



# 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.*

## The Kids Are All Right By Jeff Young



While older kids gather firewood, the younger ones learn rifle care and safety. Kaysi Forrester and Laura Lowe show future rifleman Alex Lowe how to clean a .22 target rifle.

Lazy, self-centered, unable to plan ahead -- stereotypes that apply to many youngsters, but obviously not the dozens of young riflemen (and women) who train at Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club.

More than 30 teens, their parents and coaches turned out this summer to harvest firewood for the club's indoor range. The range is used during the fall and winter months by shooters from Black Hills and Tumwater High Schools and the Capitol City Juniors. This summer's woodcutting was a joint effort by all three youth rifle teams.

With 20+ firing points, overhead and backstop lighting, the indoor range is the largest smallbore and airgun facility of its kind in southwest Washington. But without heat from its two wood burning furnaces, it would be empty much of the year.

CCRP's 140 acres of forested property provides valuable resources for the club. Some timber is sold and firewood from downed trees and snags helps reduce our heating costs.

Firewood for the 2011-2012 season was cut by coaches John Stines (Black Hills); Mike Boerner and Bob Greenman (Tumwater) and Jim Greeves (Cap City Jr's). Club member Terry McManus brought a heavy-duty power splitter. Teenagers and parents provided muscle and energy to gather and stack the wood.

Terry said his splitter was put to good use. "This is the biggest turnout for club firewood cutting that my wife and I have ever seen. To see the enthusiasm and hard work from all these kids and parents is great."

Coach Stines lauded both the shooters and those who support their sport. "This is one big effort by all three teams. We all need to contribute to the club because it's CCRP that sustains us. It was great seeing all the parents and relatives. With the teenage teams parental support is imperative. They're the ones bearing most of the expense for equipment, ammunition and transportation."

It's difficult for student rifle teams to compete for resources with high school's Big Three football, basketball and baseball programs. However, one financial opportunity for young shooters and their parents comes from the impressively high number of college shooting scholarships won by kids who train at CCRP.



Work creates heat. Black Hills shooter Ryan Post helps lay in a stock of firewood for winter rifle practice at CCRP's Indoor Range.

## M1 Garand Match Results August 14, 2011

We had a pretty small turnout for the August Garand Match with just 5 shooters participating. That said, the weather was overcast with zero wind and cool temperature for a great morning of shooting. Scores were relatively high compared to earlier matches this year and overall quite close. Gary Thorson won the Prone Slow Fire Stage with a 194 2x, Ken Horton shot a 97 1x for the Prone Rapid Fire win, Gary Thorson also won the Sitting Rapid Fire stage with a 96 2, and Fran Huntington took the Off-Hand Stage with an 89. Tony Minernd took the overall match win, his second match win this season.

Individual Match Scores;

Tony Minernd 457 8 1st  
Gary Thorson 454 8 2nd  
Fran Huntington 453 2 3rd  
Ken Horton 435 6 4th  
Gary Baldwin 421 4 5th

The next and final match for the season will be on Sunday, September 11th. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Remember you don't need an M1 Garand to participate, bring your Enfield, Mauser, Springfield, etc. Several of us are planning to shoot the September match with one of these alternative rifles. We do also have a club M1 available if you'd like to shoot a Garand. (The rifle is free, but you do have to purchase club ammo to use it.) We look forward to seeing more faces at the September match. For more information, contact Fran Huntington at: [franhuntington@comcast.net](mailto:fran@franhuntington.com).

## The Opposite of Osmosis By Jeff Young

My high school coach had an answer for everything. Winning games, getting dates or passing tests; his advice was the same: "It won't happen by osmosis." In other words, it takes personal action to make things happen.

Later in life, I learned the "Law of 90-10" which separates the majority – those who rely on osmosis -- from the 10% who don't.

CCRP members shooting both indoors and out will benefit from two summer projects conducted by some of the club's "doers."

Tony Minernd and Mark Zeigler like shooting almost as much as they dislike sloshing through mud to set up targets. Working with Highpower director Rick Baldwin on range surface problems, they brought in their own tractors and set to work.

