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President's Message

It's Saturday, July 25 th and as I write this month's Presidents message people in the Seattle metro area are making plans to attend tonight's Seafair parade, tour the visiting Navy Ships and prepare for next weekend's Blue Angels demonstrations, the Hydro Races and everything that makes this annual event so special in our area. The following two paragraphs were copied from the Seafair Website and provide a little history on how we started this summertime celebration.

It all began as a plan to celebrate Seattle's centennial in 1951. The Seattle area was without major league sports teams or the Seattle Center. Thirsty for national recognition and attention, Seafair was designed to attract tourists and showcase marine events in keeping with Seattle's boast as the "boating capital of the world." Prominent Seattle business leaders recruited St. Paul, Minnesota's Winter Carnival director Walter Van Camp to help produce a similar summertime event in the Emerald City. Van Camp could not wait for the centennial. He went to work in March planning a ten-day celebration for August 11 – 20, 1950. This included building the 5,500-seat Aqua Theater at Green Lake in a mere 75 days.

That first Seafair featured parades, boat races on Green Lake, amateur athletic events, royalty, and a number of community festivals. Seafair was deemed a success, and the festival would grow the next summer with the addition of unlimited hydroplane racing's Gold Cup race on Lake Washington. As it enters its

75th year, Seafair is a multi-week festival featuring over 30 community events that reach more than two-million people. It's about building community, creating memories, and providing affordable fun. The festival remains the fabric of our community and is made possible with the help of nearly 3,000 volunteers.

The legacy of Seattle's Commercial Airplane industry boosted by wartime expansion and production, also played a significant role in in the development of Hydroplane Boat Racing. The post war period ushered in a new era of expansion as our talented engineering base and surplus aircraft engines like the Allison V-1710, were adapted to build increasingly faster boats leading to the development of the Unlimited Hydro – Thunder Boat division. One name stands out in the sport of Hydro Racing; Tudor Owen (Ted) Jones. A boat racer since 1927, Ted Designed and drove SLO-MO-SHUN IV, the first propdriving thunder boat to run successfully. He piloted the IV to victory in all three heats of the 1950 Gold Cup on the Detroit River. This was in the days when the Gold Cup Race location was determined by the Yacht Club of the winning boat. As a result, the Seattle Yacht Club sponsored the Gold Cup, Ted and the SLO-MO-SHUN IV in Seattle waters for the first time in 1951. This was the start of the Hydroplane racing tradition on Lake Washington that continues to this day.

AUGUST COMING EVENTS

Mondays – Member's Night shotgun
Tuesdays – Pistol Special Use night
Thursdays – Air Gun practice
Thursdays – Bullseye Pistol
1 August – First Steps Pistol class
1 August – Rimfire Benchrest Match
2 August – Rifle special use range
2, 6 August – New Member Orientation
5 August – Club board meeting
8 August – USCCA Pistol Class
8 August – ARA Rimfire Match
9 August – Home Firearm Safety class
9 August – Intro to M1 Garand class
15, 16 August – WSAA State Match
15 August – First Steps shotgun class
15 August – Centerfire benchrest match
16 August – NRA Highpower Match
16, 20 August – New Member Orientation
17 August – Shotgun Committee meeting
22 August – 100/200 yard Rimfire Match
22 August – NRA First Steps Rifle class
22 August – Trap Fundamentals
23 August – WCW Hunter meeting
23 August – Rifle/Pistol SP Use Class
23 August – Pistol Special Use range
23 August – Archery Special Use Class
23 August – Rifle Special Use range
24 August – Rifle Committee meeting
26 August – Washington Waterfowl Meeting
26 August – SSAC meeting
28 August – Pistol Committee meeting
29 August – Adopt-a-Road cleanup
29-30 August – Proj. Appleseed 25m Clinic

MEMBERSHIP BADGE NEWS

We are improving our membership badge process. Membership badges can be picked up in person during normal business hours on weekdays and after 12 PM on weekends. Email membership@wcwshootingsports.org for any questions.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Nineteen new members signed up for new member orientation in July. 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.

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/>

GARAND ORIENTATION

We will hold an Introduction to the M1 Garand class on 9 August. We will cover loading and use of the M1, shooting, and care and cleaning. Learn how to use the club's M1's! Or bring your own M1 and get started with it.

Find signup information on our calendar on August 9th, the class is open to members, and guests for the usual range fee. Ammunition is available for sale if required.

