

Upper Nisqually Sportsmen's Club www.uppernisquallysportsmensclub.com

December 2024

NEWSLETTER RAMBLINGS

Welcome to the end of year and all the challenges that weather brings. Please be mindful of fallen trees, not digging up the new parking area cover, and wildlife that finds its way onto the firing line.

Take another chance to see how the new rimfire range is coming along. It's been fully landscaped and has been hydroseeded, just in time for the rain to make it nice and green. Plans are being made for concrete work, shelter, and benches for next year. It will be fun to see that develop.

Some of the Board's responsibilities center around reducing liability to the club and helping keep people safe, often those feed into each other. With the expectation around safety, it is so that we can continue to return and have fun at the club. To that end, a reminder about handling and moving firearms. This is a generic reminder as it happens. Please make sure that when moving to/from the firing line, holding or moving around the firing line, or simply adjusting gear, that we keep the muzzle pointed down range or straight up in the air. You know it is unloaded. But from a distance when I see it sweeping multiple people, I can't see it unloaded; and it gives me pause to watch a muzzle point directly at me.

Also, with respect to liability, a camera system is installed on the range house, please look for cameras above the sign-in booth and above the barn-door. They are wide-angle cameras with the intent to cover the comings and goings of the gate, parking lots, road going towards the hill, and the caretaker's mobile home. They are up high, and do not capture the firing lines. A third camera is up high on the range house pointed down the 550 range and is mounted above the awning/firing line. The system is self-contained, and therefore will not be accessible through the internet.

There are more fun things coming along, many thanks to all the volunteers and match directors for keeping the club going and a great place to be. As always, members are invited to the meetings on the first Monday of each month, and please check the calendar for what is going on.

As always, please adhere to the rules and be kind to each other. Stay safe so we can continue having fun at UNSC.

Thanks, Dave & Pat

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MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL RENEWAL WAS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2024

At this point in time, you should have received your "25" year sticker in the mail for each adult member. Lifetime members and youth members do not need a yearly sticker. You will continue using the same badge and keycard that you were assigned last year. Simply attach the year sticker, so we can easily identify those who have renewed.

If you have renewed and have not received the sticker, please reach out so we can rectify this.

If you **still need to renew**, the renewal form is available at the club or on the website. This form can be returned to the club via snail mail, dropped in the lock box, or emailed directly to Debra. Your keycard has been deactivated, and you will not have access to the club property until you have paid the annual membership fee and late fee.

If you are **not renewing**, please let us know. You can return your keycard to the club. If you have any questions, please contact Debra.

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE CLUB

INCIDENTS AND RESULTS

Catastrophic Discharge

We also had a catastrophic discharge recently. No personal information here, but this is one of the reasons why eye and ear protection is required. The shooter is very lucky that they only had a few cuts and that their eye protection was knocked off. We are supremely thankful that was all. It is also a reminder that no matter how many years we've been doing this, vigilance with powerful weapons never takes a break.

Walking for target placement on 550-yd range

There was an Incident Report written on the 550-yard range. Two members were shooting, and two more members entered the range. The two members asked a cease fire to go set targets. Not a problem, they were courteous. They chose to walk out to the five-hundred-yard targets. They walked back to the firing line. Problem developing. After shooting a few rounds, they asked for another cease fire. They were politely reminded to drive when going that far. Problem growing. When they asked for yet another cease fire, of course it was granted. They again chose to walk. When they retrieved their targets, they decided to walk back to the firing line along the road. Not good at all. There are courtesy rules posted in the building. They were pointed out and ignored.

Friends, let's be thoughtful of other members of the club when you visit.

Side Box Note...

We are looking for a member with architectural skills to draw the shooting booth for the Rimfire Range. Please contact Pat Beireis at 206 200 0621 or pdbeireis@comcast.net

ORIENTATION IS AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW AND CURRENT MEMBERS

Orientation days are listed on the club calendar. During Orientation, you will receive a tour of the club. You will also complete the New Membership Orientation Certificate. Club Bylaws and other documents may be requested from the Board Secretary.

