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President's Message

In Memoriam

Over the years, Wildlife Committee of Washington has had the privilege to have some amazing people grace our membership. Unfortunately, one such individual, Scott Lorenz, who was a long-time member, left us in mid-October of this year. Another member, Steve Reed, a close friend and colleague, was kind enough to inform us of his passing last week.

Scott was an accomplished High Master Class Pistol Shooter who led our Bullseye team at WCW Pistol for many years. To his many friends and shooting colleagues, he was "the best of the best", a remarkably gifted and consistent High Master Class Shooter, Multi-State Champion, High Power Master, Club Ambassador, Mentor, Coach, Match Director, Tournament Coordinator, Maintenance Volunteer and definitive model of integrity and decency who was beloved by all who knew him well. In addition to his incredible shooting skills he was an Eagle Scout, a mountain climber who conquered Mount Rainier and Machinist for Honeywell Corporation. He was also a gifted welder whose contributions to NASA included the (Planet) Mars Rover. In fact, another close friend and member, Fred Mackaman, shared a story where Scott was welding the Turning Target racks at Range 3 and someone approached and questioned his ability. He responded with a wry smile and stated "well, my welding was good enough for a Vehicle on Mars and that's still going". Well said Scott, your passion and wit will be sorely missed.

If you are a Shotgun Shooter and looking for ways to improve your skills, you should consider joining the Continental League. Practice shoots are scheduled during December at associated member Clubs, and the League holds its first registered shoot on Sunday January 4th. Unlike other competitive leagues, your shooting time is defined by your Squad number and fixed throughout the season (9 one-day Shoots, January through Mid-March). You should plan to show up 30-60 minutes before your Squad is "on deck". When your Squad number is called you will start on the first Trap, it generally takes 90 minutes to run through the 100-target series. Once completed, your scores are recorded, and you are free to head home. For years, my Squad mates and I would meet for breakfast then carpool to the host club. It makes for a great Sunday morning and/or afternoon. Unfortunately, our numbers have dwindled over the years, and we need to replenish our ranks with new shooters willing to take on a new challenge and discover the rewards of friendly competition. Jim Dinnie is our Club's Representative for the League and ready to answer any questions you might have. Rich Wasserman is at Shotgun most Saturday mornings until Noon and will welcome your questions regarding technique, equipment and apparel (it's a winter league so staying warm and dry is important). Fred Harman, Shotgun Committee Chair, is also a source of information so take a few minutes and investigate this opportunity with one or all of them. Following

Thanksgiving the 2026 Continental League Schedule (PSOCTL) should be posted on the bulletin board in the Shotgun "Shack". I have personally shot the Continental League every year since 2007, and it continues to be a wonderful experience; I really encourage you to give it a try.

Our remodeled and expanded Deck at the Rifle Range Office is almost completed. Like most projects, once demolition begins, the true nature of the beast begins to reveal itself. Such was the case for this project along with the associated office area wiring upgrades to support our technology- related improvements. We understand that this construction caused some pain and inconvenience, so we sincerely thank you for your understanding and patience. In the future, these changes will help us improve security, range access and how we manage sign-ins and foot traffic in this critical area of our facility.

Sunday, November 2nd our Winter operating schedule will take effect, so make sure to plan your Range visits accordingly. As you know, we will "Fall Back" an hour to Standard Time that same day and begin our unavoidable march towards those dreaded dark - at - 4:30 pm days. Remember to always check our website for the Club Calendar and operating hours before you head out to the range. Weather-related closures are not uncommon during the Fall and Winter months. High winds, snow and unusually cold temperatures (think ice) are the main culprits. In addition, we are conducting more classes, hosting more Tournaments and scheduling an increasing number of special events so be sure the range you want to use is available when you get here. We want to make sure your experience at WCW is always as good as it can be.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

When you join the club, or when you renew your membership, you get a new membership badge. Membership badges will be mailed to your address of record.

