason Ingram was second at 98 and John Lowdon finished third with a score of 95.



Target 2: Jason Ingram placed first with a score of 101. Christian Eckhoff placed second with a score of 99. John Lowdon placed third at 98.

Target 3: There was a three way tie for first place with scores of 99 between Jason Ingram, John Lowdon, and John Kimbrough.

Target 4: Jason Ingram was first with a score of 99. Christian Eckhoff placed second with a score of 98. John Lowdon and John Kimbrough tied for third with scores of 97.



In the Expert Division there was a three way tie for first with scores of 408 between Jeff Locke, Curt Ibach, and Ken O'Sage. Jeff Locke placed first by tie breaker with a score of 102 on the first target. Curt Ibach finished second with a score of 101 on the first target. Ken O'Sage was third with a score of 100 on the first target.

In the Sharpshooter Division, Christian Eckhoff and Jason Ingram tied for first with scores of 397. Christian Eckhoff placed first by tie breaker with a score of 102 on the first target. Jason Ingram was second with a score of 98 on the first target. John Lowdon finished third at 389.

For information on this match contact Matt Daly [matt5404@frontier](mailto:matt5404@frontier).

## WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MAY 7, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by  
President Scott Ray.

### **Board Members in attendance:**

President - Scott Ray  
Vice-President - Dave Rusko  
Treasurer - Joe Maggiora  
Corresponding Secretary - Martin Morehouse  
Director 1 - Gabe Shank  
Director 2 - Aaron Morales  
Director 4 – Kevin Ekstrom  
Director 5 – Jack Bobin  
Director 6 – Justin Kisle

### **Board Members not in attendance:**

Recording Secretary – Gerry O'Brien  
Director 3 – John Sutton

### **Operations manager in attendance:**

Operations Manager - Robert Haverstock

### **Guest Speaker:**

Thomas Stewart – Competed at Oregon State Junior Olympics. Finished 1st. Qualified for National Junior Olympics in Michigan in June. The cost is \$3000 to attend NJO in Michigan. Requesting donation in any amount. Gabe Shank made a motion to approve \$1500. Martin Morehouse seconded motion. By unanimous vote, \$1500 was approved.

### **Old Business:**

There was no old business discussed.

### **New Business:**

Board Topics of discussion:  
MRP Tactical delivery of firearms to WCW Shooting Sports may potentially expose WCW to a legal violation post 31-June 2025 due to enacted FFL law. Michael Parent is seeking legal counsel to affirm requirements.

NSA Agreement. 25% of all coaching revenue comes back to WCW on the honor system. Board president has requested a signed agreement with NSA stipulating all agreements on training and revenue. Gabe Shank recommended that

they send a monthly report of the trainers and shooters and a payment for the coaching. Committee Chairs will complete staffing their committees over the next few months and begin reviewing policies specific to their committee for inclusion into the WCW policies manual. Each committee chair will determine the right size for their committee and when each committee will be meeting to comply with the adopted bylaws and their requirements. Dave Rusko advised that Snohomish County rejected the amended permit application for the rebuilding of the Range office deck and stairs. The county is asking for additional documentation on the construction methodologies being used to rebuild the deck. Our architect is again revising the drawings to accommodate the counties' request. The permit is still pending issuance until the application is approved by the county. Treasurer Joe Maggiora advised that the Finance and Audit Committees are stood up and have established a quarterly committee meeting schedule.

### **Committee reports:**

#### Archery report:

June 7-8 is going to be a busy day with two archery tourneys being held on the same day. One on the FITA Field and the other on the Walk-Through Course. Flyers have been posted throughout the facility with details. We expect over 100 people to attend the two tourneys. Be ready for the parking which we will have several attendants helping out.

New hay target bales have been placed on the lower walk-through course. Bring lube for your arrows as the hay bales are real tight and your arrows may get stuck.

We are hosting the WSAA 3D State Championship on August 2-3. Anyone can compete in this tournament. It will be 30 targets each day at set marked distances. You can shoot one or two days, the only restriction is that the tourney starts at 9am!



## **Handgun Report: Pistol**

### **Special Use report.**

1. Pistol range steel targets temporarily removed from range as spall from jacketed rounds destroyed the 25-yard uprights on lanes 1-4. Relocation of steel target frames being considered.

2. Unaimed shots continue to plague the pistol range. Severe damage to wood covering the steel I-Beam supports is evident across the pistol range. If you see someone not on paper, give them a hand correcting the issue.

3. 23 competitors have begun the 2025 Spring/Summer Bullseye League every Thursday evening on the Pistol Range.

### **Rifle/Pistol Special Use classroom report.**

1. We had 12 members attend the May 2025 Rifle/Pistol Special Use classes.

2. We had 5 members complete their Pistol Special Use endorsement.

3. \*June 2025 Special Use classroom scheduled 18-June 2025

4. \*June 2025 Special Use Pistol Range Qualification class scheduled 20-June 2025

\* Classroom and Pistol range qualification signups now using RGP exclusively for signups.

### **New Member Orientation report.**

1. We had 10 new members attend the May 2025 NMO classes.

2. June 2025 NMO scheduled 11-June 2025 and 29-June 2025

### **Maintenance**

1. Range office deck remodel - Snohomish County now requires Structural Calculations data to be submitted for the permit application. Architect in process of adding additional engineering information to the plans.

