

CASCADE FIELD & STREAM CLUB

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Range News: President Mark Bennett announced a work party on Saturday, April 15th (I know, opening day of turkey season!). There are some projects that need to be done before the ground hardens up too much. We need to address the drainage problem at the rifle shed - The plan is to drill holes and fill with drain rock. Other work to include litter cleanup, posting new yardage signs, finish painting entry sign, weld target stands and move/assemble culvert for north road.

Grants: The State RCO Grant took a step forward with the help of consultant Chris Cruse and engineer Tom Chini. We needed a form signed off by professionals stating our range designs meet NRA safety and noise standards. This has been completed and submitted to RCO along with the latest Progress Report. Thanks Tom and Chris. The next step is paving and a shelter on the pistol range.

Gaylord Bruketta and Brian Huss from the Friends of the NRA came to the club meeting to give information on grants available for capital projects. We started the process last fall but failed to "git 'er done" in time. This year we will have it completed and hope to have funding for some jobs next year (ie. propane tank for generator, ecology blocks, close in the container shed for a meeting room, possibly a solar powered keypad entry system). Steve Douglas and Steve Rogers will work on this and try to recruit Brett Hollar to help.

Hunter Education Classes: Lead instructor Trevin Roletto announces two classes this summer starting June 19th and July 17th. Classes run Mon, Wed, and Fri evenings with range day on Sunday. For more info go on line to www.wdfw.wa.gov/huntered or call Trevin at 253-569-1008 or Mark at 509-670-1464.



Upcoming Events

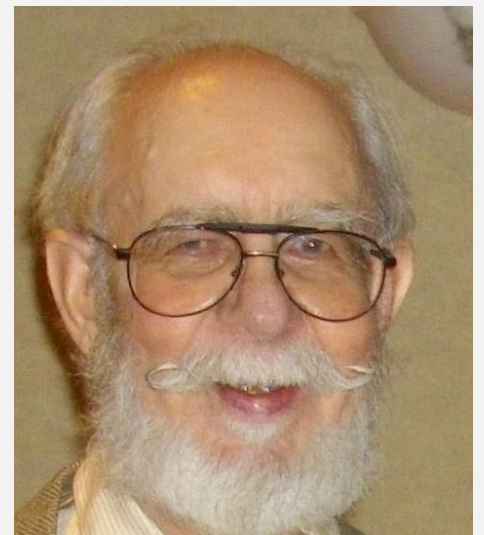
April 15

WORK PARTY

June 10

Kids Fishing Derby at Lavender Lake. Info flyer coming soon.

Past President Duane Fluent has passed on to a new shooting range.



We lost Duane on March 19th and he will be missed by many. We thank him for his many years of dedication and support. Our scholarship will be named in his honor.

Habitat: We all know the importance of habitat to our wildlife resources. Last fall we had a bitterbrush planting party. Gary Berndt was so excited about it that he developed a bitterbrush planting tool and has been out on the hill dropping thousands of seeds into the bare hillside. Very simple - flat shovel with a funnel and tube. Open small hole and drop a few seeds into the funnel, then stomp on the hole. Anyone so inclined can get seeds from the club - we have 184 acres that need help after the Taylor Bridge Fire wiped out the deer winter habitat.

Banquet: Treasurer Rita Thurston has been up to her eyeballs with tax season. But, she did come up with a tentative number of \$8000 net income for the banquet. Not bad in spite of having fewer people there. We did manage to have a good time.

Legislation alert: Gary Brown reported on US House Resolution 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017. Gary has tried calling Rep. Dave Reichert with no response. He got the impression Mr. Reichert was not in favor of this bill which would allow a concealed carry permit holder to carry in any state that allows concealed carry. Gary urged club members to call or contact Mr. Reichert and ask him to support this bill. For more info just enter HR38 into your search engine.

News bits:

- Member Scott Warren left a "trash" can and broom in the rifle shed so people could sweep up their brass and leave it in the can. It is not for "trash"! If you don't save your brass put it in the can for someone else to use - or the club can recycle it for \$\$\$. Please take your paper targets and other trash home with you (as per the posted range rules).

- Show your support for the Sunset Café by using their business. The owners, Joey and Josh Carter are life members of our club and they let us use the back room for our meetings, no charge. Come early and eat before a meeting, or just any time you like. Good food.

- Long-time member and former Board member Dick Wolf won the 50/50 drawing and took home \$20. The other half of the pot goes into the big drawing at the banquet next February.

