



The Plinker



MISSION STATEMENT

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle, shotgun and pistol shooting among residents of our community, with a view toward better knowledge on the part of citizens of our community of the safe handling and the proper care of firearms, and the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self discipline and self reliance that are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

Notes from the Prez



Your club needs you

There has been some confusion, misunderstanding and some really wild rumors about the 8 hour or \$80 annual assessment. Let us say that you are unable to donate labor such as brushing, splitting wood or fixing the gravel roads. We still can use your talents and you can gain hours.

For example, we need to take a professional look at the clubhouse. For long term planning, the clubhouse needs to be evaluated in four stages. These are, inside structure, exterior, electrical and heating. The first step would be the need of structural engineers, contractors, carpenters and pest control experts for the first stage of evaluating the condition of the clubhouse interior structure. A review of the clubhouse for the past effects of earthquakes, wood rot and chain saw bugs would be needed

Volunteers are needed. You don't have to swing one hammer or drive one nail, just take a professional look at the structure and give us a report on the shape it is currently in, what if anything needs to be fixed and suggestions on how. Your time on the committee will count toward your assessment.

The second stage is the exterior of the clubhouse. Roofers, siding people and painters are needed to take a look at the outside as well as the identified leaks in the roof. Again joining a committee to review and report will gain you assessment hours.

We will need to build several items over this next summer and if you know how but just can't physically do the work. We can use you as planners, teachers, and lead men on these projects as they come up.

I have a volunteer that will gain hours by answering your phone calls and getting you on the right committee as well as helping to get the report done. Please call Jim Terhar 360-786-1388

Let's say that you are too busy with your work or business but you have something that we can use such as a load of gravel or blacktop, some good lumber and so on. We will set up a contact for you in the near future.
Jim

BUDGET FOR 2004

At this writing time frame, we are into the budget process for this coming year. Several major projects have been identified and are being evaluated for return on investment. Cash flow is one of the controlling factors that drives allocation. Some projects will have to be phased, as there is not enough money to keep the cash flow. This brings up another point. There will be no reimbursement for any major expenditure not approved by either the range director or board of directors. If you identify a need for an expense, it must be presented to the proper director and approved before contracts or purchases are made.



President Jim Dotterer signs the new By-Laws at the February 6th meeting, with the By-Laws committee looking on. (L to R: Shirley Rheault, John Cadoo, Dave Akehurst and Rich Montecucco). By-Laws vote passed 104 to 21.

Capitol City Juniors

The Capitol City juniors are looking for new members. We have space for two or three new kids who want to learn serious smallbore rifle competition. The ideal age for beginners is 12 to 15. The club provides entry-level equipment and participates in activities year-round. If you're interested, bring your kid out to the indoor range on a Thursday evening at about 5:30 to 6:00 PM. For more information, contact Jim Greeves at 456-3073.

Airgun Field Target Dates

Thanks to the gracious hospitality of the Archery Club, we are going to have three AAFTA certified matches this year.

Dates are April 3rd, June 12th, and August 7th. We may co-sponsor the Northwest Regionals along with TRRC (Tacoma) on August 21st & 22nd.

If you have an air rifle and like to shoot, come out and try us. Most matches are 40 shots and the targets are arranged from 10 to 55 yards. The targets are steel and will fall when hit correctly. This is in the form of a trail walk and the atmosphere is relaxed and casual.

We have three classes of rifles, so we will have a class to match your rifle. A scope is a big help. If you have any questions, comments, or are just interested, call John Mickel at 491-0714.

Range Safety Officer Training

John Mickel has once again agreed to put on a Range Safety Officer (RSO) class for the club members interested in becoming a RSO. It takes several weeks for John to order and receive the materials so if you are interested in taking this class we need your name as soon as possible.

At this time John thinks that the class would be held in May of this year. To put your name on the list call John at 360.491.0714 or email him at jmickel@mail.tss.net.

The costs would be \$20. For the material and \$25 to register with the NRA after completing the course.
John D.