The tracked duo cleared the drainage ditch at the 200-yard line, leveled the target stand area and filled in low areas which spawn winter mud. They graded the access road to improve drainage and filled potholes.

Their work will be increasingly obvious when the fall rains begin. Your feet and your car's suspension system will love it.

Those who shoot in the Indoor Range face a different problem: getting enough light on their targets. Big range – old lights.

Smallbore rifle and pistol shooters Tom Krugman, Fran Huntington, Gary Thorson and Tony Minernd decided to brighten the range's lighting system. Using strips of reflective paper, they lined areas behind the light racks, increasing reflection onto the targets.

The foursome also papered the dark areas between backstop boxes, providing better target definition, especially for those using aperture sights. It's a smart and inexpensive step to increase lighting. Long-term, replacing existing lights with high efficiency ones will be evaluated with the goal of continuing the importance of our indoor range for developing youth shooters.

Volunteers are the backbone of our club. If you see one, please offer your thanks. Better yet, ask what you can do to help.

## Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club Executive Committee Meeting Minutes August 5, 2011

Chris Moffet called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Doug Simpson led the flag salute.

1a E-Comm members present: Chris Moffet, Cloyd Lamberson, Darrell Gehlsen, John Mulhall. Excused: Brian Erickson, Will Ulry.

1b Board members present: Doug Simpson, Irene Hertwig, Ron Lohman, Ray Crisp

1c Guest: Bob Jamison, Gary Anderson

2 Discussion began on the confusion over the Match Fund amounts versus the Range Fund amounts. This applies to the Action Pistol Range as they hold 3 separate matches, but, the Match Funds are combined into the single Action Pistol Range fund. Additional confusion comes from the amounts shown in the Monthly and YTD P&L statements. The amounts shown are for that month and YTD alone and any previous amounts are not shown. Also, the previous year's balance is not shown. So, in this case, and in reality, the AP Range fund has what is believed to be the correct amount of funds in it, even though they are not shown. Possible solutions to this would be to create 3 separate Match Funds or have the treasurer query and print out the Match and Range Fund balances for each BOD meeting. This will be addressed and determined at a later date.

3 The Multi-Purpose Range: The MP Range is closed except for Events or with an RSO in charge of the range. The RSO must be a CCRP member in good standing and on the Safety Officer's RSO list. The RSO in Charge has the authority to issue a cease fire and CLOSE THE RANGE. At that time, all shooting activities stop and everyone leaves the range. All other use of the MP Range is unauthorized and such use is subject to membership revocation.

4 A new conduit is needed from the phone pedestal to intercept the new conduit to the new gate. New phone lines will be pulled in. This must be done before any of the old gate post or pads can be removed as the old phone line conduit runs right through the old stuff and is so old and broken up it is not worth repairing. A motion was made by John Mulhall to get bids to do the work above plus correctly fix the roads to the ranges, the HP range approach hill and entrance, the road from HP to the AP range entrance and the AP range entrance, and the top of the hill above the paved portion of the club entry road and the drainage corrections needed on the paved portion of the club entry road. Cloyd Lamberson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. A full board motion to accept the best reasonable bid and get the work scheduled and started was made by John Mulhall and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Lohman. An email vote by the full board is required and requested.

5 John Mulhall noted that suppressors for firearms became legal in WA on July 22, 2011, albeit with strict regulation. He raised the question of addressing club policy about this. Do we ban them outright? Do we require the documentation required by the state to be carried on the suppressor owner and they have to produce it on request? What are the liabilities to the club on this subject matter? One of the big potential issues here is that suppressed firearms cannot be loaned out. Only the owner with the proper docs can possess the suppressed firearm.

6 The cooking range hood has been mounted from the roof but the installation is incomplete. The wiring needs to be done first. The next step is to get the extinguishing agent charged and the system inspected by the fire safety company. Brian, can you contact Bob Jamison about the wiring needed? Darrell Gehlsen made a motion to authorize up to \$1500.00 to complete the installation of the range hood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Mulhall, motion passed.

