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President's Corner

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Greetings to All:

First, let me wish from my family and I to you and yours a very happy and prosperous New Years and may it bring you all that you wish it to be. I hope all had a glorious Christmas and time spent was full of joy and happiness.

This is my first attempt in writing for the newsletter so bare with me. Thank goodness for spell check. Back in the day when I was President before, e-mail was something only geeks used to talk to each other about computers. Nothing that was used to really communicate thoughts and ideas, so please bare with me.

2006 is now in the record books. Congratulations to the entire Governors' Twenty for your consistency and perseverance. All of us have shot an "X" from each of the positions we fire. We all have that capability. We have shown it. It is the shooters who do that on a consistent basis that rises above the rest. It seems like that is self evident, but it is not the physical capabilities that hold some of us back, it is the matter of consistency. It is that consistency that is recognized in the Governors' Twenty Award. Again, congratulations to all.

During the annual meeting, I spoke of what I see as challenges for our sport during the coming year. One of those challenges has been met by the filling of our match schedule. With the loss of the Spokane matches and Tom Giboney going down a slightly different path, our match schedule looks considerably different than it did last year. I wish to thank Tom Persell, Everett P.D. and the tribe from Snohomish County for stepping up to the plate by increasing their

match sponsorships. A big note of thanks also goes to Steve Almon and Steve Nordstrand of Oak Harbor P.D. for jumping in and sponsoring two matches during 2007. I am sure all will have a good time.

Again, Happy New Year to all and hope to see each and every one of you sometime this spring. Bill

2006 Highlights

- WSPPA Members = 50
- WSPPA Participation at Nationals = 8
- WSPPA Participation at the State Match = 28
- WSPPA Participants at the Regional Match = 23
- WSPPA Participants at the Idaho Regional = 3

Congratulations to Daryl Cross who made it to and shot at 15 WSPPA matches in 2006.

Does anyone know how many rounds were fired by members at WSPPA sponsored matches during the 2006 year? 92,382 rounds, that's an increase of 15,600 rounds over last year. Let's all shoot at a few more matches and encourage new shooters to join us while we try to hit the 100,000 rounds fired mark in 2007.

2006 Membership

25 members have already paid their 2007 dues: Stephen Almon, Jimmy E. Billesbach, Daryl Cross, John Guich, Mike Haakensen, Robert Kadow, Charles Kissler, Ralph Lettau, Steven Nordstrand, Bill Oberg, Jay Osborn, Morris Parrish, Stewart Payne, Tom Persell, Patrick Pronovost, Jay Rite, Dan Russie, Jim Snyder, Russell Sorsdahl, Robert Stoddart, Gary Trowbridge, James Upton, Pam Wheelwright, Marc Wheelwright, and Tren Williamson.

Remember the Deadline!

You must be a paid member by the last match in May to be eligible for the 2007 Governor's 20 Program. Please make the checks for the membership dues out to WSPPA.

Washington State's Top Gun

By Dan Russie

2006 marks the 25th consecutive year that Captain Steve Voigt of Hanford Patrol (Richland, WA.) has been #1 on the Washington State Governor's 20 List.



To those of you that are unfamiliar with the NRA Governor's Twenty Program, it is designed to recognize the top twenty law enforcement officers from each state for excellence in Police Combat competition. The Washington State Governor's 20 program is administered by the Washington State Police Pistol Association (WSPPA).

In a recent interview I asked Steve how it feels to be #1 on the Governor's 20 List for 25 years in a row. He said "It's hard to believe it has been 25 years because the time has gone by so fast." I also asked Steve to what he owes this great accomplishment. He responded, "Having the time and ammo to practice, being able to work with other great shooters, having the support of upper Hanford Patrol management, having a world class armorer keeping my guns in perfect working order. Last and not least my wife Lee, and my two daughters Shailee and Stephanie who support my shooting habit."

In the late 70's Steve was a Security Policeman in the U.S. Air Force where he only shot twice a year to qualify. In 1979 he was hired as a Patrolman by Hanford Patrol. He started shooting Police Pistol Combat (PPC) in 1982 and when the smoke cleared on the firing line he was #1 on the Governor's 20 List and has been the top gun in Washington ever since.

