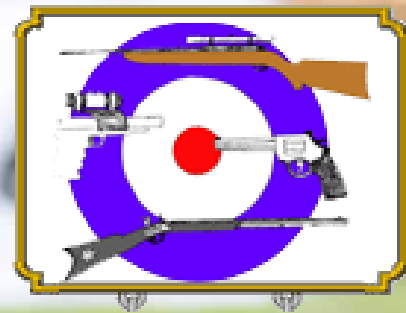


CWSA

NEWSLETTER



February 2025

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Executive Committee

President	Bob Clark	360-929-2167
Vice President #1	Ed Hilkey	360-929-2896
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Treasurer	Ralph Young	360-678-0430
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Exec. Advisor	Larry Memmer	360-969-2588

Board of Directors

2025 Directors	Doug Smith	360-672-0629
	Ron Martin	360-320-8797
2026 Directors	Ralph Downs	360-202-7562
	Ed Green	360-821-8443
2027 Directors	Alex Jackson	360-678-6305
	Nick Montagno	520-977-0998
2028 Directors	Kirby Stevens	360-929-9122
	Mathew Kirkconnell	425-274-6869
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Committee Chairmen

Archery Range	Bill Simons	360-929-1252
Fund Raising	Linda Pickering	360-320-5702
Hunter Safety Course	Larry Memmer	360-969-2588
Newsletter	Kris Hansen	425-772-8944
NRA Recruiter	Linda Pickering	360-320-5702
Public Relations	Bill Balfour	360-679-1812
Firearms Instructor	Al Lindell	360-678-0960
Range Safety	Nick Montagno	520-977-0998
Calendar & Scheduling	Susan Gerard	360-689-7974
Calendar Updates	Carol Ann Leonessa	206-660-3177
Web Master	Randy Nolan	360-678-5215
	Brittany Humburg	
FYI	Mike Cox	360-399-0078
CMP	Derek Franzen	
Stop the Bleed	Sigi Johnson	360-969-3678

Match Coordinators

Bowling Pins	Richard Morgan	425-750-5444
Falling Plates, Pistol	Roger Richards	360-820-8105
Falling Plates, Rifle	Roger Richards	360-820-8105
Hanging Plates, Pistol 22/PCC	Gary Raster	360-679-8375
Hanging Plates, Rifle	Gary Raster	360-679-8375
Speed Steel Rifle Bays 6,7,8		360-679-6893
Speed Steel Pistol Bays 1 thru 5		
Trap	Ralph Downs	360-202-7562
	Ron Martin	360-320-8797
Multi Gun	Brad Steward	757-894-9391
50-Yard offh& 22 rifle, 100 yard Iron sight or scope	Gary Winlund	503-440-3492
Any rifle 100 & 200 yard	Lance Landquist	360-320-3645
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Vintage Military (100 & 200 yd) & Metallic Silhouettes	Gary Winlund	503-440-3492
	Lance Landquist	360-320-3645
200 yard--22 rimfire	Gary Winlund	503-440-3492
	Lance Landquist	360-320-3645

Next General Meeting

Monday, February 10, @ 1900
(7:00 PM)

From the President

I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members! We're thrilled to have you as part of our club and look forward to getting to know each of you.

To help you get involved and stay connected, we invite you to participate in our club by attending our bi-monthly meetings, held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. These meetings are a great opportunity to meet fellow members, stay informed about upcoming events and projects, share ideas, and find ways to contribute.

Whether you're looking to be actively involved or simply want to learn more about what we do, your presence is always valued. We encourage you to join us, ask questions, and take advantage of all that the club has to offer. We can't wait to see you at the next meeting!

Exciting Club Improvements - Volunteers Needed!

We're excited to share that there will be a lot happening at the club over the next couple of months as we work on some much-needed improvements, including fresh paint and new carpeting. To make this process as smooth and successful as possible, we invite all members who are interested in lending a hand to get involved.

Whether you have experience with painting, moving furniture, organizing, or simply want to contribute in any way you can, your help will be greatly appreciated. We encourage you to attend an upcoming meeting to learn more about the projects, share ideas, and sign up for volunteer opportunities.

This is a great chance to come together as a club, make a positive impact on our space, and ensure it remains a welcoming environment for all. Your time and effort will go a long way in enhancing the club for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!



**DON'T
FORGET
TO
RENEW
YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

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**CLUB
PATCHES**

We now have 25 patches on sale for \$15.00, If there is a bigger demand, we can order more patches for members to buy. Please see Larry Memmer if you are interested in buying one of these patches.



CWSA General Meeting Minutes

Date: 13 January 2025

Opening Call to Order & Pledge, by: Bob Clark, President
• Time: 19:01 • Attendance: 31

General Business Reports

Secretary, Reading of Previous Minutes: Previous minutes are available online.

