

# THE SPORTSMAN

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## President's Message

**Our Annual Members Meeting is coming up next Wednesday April 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse.** It is my sincere hope that our members will attend this meeting and provide our Board of Directors with feedback and recommendations. Please note this correction: According to our Bylaws, elections for several Board positions will occur next year (2027). Board Members who resign before their term expires, can be replaced at the Presidents discretion to serve out the remaining term. Unfortunately, we have experienced some turnover in the last 12 months so this will give you a chance to meet our new Directors. At this meeting we will also be providing a financial summary of our Club's financial health, data that shows where our Shooting Disciplines rank in order of revenue, the status of our membership and our projected Budget for the current 2026-2027 fiscal year.

**Safety is and always will be Job One.** We have been making some important policy changes to comply with the latest rules the State and Federal Government have mandated, and the safety standards we enforce at our facilities. Our technological improvements and camera systems have exposed safety violations that we may have missed previously. As a responsible member, it is your duty to follow our safety rules and ensure those around you do the same. If you observe a safety violation, please report this to a Rangemaster immediately so they can note the time of the occurrence. Our Conduct Committee will review the camera data and take appropriate action. Please note, a valid Government picture

ID is required for all adults when visiting the facility so be sure to have that available when requested. The next time you are at Range 2 (Rifle) please note the expanded Red Zone. This was a necessary change to ensure shooters were far enough behind the benches to keep their hands off their firearms during cease fires. At Shotgun, we no longer allow members to enter the Trap houses unless they have received training and are certified to do so. This is a serious safety concern as the equipment can be unpredictable and dangerous for those who have not received proper instruction. These are just three examples of recent changes so be sure to review all posted safety and use instructions on your next visit.

**Volunteers Needed.** We are always looking for members who can donate a few hours each month to assist with Firearms Training, coaching new Shooters, helping organize Youth activities in each shooting discipline and signing up for maintenance or repair projects listed on our Web site. Special Event planning also requires members to participate in an organized and coordinated manner. If you have event planning skills and want to help the Club plan future events I would personally like to hear from you.

**Family Participation.** The Shooting Sports at WCW allows all members of the family an opportunity to enjoy quality time together in a safe and friendly environment. Kids, Parents and Grandparents can come and participate in any, or all sport shooting disciplines. It's all here for you to explore as an individual or family group. With

better weather just around the corner, we encourage you to plan a day and bring your family out to experience everything this wonderful 80-acre property has to offer.

**Make it a rule** to always check our website for any possible closure announcements, special event restrictions or our current operating hours before you head out to the range.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Twenty seven new members signed up for new member orientation in March. Glad to see you have 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](mailto:info@wcwshootingsports.org) for more information.

### 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, with the family membership at 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/>

### APRIL COMING EVENTS

Sundays, Thursdays – Air Gun practice

1 April – Gate key change

1 April – Club board meeting

4 April – First Steps Pistol class

4 April – Rimfire Benchrest Match

5 April – New Member Orientation

6, 20 April – Member's Night shotgun

**8 Apr – Annual Member's Meeting**

11 April – ARA Rimfire match

12 April – CMP Games Highpower Match

15 April – Blackpowder Group meeting

17, 23, 30 Apr – Bullseye Pistol

18 April – First Steps shotgun class

18 April – Centerfire benchrest match

19 April – NRA HFS class

20 April – Shotgun Committee meeting

21, 28 April – 4H Archery

23 April – New Member Orientation

25 April – 100/200 yard Rimfire Match

25 April – NRA First Steps Rifle Class

25 April – Trap Fundamentals

26 April – Rifle/Pistol SP Use Class

26 April – Pistol Special Use range

26 April – Rifle Special Use Range

26 April – WCW Hunter meeting

27 April – SSAC meeting

### GATE KEYS ARE CHANGING SOON

Our gate key change will occur on April 1, 2026. New gate keys will be available for purchase for \$10 at the range office during normal business hours.

## RANGE RESPONSIBILITY REMINDER

If you see a range rule violation, especially a safety violation, let people know, let a rangemaster know, or even help the unsafe shooter correct the problem on the spot. We all need reminders at times. All of us together keep things safe, and more eyes are better.

