

# Washington State Police Pistol Association

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## STATE & REGIONAL RECAP

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The Washington State & Regional Championships Matches were held in August 2011 at Hanford, WA.

The Revolver and Semi-Auto Side Matches were shot on the first day. The match winners were:

- 4" Service Revolver – Kurt Bearchum – 474-30x
- Off-Duty Revolver – Dan Russie – 474-30x
- Stock Semi-Auto – Kurt Bearchum 473-32x
- WSPPA Duty Gun – Jim Upton – 468-24x

On the second day of the match the Washington State Championships were held. The Grand Aggregate winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Voigt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Curtis Bearchum
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kurt Bearchum

The State Championship Revolver Distinguished match winner was Steve Voigt – 584-24x. The Semi-Auto Distinguished match winner was Curtis Bearchum – 583-35x.

On the third day of the match the Washington Regional Championships were held. The Grand Aggregate winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Voigt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Curtis Bearchum
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kurt Bearchum

The Regional Championship Revolver Distinguished match winner was Steve Voigt – 591-36x. The Semi-Auto Distinguished match winner was Curtis Bearchum – 582-26x.

I would like to thank all who brought and help prepare food for lunch both days. I would also like to thank Lee Voigt and any others who helped with the stats all three days of the match.

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 7)



Hanford Patrol Pistol Team: Curtis Bearchum, Steve Voigt, Kurt Bearchum, Robert Maier, Jay Osborn, Dan Russie, and Bruce Cameron at the Hanford 2011 State and Regional Match



Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Pistol Team: Steve Clinko, Jim Upton, Rodney Rochon, and Darrell O'Neill at the Hanford 2011 State and Regional Match



Pat Pronovost and Steve Voigt at the Hanford 2011 State and Regional Match



## National Police Shooting Championships Albuquerque, New Mexico



The firing line at the National Police Shooting Championships  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

### 2011 Results for WSPPA Shooters

8 WSPPA members went to the 2011 NPSC. Here are a few highlights for each individual that went to the NPSC.

- Darrell O'Neill – 1<sup>st</sup> Marksmen/County in Match 22 which is the aggregate of both 1500s.
- Ralph Lettau – 5<sup>th</sup> overall Expert, out of 56 competitors in the Off-Duty Sidearm Match.
- Curtis Bearchum – 2<sup>nd</sup> overall Expert, out of 56 competitors in the Semi-Auto1500 Match.
- Kurt Bearchum – 2<sup>nd</sup> overall Industrial out of 17 competitors in the Revolver 1500 Match.
- Jay Osborn – 1<sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter/Industrial in the Revolver Distinguished Match.
- Robert Maier – 2<sup>nd</sup> overall Sharpshooter, out of 54 competitors in the Off-Duty Sidearm Match.
- Dan Russie – 1<sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter/Industrial in the Semi-Auto1500 Match.

**A BIG CONGRATULATIONS** goes to Steve Voigt who is the National Champion in the Stock 4" Service Revolver Match. Out of 313 competitors Steve was the overall 1<sup>st</sup> place winner with a score of 480-37x. **THAT IS VERY GOOD SHOOTING.**

Steve Voigt and Curtis Bearchum finished 2<sup>nd</sup> High Master Class and 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 49 teams in the Revolver 2-Officer Team Match.

Kurt Bearchum, Dan Russie, Robert Maier, Jay Osborn finished 3<sup>rd</sup> Expert Class in the Revolver 4-Officer Team Match.

Mark your calendar to attend the 2012 National Police Shooting Championships (NPSC) September 16 thru 20, 2012. The 2012 NPSC will be held at the NPSC facilities at Shooting Range Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Keep track of the NPSC, the Police Pistol Combat (PPC) and Tactical Police Competition programs, event schedules and other NRA programs by following the NRA web pages at [www.nrahq.org/law](http://www.nrahq.org/law)



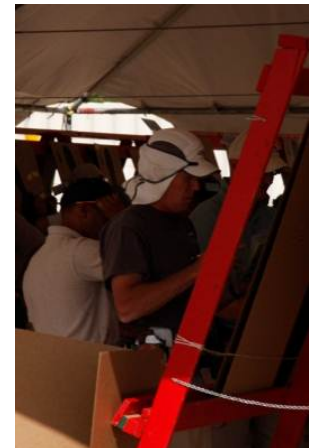
Darrell O'Neill



Ralph Lettau on left clearing  
gun on line



Hanford Patrol Pistol Team: Kurt Bearchum, Curtis Bearchum,  
Steve Voigt, Robert Maier, Dan Russie, and Jay Osborn



Ralph Lettau scoring target



Curtis Bearchum



Darrell O'Neill



Steve Voigt receiving  
his Stock 4" Service  
Revolver National  
Championship award  
from Lee Emery at the  
NPSC Awards  
Banquet

## 2012 WSPPA MATCH DATES

Please note:

1. All matches scheduled to be held at the Hanford Patrol Range in Richland Washington will begin at 9:00 a.m. Department of Energy regulations do not allow civilians to shoot at the Hanford Patrol Range.
2. All matches scheduled to be held at the Marysville Rifle Club will begin at 10:00 a.m. Civilians are welcome and encouraged to compete at this range.

