



The West Seattle Sportsman

January 2015

General Meeting January 14th

2015 Member Dues

Happy New Year!

May all of your resolutions hit their bull's eye.

Your Board of Directors, Range Operators and Coaches would like to thank you for your support over the past year. It is our sincere hope that you found some enjoyment and value in one or more of the varied activities WSSC provides.

As you know it takes a great deal of volunteer time, maintenance, materials and supplies for WSSC to continue it's existence and offer the many events and activities members can take part in. As a member it is your annual membership dues that help make that happen. And we are sure you will agree that there is no better value for the number of opportunities your \$40 membership provides you.

At this time your club needs your support more than ever.

As you know, our Range is going through a major overhaul to meet regulatory requirements.

It is on schedule to reopen on January 12th. But to get it back up and running has required countless volunteer hours from a few people and expenses have been high.

So here are two things you can do, right now, to help.

1. Send in your 2015 dues today!
Send a \$40 check made out to:
West Seattle Sportsmen's Club
Addressed to:

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P.O. Box 16258
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2. Consider Volunteering. There are all kinds of things that you can do as a volunteer.

- Help out on Range maintenance and activities
- Help plan events like the Big Game Dinner, Salmon Bake, or Clam Bake

- Volunteer as a Board Member
- Volunteer to assist for Hunter Ed. and Marksmanship classes

...The list goes on...

Just contact any board member, coach, or range officer.

They will be glad to show you how to do any task you want to help with.

Thank You, and have a great year!

Cam Robison
WSSC Treasurer

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General Meeting

Our General Meeting will be January 14th at 7:30. We'll meet at the Range Club Room, 4470 35th Avenue SW.

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This will be an important meeting to attend. In addition to the voting in of new members and welcoming them to the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club there will be the Election of Officers and there'll be a report on the finances of

the range. As you may know the expenses' have been significant. One item we'll discuss is a preliminary adjustment of range fees.

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Get the lead out!

The City of Seattle Environmental Steward came in November after we cleaned the range. We purchased lead-specific cleaners along with updated materials and supplies to use specifically on the range and club room. There were three separate cleaning sessions... Still, there was lead on different surfaces and cross-contamination was taking place.

All of the efforts taken were well considered; there was nothing wasted. It was impossible to tell that sometime in the past the concrete had been treated with some petroleum based product. After the second cleaning I noticed a heavy diesel odor. During the third cleaning I saw a sheen over the clear water rinse. When the floor dried it was clear we were not going to be able to remove the oil which covered a random 2/3 of the concrete floor. This oil had captured and was holding lead from the marksmanship activities.

As we moved forward John Yeasting proposed using a concrete grinding machine to remove the top layer of floor. After, an

epoxy floor would be installed over the range. This was a mammoth, dirty and disruptive job. The range was closed December 15th and is expected to remain closed until January 12th. With Winter League beginning January 13th it's cutting it close.



In addition to yet another thorough cleaning the entire overhead of the range has been dismantled and cleaned. New soundboard will be installed and the area sealed. Another addition will be policies and practices to properly run the range and keep it clean. There will be significant differences to all who use the range and club facilities. As we enter 2015 we'll be leaving the practices of the last century. We'll also be adjusting the user fees. Maintaining a modern shooting range requires on-going expenses. The new fee

structure will be designed to meet the needs and costs of our range.

Our General Meeting will be January 14th. Keep a watch for emails which will update the progress of the range renovation. I know as the different marksmanship disciplines near the match season people will want to get in to practice. I'll keep you updated on the progress.

A lot of changes have taken place at the Roger Dahl Rifle Training Range here in West Seattle. We're looking forward to reopening by January 12th.

Thank You! to John Yeasting and all who've participated., including the parents of our Juniors who've volunteered their time for this undertaking.

Gary Moseley
President
West Seattle Sportsmen's Club

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Range Hours and Activity

Monday - Small Bore - 6:30 PM,
Tuesday - Rifle League, - 6:00 PM
Wednesday - Juniors - Contact Joe Matter joe@vashonjrc.com for Junior information and shooting times.
Cost: Adult members \$2.00, non-members \$4.00, Juniors \$2.00.

Bird Hunting in Wapato

Tony and I headed over to Wapato a couple weeks ago to do a little bird hunting with Ryan Calhoun. We stayed at the Super 8 Motel at Union Gap, which was conveniently located right across the street from a huge shopping complex that contained a Cabellas. We were able to pick up our Yakima Reservation hunting permits (\$20 for a 3 day permit) there and get our maps of all the feel free to hunt areas in the area.

Saturday morning we dressed warm, since it was only 14 degrees out, and headed over to Ryan's house. We drove along the irrigation canals for a while, looking for ducks, and came upon a covey of quail. Tony was able to get one and after that we proceeded to a field where Ryan had kicked up a couple pheasants the weekend before, when he was duck hunting. We never found the roosters, but Tony rustled a covey of quail out of a brush pile, but didn't get a good shot at them.

We walked a couple more fields, but didn't find any more quail or pheasants so we decided to drive the irrigation



ditches some more jumping ducks and did get a couple. We spotted a huge flock in a ditch as it was getting too dark to shoot so we decided to come back early the next day.

We came back to the ditch early the next morning, but about 10 minutes before it was time to get out of our cars to hunt, something spooked the flock and they all took off. We ended up driving around a little more and found one more small flock to jump and got a nice green head.

All in all, we didn't find any pheasants, but did find some birds to shoot at and it was a good weekend. – Greg Boyd

General Meeting Continued

We also have the largest class of new member applicants we've had in a really long time. There are 9 candidates we'll be voting on to become members. Please come and welcome this robust group into our club!

The renovations of the range and club room will be largely completed by our General Membership Meeting. Come and see the new look. Along with the new look there'll be new ways of using our range. It'll take a few weeks to provide opportunities for everyone to learn how the range will be used.

In addition to new requirements for using the range I'll be recommending to the Officers that the range fees be raised to \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. I'm also recommending that a Range Pass system be adopted. In general terms this will mean a frequent user may purchase an annual pass for unlimited use **or** a pass may be issued based on volunteer hours of the preceding year.

If you have opinions on these proposals or other matters come to the Members Meeting; I'll see that you have time to speak.

Gary

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New

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Renewal

Date _____

I, _____ of _____, Washington, being interested in the propagation and conservation of game birds, game animals, and fish in the State of Washington, do hereby apply for membership in the WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB and tender herewith the sum of \$ _____ in payment of one year's dues.

"I solemnly swear that I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club and help in its up-building and I will not willfully disobey the Game Laws wherever I fish or hunt. I will always be a true sportsman both in the field and to my brother members at all times.

Signed _____

Street Address _____

City _____, Zip _____

Phone _____, Email _____

Recommended by _____
(New Only)

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