NOVEMBER COMING EVENTS

Each Monday – Member's Night shotgun
1 November – First Steps Pistol class
1 November – Rimfire Benchrest Match
2 November – Winter hours begin
2 November – Rifle Special Use Range
5 November – Club board meeting
6 November – Members Shotgun League
2, 20 November – New Member Orientation
8 November – ARA Rimfire match
8-9 November – NRA Basic Pistol class
15 Nov – Centerfire benchrest match
15 November – Home Firearms Safety class
17 Nov – Shotgun Committee meeting
20 November – Indoor Pistol League starts
22 November – Trap Fundamentals
22-23 November - NRA Basic Rifle class
23 November – Rifle/Pistol SP Use Class
23 November – Pistol Special Use range
23 November – Rifle Special Use Range
24 November – SSAC meeting
26 November – Wash. Waterfowl meeting
29-30 November – Project Appleseed class
29-30 November – NRA CCW class

SPECIAL USE NO LONGER EXPIRES

You are always welcome to attend a classroom or range session as a refresher.

You must possess a working gate key if you are on the range during member hours.

Don't forget to sign in at each range you use every time you visit. This way we can find out how busy each range is, and help us plan for future activities.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

New members are always welcome here, we don't have a restricted membership. 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.wcwshootingsports.org/new-membership/>

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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Eighteen new members signed up for new member orientation in October. We're glad you joined us!

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 info@wcwshootingsports.org for more information.

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

The old story of, "your mother doesn't work here, clean up after yourself", is true. While your mother may come and enjoy shooting here, it is our job to keep things clean and tidy. If you find range equipment out of place, trash left behind, or damaged equipment such as staplers or target frames, take care of it or let the staff know. Our maintenance crew empties the trash cans, but this kind of thing is up to us.

If you have a suggestion to improve our facilities, come to a committee meeting or contact a committee chair and make the suggestion.

CALENDAR UPDATE

Remember to check our calendar for updates and changes before coming out to shoot.

Our calendar is updated almost daily, 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.

RANGE REMINDER

Our members are our eyes. If you see a range rule violation, especially a safety violation, let people know, let a rangemaster know. We all need reminders at times. All of us together keep things safe, and more eyes are better.

Rifles and Pistols must be cased when brought onto the range property.

Rifles and Pistols must be cased and uncased only at the bench with muzzles pointed downrange. You must possess a working gate key if you are on the range during member hours.

CLASSES, WE ARE OFFERING MORE

Do you know someone who is looking for basic firearms training? We have NRA certified classes here almost every weekend, and we are adding more.

We have added First Steps Beginning Shotgun, and now offer a monthly NRA First Steps Pistol orientation class. Look for NRA First Steps Rifle coming soon. For more information email learn@wcwshootingsports.org

We need more instructors!

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

You can find these classes on our calendar at [Calendar – WCW Shooting Sports](#). For more information email learn@wcwshootingsports.org

SAFARI INFORMATION

We recently sent out a notice of a safari opportunity in Zimbabwe. More options have recently become available, ranging from seven to fourteen days, and \$11,000 on up.

Please reach out to admin@lifetimehunt.co.za or see www.briansuddabysafarisafrika.com for more details.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you have something for the newsletter, send it in to secretary@wcwshootingsports.org. Our deadline each month is the 25th, 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.

CALENDAR UPDATES

If your group has events that should be on the calendar, let us know. We can't post them if we don't know they are planned. To make sure everyone else know about it, send your event information to

secretary@wcwshootingsports.org.

Also, our club hours will be changing to our winter hours on 2 November, 2025

WCW HUNTER GROUP

We have a hunter's meeting almost every month with talks from our members about their hunts and helping create the next generation of hunters.

We're looking for hunters, ideally who have had success in Washington, to share their experience with newer hunters in our membership who are eager to learn. What is your experience with hunting in Washington? What can you share with interested hunters? What do you think about equipment, pre-season scouting, classes, practical demonstrations, even field trips?

Non-members are welcome to speak and attend as well.