And finally:

7 Darrell Gehlsen gave notice that he will be stepping down from the board at the end of October. Darrell does a lot of behind the scenes work for the club and his shoes will take some work to fill. Thank you, Darrell for all of your hard work. Darrell's job description is: Treasurer, Bookkeeper, Webmaster, Security, Holds the club mailing address, Is the club's registered corporate agent, and Takes care of the gate program. The following ideas should help cover this. Get a P.O.Box and have the club secretary take care of the mail. In most corporations, the secretary is also the corporation registered agent. We can have the President, Vice-president, and Secretary put their names and signatures on the bank accounts. The Gate Program and Security (the Key cards) should have multiple persons that are knowledgeable in their use. I suggest myself, Doug Simpson, Ray Crisp, and Brian Erickson. I would like to think that we have someone in the club that knows how to be a webmaster and would be willing to do so. A Treasurer/ bookkeeper will need to be chosen. I'll be looking for volunteers.

8 Larry Lufkin requested clarification of whether he needed to provide a new event app for the extra Hunter Ed classes he will be holding at the club or if he could piggyback the on the existing HE event app. The decision is to have him provide a new event app.

9 Ron Lohman made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JohnMulhall, motion passed.

<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>		<i>*Executive Committee</i>		<u>Law Enforcement Liaison:</u>	<u>Black Powder: (Muzzle Loading)</u>
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### **MEMBERSHIP DUES RATES**

***Dues and Renewal policies are effective September 1, 2003***

Members will receive a statement 45 days before their membership expires. (Your renewal month is found on your mailing label.) The dues renewal date is the last day of the month in which members' "annual date" falls. Members' gate card will automatically "lock out" on their renewal date if they have not renewed, and their membership will be considered "inactive" for 30-days, during which time they may still pay their dues. After 30-days on "inactive" status the membership will be terminated. Should they wish to rejoin CCR&P past the 30-days "inactive" status, they must reapply as a new member and attend the Orientation class. **Membership fees**, collected at the time of the orientation classes are:

Annual dues **\$70.00** for the first member of each household and **\$35.00** for each additional eligible member of the household.

Initiation fee (one time) **\$80.00** for each household and a refundable gate card deposit fee of **\$10.00** for each member.

In addition, each member is expected to devote 8 hours of volunteer service annually or recruit two new members or pay an assessment of **\$80.00**.

**NRA membership (required)**

**Orientation class (required)**

**(GUESTS:** Members may bring their spouses and children under the age of 18 years old **as guests** as often as they'd like. Non-immediate family member guests are limited to two visits annually. Members **MUST** accompany their guests at all times, including spouses and children, and are responsible for the conduct of their guests.)

### **NRA CLUB AFFILIATE BENEFITS**

Free listing of events on NRA website; discount on range technician team & service; attorney referral service; non-legal advice for legal problems; NRA attorneys pro bono for national concern issues; eligible to apply for \$5,000 grant annually; \$10 reimburse for each new NRA member; \$5 reimburse for each returning member; "Club Connection" quarterly magazine; eligible for NRA firearms insurance.

## Capital City Juniors Train Locally – Compete Nationally

By Jeff Young and Alan Carey

Hours of training, great coaches and supportive parents have again paid off for young shooters from the Evergreen State.

More than 20 teenage shooters, many of whom spend countless after-school hours in the CCRP Indoor Range, are back from Camp Perry, where they competed in two national air rifle championships, back-to-back on the same range.

The first was the NRA national air rifle 3-position championship; the second was the Civilian Marksmanship Program's national Junior Olympics, also for 3-position air rifle.

In the NRA championship, the Washington State Rifle & Pistol Association team, which included one Capitol City shooter, won the national championship by 10 points over a very good Kentucky team.

Although Washington State is small in population, it looms large in national scholastic rifle competition. Coach John Crossman notes that, "the only 'state' that sent more shooters than Washington to these matches was the Republic of South Africa, with whom many of our kids became friends."

Crossman says the kids from Washington have major visibility in national competition.