We recently had clear safety violations on Range 1. A member was handling a rifle while others were downrange. Another member uncased a rifle behind the benches, pointed across the range. Other members were present when these incidents happened, and said nothing. Our conduct committee has responded to these incidents, and at least one member has been barred from the club as a result.

## COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to get involved, and make things better? Our committees work on improving our ranges and activities and would like to hear from more members. We have a monthly committee meeting on the last Monday of the month, or you can find out more at [info@wcwshootingsports.org](mailto:info@wcwshootingsports.org)

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FIREARMS CLASS?

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 now have First Steps Beginning Shotgun, and offer a monthly NRA First Steps Pistol orientation class. NRA First Steps Rifle is on the calendar as well. For more information email [learn@wcwshootingsports.org](mailto:learn@wcwshootingsports.org)

### **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 well before then.

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

## 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 are open to 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.

At our meeting last week we had 8 people attending, both members and non-members. Check in to our next meeting, and learn more about hunting in Washington.

Please reach out to [wcwhunters@gmail.com](mailto:wcwhunters@gmail.com) for more details.

## 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. Our committees can always use additional input. Can you write? Can you help with marketing or promotion? Can you coach or teach? It takes a variety of skills to keep things going.

## WCW BLACKPOWDER GROUP

We have a Blackpowder Shooter's group starting this month, for those who are interested in shooting with traditional or modern blackpowder firearms. Find us on the calendar and see what we can do here.

## GET TO BE A BETTER SHOT

Everyone would like to be a better shot, whether in archery, shotgun, rifle, or pistol.

Our classes can get you started, but competition can move you beyond that start.

Shotgun has events and matches to score your progress, like our recent Continental League.

Our pistol winter league just ended, and the spring/summer league starts on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

The rifle highpower season starts with an introduction on 29 March and a first match on 12 April. The Appleseed project, coming in May, is also a good way to get off the bench and improve your skills. And don't forget our almost weekly smallbore and benchrest matches.

Check the calendar, and try something new!

## 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.

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](mailto:secretary@wcwshootingsports.org).

## WCW RIMFIRE MATCH FOR MARCH 2026

There were 35 contestants in this month's match with eleven competitors in the Expert Division, thirteen in the Sharpshooter Division, nine in the Marksman Division and two in the Rifleman Division.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Eric Carter placed first with a score of 247 5X. Keith Wilson finished second at 245 1X and Mike Becwar placed third at 244 5X.

Target Two: Keith Wilson placed first with a score of 247 8X. Ernie Snyder placed second at 247 2X and Kathryn Koehler was third at 244 5X.

Of the 22 target scores recorded by the Expert Division competitors 18 were 240 or higher!!

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Scott Price placed first with a score of 240 1X. Bruce Baillee came in second at 237 9X. Jason Pahlman placed third at 237 3X. Barry Johnson finished fourth with a score of 237 2X.

Target Two: Jason Pahlman placed first at 242 1X with Burce Baillee in second 239 5X. Scott Price was third at 239 1X. Song Pak finished fourth at 236 1X.

Relay Three. Marksman Division: Target One. Greg Mosen was first at 232 1X with Nathan Hood in second at 229 1X. N.K. was third at 228 2X.

Target two: Nathan Hood placed first at 232 2X and Greg Mosen was second at 232 1X. Alex Dodd was third with 226 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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## BULLSEYE PISTOL LEAGUE

Our indoor bullseye pistol league and IERPA Postal League has finished its season. The short of it is that we finished 3rd in the B class and 1st in the E class. The IERPA Bullseye Pistol Postal League this year had 25 clubs fielding 63 teams, across five states. Of note is that Henry racked up high score for the entire league in week 10 with that stellar score of 295.

Our outdoor pistol league starts on Thursday, 16 April on Range 3. This will be our normal spring/summer 'run what ya brung', rimfire or centerfire league for 14 weeks. It will be a re-entry score with the best 10 scores for record. Only one relay that kicks off at 7:00 PM. Cost will be \$60. After 14 weeks we will reset for the .22 only Summer/Fall league.

We have room on the line for you, come out and improve your pistol shooting through competition.