NRA CLUB AFFILIATE BENEFITS

JANUARY BLACK POWDER RESULTS

Nine hardy Free Trappers defied the weather forecast for the January "Early Bird" Shoot. Five matches were fired to contest for the prizes of frozen Turkeys and Summer Sausage. Ashley Garman and Bob Gietz donated birds for the awards. Scoring of the competition included extra points awarded for wearing authentic "Mountain Man" attire. All participants had a good chance to sharpen their shooting eyes in preparation for the Rain De Voo next month and found the rain not as much of a problem. Match #1 shot Crows at 25 yards Chris Miller won 1st prize with Ashley Garman taking 2nd. Second match, a 25-yard Squirrel saw Ashley Garman take 1st place with Will Ulry, 2nd. Third match, a turkey target at 50 yards, Ashley Garman was 1st with Steve Andrews 2nd. Fourth match, an Owl target at 50 yards Steve Andrews took 1st with Chris Miller 2nd. Final match, the assorted gongs at 75 & 100 yards, had Ken Mudge taking 1st with Steve Andrews in Second place. Aggregate awards were based on total scores which included as much as 10 points for primitive dress and involved choice of donated prizes from the blanket: Steve Andrews was 1st in full buckskins, Mountie Red Blanket Shirt and moccasins, followed by Will Ulry in second, as a refugee from the pistol range in tennis shoes, blue jeans and ball cap. Ashley Garman came in 3rd with Chris Miller 4th and Ken Mudge, 5th, Tom Brown 6th, Bob Gietz 7th, John Vlateff 8th and Darrell Gehlsen 9th.

AMENDED SCHEDULE FOR BLACK POWDER MONTHLY SHOOT

Due to conflicts with other muzzle loading activities in the area, there will be no monthly shoots on the Black Powder range for February and March. Monthly shoots will resume for the season with shoots on Sunday April 18th and Sunday, May 16th. Following May, the Free Trappers will be on vacation with the next scheduled regular shoot in October.

Bob Gietz (360) 273-7862

FREE AMMO

Well, not quite free. Show up at the **High Power range on Saturday March 13th at 10am** with a shovel, garden rake, weed eater, and/or pruning shears, and four hours later you can drive away with a brand new, unused box of 22LR ammunition in your choice of standard or high velocity. And, if enough people bring 22 rifles and want to stick around, you can use your box of 22's to try out the steel plates we'll be using every other month in our Balloon Shoot (This'll make sense if you show up). Just think, you get four hours toward your assessment, a free box of 22's, and a nice clean place to shoot. You bring the tools, gloves and boots; I'll bring the ammo, sodas, and a whip. By the way, if you showed up on Valentines Day, my apologies. That had to be cancelled for safety reasons. Rick Baldwin HP range director - 943-8658.

SMALLBORE SILHOUETTE

Smallbore Silhouette Practice will start April 21st and go through July 28th. The action will take place on the Old Pistol Range on Wednesday evenings. Setup time is 5:00pm. The 1st relay starts at 5:30 pm (sharp)! The 2nd relay will start immediately after the 1st relay. Any non-magnum 22 rimfire rifle is allowed.

If you have any questions please call Eric Boos at (360) 456-0668 or (360) 273-1382.

Minutes

Capitol City Rifle & Pistol Club

Board of Directors Meeting

February 6, 2004

Meeting began at 7:05 P.M.

Flag Salute

Attendance - All Directors were present except: Darlene Langa and Greg Squires.

In-Person Vote - Jim Dotterer tabulated the By-Laws vote of each member present at the meeting and passed this listing to Shirley Rheault and John Cadoo who began to count these as well as proxy votes received by mail. Tom Holladay and Jerry Rheault verified the count.

Reimbursing RSO's - Jim D. raised the issue of reimbursing those club members who complete the training needed to become an RSO. Various opinions were expressed. Some felt that on completion of the training, the RSO should be reimbursed for the cost, estimated at \$45, of taking the training. Others felt that reimbursement should depend on whether or not the new RSO actually ran a certain number of matches, and still others felt that the RSO would, in effect, be reimbursed by not having to pay the \$80 assessment after leading a couple of matches. No conclusion was reached.

Treasurer's Report - Tom Holladay reported account balances as follows: Checking Heritage Bank (account #01050042687) \$629.67; Heritage Money Market (account #01050042679) \$6,021.34; Heritage Emergency Fund \$1,134.00; Heritage Capital Projects \$2723.00 and Homestreet Long Term Money Market (#5100321909) \$82,761.33. Tom reported that the number of members failing to pay their dues (that is quitting the club) exceeded the number of new members joining the club.