"Over the last six years, our state junior air rifle team has come in third once, second once and the overall winner twice -- not a bad record."

In addition to Capitol City's Danny Lowe, the other three shooters represented the Spokane club, Paul Bunyan and the Colville-area 4-H. In that same NRA championship, there were club teams entered, with different shooters, from Capitol City and Spokane. Those club-level standings showed the Capitol City juniors in 19th place nationwide, with Spokane finishing in 26th place.

In the CMP national Junior Olympics that followed, all teams represented individual clubs or schools. There were no state "all-star" teams. In that match, the Cap City Juniors finished in 5th place, which put Dan Lowe, Luke and Zach Duncan and Tim Hopkins on the podium for awards.

In the same Junior Olympics, Paul Bunyan finished in 12th place and Spokane juniors took 14<sup>th</sup>.

For high school shooters, national NRA-CMP NRA competition is an essential rite of passage for those hoping to move on to college teams, national matches at Camp Perry or even the Olympics.

Although facing the pressures of shooting against some of the nation's best marksmen using state of the art equipment, the young athletes also get a taste of world-class range facilities. The 50-point ranges have twice the illumination of most club facilities and scoring is done electronically. Target hits and running scores are displayed on monitors for both shooters and spectators.

Following on the heels of Camp Perry, Washington youth shooters also vied for national honors in the American Legion air rifle 3-Position postal league. The culminating event in that sequence is a shoulder-to-shoulder match at the Olympic Training Center, featuring the top 15 precision air rifle shooters and the top 15 sporter air rifle shooters.

The precision championship was won by Capitol City's Danny Lowe. For his win, Lowe receives a trip to Minneapolis to receive his award and give a five-minute speech to 5,000+ delegates and meet a relatively major American leader.

Crossman says the young shooter admits he's a little nervousness.

"Danny said something about meeting the President," said his coach. "I asked, the president of what? Turns out, it's the President of the United States."



Capitol City Juniors compete with the nation's best teenage air rifle shooters at Camp Perry. These are some of the 40+ young people who train fall and winter evenings in CCRP's Indoor Range.

## FORTY-THREE YEARS TO THE END OF THE TRAIL

According to local records, forty-three years ago Tenino began their Oregon Trail Days Festival. There were black powder events of one sort or another but the Gib Isaakson shoot started formally a bit later. So, this year, which is the forty-third for the Oregon Trail Days, was the 34th event for the Gib Isaakson Black Powder shoot.

Once again, on July 22nd 23rd & 24<sup>th</sup> we saw a bit of the Western Fur Trade come back to life, both on the firing line and on Trader's Row, along with the Gem & Rock show and the Tenino Farmers' Market. Over a dozen traders started the arrival on Thursday and Friday while the shoot was held on the weekend days, Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Shooters signing up for the event comprised 43 main aggregate, 4 juniors and 30 under 12's. The high count for the Under 12's was due to the offer made to the community to provide an opportunity for the youngsters to at least have the experience around a muzzle-loader.

Boosway Will (Bugler) Ulry lead the Puget Sound Free Trappers for this event with Segundo Tom Witt, Trade Chief Steve Andrews, Range Chief Tom Brown, along with John Vladeff, Rowland Zoller, Tim & Jan Sampson, Kent

Dunn, Robert Cales, Dan Johnson, Dan Konopatske, Tony Yaklich & Bob Gietz staffed the events. "Renegade" Mike Nesbitt from the Evergreen Muzzleloaders was also there to help.



Aggregate matches started "with a boom" Saturday morning with a combination of 90-yard bulls eyes, several buffalo, bears, crows, gophers, and 'nightmares' to challenge the shooter's skills. Pistol and Trade gun matches drew around two-dozen competitors each. A special match for the lady shooters and daily contests for the Under 12's rounded out the shooting agenda. There were also events for Knife and Hawk competition, and a Trappers' run. A big feast from the pig roast (donated and prepared by Ben Crow) was held Saturday night for the potluck. Weather was about optimal particularly with the breeze across the range on Saturday. No problem with wet canvas for the trip home this year.