### **Training and Education**

1. The reintroduction of the NRA First Steps Shotgun classes has been a great success for the club. 21 students have attended this 5-hour class and all future scheduled classes are sold out with waiting lists on most. The vast majority of students are non-members never having visited the range. Plans for introducing additional trap shooting training classes are in progress.

2. 14 students attended the May Home Firearms Safety class.

3. First Steps Pistol class offering in development.

4. NRA Instructor training for Rifle and Pistol Scheduled June 29-31.

## **Rifle Committee Report:**

### **Events scheduled**

Rifle matches for the coming month are Rimfire Benchrest on 7 June, ARA Rimfire State Tournament on 14 - 15 June, Centerfire Benchrest match on 21 June, CMP Games Highpower match on 22 June, and 100/200 yard rimfire match on 28 June. Our NRA Instructor training classes will be on 27 - 29 Jun 2025.

Indoor smallbore practice is on the calendar on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6 to 9 PM, and weekends from 2 - 6 PM. See me for more information.

### **Meeting attendance**

This meeting was held in conjunction with the committee chair meeting.

### **Special Use Process**

Seven members attended the rifle special use class in May. The June Rifle Special Use range session is on the 22d.

### **New Business**

#### **Range request**

Greensleeves 4H Archery wants to plan a junior archery event in the clubhouse for 1 June. They have a member who is a WCW member who can be the lead for this, will get back to us with more detail. Mortenson will hold another event for 20-25 people at shotgun on 13 August. We put it on the schedule.

#### **Safety or Maintenance Concerns?**

Our lead reclamation session in the clubhouse on 6 May went well, completing half of the traps. We plan another session on 10 June, starting at 9 AM, and can use a few more volunteers. Jeff McGee/Non-Ferrous Metals, Inc has offered to melt, cast, and package the recovered clubhouse lead for us, for no charge once it is cleaned out.

#### **Rifle Committee Work Party schedule**

#### **Other**

We are looking at a member proposal to allow appropriate muzzleloaders to shoot beyond 100 yards on Range 1, such as those with better and heavier bullets. Round ball or unrifled muzzleloaders would likely still be limited to 100 yards. Measured the distance above the sightline on Range 1 at 50 yards, for the 300 and 200 yard targets, from both the bench and the platform. From the bench, the 50-yard baffle is 24" above

the 200 yard sightline, and 21 inches above the 300 yard sightline. From the platform, the 50-yard baffle is 36" above the 200 yard sightline, and 33" above the 300 yard sightline. A Whitworth, .45-70, or similar rifle should rise about 9" above the line of sight at 50 yards if shooting at 200 yards, or 17" if shooting at 300 yards.

We are looking at a Know Your Limits steel target set for rimfire use on Range 1.

A member has proposed reduced membership for members who live out of state? We are trying to determine how to specify the limits on this.

#### **Shotgun Report:**

None submitted

#### **Manager's Report:**

None submitted

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Joe Maggiora presented.

Finance and Audit Committee is on a quarterly meeting schedule. So there will be no dedicated monthly reports from these committees. I will be providing monthly financial reporting by email next Tuesday to allow as much as possible last minute transactions to post in our books.

#### **Trustees Report:**

None submitted

#### **Marketing Report:**

None submitted

#### **Conduct Committee Initial Report 27 May 2025**

All five members of the Conduct Committee were present at the Committee Chair Meeting 19 May 2025: Jack Bobin, Kevin Ekström, Dave Iyall, Martin Morehouse and Gerry O'Brien. We will have an initial discussion via email to resolve the following:

- A. Choose a chairman.
- B. Confirm and/or define our mission.
- C. Outline procedures for reviewing and reporting nefarious conduct.
- D. Check the above against existing policies and bylaws.

#### **Committee on Committees**

First Meeting 5-19-2025

1. The Governance Committee requires a chair and one more member. Requires 3 members and one chair
2. Finance and Audit Committee has full membership
  - a. Already have their schedules setup
3. Teller Committee – Dave Rusko, Chair, Members, Gerry O'Brien, Paul Kalman
  - a. Will be March 2026 before actively engaged
4. Advisory Committee – Shooting Sports Chair – Dave Rusko
5. Conduct Committee – Governance Committee chair should be a member of this committee.
  - a. Need to decide on a date to meet
  - b. Who initiates the meeting? Martin as corresponding secretary?
  - c. Investigate and present findings to board
  - d. Have access to video assets for investigation
  - e. Gerry asked about retention policies. Currently it is 30 days
6. All committees should decide on their schedule for meetings
7. Marketing and Finance is currently a sub-committee but should its own committee.
8. Committees can be added without board meeting.
9. Committee chairs used to meet before the board meeting.
10. For an overall Committees meeting, should it just be committee chairs?
11. Dave Rusko will look at Zoom and Teams accounts for committees to use for meetings in lieu of in-person, if needed.

Action items

Owner(s) – Dave Rusko

Deadline -

Status – Investigating Zoom and Teams Accounts for virtual meetings

Respectfully submitted by Gerry O'Brien,  
Recording Secretary.