## SHOTGUN UPDATE

Since the last update, there are now several new faces down at the Shotgun range. Two new trappers, Dash and Shane, have joined us so come on down and say hi to them. They will be welcoming and helping our public shooters on the fields to make sure that everyone has an enjoyable time and safe shooting environment. We also have Sherman joining us as co-committee chair with Fred and he will be helping us with the various projects that the Shotgun committee has been working on.

We had a great turnout for the Continental League shoot where we hosted 18 squads. Congratulations to our own Scott Ray who won AA class (98/100) and Morteza Ghandehari who won C class (95/100) at the event. WCW had 8 shotgunners representing us this year and with the amount of new regular shotgunners that the club have been seeing, we are looking forward to seeing more WCW members joining us for the next Continental League.

Congratulations to our own Ed Munson as well who recently trophied in WAPITA's March 14-15 shoot in Singles & Doubles class.

If you are interested in shooting Doubles or Continentals, you should definitely join us on Saturday mornings where we are continuing to have one field set up for Doubles and one for Continentals. We also have a great group of experienced shotgunners as well that can help you with your game. If you're not sure who to ask, just ask Gary at the front desk, Fred, or Sherman and they will be glad to help you or find you the right resource. If you're looking for help to break into the 20s consistently, don't forget that WCW also offers the Trap Fundamentals classes. Just check the events calendar and sign up. Spots are limited right now, but we are looking to find ways to expand the availability of the class.

We are also looking to expand the number of Member Night Shoots so members can take advantage of what we have to offer. It is hosted every other Monday night, but we are planning on expanding it to weekly. If you haven't attended Member Night Shoots, definitely swing by for the next event for some excellent shooting under the light at a discounted rate!!! If Monday nights don't work for you, please let us (Fred / Sherman) know so that we can figure out what nights we should expand Member Night Shoots to.

## 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.

## MARCH 2026 WALLY SIEBERT TROPHY BENCHREST CENTERFIRE MATCH REPORT

There were 10 contestants in this month's benchrest match with seven in the Expert Division and three in the Sharpshooter Division.

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.

The wind conditions were very calm and weather dry.

100 yard targets: Target 1: Five competitors shot a score of 50 with Jeff Lewis with a 250 3X. Mark Phelps and P.K. tied for second 50 2x.

Target 2: Eight competitors shot a score of 50 with James Brittin, P.K. and Richard Nicol tied for first with a score of 50 3X.

Target 3: Seven competitors shot a score of 50 with James Brittin in first with a score of 50 4X. Ernie Snyder, Bill Rice, Jeff Lewis, and Parker Letson tied for second with scores of 50 3X.

Target 4: Five competitors shot a score of 50 with Jeff Lewis in first with a 50 4X. Bill Rice was second with a score of 50 3X. James Brittin and Ricard Nicol tied for third at 50 2X.

Target 5: Seven competitors shot a score of 50 with Jeff Lewis in first at 50 4X. Ernie Snyder was second at 50 3X. Troy Rice, James Brittin, and Richard Nicol tied for third with scores of 50 2X.

At the end of the 100 yard target series Jeff Lewis placed first with a score of 250 17X with James Brittin in second at 250 11. P.K. placed third at 248 10x. Two competitors finished with scores of 250.

200 yard targets: Target: 1 Five competitors shot scores of 50 with Troy Rice and Jeff Lewis tied for first with scores of 50 2X. Bill Rice and Richard Nicol tied for third with scores of 50 1X.

Target 2: Six competitors shot scores of 250 with Jeff Lewis and P.K tied for first with scores of 50 2X. Ernie Snyder was third with a score of 50 1X.

Target 3. Seven competitors shot scores of 50 with Jeff Lewis was first with a score of 50 3X. Bill Rice and James Brittin tied for second at 50 2X.

Target 4: Three competitors shot scores of 50 with P.K. was first with a score of 50 4X. Jeff Lewis placed second with a score of 50 2X. Ernie Snyder was third at 50 0X.

Target 5: Four competitors shot scores of 50 with Ernie Snyder placed first with a score of 50 2X. P.K was second at 50 1X. Richard Nicol and Jeff Lewis tied for third at 50 0X.