In 1989 he became a Firearms Instructor at the

Hanford Patrol Training Academy (PTA). In 1992 he started sponsoring PPC matches for the WSPPA at the PTA Range. In 1994 he became Captain of Hanford Patrol Pistol Team and Range Master at the PTA. As Range Master he is responsible for range safety, ordering ammo and equipment for training and qualifications, as well as supervising all the firearms instructors. He is also responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all eleven of the PTA firearms ranges.

Some of Steve's other great successes as a pistol shooter have been:

- Tied two PPC national records
- Established three records at the Bianchi Cup for the moving target-iron sights category
- In 1987 he was a member of the Hanford Patrol Team that won the NRA National Police Revolver 4-Officer Team Match
- In 2006 he was a member of the Hanford Patrol Team that placed 2nd in the NRA National Police Revolver 2-Officer Team Match
- Is Distinguished in both revolver and semi-auto
- Is a member of the 1480 and 1490 club

Steve is always willing and ready to help other shooters on and off the job. His calm mannerism, quiet voice, and helpful shooting tips are a great asset to the Hanford Patrol Pistol Team.

All of us in the WSPPA wish Steve another 25 years of great shooting.

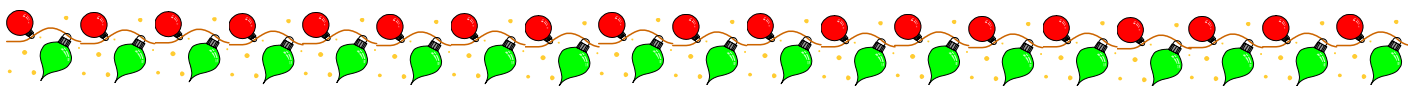
NRA MEMBERSHIPS

John Guich has information for anyone that wants to join the NRA. One year membership in the NRA costs only \$25.00 and the WSPPA receives \$5.00 for each renewal and \$10.00 for each new membership.
(Complete Form on Page 3)

2006 Governor's Top 20 for Washington State

The average of top six 1500 scores:

Rank	Name	Agency	Average
1	Voigt, Steve	Hanford Patrol	1483.67 – 91X
2	Daryl Cross	King County Corrections – Retired	1472.00 – 75X
3	Bearchum, Curtis	Hanford Patrol	1466.83 – 71X
4	Almon, Stephen	Oak Harbor PD	1466.00 – 74X
5	Russie, Dan	Hanford Patrol - Retired	1464.33 – 73X
6	Lettau, Ralph	Energy Northwest	1460.00 – 66X
7	Pronovost, Pat	Washington State Patrol	1459.83 – 71X
8	Simmons, John	Spokane County SO - Retired	1455.50 – 61X
9	Giboney, Tom	Seattle PD - Retired	1455.17 – 64X
10	Trowbridge, Gary	Snohomish County SO	1455.00 – 58X
11	Hernandez, Sam	Hanford Patrol	1454.17 – 64X
12	Bunke, Travis	Spokane Airport	1454.00 – 71X
HM	Sorsdahl, Russ	RCPM - Retired	1450.83 – 60X
13	Persell, Tom	Everett PD - Retired	1449.50 – 64X
14	Oberg, Bill	Edmonds PD - Retired	1449.50 – 55X
15	Osborn, Jay	Hanford Patrol	1443.83 – 60X
16	Upton, Jim	Snohomish County SO	1441.83 – 54X
17	Kissler, Charles	Benton County SO	1438.17 – 57X
18	Haakensen, Mike	Darrington PD - Retired	1435.17 – 57X
19	Nordstrand, Steve	Oak Harbor PD	1434.17 – 55X
20	Waters, Gary	Energy Northwest	1422.33 – 46X



New and Renewal NRA Memberships

Date _____
 NRA member number for renewals _____

Name _____
 DOB _____

Address _____
 Phone (____) _____

Magazine choice (select one):
 American Guardian _____ American Rifleman _____
 American Hunter _____

Mail check (payable to NRA) and above info to:
 J. Guich
 315 NW 182nd Street
 Shoreline, WA 98177
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Match Results 2006

