

Washington State Police Pistol Association

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President's Corner

Ralph Lettau
WSPPA President

Hello fellow competitive PPC shooters. It is that time of year again to start dusting off your pistols, doing needed maintenance, drying firing, and reloading the brass for this season. Did I forget anything? Probably. There is some information that needs to be passed on to you. I will try to keep it brief and to the point.

First, if you did not know, I was voted in to represent you as acting President for WSPPA during the 2011 season. Big shoes to fill following the vacancy made with Daryl Cross moving to Texas, he will be missed. He has been the number two shooter in the state for many years. Good luck Daryl.

Second, the Seattle Range has been closed indefinitely. However, an alternate shooting range on the west side is getting closer to reality. Side note, it would not hurt to have more than one range on the west side. Please keep looking and keep someone on the board informed if you find something.

Third, this is on a personal note. Some of you may know that years ago I shot with the Hanford Patrol Pistol Team. For the last five years I have been shooting as an Energy Northwest Security Officer. Things seem to just keep changing making it harder to stay proficient at this trade. The closing of the Seattle Range is but one of many hurdles that we all face in our circle of day-to-day stuff that makes it harder to push on with our PPC shooting. At the ENW range, rules have changed over the last year making it much more difficult to practice there. So I have joined a range club in the city next door to keep up with practice. I would like to encourage all of us to hang in there and make the adjustments necessary to not just maintain skill level...but to improve. Eventually, things will get better we just need to pull together.

Final thought, thank you for all the years of fun shooting. Let's work at having many more.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Keep your powder dry and your trigger finger indexed...and may all your hits be honest "X's"

Jim Upton 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)

2010 Highlights

- WSPPA Members = 61
- WSPPA Participants at Nationals = 9
- WSPPA Participants at the State Match = 23
- WSPPA Participants at Regional Match = 26
- Members with most matches fired = Ralph Lettau and Darrell O'Neill with 11 matches each
- Rounds Fired at WSPPA sponsored matches= 68,562

Thanks!

I would like to thank Mary Lettau for getting the following businesses to donate item for prizes at the 2010 State Match which was held at Hanford: Sportsman Warehouse, Starbucks, Griggs (Ace Hardware) Pasco, and Hole in the Wall. These stores helped support the WSPPA if you get a chance please shop at them.

National Police Shooting Championships

2010 Results for WSPPA Shooters

9 WSPPA members went to the 2010 NPSC. The highlights for the WSPPA shooters was Match 22 which is an aggregate of all of the following matches: both 1500 matches, both Distinguished matches, 4" revolver match, off-duty gun match, stock semi-auto match and the shotgun match.

Justin Lettau, Washington State Department of Corrections – 3rd overall – Classified
Steve Voigt, Hanford Patrol - 1st overall Industrial
Curtis Bearchum, Hanford Patrol – 2nd overall Industrial
Ralph Lettau, Energy Northwest – 3rd overall Industrial
Kurt Bearchum, Hanford Patrol – 4th overall Industrial
Sam Hernandez, Hanford Patrol – 6th overall Industrial
Jay Osborn, Hanford Patrol – 8th overall Industrial
Robert Maier, Hanford Patrol – 9th overall Industrial
Bruce Cameron, Hanford Patrol – 1st Marksman Industrial

In the 2 Officer Revolver Team Match Steve Voigt and Curtis Bearchum finished 2nd overall out of 34 teams. That is GOOD SHOOTING. In the 4 Officer Revolver Team Match, Sharpshooter Class, Jay Osborn, Kurt Bearchum, Robert Maier and Bruce Cameron finished 3rd. In the 4 Officer Stock Semi Auto Team Match, Sharpshooter Class, Kurt Bearchum, Sam Hernandez, Robert Maier and Jay Osborn finished 3rd. To get complete match results or more information about NPSC go to the NRA website at <http://www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/npsc/npsc.asp>

September 17-22, 2011

The 2011 National Police Championships will be held at the NPSC Police Pistol Combat ranges at Shooting Range Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Open to any eligible law enforcement member, the Championship will begin with a NRA Tactical Police Competition event on Saturday and Sunday (shoot one of the two days) and NPSC on site competitor check-in on Sunday the 18th. The NPSC Shotgun Championship Match will begin on Sunday and continue through Wednesday afternoon on the 21st.

Individual NPSC Handgun Championship matches will begin after opening ceremonies on Monday the 19th and continue through Wednesday September 21st. Most team matches will take place on Thursday the 22nd.

