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President's Message

Another Memorial Day has come and gone, and it is worth noting that we continue to enjoy the freedom and individual liberty so many generations of servicemen and women secured for us with their lives. We often overlook the true meaning of the Holiday as it has become so symbolic of the opening of the summer vacation season and the warm, favorable weather that follows. Originally called Decoration Day from the early traditions of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance of those who died in service to our country. In 1868 following the American Civil War, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic proclaimed May 30th as the official date for the annual event honoring Union Soldiers who died during the conflict. That inaugural event was held at the newly formed Arlington National Cemetery and former General James Garfield gave a speech to honor the fallen Union Soldiers buried there. He was aided by 5000 participants who decorated the 20,000 graves present at that time. After World War 1, Memorial Day became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more established as a National Holiday throughout the United States. As we consider all those who paid the highest price for our country the words of General James Garfield remain timeless as a fitting testimony to their honor and sacrifice.

"We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest

virtues of men and citizens. For love of country, they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue."

James A. Garfield, May 30, 1868, Arlington National Cemetery

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Twenty three new members signed up for new member orientation in May. We are glad to have you join us!

Did you join us for archery, shotgun, rifle, pistol, or some combination? 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.

JUNE COMING EVENTS

Mondays – Member's Night shotgun
Thursdays – Air Gun practice
Thursdays – Bullseye Pistol
3 June – Club board meeting
5-7 June – USAA Archery Tournament
6 June – First Steps Pistol class
6 June – Rimfire Benchrest Match
13 June – First Steps shotgun class
13-14 June – ARA Rimfire State Tournament
14 June – Swap Meet
15 June – Shotgun Committee meeting
20 June – Centerfire benchrest match
20 June – Home Firearm Safety class
21 June – CMP Games Highpower Match
21 June – Rifle/Pistol SP Use Class
21 June – Pistol Special Use range
22 June – SSAC meeting
24 June – Washington Waterfowl Meeting
25 June – New Member Orientation
26 -28 June – NRA Instructor Class
27 June – 100/200 yard Rimfire Match
27 June – Trap Fundamentals
28 June – WCW Hunter meeting
28 June – Rifle Special Use Range

GARAND ORIENTATION

We held an Introduction to the M1 Garand class on 3 May, with five students. They got to learn loading and use of the M1, shooting, and care and cleaning.

We plan another Garand class on August 9th, watch for sign-up information!

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.

WCW BLACKPOWDER GROUP

We have a Blackpowder Shooter's group getting started, for those who are interested in shooting with traditional or modern blackpowder firearms. Check the calendar for our next meeting.

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/>

WE HAVE FIREARMS CLASSES!

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

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

USCCA BASIC DEFENSIVE PISTOL CLASS

We are now able to offer the USCCA Basic Defensive Pistol class here at WCW. It is on the calendar for the first Sunday of every month, and offers:

Self-Defense Firearms Basics

Shooting Fundamentals

Gear and Gadgets

The Legal Use of Force

Basic and Advanced Skills

See our calendar for more information or to sign up.

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 last meeting 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 wcvhunters@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.

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.

DONATED EQUIPMENT

We recently took a donation of a John Deere HPX815E Gator from Pacific Golf and Turf, at pacificgolfturf.com. This will really help with maintenance around the club!



RANGE SAFETY REMINDER

Have you seen someone on the range having safety problems? Were you able to help them, or alert others to help them? All of us have eyes and ears, and need to stay aware of what is going on around us. 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. Remember, when you walk by a standard not being observed, you just set another standard.

SWAP MEET THIS MONTH!

Don't forget our swap meet this month, on Sunday, 14 June. We usually have full tables, so there is lots to look at, look for, or even add to your supplies. Drop in and see what members have to swap and trade. 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 please call me Ted Hudlow at 425-353-0042.

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 spring/summer league still has room for more shooters, on Thursdays.

The rifle highpower season has started, with the next CMP Games match on 21 June. This is 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!

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to get involved, and make things better or make things happen? We have projects that need input from more members. Our committees work on improving our ranges and activities and need more hands and skills to make things work. We have a monthly shooting sports committee meeting on the last Monday of the month, or you can find out more at info@wcwshootingsports.org

WCW RIMFIRE MATCH FOR MAY 2026

There were 33 contestants in this month's match with thirteen competitors in the Expert Division, nine in the Sharpshooter Division, six in the Marksman Division and five in the Rifleman Division.

Welcome to newcomers Jose Hernandez, Jim Slyfield, Greg Sheehan, and Matt Petroske.

The scores in the Expert Division were absolutely phenomenal with two scores at 249!

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Steve Dunning placed first with a score of 249 8X. Keith Wilson finished second at 247 5X. Mike Becwar placed third at 244 5X and Eric Carter was fourth at 244 2X Target Two: Mike Becwar placed first with a score of 249 9X with Bill Ritchie in second 248 7X. Ernie Snyder placed third with a score of 247 4X and Keith Wilson was fourth at 246 6X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Dave Johnson was first with a score of 236 2X. N.V came in second at 235 2X. Fran Tevis placed third at 234 3X. Target Two: Dave Johnson placed first again at 235 4X with Barry Johnson and Frank Tevis tied for second with scores of 233 2X.