Membership Report - Rich Montecucco reported that membership has dropped to 468 members. At that level, a quorum for purposes of the By-Laws vote is 72.

Report of Vote Count and Signing of By-Laws - Jim D. received the vote count and reported that the vote on the new By-Laws was 104 in favor and 21 opposed. Jim immediately signed the new By-Laws.

Forestry Study - Jim D. reported that Bill Vogel, who works in a Federal forestry program, will be cruising CCRP property.

Perimeter Fencing - To emphasize the importance of at least initiating construction of perimeter fencing, Jim D. distributed aerial photos of club property, which pointed out how close two ranges, Black Power and Action Pistol, are to our property lines. Discussion followed regarding the means for initiating fencing efforts at least in these two areas. Tom Brown volunteered to lead a team to do this work. Several members indicated that they had fencing equipment that they would provide.

Firearms Inventory - Jim D. asked for the whereabouts of several club firearms. No one knew where all these arms are located. Jim will try to find where they are located. Missing is one S&W .38 and possibly others.

Purchase of Porta-Pottie - Hunter Ed wants to purchase an ADA approved porta-pottie, one that would be fully equipped for use by the disabled. These units cost \$2,000 a piece. Hunter Ed would like CCRP to purchase one standard porta-pottie they own for \$600 to offset the costs of the ADA-approved unit. The understanding would be that after purchase, CCRP members and visitors could use the ADA-approved unit also. In discussion, one director pointed out that a new standard unit might be purchased for about the same amount of money. No decision was reached.

Muzzleloaders' Grant - Jim D. announced that the Washington State Muzzleloaders Association presented a \$150 grant to the Puget Sound Free Trappers to support youth shooting programs for traditional black powder muzzleloaders.

Certain Rounds Banned - Bob Gietz presented a motion that would ban firing certain types of ammunition on CCRP ranges including: incendiary, armor piercing, tracer and/or explosive bullets. Some questioned how a member could determine whether his/her ammunition fell into one of these categories. In discussion, it was agreed that the club would abide by the manufacturer's designation. In other words, ammunition marked or labeled as being incendiary, armor piercing, tracers or having explosive bullets would be banned. It was moved, seconded and passed that a rule to this effect be added to the club's Standing Rules. The rule will read as follows: The use of ammunition having incendiary, armor piercing, tracer and/or explosive bullets is banned on all ranges.

Predominant Range Usage - Jim D. pointed out that a relatively small portion of the club's income comes from competitive shooters. About 1/3 comes from competitors and 2/3 from dues, in other words from casual shooters who use the ranges infrequently. He suggested that reactive targets, particularly on the Hi-Power range, would attract shooter interest. Discussion followed as to what types of reactive targets would be durable, minimize splatter and be popular with members. Several different forms of reactive targets were suggested. No conclusion was reached.

Club House - Jim D. pointed out that given the club's current financial situation we need to develop a logical plan for rehabilitating the clubhouse. In other words, we need to prioritize repair needs for structural, power, heat and other requirements to preserve our investment.

Alcohol on Hi-Power Range - Dave Akehurst reported evidence of alcohol consumption on the Hi-Power range based on "empties" found in the trash. Several members questioned whether the presence of "empties" in itself could prove alcohol consumption on the range. One member suggested that maybe someone simply emptied their trunk into the trash. Considerable discussion followed as to whether a rule banning alcohol consumption on ranges should be established.

Adjournment - The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John C.