2011 WSPPA MATCH DATES

Please note:

1. All the scheduled matches for 2011 will be held at the Hanford Patrol Range in Richland Washington (the Seattle range is not available at this time). All matches will begin at 9:00 a.m. Department of Energy regulations do not allow civilians to shoot at the Hanford Patrol Range.
2. Due to the reduced schedule for 2011 the Washington State Governor's 20 will be calculated on competitor's top 5 scores (instead of the traditional 6).

DATE	TIME	MATCH LOCATION
April 16 th	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
May 14 th	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
June 11 th	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
July 9 th	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
August 5 th	9:00 a.m.	WSPPA State Championship: Warm Up Match Hanford Patrol Range
August 6 th – 7 th	9:00 a.m.	WSPPA State Championship Match Hanford Patrol Range
September 10 th	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
October 15 th	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
November 5 th	9:00 a.m.	Annual Membership Meeting Hanford Patrol Range

ALL OF THE ABOVE LISTED MATCHES ARE APPROVED OR REGISTERED WITH THE NRA AND WILL COUNT FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNORS' 20 PROGRAM.

2010 Governor's Top 20 for Washington State

The average of top six 1500 scores:

Rank	Name	Agency	Average
1	Steve Voigt	Hanford Patrol	1485.3 – 96X
2	Curtis Bearchum	Hanford Patrol	1468.3 – 69X
3	Daryl Cross	King Co Corrections - Retired	1466.2 – 73X
4	Ralph Lettau	Energy Northwest	1465.7 – 69X
5	Kurt Bearchum	Hanford Patrol	1463.7 – 67X
6	Jim Upton	Snohomish County Sheriff's Office	1460.2 – 70X
HM	Russell Sorsdahl	Royal Canadian Mounted Police - Retired	1447.0 – 62X
7	Dan Russie	Hanford Patrol - Retired	1437.7 – 63X
8	Tom Persell	Everett Police Department - Retired	1435.0 – 53X
9	Byron Miller	Energy Northwest	1434.7 – 46X
10	Justin Lettau	Department of Corrections	1432.2 – 51X
11	Jay Osborn	Hanford Patrol	1430.8 – 55X
12	Charles Kissler	Benton County Sheriff's Office - Retired	1430.5 – 53X
13	Robert Maier	Hanford Patrol	1424.8 – 54X
14	Mike Haakensen	Darrington Police Department - Retired	1423.2 – 47X
15	Bruce Cameron	Hanford Patrol	1420.5 – 57X
16	Richard Pruitt	Seattle Police Department	1417.7 – 51X
17	Pat Pronovost	Washington State Patrol	1415.2 – 57X
18	Bill Oberg	Edmonds Police Department - Retired	1403.8 – 47X
HM	Robert Stoddart	British Columbia Attorney General's Office - Retired	1389.3 – 42X
19	Darrell O'Neill	Snohomish County Sheriff's Office	1383.0 – 37X
20	Rodney Rochon	Snohomish County Sheriff's Office	1353.2 – 34X

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:
 Jim Upton
 20309 118th Street SE
 Snohomish, WA 98290

2011 Memberships

So far this year we only have 28 members (Kathryn Brecht, Jess Brecht, Daryl Cross, Oliver Farabee, John Guich, Mike Haakensen, Robert Kadow, Robbie Kent, Charles Kissler, Justin Lettau, Chung Leung, Byron Miller, Bill Oberg, Jay Osborn, Tom Persell, Patrick Pronovost, Dan Russie, Russell Sorsdahl, Robert Stoddart, James Thomsen, Gary Trowbridge, James Upton, Steve Voigt, Pam Wheelwright, Marc Wheelwright, Tren Williamson, and John Young).

Last year the WSPPA had 61 members. If you have not already joined, please fill out the 2011 WSPPA membership application on page 7 and send it to the address on the form.

If you had paid your 2011 membership dues by Jan 15, 2011 your name was put in a drawing to see who would win a hat. Tren Williamson won the drawing. He won a baseball hat with the WSPPA logo on it.