Please reach out to wcwhunters@gmail.com for more details.

WCW RIMFIRE MATCH FOR OCTOBER 2025

There were 32 contestants in this month's match with ten competitors in the Expert Division, fourteen in the Sharpshooter Division, four in the Marksman Division and four in the Rifleman Division.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Keith Wilson placed first with a score of 246 7X. David Konkle was second with a score of 246 4X and Mike Becwar was third at 245 6X. Target Two: Steve Dunning was first with a score of 246 4X, Don Smith was second at 245 10X, and Jason Guo finished third with a score of 245 6X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Bill Ritchie placed first with a score of 242 8X. Jason Pahlman placed second with a score of 242 2X, Lucy Liu was third at 240 2X. Rick McGuire finished fourth at 237 2X.

Target Two: Dave Johnson placed first at 242 6X. Bill Ritchie second at 241 4X. Jeff Kalina was third at 241 2X. John Kimbrough placed fourth at 240 4X.

Relay Three Marksman Division: Target One. Yong Choi was first at 238 6X with Barry Johnson in second at 235 3X. Jeff Frankowski finished third at 221 1X. Target two: Yong Choi placed first again at 236 4X, Barry Johnson was second again at 235 4X. Aaron Sporseen was third with 222 1X.

Relay Three Rifleman Division: Target One. Chris Vidrine was first at 222 2X with Todd George in second at 221 4X and David Fuller placed third at 208 0X. Target Two: Todd George placed first at 231 1X with Chris Vidrine second at 228 3X and David Fuller was third again at 209 0X.

Bill Ritchie was promoted from SS to EX with a 242.5 average over his last 4 targets (248, 239, 242, 241). Yong Choi from MM to SS with a 231.0 average over his last 4 targets (225, 225, 236, 238)

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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BULLSEYE PISTOL LEAGUE

We will be starting our indoor bullseye pistol league soon. There is room on the range, so if you want to try something more challenging, come out on Thursday, 20 November, and see how it works. This is fired with .22 pistols, one handed, at 50 feet in the clubhouse. If you think bullseye shooting is slow, try the timed and rapid fire stages, with five shots in ten or twenty seconds offhand – accurately!

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. Come out and improve your pistol shooting through competition.

WCW MEMBERS COMPETE IN THE N50 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT AND YEARLY CHAMPIONSHIP

National 50 or N50 is a National Organization that offers a unique shooting experience where both 22LR Rimfire Rifles and Air Rifles (pellets and slugs) can compete side by side in 4 different Benchrest Classes: Pro (Rimfire or Slugs), Sportsman (Rimfire or Slugs), Factory 22, and Air Rifle Pellet.

In August two WCW Members, Mark Huber and Harvey Waldron, traveled to Raton New Mexico to compete with 23 other Competitors in the N50 National Benchrest championship on August 23rd and 24th. Mark competed in both the Pro and Sportsman Classes, while Harvey competed in just the Pro Class. As usual Raton is very windy this time of year with gusts as high as 25 – 30 mph, which is something WCW members don't get many opportunities to practice in. Mark is the 3 time N50 National Tournament Champion in the Pro Class (2022, 2023 & 2024) and was looking to make it 4 times in a row in 2025. After Day 1 Mark was sitting in 3rd place only 3 points off the lead in the Pro Class and Harvey was only 4 points back in 4th place. Day 2 was a challenging weather day, but Mark was able to keep pace with and tied the Day 1 Leader. Even though he was unable to make it four in a row, not an easy task, Mark still finished in 3rd place only 3 points back in the Pro Class. Harvey took home 6th place in the Pro Class. This was a good example of Air Rifles competing head to head with 22 rimfire rifles. The Pro Class winner was shooting a Thomas Slug (22 cal.) Air Rifle, while Mark and Harvey were shooting custom Turbo 22LR rimfire rifles. Mark also shot in the Sportsman Class with an Anschutz 54.30 rimfire rifle and placed 8th overall.