Treasurer's Report: We ended 2024 with \$235,658.00 in the bank. The club realized \$121,000 in revenue last year and our expenses were \$56,477.00. The club put an additional \$55,449.00 in the bank. This is a record year for the club. We have two CDs that matured last year. We rolled these CDs over into new CDs worth \$103,918.00 at a 4% interest rate. In the past two months we have realized about \$9,000.00 in renewal revenue. However, we still have 140 members that have not renewed as yet, which puts us short about \$10,000.00.

Membership Report: Presently, we have 953 members, but we will lose 140 members that have not renewed their contracts, resulting in a total membership of 815. We should gain more members on Jan 25th.

Public Relations Report: Not present at the meeting.

Club Maintenance Report: Ed reports bunch of work completed on Range 9. Also, rebuilt the back boards on the 200-yard range and totally rebuilt the 100-yard range. We have placed new gongs on ranges 1 and 5. On Thursday ranges 6, 7, and 8 will be closed for new gravel placement.

NRA Membership: Nothing to report.

NRA Training: Scott is going to get some classes started. If anyone is interested give him a call. Scott will get back to Bob with a tentative date in March or April.

RSO Report: Nick reports that we did get an incident report from Al Lindell. Someone shot a hole in the Plexiglas shield at the Pin range.

Hat Sales / Fund Raising: We took in 15\$ for the 50/50 raffle. The raffle generated \$33.00. Also, Linda sold one hat and one patch for a total of \$83.00.

Old Business

Review plans for bullet traps. Ed and Bob will try and see if they can get something going this Spring.

Ed Hilkey: Report on findings for mining lead from our berms. Tabled until the next board meeting.

Present plans to paint the clubhouse interior. Bob has priced paint and it is running at \$286.00 per 5 gallon bucket. We want egg shell for the walls.

Review plans for replacing the clubhouse carpet and blinds. Most folks are leaning to the green square. Bob wants to make a firm decision so that we can move forward. Hopefully having the job completed by 15 April. Kay made a motion to go with the tan squares. Larry seconded the motion. We will go with the tan color. The cost for the carpet should be \$9741.53

Ed Hilkey: Review plans to replace clubhouse doors and provide the

schedule for this work. Bob would like to see this completed by 15 April. Ed will replace the four exterior doors for the clubhouse. This needs to be done before the painting and carpeting.

Bob Clark: Discuss our agreement with State Parks on facility use. Bob and Ryan Green of State Parks have met and worked out a memorandum of agreement (MOA). The understanding is that the 200- yard range and ranges 6, 7, and 9 will be open for member use. All other ranges and the clubhouse will be closed to members during State parks use. However, board members will be able to access the clubhouse to accomplish necessary work. Bob will secure final signatures on the MOA by next board meeting.

Clubhouse blinds. Bob feels that we don't want to replace the blinds because the existing blinds are a custom size (76 inches). A member (Angile Graham) thinks she can get an estimate by Wednesday or Thursday. Do we want to add blinds for the back part of the room, that currently don't have blinds. Angile will check the pricing. Blind discussion tabled to the next board meeting.

Action Items

Item	Owner	Description	Due	Complete
24-06	Ed Hilkey	Roof for wood storage area	1 May 25	
24-16	Ed Hilkey	Get a quote from contractor to mine the lead from our ranges—passed on from Ron.	9 Dec 24	
24-17	Bob Clark	Contact Mr. Green of State Parks to negotiate increased flexibility of range use during Parks training	14 Feb 25	13 Jan 25
24-18	Bob Clark	Get and estimate for replacing the blinds	1 Feb 25	13 Jan 25
25-01	Ed Hilkey	Replace clubhouse doors with steel doors	15 Apr 25	

New Business

Discussion on changes to the 50/50 raffle. Kirby will generate a list of names from EZ-Facilities. Linda will use this list to come up with a name of the raffle winner. If the winner is not present the pot will continue to grow. New process explained to general membership.

Gary Raster brought up that there are several new bills coming up before the legislature limiting gun rights. Bob read a letter to Ron Muzzall that one of our members wrote in name of the club. Bob will forward this letter to Ron Muzzall.

Closing

Raffle: Ticket raffle, 258232 John VanDamme selected a coin bank. 258199 selected a pistol holster and belt. 258230 Not used. Richard P Belli won the 50/50 and would have collected \$7.50 if he had only been here.

Adjourned: Gary raster made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by his wife and the meeting was adjourned at 19:54.



CWSA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 27 January 2025

Opening, Call to Order: Bob Clark, President • Time: 17:56

Members Present: Bob Clark, President • William Simons, Archery • Ed Hilkey, VP1 and Facilities • Alex Jackson, Board • Ron Martin, Board • Kirby Stevens, Board • Nick Montango, RSO • Doug Smith, Board • Kay Gheen, secretary • Al Lindell, Training • Kevin Kirpatrick, New Member • Ralph Downs, Board • Gary Winlund, VP2 • Larry Memmer, Membership • Ralph Young, Treasurer

General Business Reports

Reading of Previous Minutes: Previous minutes are posted online.