You will also receive a packet containing

- Hours of Operation
- Membership Types
- Dues Information
- Guest/Visitor Information
- Club Meetings
- Flag Usage
- ◆ Clean Up
- Restrictions
- ♦ Events
- Important Points to Remember
- Standing Rules
- Range Rules
- Shotgun Rules
- Archery Range Rules

BOARD MEETINGS

are held on the first Monday of each month unless the first Monday falls on a holiday, then it will be the second Monday of the month. The Board meeting begins at 6:00 PM.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

are held on odd-numbered months at 7:00 PM after the monthly board meetings. As a member, you have a say about what happens with your club so attend a membership meeting soon and let your board hear from you.

Before shooting, check to see that the range is clear. Wildlife can enter the range at any moment. A cease fire will be in effect whenever wildlife is on the range.

If it is dry, take a few minutes to verify that there is no smoke downrange.

Check that you have all you belongings before leaving a range after shooting. Remember to always sign in before shooting on any range and log out before departing the property.

Happy Shooting!

Check the current calendar on the website for full details on current opportunities to join in UNSC Events or contact the discipline leaders.

	JANUARY 2025
2—Board Meeting Trap 3- 3—Tuesday Morning Trap 21—Muzzle Loaders 4—Meet Shoot 22—4-H 4- 6—Friday Night Family 24—Tuesday Morning Trap 5- Trap 24—CLUB CLOSED AT 6- 7—ARA Rimfire Shoot NOON 7—Orientation 25—CLUB CLOSED 7- 8—BPCRS 26—CLUB CLOSED 7- 8—4-H UNTIL 8AM 10 10—Tuesday Morning Trap 27—Friday Night Family 13—Friday Night Family Trap 28—Speed Steel 12 15—Benchrest 31—Tuesday Morning Trap 12	I—Meet Shoot 3—Friday Night Family Trap 19—Benchrest 4—ARA Rimfire Shoot 5—50 BMG Trap 6—Board and Member Meeting Trap 24—Friday Night Family Trap 7—Tuesday Morning Trap 25—Speed Steel 25—Sporting Clay 10—Friday Night Family Trap 28—Tuesday Morning Trap 11—Orientation 12—4-H 12—BPCRS Trap 31—Friday Night Family Trap

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MEMBERSHIP BADGES
MUST BE VISIBLE AND
WORN ABOVE THE
WAIST AT ALL TIMES
WHILE ON CLUB
PROPERTY!

Friday Night Trap

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Sporting Clays

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Tuesday Morning Trap

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Do you have a business or a talent? Are you interested in helping out at the club?

Please contact the discipline leaders if you are interested in helping at the events.

We are always looking for volunteers as our club is maintained by volunteer help. Please contact Pat Beireis, Steve Bennett, or Cal if you are interested in volunteering at the club.

You can also advertise on our website in the Who Does It tab. Do you have something for the classified page on the website? Contact Debra via email with all the details.

DECEMBER 2024

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Only those Lifetime members that keep in contact with the club have received the new badge and keycard.

All Lifetime Members have been mailed a letter and form to update their information. If you know of a Lifetime Member that has not received this, please let them know that the form is available at the club and on the website. They can also contact Debra directly.

Any Lifetime Member that has not provided the UNSC with some form of contact for seven years shall be dropped from the Voting Membership count. The Secretary will maintain the name(s) of all dropped Lifetime Members for no less than an additional seven years postdate of the dropping from membership. Any dropped Lifetime Member shall be reinstated upon re-establishment of contact with the UNSC.

LOST BADGES AND KEYCARD FEES

If you lose your badge, you will need to pay the \$10 replacement fee. If you lose your keycard, you will need to pay the \$25 replacement fee.

Total of \$35 for both.

Please keep them in a safe place.

These badges and keycards are your permanent membership identification.

Help us keep everyone safe. The Speed Limit on all range property is 5 MPH.

Please contact Debra with comments and concerns at ReinkeConsulting.Debra@gmail.com