N50 also offers monthly Matches throughout the year with 2 Championships: Summer (April – October) and Winter (November – March). A Match consists of 3 targets each worth 250 points for a maximum Match total score of 750 points. The Championship standings use a Competitors top 3 Match score each worth 750 points for a maximum of 2250 points. In our area the Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club (TRRC) host two monthly Matches during the summer Championship season which several WCW members compete in. Harvey Waldron won the 2025 N50 Pro Class summer Championship with a total score of 2249 – 152X which is only 1 point off a perfect score of 2250. The competition was tight as Harvey was tied with 2 other Competitors at 2249 but took 1st place based on X count. Harvey also won the 2024 Championship in the Pro Class, so this was a repeat Championship for him. Mark Huber took home 5th place this year in the Pro Class summer Championship with a total score of 2247 – 141X. In the Sportsman Class Keith Wilson finished in 8th place in the Sportsman Slug / 22 Rimfire Class Championship with a total score of 2245 – 126X. In the Sportsman Slug / 22 Rimfire Class the top three total scores were 2250 (max score possible) and were shot by Thomas Slug Air rifles. Another good example of Air Rifles competing head to head with 22 Rimfire Rifles.

Congratulations, to Mark Huber, Harvey Waldron, and Keith Wilson for their outstanding performances in the N50 National Tournament and Summer Championship.

100/200 YARD RIMFIRE MATCH

The last 100 / 200 Yard WCW Rimfire Benchrest Match of 2025 was held on Saturday October 26th. We had 14 Competitors at the Match which tied the Match attendance record. We also had one first time Competitor, Jenny Sirwet who came with Eric Carter. It was great having Jenny shoot with us and hopefully we will see her at our next Match.

We mostly dodged a bad weather weekend as we were under a high wind alert / warning and forecast heavy rain. We only had some light drizzle when we were setting up and of course it was raining when we were shooting, but when it was time to pick up and leave the rain had stopped. The wind was of course a different story. Within 15 minutes of starting the Match the wind was 3.2 mph with wind gusts in the 7 mph range. But when we started the 100 yard targets the average wind speed had dropped to 1.8 mph and gusts from 2.7 – 4.1 mph. However, as we started the 200 yard targets the wind was 2.9 mph with gusts of 4.6 mph. However, within a few minutes it had dropped for the rest of the 200 yard targets to wind speeds from 1.0 – 1.8 mph and sporadic gusts from 2.8 – 5.0 mph. The wind direction did bounce around from NW, NNE, East, South, SW which did help keep the scores down. The temperature was in the mid 40's, and the humidity was 99%. All weather data comes from the Range 1 weather station.

100 Yard Results:

Place	Name	100 Yard Score
1 st	Keith Wilson	199
2 nd	Bill Ritchie	198
3 rd	Dale Hacker	195

Keith Wilson started the Match off shooting a very solid 199 out 200 at 100 yards for the top score. The 10 ring on the CBA target is only 0.69 inches in diameter, which means a very tight grouping is required for a 22LR at 100 yards. Bill Ritchie hung right with Keith shooting an outstanding 198 for 2nd place. Dale Hacker took 3rd place with an outstanding 195.

200 Yard Results:

Place	Name	200 Yard Score
1 st	Kevin Kellogg	187
2 nd	Jason Pahlman	185
T-3 rd	Bill Ritchie	184
T-3 rd	Jason Koehler	184
T-3 rd	Keith Wilson	184

The top scores at 200 yards were very tight this month with five Competitors all shooting outstanding scores within a 3 point spread in some tricky wind conditions. Kevin Kellogg shot the top 200 yard score of 187 for 1st place. Jason Pahlman was only 2 points back of Kevin in 2nd place shooting a 185. Then there was a three way tie for 3rd place with Bill Ritchie, Jason Koehler, and Keith Wilson all shooting a 184 only 1 point behind Jason Pahlman.