Treasurer: We currently have \$143,913.57 in available cash. Our CDs have a current value of \$103,989.05 for a total of \$247,902.60

Membership: As of this morning we had 868 members, and we gained one more this evening bringing us up to 869 members. We processed 53 people on Saturday and three more on Thursday.

Public Relations: Bill is not available tonight

Work Projects: We got quite a bit done this week. The new gravel is in and all smoothed out in bay 8. We put a new road into bay 5 that will provide access to handicap members. The 17-yard and 50-yard ranges (old) both need new target boards.

NRA Membership: Nothing new to report.

NRA Training: Nothing new to report.

RSO Report: Not much to report. Have had some people driving through the area at excessive speeds. The new eyebrows on the short range seem to be increasing the noise level. The 75-yard range has a bunch of divots in the ground short of the targets. Which raises concerns for ricochet problems.

Old Business

Ed Hilkey: Report on findings of lead mining research. Yes. Ed is working with two people, one back East. His process includes drilling a hole in the ground and circulating water in the ground and then extracting the lead from the water. The other guy has not given us a final decision. Ed found that we need to have this done this year due to an agreement we have with the county.

Bob Clark: Report on Angile Graham's estimate to replace clubhouse window blinds. She estimates that we could replace all of the blinds except the large one for \$576.44 and the one big window would cost \$314.00. The big window would be metal blinds and the others would be vinyl. These windows would be inside mount and would still show our woodwork. Larry made a motion to purchase the windows Nick provided the second and the motion passed. We will take it to the membership for approval at the next general meeting.

Bob Clark: Discussion on door changes. Ed reports that our doors will be in by 1 February. Will be installed by 15 February. We will need to start getting all of the stuff off of the walls in preparation of painting. Bob would like to get this done in March.

March 3 Ralph Downs and Ron Martin will remove all of the stuff off the walls including the old blinds.

Bob Clark: Discussion on painting of clubhouse interior

Bob Clark: Discussion on carpet replacement

Bob Clark: Discussion on changes to counter situation. Ralph Downs likes the islands. We use them a lot for training and anytime someone does some cooking they are heavily used. The board votes to keep the island in place.

Bob Clark: Report on finalization of MOA with State Parks on range use. Done. Bob wants a sign for the gate to explain which ranges are available when state parks are using the range for training.

New Business

Ralph Young: Presentation of 2025 CWSA budget Proposal to raise the cleaning fee by 7% motion passed.

Recommendations on mounting the moose antlers on the wall. We have a skull hanger and need to find a place to mount Bullwinkle. The guy from Whidbey Taxidermy says that we should get rid of the ram. Ralph feels that the domestic ram is an embarrassment. Whidbey Taxidermy will take it and give it to Oak Harbor Schools.

Ralph Young: Draft proposal to change CWSA fiscal year. The reason is that membership dues are currently due at the end of the calendar year. This presents a problem for some members due to additional expenses during the holidays. This year we lost 139 members. Last year we lost 60. We have been tossing around the idea of having the year on 1 March. Ralph has talked to EZ-Facilities about this, and they are working on it. Ralph Downs suggests that 1 April would also be a good date. This is the membership year. Not really the fiscal year. This discussion was tabled until the next board meeting.

Ralph Downs: Discussion on portable trap thrower. The trap thrower is getting old and not working too well. Ralph wants to know how many people use the thrower. Ralph thinks that a replacement would run about \$1,800.00. Ralph would like us to put a notice in the newsletter to ask how many people use it. Ed thinks it is used at a minimum of once per week, when the weather is good. Kirby made a motion to replace the unit. The motion was seconded by Larry Memmer and passed by the membership. We will ask the membership for \$2000.00

Bill Simon wants to replace the archery targets. The two small targets this year and the big target next year. The two targets will cost \$326.00. Gary made a motion to replace the targets. The motion was seconded by Ed Hilkey and passed unanimously.

Ed needs to fix the signs on ranges 1 through 5. We need to repaint the safety lines on the ranges and build new benches for 7 and 8. In addition, Ed wants to build three new shooting tables for range 9. We are having problems with people that are moving the tables on the 100-yard range. They move the tables to accommodate shootin in a prone position, which is OK. The problem is that they are leaving the tables out in the weather which is damaging the wood.

Alex wants a sign on Range 6 stating that the range is for shotgun only. Kevin Kirkpatrick introduced himself Wants to donate his service. Has

done camera and IT services for other ranges.

Nick wants to know when we are installing new steel plates. Ed says that they are done, but we need to buy some spares.

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25-01	Bob Clark	Obtain signatures for state parks MOA	27 Jan 25	20 Jan 25
25-02	Ralph Downs	Remove all of the pictures and heads from the walls	3 Mar 25	
25-03	Ralph Downs	Get an estimate to replace the trap thrower	24 Feb 25	
25-04	Ed Hilkey	Prepare signs for front gate to display which ranges are available when State Parks are using the range		

Closing

Adjourned: Ron Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ralph Downs and the meeting was adjourned at 19:37