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.

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 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

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 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. Check in to our next meeting, and learn more about hunting in Washington.

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

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.

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.

ARCHERY WORK PARTY PLANS

We have planned an archery work party for 9 AM to 4 PM on August 8th. This is to repair and improve the flat range and the walk-through, and prepare for the coming 3D competition. Contact Phil Downes (206-949-8759) to join either the first (9AM-NOON) or second (NOON-4PM) shift of the work party.

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 16 August. 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

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.

RANGE USE REMINDER

If you are using a rifle bipod on Range 1, you may have seen the damage done to the benches and platforms by those using spiked bipod feet. The spiked feet are designed for use on dirt or turf; so put down a rubber mat under spiked bipods on the benches or platforms to make these last longer for everyone.

ADOPT-A-ROAD WORK PARTY

It's time for our annual 228th ST Adopt-a-Road Workparty. Come help us clean up our section of 228th.

All equipment and gear will be provided.

Meet in the Clubhouse at 7am

Contact Dave Rusko to sign up or with any questions. 408.348.3779

wcwpistol@gmail.com

WCW RIMFIRE MATCH FOR JULY 2026

There were 28 contestants in this month's match with twelve competitors in the Expert Division, ten in the Sharpshooter Division, three in the Marksman Division and two in the Rifleman Division.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Scott Price placed first with a score of 246 3X. Kevin Kellogg placed second at 244 4X with Keith Wilson finished third at 244 3X. Steve Dunning placed fourth at 243 5X. Target Two: David Konkle placed first with a score of 248 5X with Keith Wilson came in second 245 6X. Scott Price placed third with a score of 243 5X with and Mike Becwar was fourth at 243 4X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Barry Johnson was first with a score of 245 3X. Bruce Baillee came in second at 243 7X. Song Pak placed third at 241 8X . Target Two: Alex Dodd placed first at 244 4X with Song Pak was second at 242 5X. Greg Mosen placed third at 240 5X. Relay Two. Marksman Division: Target One. Matt Petroske was first at 231 3X with David Fuller in second at 230 1X. Target two. Aaron Sporseen was first again at 224 2X and Matt Petroske came in second at 224 1X.

Relay Three Rifleman Division: Target One. Anthony Du was first at 207 0X. Target Two: Anthony Du placed first again at 197 0X.

Nathan Hood was 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

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BULLSEYE PISTOL LEAGUE

Our summer/fall outdoor pistol league has started on Thursdays on Range 3. This is our 'run what ya brung', rimfire only 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. The league runs for 14 weeks, then we will reset for the .22 only indoor season.

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

FIREARMS EDUCATION NEWS

We have our USCCA Basic Defensive Pistol and Legal Use of Force classes every month now. There is space available if you have been looking for a pistol class with a little bit more to offer. Our other classes are as active as ever and we have more coming, in rifle, pistol, and shotgun. What do you want to try next?

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE WSAA 3D CHAMPIONSHIP

The Washington State Archery Association's annual 3D championship will be held on August 15th and 16th at WCW's upper and lower walkthrough ranges. All archers are welcome to register, regardless of their experience, age, or shooting discipline. All competitors will shoot 30 3D-animal targets each day at varying distances depending on their discipline and age. If you are interested, you can register here: <https://washingtonstatearchery.org/event-6719561>. If you can't attend, watch for updates on our Instagram and Facebook accounts.

JULY ARCHERY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Fred Julian, Emily Maurer, and Diane Cochran from WCW competed at the 70th Anniversary Sherwood-Nottingham International Archery Match against the Nottingham, England Team, held in Sherwood, Oregon. Diane scored 1599 and was the top recurve shooter for the Sherwood team. Overall, the U.S. team won 7 of 9 divisions against the England Team.

Erin Mickelberry was in the top 8 for the Senior Recurve at the 2026 Buckeye Classic, held at Dublin, Ohio, in July.

Rishaan Ramaiya, who shoots here, (see photo) took 1st place with a perfect score in the Open Compound Cub division at the Northwest Mountain Challenge. This was held at Crystal Mountain, Washington, in July.