Big Buck Contest

It was another year of fine stories. Dave Akehurst laid claim to fame with a cougar. Dave drew a special tag and went hound hunting in eastern Washington. He didn't even show up with a bloody tag though. For the third time in the four years the "Stump" has been in existence Dale Rankin took the Big Buck. Dale's 26" wide 3x4 scored 128 7/8". How can you miss a buck at 120 yards off a bipod though? I can give him a bad time 3 of us hunted together in Montana. Dale didn't miss the 2nd time. Ray Crisp is also a name that keeps showing up on the Stump. Ray scored on a 6x6 Roosevelt. One arrow did the chore. It took from 11:00PM till 5:00AM to get it out with one more pack to go. That makes the meat real sweet. This guy scored 255. It was a dandy. The antlers were real dark with ivory tips. Tim Kaufman tagged along with his buddy Ray to our banquet. We didn't have Blackpowder Buck this year. Tim seemed to just fit into the old muzzleloader category. Tim got a 4x4 elk in the Coweeman unit. This rack was very even although and by a lot of standards small. But most front stuffers agree any elk is a good elk. It was 28 2/8" wide and scored 142 7/8". Tim blasted this one only to follow it an hour for another shot. Then it stood there while Tim loaded and shot 3 times. Does that sound exciting or what? Tim gets the Blackpowder Elk this year. Larry Lufkin had a bugger with us too. Larry brought in a monster Bull Moose. The antlers were 52 2/8" wide. This was a thrill for Bob Geitz and myself. We had never scored a moose. Our tape measured this guy up to 159 7/8". Minimum book is 195. So you know it was nice. The paddles were over 10" wide and 29" long. He came from northern Canada. He was only a short 100 yards from the lake. But apparently the tundra adds a new level of work to just walking. Larry also tells of a picturesque silhouette of this 10' giant. What an awesome picture. Can you imagine your nose reaching the bottom of his chest? Larry gets the Big Antlers Award. I did some club calling the other night. In conversation Dave Trapp told me just a week ago Chuck Wheeler and him got 2 cow elk. They drew Toutle cow tags and filled them in a heartbeat opening morning. One field dressed at 298 and the other at 309. Hey what does it take to get a steak out of you guys? Did you see Saturday's paper? A hunter in Shelton got a bruiser Blacktail that tipped the scales at 248. Whoa can you imagine that? Beside the hunting stories Dean Bouffiau honored us with his presents. Dean was our honored guest. He kept us entertained with some good old Blackpowder Rendezvous stories. The "Mad Barber" is known in a parcel of Rondes and a parcel of states. Dean is one of our Good Ol Boys that is familiar with a good time and is loved and remembered by many a youngster just getting into Rondes. I would like to thank my chef Bob Jamison. He also furnished the Bar be que. The ladies also brought some fine dishes. There were some Devil eggs that went down nice too. Keep them triggers and cross hairs tuned in. Maybe next year you can share a story with us.

Tumwater Big Buck

Keep this in your memory banks. Tumwater Sports had a Big Buck Contest this year. Jim gave away a rifle to the winner. Jim's contest is for Blacktails only and you have to pre-enter. It was only \$2. I was honored to help score for the doings. It was fun and the high light of the day was two Hunters Education students that I helped teach came in with two good bucks. The one that didn't get away was shot by a lady and scored over 111. Sorry I didn't get names. I did find out it was shot in the Dechutes unit (probably at the East Olympia Fire Department).

Will

RAIN DEE VOO 2004 WAS A SUCCESS!

If you are interested in being a part of this adventure for next year come to a meeting at the club house Thursday, March 4th at 7 PM.

Bob Gietz (360) 273-7862

For Sale

Olympic Arms OA 96 pistol with scope, 223 cal. \$1050.00

Bushmaster 25th Anniversary Limited Edition (1 of 1500) Model XM 15-E2S

223 cal. \$1550.00

Both are new. My phone number is 273-9198. Tony.

March 2004

LOCATION KEY: A=Archery; B=Blackpowder; C=Clubhouse; H=Hi-Power; I=Indoor; M=Multipurpose; T=Action Pistol

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Work Credits Bulletin Board

HERE'S A LIST OF UP-COMING EVENTS TO EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS:

J WORK FOR AMMO: need 16 volunteers for High Power Range work day on Saturday, March 13th. 10:00 – 2:00. **GET .22 AMMO & SHOOT NEW TARGETS** afterward. Call Rick Baldwin to find out what you need to bring, at 943-8658.

We got out the vote!!

Thank you to those that voted on the By-law revisions. The Board of Directors is starting to work full time on making this a better-equipped club to enjoy our shooting sports. The quorum needed was 82 votes; the final tally was 104 YES and 21 NO for a total of 125 votes.

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