Relay Three. Marksman Division: Target One. David DeJong was first at 224 1X with David Fuller in second 223 3X. Peter Jaszczak was third at 223 2X. Target two. Peter Jaszczak placed first at 225 2X and David DeJong was second at 215 1X. Jose Hernandez was third 212 2X.

Relay Three Rifleman Division: Target One. Dong Lee was first at 237 0X with newcomer Greg Sheehan in second at 231 2X. Bill Ritchie was third at 230 1X. Target Two: Dong Lee placed first again at 239 2X with Greg Sheehan in second again at 225 3X. Jose Hernandez placed this third at 212 1X.

Dong Lee, Matt Petroske, Bill Ritchie, and Greg Sheehan were promoted to the Marksman 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

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BULLSEYE PISTOL LEAGUE

Our outdoor pistol league is well under way on Thursdays on Range 3. This is our normal spring/summer 'run what ya brung', rimfire or centerfire league. 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 is \$60. After 14 weeks we will reset for the .22 only Summer/Fall league. The weather is mostly better now, and we have more light, there's no reason not to give it a try.

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

WCW JUNIOR RIFLE TEAM

Congratulations to the WCW Jr Rifle Team for an excellent showing at the Washington State Outdoor Championship in Wenatchee, on 9-10 May. All their hard work and dedication over the winter paid off.

Jacqueline W. took overall 1st place in 3 position and 1st place aggregate indoor, outdoor, and prone.

Piper C. took 2nd place in A Class.



FIREARMS EDUCATION NEWS

Our classes are as active as ever and are even growing. Here is a picture from our recent NRA Basic Rifle class, and we have more classes coming, in rifle, pistol, and shotgun. What do you want to try next?



APPLESEED EVENTS

Project Appleseed held another event in May with a great turnout. Here's their event report: Sixteen shooters spent their Memorial Day weekend with Project Appleseed at the WCW Shooting Sports range. Both days were excellent for shooting with light winds and plenty of sunshine on Sunday. After introducing the fundamental skills, shooters were all shooting excellent groups and were ready to move onto more advanced techniques. Returning on Sunday, shooters were ready to put into practice what they had learned the day prior. After a little more practice on non-timed targets, they were much better prepared for the 55 and 65 second rapid-fire stages. First time Appleseeder Hallie was on fire all weekend, qualifying with a 220, and on another target took the event's high score of 231 out of 250! Carlos, also at his first event, shot a 213. Returning shooters Cameron and Jamison each re-qualified with a 211 and 216 respectively.

During the Parker's Revenge team activity, Parker's Legion showed that they were paying attention to our telling of the Three Strikes of the Match about April 19th, 1775 and handily won the challenge by targeting those shiny gorgets and coming away with 51 points out of 75.

Being Memorial Day weekend, telling stories from the American Revolution has even more special meaning for many of us. From that cold morning on Lexington Green on April 19th 1775 to today as we prepare to celebrate 250 years of declared American Independence, please remember all those who came before to make such a celebration possible. Say their names, tell their stories, remember their sacrifices. As John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail in April of 1777, "Posterity! You will never know, how much it cost the present Generation, to preserve your Freedom! I hope you will make a good Use of it. If you do not, I shall repent in Heaven, that I ever took half the Pains to preserve it."



HELP WANTED

Would you like to know more about our newsletter, and how it is put together? Can you use Word or Adobe to edit documents? We could use some help from a member with these skills, or willing to help.

Would you like to learn about managing events here at WCW? We host six highpower rifle matches each year, as well as numerous other activities. We could use a hand with these, and to fill in if someone is not available.

Contact us at info@wcwshootingsports.org to learn more.

SHOTGUN UPDATE

Big congratulations to our member Morteza Ghandehari for his recent "100 Straight" achievement. Mo has only been actively shooting trap for less than 1 year and him accomplishing this feat has been utterly amazing.

For our 5-Stand shooters, there have been changes to the target presentations. If you haven't come down to shoot the new presentation, you'll definitely want to try out the new challenges. We are also working on opening up 5-Stand during member nights so stay tuned as we finalize the details.

Around the trap field, we're also seeing a surge in Pump-Action and Side-by-Side shotguns. If you have one, bring it down and enjoy some casual Pump-Action competition. This is also a great chance to check out a Pump/SxS if you've been thinking about picking one up and are not sure what to get.

As a reminder, if you would like to also learn how the trap machine works and how to configure the machines for the various types of games, let us know at shotgun@wcwshootingsports.org.



Mo and his hat.

WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MAY 6, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Scott Ray

Present board members:

Scott Ray (President)
Dave Rusko (Vice President)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)
Casey Porter (Treasurer)
Phillip Downes (Director)
John Sutton (Director)
Jack Bobin (Director)
Chad Cechini (Director)
Sherman Chang (Recording Secretary)

Excused Board Members:

Kevin Ekstrom (Director)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager Present:

Dave Rusko – Handgun

Phillip Downes – Archery

Fred Harmon- Shotgun

Sherman Chang - Shotgun

Martin Morehouse - Rifle

Robert Haverstock – Facility Manager

Guests:

Michael Parent, MRP Tactical, Regarding bldg. materials and Lease Renewal.

Old Business:

Policy for Swap Meet regarding donations.

Need to set up policy so that it's fairer for members to have the opportunity. Dave Rusko brought up Ron Barton regarding past contributions from him in collecting and sorting casings to help fund youth programs and would like to offer him first opportunity on donations for his efforts to the club. John Sutton will be donation inspector.

Pistol Range improvements for next Year's Budget.

Chad Cecini reports that cost of pistol range improvements are too high for us now. The club will need to investigate range grants to fund the project.

New Business

Construction Budget; Lease Renewal for MRP Tactical (Michael Parent)

Michael Parent is requesting \$500 for materials to complete the building work. Board discussed the required work and all agreed to allow up to \$1,000 to complete the work.

Motion: Dave Rusko motioned to approve up to \$1,000 for construction completion.

Second: Martin Morehouse.

Aye: 9

Nays: 0

Motion: Scott Ray motioned to approve MRP Tactical lease renewal starting July 1 st. Same terms as before.

Second: Chad Cechini.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recording Secretary BOD

Motion: Martin Morehouse raises motions to accept Sherman Chang as Recording Secretary.

Second: Jack Bobin

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Recognition to Youth Rifle Program Coaches

Scott Ray spoke with Patty Wooley regarding Youth Rifle program. There are 2 individuals (1 member, 1 not) that have been helping with the program and are requesting if the board can approve 1 year of club membership for the two members.

Motion: Martin Morehouse raises motion to gift for 1 year of complementary membership to each of the 2 individuals.

Second: Jack Bobin

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Dave Rusko raised that the board should have later discussion to formalize guidelines on how we can recognize and award members for their contributions to the club.

Regular Updates

Treasurer's Report:

Casey Porter provided statement of activity. COG, unable to get accurate count as we don't have starting inventory. Dave Rusko mentioned that waste disposal cost has been increasing and is concerning. It has increased to \$30K per year.

Payroll increased due to new hires. Net loss ~\$10K for month of April.

Range Operations:

Facility update

Firearms log books reviewed and firearms accounted. A used John Deere Gator UTV was donated by Pacific Golf and Turf. We will install a sign at shotgun to thank the donor.

We are making temporary back wall repairs as permits and engineering will take another year to complete.

New technician (Corey) is onboarded and on the ground running. He has completed servicing the landscaping equipment and have made improvements to trap machines as well. He's also been helping with grounds keeping.

Paul Culver has joined WCW as part time rangemaster.

Pistol range fishbowl glass replaced to improve sound isolation for the range master. Second window installed in range office. Broken window at the clubhouse has also been replaced.

Wireless call microphones have been installed for testing on Shotgun Trap Field 4. The microphones are working well and we will be considering additional wireless microphones for the rest of the trap field. Two of the new trap machines are still awaiting shipment.

Facility income by Shooting Discipline

General discussion on revenue from the shooting disciplines and how to increase it. Pistol revenue has increased in March. Likely due to increase in weather temperature. Dave Rusko proposes that we should look into obtaining bids to install a heating solution on the firing line at pistol to help increase pistol shooter comfort during colder weather. Phillip Downes mentioned that we need to target "target shooters" as they shoot year-round.

Committee Chair Reports

Governance: none

Finance: none

Audit: none

Teller: none

Conduct: Jack Bobin: Casing and uncasing is the most common safety violation on the rifle range. He suggests that we should have some form of reminder to members on proper procedure.

Shooting Sports Advisory:

Archery: USA Archery Contract Agreement for facility use pending finalization; Training opportunities and Special Events in 2026; Nock Point and NSA facility usage proposal.

Rifle: Martin Morehouse would like to remove club-provided staplers from Range 1. 37 staplers have been lost due to users not knowing how to properly use the staplers.

Pistol: Self Defense Class update. There are openings in the upcoming class. Looking for more participants.

Shotgun: Interest from shooters in PITA style shoots as well as SxS shoots. Fred Harmon working on coordinating on setting up shoots. Members have also helped out more with member night. Morteza Ghandehari has also recently achieved 100 straight @ 16-yards. Also getting very positive feedback from 5-stand shooters regarding the facility upgrades.

General: Dave Rusko and Scott Ray bring up the need to expand recruitment for each of the sporting committees to help bring in more help. Phillip Downes mentioned that there is a potential candidate for archery co-chair.

Facility Rental

Hudson Bay Insulation (Shotgun) and SisAdmin LLC (Pistol) Employee Events on Friday, May 22, 2026

Motion to adjourn was made and passed unanimously at 8:42 PM.

Motion: Dave Rusko raises motion to adjourn board meeting.

Second: All

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

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