Total Combined Scores:

Place	Name	Total Combined Score
1 st	Keith Wilson	383
2 nd	Bill Ritchie	382
T-3 rd	Kevin Kellogg	378
T-3 rd	Jason Koehler	378

Keith Wilson had a very solid day overall shooting the top total combined score of 383 for 1st place. Bill Ritchie hung with Keith all day finishing in 2nd place only 1 point back shooting an outstanding total combined score of 382. Kevin Kellogg and Jason Koehler both shot a very good total combined score of 378 tying for 3rd place.

"Buck – A – Shot" Winner:

The "Buck – A – Shot" winner for the October 2025 Match was Tim Kornacki who had an outstanding 10 point shot which touched the X dot at 200 yards on the Cast Bullet 100 yard target and won the \$14 pot.

The updated 100 / 200 yard Rimfire Benchrest Match Summary Results are posted on the WCW Website at <https://www.wcwshootingsports.org/100-200-yard-rimfire-match-scores/>. This file also includes Match Record scores.

The next 100 / 200 yard Rimfire Match will be held in April of 2026. If you are interest in attending, please contact the Match Director Keith Wilson at knjcwilson@msn.com.

The Cast Bullet targets are available in the target locker if you would like to practice on them at 100 yards. NO practicing at 200 yards with rimfire rifles is allowed on the Kenmore Range.

OCTOBER 2025 BENCHREST CENTERFIRE FROMBACH TROPHY MATCH REPORT

The Frombach Trophy is a five target match using the IBS 300 Yard Hunter Target.

There were ten contestants in this month's first relay with eight in the Expert Division and two in the Sharpshooter Division.

There were nine Sharpshooter contestants in the second relay shooting four targets for record score. The wind conditions were very calm.

Relay One, Target One:

Expert Division: Jeff Locke, Jeff Lewis, and Pat Farrell tied for first with scores of 101.

Sharpshooter Division: Troy Rice was first with a score of 96 with Bruce Nguyen second with a score of 91.

Target Two: Expert Division: Pat Farrell placed first with a score of 102. Jeff Locke was second at 100 and with Richard Nicol third at 99.

Sharpshooter Division: Troy Rice was first with a score of 98 with Bruce Nguyen second with a score of 84.

Target Three: Expert Division: Bill Rice was first with a score of 102. Jeff Locke placed second with a score of 101. Ernie Snyder and Pat Farrell tied for third with scores of 100.

Sharpshooter Division: Troy Rice was first with a score of 99 with Bruce Nguyen second with a score of 87.

Target Four: Expert Division: Jeff Locke and Richard Nicol tied for first with scores of 103. Pat Farrell placed third with a score of 102.

Sharpshooter Division: Troy Rice was first with a score of 97 with Bruce Nguyen second with a score of 89.

Target Five: Expert Division: Jeff Locke finished first with a score of 104. Pat Farrell and Richard Nicol tied for second with scores of 100.

Sharpshooter Division: Troy Rice was first with a score of 99 with Bruce Nguyen second with a score of 90.

The winner of the Frombach Trophy was Jeff Locke with a score of 509. Pat Farrell was second at 505 with Richard Nicol placing third at 500.



Relay 1

The second relay consisted of nine competitors in the Sharpshooter Division who shot only four targets. Welcome to newcomer Jeff Dirks.

Target One: Matt Daly finished first with a score of 99. Tim Turner and Mark Phelps tied for second with scores of 98.

Target Two: Christian Eckhoff and John Loudon tied for first with scores of 98. Matt Daly was third with a score of 96.

Target Three: Tim Turner finished first with a score of 98. Jason Ingram placed second at 96. Jeff Dirks and Matt Daly tied for third with scores of 95.

Target Four: Matt Daly finished first with a score of 101. Peter Jaszczak placed second with a score of 97. Christian Eckhoff and John Loudon tied for third with scores of 95.

Matt Daly finished first with a score of 391. Tim Turner placed second at 384 and Christian Eckhoff came in third at 379.