Match Results 2010

2010 Revolver 1500 – average of your top 6 revolver scores.

Name	Average
Voigt, Steve	1485.3343
Bearchum, Curtis	1466.8340
Bearchum, Kurt	1466.6674
Cross, Daryl	1464.5007
Lettau, Ralph	1463.1674
Upton, Jim	1460.1674
Sorsdahl, Russ	1447.0006
Russie, Dan	1437.6673
Persell, Tom	1435.0005
Miller, Byron	1434.6671
Lettau, Justin	1432.1672
Kissler, Charles	1430.5005
Gerry, Curtis	1427.0005
Maier, Robert	1424.8339
Haakensen, Mike	1423.1671
Cameron, Bruce	1420.5006
Pruitt, Richard	1417.6672
Osborn, Jay	1415.5005
Reynolds, Jon	1392.3338
Stoddart, Robert	1389.3338
O'Neill, Darrell	1383.0004
Rochon, Rodney	1353.1670

2010 Snub Nose - average of your top 6 snub nose scores.

Name	Average
Voigt, Steve	478.33370
Cross, Daryl	475.16696
Lettau, Ralph	472.66693
Bearchum, Kurt	470.50028
Sorsdahl, Russ	463.66690
Upton, Jim	460.50021
Bearchum, Curtis	456.16687
Osborn, Jay	453.33353
Stoddart, Robert	453.33348
Gerry, Curtis	443.33346
Persell, Tom	442.16680
O'Neill, Darrell	439.66680

2010 Duty Gun – average of your top 6 duty gun scores.

Name	Average
Upton, Jim	473.8336
Cross, Daryl	471.6669
Lettau, Ralph	470.8336
Gerry, Curtis	453.1668
Wallays, John	450.8335
Haakensen, Mike	449.1668
McDuffie, James	441.3335
Persell, Tom	439.1668
O'Neill, Darrell	438.0001
Reynolds, Jon	436.5002

2010 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	Average
Voigt, Steve	2954.1685
Cross, Daryl	2919.8346
Bearchum, Curtis	2917.0013
Lettau, Ralph	2912.6680
Upton, Jim	2862.5012
Bearchum, Kurt	2836.1677
Osborn, Jay	2825.3343
Persell, Tom	2812.0010
Kissler, Charlie	2758.3342

2010 Semi-Auto 1500 – average of your top 6 semi-auto scores.

Name	Average
Voigt, Steve	1471.5008
Cross, Daryl	1457.1673
Lettau, Ralph	1456.1673
Bearchum, Curtis	1452.5006
Upton, Jim	1418.1672
Osborn, Jay	1409.8338
Persell, Tom	1382.6671
Bearchum, Kurt	1377.6671
Kissler, Charlie	1333.1671

2010 Civilian Shooters

Last year we had a lot of Civilians complete at the Seattle WSPPA matches. The Civilian 1500 TOP Shooter was **Jon Reynolds** with an average of 1392 with 67X

In the Civilian Duty Gun Match the Top Shooters are:

- 1st John Wallays with an average of 450 with 16X
- 2nd James McDuffie with an average of 441 with 13X
- 3rd Jon Reynolds with an average of 436 with 18X

They will be receiving certificates for their fine shooting.

Washington State Police Pistol Association
2010 Aggregate Matches from the State and Regional Matches
 Match and Place Winners will be award Certificates at the 2011 State Awards Banquet

Match 16: Individual Service Pistol Aggregate

Name	4" Revolver		Off Duty		Stock Semi Auto		Aggregate		Certificate Awards
Steve Voigt	479	38	476	38	474	31	1429	107	Match Winner
Daryl Cross	466	27	475	30	461	22	1402	79	1st place Master
Curtis Bearchum	475	30	464	19	463	15	1402	64	
Gary Crane	467	27	467	28	460	20	1394	75	
Jim Upton	436	21	460	20	475	26	1371	67	1st place Expert
Tom Persell	447	20	459	17	421	10	1327	47	
Kurt Bearchum	472	29	471	25	472	29	1415	83	1st place Sharpshooter
Robert Maier	463	27	465	22	468	24	1396	73	2nd place Sharpshooter
Jay Osborn	466	22	461	23	465	21	1392	66	
Charlie Kissler	471	11	455	18	456	21	1382	50	
Brian Caldart	431	10	453	21	463	24	1347	55	
Darrell O'Neill	436	18	440	18	392	10	1268	46	1st place Marksman
Rodney Rochon	375	7	439	12	425	10	1239	29	

Match 19: President's Match

Name	Revolver Distinguished		Semi Auto Distinguished		Aggregate		Certificate Awards
Steve Voigt	588	38	584	28	1172	66	Match Winner
Daryl Cross	583	27	581	23	1164	50	1st place Master
Ralph Lettau	580	23	581	19	1161	42	2nd place Master
Gary Crane	572	23	578	20	1150	43	
Brad Hanson	573	25	567	22	1140	47	
Curtis Bearchum	544	14	569	23	1113	37	
Mike Haakensen	523	11	555	18	1078	29	1st place Expert
Tom Persell	498	8	551	17	1049	25	
Bill Oberg	371	11	464	12	835	23	
Kurt Bearchum	550	21	553	22	1103	43	1st place Sharpshooter
Jay Osborn	548	16	552	24	1100	40	
Charles Kissler	537	18	520	18	1057	36	
Bruce Cameron	566	20	458	10	1024	30	1st place Marksman
Robert Stoddart	567	26	339	4	906	30	