2006 Revolver 1500 – the average of your top 6 revolver scores.

Name	Total/Avg
Voigt, Steve	1481.50 – 94X
Cross, Daryl	1471.17 – 76X
Bearchum, Curtis	1466.83 – 71X
Almon, Steven	1466.00 – 74X
Russie, Dan	1464.33 – 73X
Pronovost, Pat	1459.83 – 71X
Lettau, Ralph	1456.17 – 64X
Simmons, John	1455.50 – 61X
Giboney, Tom	1454.50 – 65X
Trowbridge, Gary	1453.00 – 58X
Sorsdahl, Russ	1450.83 – 60X
Oberg, Bill	1449.50 – 55X
Persell, Tom	1449.00 – 64X
Osborn, Jay	1448.83 – 62X
Upton, Jim	1440.50 – 54X
Kissler, Charles	1438.17 – 57X
Haakensen, Mike	1434.83 – 59X
Waters, Gary	1422.33 – 46X
Bearchum, Kurt	1421.83 – 48X
Nordstrand, Steve	1416.00 – 48X
Stoddart, Robert	1408.67 – 45X
Caldart, Brian	1400.83 – 47X
Rochon, Rodney	1346.83 – 33X
Payne, Stewart	1319.33 – 27X

2006 Semi-Auto 1500 – the average of your top 6 semi-auto scores.

Name	Total/Avg
Voigt, Steve	1479.67 – 79X
Cross, Daryl	1462.83 – 64X
Lettau, Ralph	1455.50 – 59X
Bunke, Travis	1454.00 – 71X
Almon, Stephen	1446.67 – 61X
Trowbridge, Gary	1441.33 – 53X
Bearchum, Curtis	1438.67 – 56X
Persell, Tom	1431.67 – 53X
Haakensen, Mike	1422.67 – 45X
Osborn, Jay	1416.83 – 50X
Nordstrand, Steve	1414.17 – 46X
Oberg, Bill	1414.00 – 49X
Russie, Dan	1398.00 – 53X
Pronovost, Pat	1397.83 – 51X
Upton, Jim	1394.67 – 39X
Rochon, Rodney	1342.50 – 31X
Bearchum, Kurt	1321.17 – 39X
Kissler, Charles	1320.00 – 43X

2006 Grand Aggregate 1500 is a combination of your revolver & semi-auto 1500 scores, which were both shot at the same match and top six aggregates, are averaged.

Name	Total/Avg
Voigt, Steve	2960.00 – 172X
Cross, Daryl	2932.83 – 138X
Lettau, Ralph	2909.50 – 120X
Almon, Stephen	2908.33 – 132X
Bearchum, Curtis	2905.50 – 127X
Trowbridge, Gary	2876.00 – 109X
Persell, Tom	2872.17 – 114X
Russie, Dan	2856.17 – 122X
Osborn, Jay	2855.33 – 110X
Oberg, Bill	2851.83 – 100X
Haakensen, Mike	2851.83 – 98X
Pronovost, Pat	2851.17 – 117X
Upton, Jim	2829.67 – 93X
Nordstrand, Steve	2815.00 – 98X
Kissler, Charles	2747.00 – 98X
Bearchum, Kurt	2739.67 – 87X
Rochon, Rodney	2656.17 – 61X

2006 Duty Gun -- the average of your top 6 duty gun scores.

Name	Total/Avg
Cross, Daryl	476.50 – 28X
Russie, Dan	467.67 – 23X
Upton, Jim	465.17 – 22X
Lettau, Ralph	465.00 – 20X
Haakensen, Mike	458.83 – 12X
Bearchum, Kurt	458.50 – 21X
Osborn, Jay	458.17 – 15X
Caldart, Brian	453.33 – 15X
Pronovost, Patrick	452.17 – 16X
Oberg, Bill	452.17 – 15X
Persell, Tom	452.17 – 14X
Almon, Stephen	444.50 – 14X
Payne, Stewart	442.50 – 19X
Snyder, Jim	442.33 – 12X
Rochon, Rodney	437.67 – 10X
Kissler, Charles	436.50 – 12X



2006 Snub Nose -- the average of your top 6 snub nose scores.

Name	Total/Avg
Russie, Dan	472.33 – 28X
Kissler, Charles	462.17 – 21X
Trowbridge, Gary	450.50 – 19X

Season's Greetings

UPCOMING 2007 MATCH DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Time	Sponsor	Location
1/13	0930	Everett Police Department	Seattle
2/17	0930	Snohomish County Sheriff's Office	Seattle
3/17	0930	Everett Police Department	Seattle
4/7	0900	Hanford Patrol	Hanford
4/14	0930	Oak Harbor Police Department	Seattle