Relay 2

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



Jeff Locke, Frombach winner

WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2025

The regular WCW October board meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Scott Ray.

Present board members:

Scott Ray (President)
Dave Rusko (Vice President)
Joe Maggiora (Treasurer) - Joined by Phone
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)
Gabe Shank (Vice President)
Kevin Ekstrom (Director)
Jack Bobin (Director)
John Sutton (Director)
Paul Kalman
Ajay Rao (Recording Secretary)

Absent board members:

Justin Kisle (Director)
Aaron Morales (Director)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager present at meeting:

Gabe Shank – Archery
Martin Morehouse – Rifle
Dave Rusko – Handgun
Fred Harmon – Shotgun

Absent Committee Leads and Facilities Manager:

Robert Haverstock – Facility Manager

Guests:

Boy Scout volunteer – Steven Osterpur
Greg and Pam Stewart

Key Financial and Governance Decisions

The board addressed several financial and governance items:

- Bylaw Amendment Approved: The board unanimously approved a proposed bylaw change to clarify the reporting requirements for the Audit Committee. This committee will report its findings—based on the outside accountant's quarterly and annual review (as a full CPA audit is not required)—to the Board and Membership.
- Archery Target Replacement Approved: The board unanimously approved the expenditure of \$11,228.81 for the replacement of Archery targets, which was significantly lower than the initial estimate of \$16,800.
- Sales Tax to be Added: A decision was made that 10.5% sales tax will be added to all offerings, including Training Services, Facility Rentals, and Classes.
- Financial Status: The Treasurer reported a net loss for the fiscal year (SOA) of -\$19K (expected to decrease after September accounts are reconciled) and a small decrease in the bottom-line Treasury (SOFPP) of -\$16K.
- Depreciation Schedule: The schedule has been ironed out, with the difference now

standing at \$2,000, a significant drop from the erstwhile \$50,000.

□ Membership & Revenue: 274 new members were reported year-to-date (YTD). Education revenue is increasing due to organic growth from classes, and Youth program donations increased by \$1,988 over the previous year. Special events cost \$1,300, primarily due to the WCW anniversary event.

Project and Facilities Updates

Dave Rusko provided numerous updates on facility projects and maintenance:

□ Range Updates:

- o The ceasefire line on the Pistol range and new insulation installation are complete.
- o Rifle house roofing was ripped out.
- o Painting the red zone on Range 2 will start shortly, with work staggered to avoid revenue impact.
- o An East-side deck demo is planned to replace it and make it ADA compliant.

□ Maintenance and Equipment:

- o A gutter was added to Range 2 to prevent water damage to the asphalt.
- o Lead-harvesting on Range 3 is ongoing and is planned to be completed by volunteers within the next month.
- o Up-rights on Range 1 and Range 2 need to be done in preparation for winter.
- o The club plans to purchase its own Trap Machines post-October 2025 to replace the three borrowed machines.

□ Lighting and Mowing:

- o Estimates are being sought to replace existing lighting fixtures with LEDs and potentially replace poles at the Archery and Shotgun areas.
- o Mowing is complete for the year, and a plan to buy a second zero-turn mower in the spring was mentioned.

□ Automation: Dave is looking into getting automated entry, RF ID badges, and automatic doors installed at a cheaper or zero cost.

Committee Reports & Other Discussions

Archery and Scouting Projects

□ Steven Osterpur (Boy Scout Volunteer): Presented on his Eagle Scout project, which involved 300 hours of work installing arrows and entry/exit signs throughout the 33-station, ~1.2-mile course for direction and safety. He also updated and replaced all archery hangars.

□ Sebastian Snyder (Eagle Scout Project): Is working on a project to improve shotgun racks and benches, with work anticipated to start within the next 30 days.

Programs and Classes

□ Concealed Carry Class: Pricing and the lesson plan are being worked out by Martin, with the calendar expected to be blocked out before the end of November 2025.