Match 21: Special Aggregate Match

Name	Match 16		Match 19		Match 22		Match 21 Aggregate		Certificate Awards
Steve Voigt	1429	107	1172	66	2934	175	5535	348	Match Winner
Daryl Cross	1402	79	1164	50	2908	126	5474	255	1st place Master
Gary Crane	1394	75	1150	43	2895	112	5439	230	
Curtis Bearchum	1402	64	1113	37	2919	137	5434	238	
Tom Persell	1327	47	1049	25	2831	90	5207	162	1st place Expert
Kurt Bearchum	1415	83	1103	43	2870	113	5388	239	1st place Sharpshooter
Jay Osborn	1392	66	1100	40	2816	100	5374	206	
Charlie Kissler	1382	50	1057	36	2691	74	5130	160	

Membership News

Dan Russie
WSPPA Secretary

The annual WSPPA membership meeting was held at Hanford on November 6, 2010.

Elected Officers:

President – Ralph Lettau

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Vice-President – Charles Kissler

Ckissler@Frontier.com

Treasurer – Jim Upton

jtweedy414@Frontier.com

Secretary – Dan Russie

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Outgoing President Daryl Cross read an e-mail from Tom Giboney, regarding matches at the SPAA Range Facility for the upcoming 2011 Season.

“As of this time, **NO** matches will be authorized by the SPAA Board of Directors or the Seattle Police Department for conduct on our Combat Range 3 this coming year. We may be able to revisit this issue later in 2011, but I am not optimistic that this situation will be resolved in that short of a time period. The consultant they have hired will be reviewing the range layouts, environmental issues and will be writing an EPA stewardship plan for the SPAA Range in the coming months. He will be recommending range layout improvements as well. Berm lead removal will have to be accomplished before the Rifle Range is re-opened, but the issues of uncovered Combat 3 are far more problematic. Suffice it to say, WSPPA will need to look for alternative arrangements for the conduct of its matches, at least in the short term, but most likely in the long term as well. I’m sorry to have to be the bearer of this devastating news. The liability issues weigh very heavily in this decision. I believe it is best that you know what the future holds, rather than giving you false hope of any speedy fix to the situation. Please send my sincere apologies to the membership of the WSPPA for the inevitable disruptions this situation will cause.”

There was much discussion about what to do for a range on the West Side. Daryl Cross said that Snohomish County Sheriff Office has an 8 lane indoor 50 yard range we might be able to use. Daryl Cross said that Chip Payne is looking into it, but the issue of liability insurance might be a problem. Chip shared that the NRA offers liability insurance. It

would cost the WSPPA about \$1,400 a year to get liability insurance from the NRA for an 8 lane range.

Mike Haakensen said that there is about enough room for about 10 lanes of PPC shooting at the Marysville Rifle and Pistol Range, but the range is just plain dirt. A comment was made that the NRA gives out grants to help ranges make improvements.

Steve Voigt said that he cannot sponsor a Regional Match next year. So there will not be a Regional match in the 2011 year.

A motion was made and passed, to make the Gov. 20 list an average of 5 scores instead of 6 scores due to the reduced match schedule.

Daryl Cross is moving to Texas with his new wife and he will keep his current e-mail address, shooterdkc@yahoo.com, so members can keep in contact with him. We all wish him well.

On a personal note:

I hope the West Side and Canadian shooters will continue to support the WSPPA during this period of transition by joining the WSPPA and coming over to Hanford for matches during this year.

I would like to thank all the Civilians who have come out and shot at the Seattle Matches and supported the WSPPA with their dues and match fees. Unfortunately, Department of Energy regulations do not allow civilians to shoot at the Hanford Patrol Range. In order to shoot at the Hanford Patrol Range during WSPPA matches you must fall under NRA rule 2.4 a-f, basically the rule says that you must be a Regular or Reserve Law Enforcement Officer either active or retired, Correctional Officer, Armed Security Guard, Military Police Personnel, or Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors.

The WSPPA Board is actively looking for a range on the West side of the State. If any of you members know of a range where the WSPPA could hold PPC matches please let President Ralph Lettau ralphc@Lettau.com know. When you contact Ralph with the range information please include location, phone number and person to contact for the range.