BLACKPOWDER INTEREST GROUP

We are pleased to announce the formation of a new interest group, one dedicated to muzzle loading and breech loading arms primarily intended for use with black powder or its many modern substitutes. We will celebrate, explore, and learn about the entire range of such arms, ranging from early flintlock, to later percussion, to modern muzzle loading arms from rifles to pistols to shotguns. We will delve into the world of black powder cartridge guns, to include rifles, revolvers, and shotguns. All disciplines, from hunters, to re-enactors, to competitive match shooters, to just plain old plinkers are welcome. Anyone who shares these interests will have something to learn, some of their own knowledge to share, and most importantly, a good deal of fun.

We are a very informal group. We will be meeting every second Wednesday in the Chalet at 7:00, first just to get to know one another and then, as we progress, to formulate our plan going forward. Additionally, we will be meeting on Range 1 every second Sunday at 2:00 to shoot. Please note, as a club event, even those of you who do not yet have special permission to access Range 1 will be allowed to do so for this event. There will be expert level instruction available for whatever you would like to bring, from that Pennsylvania Long Rifle flinter to that modern stainless steel, optic equipped, 209 primed inline hunting rifle. All are welcome - it it "booms" and smokes, bring it on out and enjoy an afternoon of shooting with like minded enthusiasts. Even if you do not currently own a suitable rifle, come on out and someone will most assuredly allow you to shoot theirs.

So, check the WCW calendar, mark your own calendar, and we will see you in the Chalet on second Wednesdays at 7:00 and on Range 1 on Second Sundays at 2:00. Keep your powder dry...

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.

SERVICE RIFLE COMPETITION

We offer a chance to get started in service rifle competition, with our Civilian Marksmanship Program and NRA Highpower matches. We offer them six times per year, and the next one is on Sunday, 16 August. This is a good match to learn how this competition works, with no pressure. All you need to get started is your rifle and 60 rounds of ammunition, and we can show you how this is done. The entry fee is \$20.00. See our calendar or contact secretary@wcwshootingsports.org for more information.

JULY BENCHREST CENTERFIRE TACK DRIVER MATCH REPORT

The TackDriver Trophy Match consists of shooting both a Group and Score target at 300 yards. The targets used were IBS 200 Yard VFS Target for score and IBS/NBRSA 300 Yard Group Target for group.

There were sixteen contestants in this month's match with ten contestants in the Expert Division and six in the Sharpshooter.

Target 1 : Score: Richard Nicol finished first with a score of 50. Larry Wright and Jeff Lewis tied for second with scores of 48. Group: Richard Nicol was first with a score of .594 with Bruce Nguyen in second at .748. Jeff Lewis was third with a score of .872.

Target 2: Score: P.K., Kahn Nguyen, and Larry Wright tied for first place with scores of 50. Group: Kahn Nguyen finished first with a score of .754. Jeff Lewis was second with a score of .797 and Larry Wright placed third with a score of .806.

Target 3: Score: P.K. placed first with a score of 51. Larry Wright, Jeff Lewis, and Richard Nicol tied for second with scores of 49. Group: Jeff Lewis was first with a score of 1.005 for first place. Bruce Nguyen finished second at 1.286 with Bill Rice in third at 1.288.

Target 4: Score: Pat Farrell and P.K. tied for first with scores of 49. Bruce Nguyen finished third with a score of 48. Group: P.K. was first with a score of 1.105. Kahn Nguyen was second with a score of 1.202. Pat Farrell finished third at 1.230.

The combined score and group aggregate winner of the Tack Driver trophy was Jeff Lewis with a total rank score of five points by placing fourth in score (190) and first in group (.9908). Richard Nicol finished second with a total rank with score of six points by placing third in score(193) and third in group(1.1615)

as well having the tie breaker by having the low group score on the first target(.594). P.K. was third with a total rank score of six points by placing first in score (197) and fifth in group (1.3745).

For information on this match contact Matt Daly mattd5404@frontier.com



RANGE REMINDERS

Guests or observers are not permitted on Range 1 unless participating in an event.

Clubhouse use is scheduled on the calendar. No unscheduled usage is permitted.

General Safety Rules at the Rifle and Pistol Ranges:

Each shooter may hang only one range approved target directly down range from their shooting position on the target frames provided.

Spots or Shoot and See's must be placed inside the target rings.

Target backer size 21"x24" (standard B-17) is required.

No silhouettes, characters, or oversized targets are permitted.

All shots must be aimed and hit the target on the lane being shot from.

If any shot does not hit the target, STOP SHOOTING!