□ Washington Sportsman Show: Staffing (led by Justin, supported by Jack) and a Swag budget were approved for a booth at the show.

Membership and Safety

□ Rental Request: The board advised an Air Gun Competitor requesting after-hours access (7-9 PM, 3 nights/week) to become a member for better value and club liability

coverage, as an alternative to paying \$45 for a dedicated escort. Martin will be discussing options with the competitor and will be getting back to the board on this.

- Broadheads: More signs are needed to affirm that archers can shoot broadheads on their own targets but not on range targets.
- Employee Conduct: WCW Employees will communicate directly for infractions, with Committee Chairs serving as the escalation point.
- Special Use (Rifle/Pistol): The board is looking into the suspension of members who frequently violate rules on Range 1, often requiring “earned entitlement” for special use, and is exploring the use of range ambassadors/volunteer members to monitor safety.

Environmental and Political

- Environmental Stewardship Plan: Identifying a committee to lead this project is a priority to address Lead and noise containment issues highlighted by the Washington State Department of Ecology. Scott Ray is leading the due diligence.
- Youth Sports Proposal: Greg and Pam Stewart presented a proposal to fund a long-term trap-shooting team through grants and raffles. The Shooting Sports committee will deep-dive into this proposal.
- Political Involvement: President Scott Ray is looking into a request for a fence sign from Northshore School Board Candidate JoAnn Tolentino, who supports Gun Safety Classes.

Scott Ray moved to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Dave Rusko seconded. Passed.
Respectfully submitted by Ajay Rao, Recording Secretary.

WCW QUARTERLY MEMBER'S MEETING NOTES – OCTOBER 8, 2025

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Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)

Financial Overview

The club is currently experiencing a minor deficit of \$2,500 in income, with \$5,000 allocated to legal and professional fees. Despite these expenses, the federal tax status remains unchanged. The club continues to maintain stable operations without increasing membership fees, while successfully implementing various improvements.

Membership and Communication Initiatives

WCW has achieved a significant milestone with 2,404 active members across all membership categories as of October 7. A recent cleanup of the mailing distribution list has streamlined communications, reducing it from 4,000 to actual member numbers. The newsletter demonstrates

strong engagement with over 1,300 consistent readers. The new member volunteering initiative, implemented in 2024, shows promising results with approximately 17% of surveyed new members expressing interest in volunteer activities.

Facility Maintenance and Improvements

The facility team has been proactive in seasonal preparations, conducting moss treatment for winter readiness and completing equipment servicing for spring operations. Current projects include red-zone repainting, completion of the rifle office deck, handrail installation, and planning for a new cement transition ramp on the east side. Recent maintenance also addressed furnace issues through igniter replacement, ensuring proper heating functionality.

Program Development and Activities

The shotgun program has shown remarkable growth, with successful implementation of Thursday night leagues and extended Monday member sessions continuing through October. Training programs continue to be a strong revenue generator, with First Steps Pistol and Shotgun classes running at capacity. The club is strategically planning to increase NRA pistol instructor capacity in anticipation of increased demand in January.

Archery has experienced high activity levels, attributed to multi-discipline participation, though youth participation has declined. Rifle programs maintain steady participation, with NRA courses running smoothly.

Equipment and Infrastructure Updates

Immediate attention is being given to addressing audio equipment issues at the trap range, with both short-term fixes and long-term solutions being considered, including the possibility of dedicated storage solutions for microphone equipment.

Future Planning and Challenges Looking ahead

WCW is planning implementation of a new access card system targeted for 2026, aimed at improving tracking and reducing operational overhead. The organization is actively exploring grant opportunities to expand training and education programs. Management is working to balance project priorities against available volunteer resources.

Environmental and Community Relations

The club is taking proactive steps to enhance engagement with Snohomish and Bothell Counties, particularly regarding environmental and noise pollution concerns. While specific action items are still in development, this represents a strategic focus on maintaining positive community relations and addressing potential concerns proactively.

Club Contacts

as of October 2025

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