At the end of the 200 yard target series Jeff Lewis placed first with a score of 250 9X. P.K finished second at 250 8X with Ernie Snyder in third at 249 5x.

Congratulations to The Wally Seibert Trophy winner Jeff Lewis with an aggregate score of 500 26X! P.K. was second at 498 22X with Ernie Snyder third at 497 15x.

Expert Division match winners: Jeff Lewis placed first at 500 26X with P.K. in second at 498 22X. Ernie Snyder placed third at 497 15X.

Sharpshooter Division match winners. Troy Rice placed first at 493 12X and James Brittin was second at 487 16X. Mark Phelps finished third at 477 15X.

The scoring file is located under Events>Match Schedules>Match & League Results>Centerfire Benchrest Match Scores on the club website.

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



Siebert Match Competitors



Siebert Match Winner, Jeff Lewis



## WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2026

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

### **Present board members:**

Scott Ray (President)  
Dave Rusko (Vice President)  
Ajay Rao (Recording Secretary)  
Joe Maggiora (Treasurer)  
John Sutton (Director)  
Gabe Shank (Director)  
Kevin Ekstrom (Director)  
Chad Cechini (Director)  
Jack Bobin (Director)

### **Excused Board Members:**

Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)  
Aaron Morales (Director)

### **Committee Leads and Facilities Manager Present:**

Dave Rusko – Handgun  
Robert Haverstock – Facility Manager

### **Guests / Member Comment:**

Guests included Casey Porter, Steve Schattenbild, Mortaza Ghandehari, Phillip Downes, and Sherman Chang. Phillip Downes was introduced as our newest director, succeeding Gabe Shank, who will remain as the archery chair. Scott Taylor commented regarding membership value and cost comparisons with other clubs. The board acknowledged the concerns and agreed to evaluate membership barriers and consider gathering member feedback through surveys.

### **Old Business:**

Discussion focused on how to communicate the club's activities and value more effectively to members. Board members noted that many members are unaware of the breadth of programs offered by the club. Many members only participate in one discipline and may not realize the full range of club activities. Board members were asked to submit suggested data points and metrics to include in the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting presentation. Board members discussed challenges in encouraging members to attend membership meetings. Board leadership will continue evaluating ways to improve member engagement and attendance.

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

Financial overview indicated the club is performing better than at the same point in the previous year. Casey Porter was formally introduced as the new Treasurer, replacing Joe Maggiora. The Finance Committee will begin preparing the next fiscal year budget.

**Range Operations:**

Dave Rusko reported on equipment and facility improvements, including scheduled maintenance work. These will be included in capital expenditure planning for the upcoming budget cycle. The board approved purchasing a new Bobcat 3400 utility vehicle, similar to the current 12 year old model, estimated at approximately \$30,000.

**Shotgun Operations:**

The primary operational challenge discussed was wait times during busy periods. Committee members were asked to develop formal proposals for review by the Shooting Sports Advisory Committee.

**Committee Reports:**

Governance Committee – No updates.

Finance Committee – Budget preparation scheduled.

Audit Committee – Upcoming audit planning.

Teller Committee – Election cycle inactive until 2027.

Shooting Sports Committee:

Archery events scheduled:

USAA tournament – June 6–7

3D shoot – August

Potential Big Hunt Shoot – July (subject to volunteer availability)

**Donations and Swap Meet Discussion:**

A donation of reloading equipment from the estate of Bob Schmelzle generated approximately \$1,650 for the club. Board members discussed concerns regarding how the items were sold at the swap meet. The board agreed that formal procedures for managing donated equipment sales should be established before future swap meets.

**Conduct Committee Report:**

The board reviewed a negligent discharge incident captured on video.

The member in question was invited to meet with the conduct committee to review the violation. The member chose to turn in their badge and key and their membership was permanently revoked. This individual is no longer permitted on WCW property.

**For the Good of the Order:**

None

Motion to adjourn was made and passed at 8:30 PM.

## IN YEARS PAST - -

A couple of pictures from our club's history. Early 50's and clubhouse construction. Look at the small trees in the distance!



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as of March 2026

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