Ask a Rangemaster or another member for assistance and resolve the issue before continuing your course of fire.

No more than one shot every two seconds.

WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JULY 1, 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)
Sherman Chang (Recording Secretary)
Casey Porter (Treasurer)
Phillip Downes (Director)
John Sutton (Director)
Jack Bobin (Director)
Chad Cechini (Director)
Kevin Ekstrom (Director)

Excused Board Members:

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager Present:

Dave Rusko – Handgun
Fred Harmon- Shotgun
Sherman Chang – Shotgun
Martin Morehouse - Rifle
Robert Haverstock – Facility Manager
Philip Downes – Archery
Christian Eckhoff – Air Gun

Guests:

Marc Bachmeier
Diana
Scott Taylor

Old Business:

Status of Donation Policy (John Sutton)

John Sutton is researching legal rules regarding 501.C.3 organization & donations.

Written policy for club is still in progress. Per Scott Ray, firearm / ammunition /donations with specific directed use should have guidelines defined.

Social Media Marketing Update and Camera Purchase Request (Jack Bobin)

Jack Bobin has met with Gaby (Marketing) to discuss priorities. Initial idea is to use Instagram (short-form media) and Facebook (long-form media). They are coming up with plans for member acquisition with short-form and use long-form videos for member engagement. The club has an existing YouTube channel exists, but it is not being utilized. Jack Bobin also raised the idea to host Cars and Coffee events at the club.

USAA Event Report

Diana reports that the USA Archery 2-day event generated positive feedback. Had visitors from as far as Texas to attend the event. She suggests that we turn this into a USAA National Event. First weekend of

June (Jun 5-6) is purposed for 2027. Revenue from the event has been transferred to the club Treasurer (Casey Porter)

New Business:

BOD Nomination

Chad Cechini raises and nominates Marc Bachmeier for the open Board of Directors position.

Dave Rusko seconds the motion. All in favor.

5-Stand Sound Reduction Proposal

Scott Taylor raises to the board to consider improving the sound isolation at 5-Stand shelter. 5-Stand shelter is still using egg carton to reduce sound. Scott Taylor has provided research on how the sound isolation can be improved and included a cost estimate on the material required to improve the sound reduction.

Need for Trauma First Aid Kits (TFAK) – Chad Cechini

Chad Cechini raises that the club should have Trauma First Aid Kits (TFAK) on site. 8 TFAK trauma first AID will be require to cover the areas around the club grounds. Chad Cechini will contact Robert Haverstock (Facility Manager) to order the kits for the club.

Regular Updates

Treasurer's Report:

June report is still in progress. Targeting 8-Jul to have June's report ready.

Range Operations:

VP Report: Facility Project Status, Dave Rusko

Update on Range 2 Roof and Wall Project

Casey Porter and Dave Rusko are going to set 4x4 for the frame. Siding will need to be removed. Due to lack of sound isolation, we will need to identify a good time to do the project so that the rifle sound does not pose a noise danger to passersby walking to pistol range. Dave Rusko and Casey Porter will be doing additional inspection to check if there are additional dry rot that will need to be removed.

Update on Tuff Shed Project at Rifle

Targeting old Tuff shed to be demolished in the next 2 months. Cement floor will be sealed as well.

Committee Chair Reports

Shooting Sports Advisory: From Dave Rusko. Low attendance from members on the Shooting Sports Advisory for each of the committees. Martin Morehouse raised that special events are good ways to get attendance. (Need more advertisement where people can discover these additional events.)

Archery: Philip Downes has rebuilt station 22. Potentially need additional targets as there are differing targeting regulations for 2 of the archery organization regulations.

Rifle: Range Maintenance Issues – Martin Morehouse. Pointed foot bipods on range 1 are causing excessive wear on the platform. Request shooters use rubber mats under their bipods. Keith Wilson / Matt Daley would like to do a building party and sandbag building party. Need new frame for 25-yards due to damage from shotgun slugs. Rifle committee is planning to schedule evening rifle event.

Pistol: USCCA Basic Defensive Pistol is now on the calendar 2nd Saturday of every month. 5 Additional NRA Pistol instructors have been added to the club's Pistol instructor pool.

Shotgun: 5-Stand on Monday Member Night has been announced to the membership. We will continue to have 5-Stand on Monday Member Nights based on the turnouts.

9:05 PM: Meeting was adjourned.

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