Shooting awards came from several sources. The Washington State Muzzleloaders Association designated the Rifle aggregate as the Formal Championship for the current year and top

three aggregate shooters as well as top three in matches 1 thru 6 received WSMA Medals. Other shooting events including Junior Aggregate and Tomahawk trail received Free Trappers Medals and Under 12's for Saturday and Sunday plus the novelty matches were recognized by certificates. Harold Moore and Mike Nesbitt sponsored the awards for the Trade gun match with two traditional buffalo horn powder horns by Harold and a traditional shooting bag from Mike. The aggregate blanket, in addition to Free Trapper donations was well supported by generous cash and merchandise donations from the community. The Washington State Muzzle Loaders Youth Grant enabled awards for the Junior and Under 12 competitors. In addition to prizes, recognition by certificates or medals went to the three top shooters in each category.

### Prizes

We just completed another successful Oregon Trail Days. During which I regularly visit Cabela's and Wholesale Sports. Both have been good supporters for prizes for Rondes and other club activities. Both are changing their way YOU are to initiate your requests.

Wholesale Sports has a form to fill out. They do not wish to receive it at the last minute. This means a minimum of submitting it is a month early. The store Manager Doug Mason said we would be more successful if on January 1st we submitted the requests for the entire year.

Cabela's via Arlen Velkee said no more requests will be accepted in person. It has to be submitted via computer. The E Mail address is <http://information.cabelas.com/support>. I have not used this but it will probably take me a time or two to get it right. A couple of meetings ago I was asked if I had a IDiot Degree in computers. I didn't even get it till the 3rd time it was explained to me. Goods Luck, Will

# September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 (B)0900-1500 Infor- mal Black Powder Shoot (T)0800-1300 Begin- ner Pistol Training
4	5 LABOR DAY	6	7	8	9 (C)1900-2100 BOD mtg (T) 1200-1500 Begin- ner/Intermediate Pis- tol League Setup	10 (T)0800-1500 Begin- ner/Intermediate Pis- tol League (M) 0900-1600 Work Party come help!
11 PATRIOT DAY (H) 0800-1300 M1 Garand Match M) 0900-1600 Work Party come help!	12	13	14	15	16	17 (T)1300-2000 Action Pistol Setup (B,M) 0900-1400 Al- ternate Black Powder Trail cleanup
18 (T)0800-1500 Action Pistol Match	19	20	21 (C) 1900- 2100 New MBR Orient	22 (C) 1900- 2100 Free Trappers meeting	23 (T) 1400-2000 CAS setup	24 (T) 0800-1700 CAS Match
25 (T) 0800-1300 CAS Orient. Bay 2 (H) 0800-1600 Cmp Match	26	27	28	29	30	

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

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### **Puyallup Fair**

WWC will have a booth in the Northwest Outdoors / Go Play Outside building again this year. This is a great public outreach opportunity for sportsmen. To do this we need a lot of volunteers to staff the booth.

**The dates of the fair are September 9 through 25. All volunteers receive free entrance to the fair.**

Sportsmen's organizations are encouraged to take advantage of our "Volunteer Group of the Day" program and bring some of their literature to present to the public!

Contact Jeff Christensen at 425-308-7583 or [Jeff@hunt4life.com](mailto:Jeff@hunt4life.com). The booth schedule is online at [www.w4wc.org](http://www.w4wc.org) Direct link: <http://www.w4wc.org/FairSchd.htm>

## **Multipurpose Range Closed**

The Multi Purpose Range has been closed because of unsafe shooting practices by numerous people. It is available to scheduled events that are approved and NRA RSO ran. Current NRA RSOs may also shoot on the range, if the posted range rules are strictly followed. The range needs to have major safety work done in order to allow open shooting There will be work parties and information available September 10 and 11 on the range. Get your 8 hours club work for your dues discount in and get informed. If you intend to be there, e mail [balestrap@comcast.net](mailto:balestrap@comcast.net) or call me 360 943-8057

Larry Balestra, Multi Purpose Range Director

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