DATE	TIME	MATCH LOCATION
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Marysville Rifle Club
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Marysville Rifle Club
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Marysville Rifle Club
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Marysville Rifle Club
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Marysville Rifle Club
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Marysville Rifle Club
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
August 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	WSPPA State Championship Match & Regional
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Marysville Rifle Club
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Marysville Rifle Club
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Hanford Patrol Range
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Marysville Rifle Club
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Annual Membership Meeting
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Marysville Rifle Club
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Marysville Rifle Club

### 2011 Highlights

- WSPPA members - 37
- WSPPA Participants at Nationals – 8
- WSPPA Participants at State and Regional match – 18
- Members with the most matches fired – Curtis Bearchum and Darrell O'Neill with 9 matches each
- Rounds fired at WSPPA sponsored matches – 50,886



Jay Osborn, Charlie Kissler, Robert Maier, and Jim Upton at the Hanford 2011 State and Regional Match



Justin Lettau, Dan Russie, Darrell O'Neill, and Jay Osborn at the Hanford 2011 State and Regional Match



Jay Osborn, Charlie Kissler, Robert Maier, Jim Upton, Rodney Rochon, and Steve Clinko at the Hanford 2011 State and Regional Match

# 2011 Governor's Top 20 for Washington State

The average of top five 1500 scores:

Rank	Name	Agency	Average
1	Steve Voigt	Hanford Patrol	1488.2 - 102X
2	Curtis Bearchum	Hanford Patrol	1465.6 - 68X
3	Kurt Bearchum	Hanford Patrol	1459.6 - 65X
4	Dan Russie	Hanford Patrol – Retired	1457.4 - 64X
5	Ralph Lettau	Energy Northwest	1454.6 - 74X
6	Pat Pronovost	Washington State Patrol	1446.4 - 59X
7	Byron Miller	Energy Northwest	1440.0 - 48X
8	Justin Lettau	Washington State Department of Corrections	1439.0 - 51X
9	Jim Upton	Snohomish County Sheriff's Office	1436.0 - 58X
10	Robert Maier	Hanford Patrol	1434.8 - 58X
11	Jay Osborn	Hanford Patrol	1434.2 - 56X
12	Charles Kissler	Benton County Sheriff's Office - Retired	1429.0 - 50X
13	Bruce Cameron	Hanford Patrol	1420.8 - 52X
14	Darrell O'Neill	Snohomish County Sheriff's Office	1404.8 - 36X
15	Tom Persell	Everett Police Department - Retired	1398.2 - 43X
16	Mike Haakensen	Darrington Police Department - Retired	1359.8 - 35X
17	Stewart Payne	Snohomish County Sheriff's Office	1269.4 - 25X
18	Rodney Rochon	Snohomish County Sheriff's Office	1266.4 - 25X
19/HM	Russ Sorsdahl	Royal Canadian Mounted Police - Retired	1434.8 - 58X
20/HM	Robert Stoddart	British Columbia Attorney General's Office - Retired	1363.0 - 34X

## Highlights of the WSPPA Governor's 20 List

This year is Hanford Patrol Captain Steve Voigt's 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as number one on WSPPA Governor's 20 List. Way to go Steve.

- Washington State Patrol Sgt. Pat Pronovost has 20 consecutive years on the Gov. 20 List
- Hanford Patrolman Curtis Bearchum has 20 years on the Gov. 20 List
- Hanford Patrolman Jay Osborn has 15 consecutive years on the Gov. 20 List
- Energy Northwest Officer Byron Miller has 15 years on the Gov. 20 List
- Energy Northwest Officer Ralph Lettau of has 10 years on the Gov. 20 List
- Snohomish County Sheriff Sgt. Darrell O'Neill has 5 consecutive years on the Gov. 20 List

This is Snohomish County Sheriff's Deputy Chip Payne's 1<sup>st</sup> year on the Governor's 20 List. He will be receiving his WSPPA Governor's 20 Challenge Coin at this year's award banquet.

## 2012 Memberships

So far this year we have 30 members who have paid their 2012 dues: Charles Ables, Steven Clinko, Al Farabee, John Guich, Mike Haakensen, Brad Hanson, Robert Kadow, Robbie Kent, Charles Kissler, Ralph Lettau, Justin Lettau, Chung Leung, Ken McDannald, Bill Oberg, Darrell O'Neill, Jay Osborn, Tom Persell, Patrick Pronovost, Rodney Rochon, Dan Russie, Russell Sorsdahl, Robert Stoddart, Kai Cheung Tsui, James Upton, Steve Voigt, Rocky Watson, Marc Wheelwright, Pam Wheelwright, Tren Williamson, and John Young.

Last year the WSPPA had 37 members. If you have not already joined, fill out the 2012 WSPPA membership application on page 8 and send it to the address on the form. Please remember that in order to be eligible for the Gov. 20 List your application must be received by the Association Secretary by April 1.

If you paid your 2012 membership dues by 12-31-2011 your name was put into a drawing to see who would win a hat. We had 25 members who had paid their 2012 dues, so we had two winners this year. Bob Kadow and Pat Pronovost both won a baseball hat with the WSPPA logo on it.

In 2010 the WSPPA had 61 members. Now that we have a range on the West Side it is time to try to increase our membership again. If you know someone who stopped shooting because of the lack of a range, give them a call and encouraged them to go up to Marysville Rifle Club (MRC) and shoot at a match.

## Match Results 2011

**2011 Snub Nose** - average of your top 5 snub nose scores.

Name	Average
Voigt, Steve	<b>477.20 – 32x</b>
Russie, Dan	<b>473.20 – 28x</b>
Lettau, Ralph	<b>470.20 – 25x</b>
Bearchum, Curtis	<b>466.20 – 23x</b>
Sorsdahl, Russ	<b>460.80 – 18x</b>
Kissler, Charlie	<b>458.60 – 18x</b>
O'Neill, Darrell	<b>450.00 – 12x</b>

**2011 Duty Gun** – average of your top 5 duty gun scores.

Name	Average
Upton, Jim	<b>470.40 – 27x</b>
Bearchum, Curtis	<b>466.40 – 17x</b>
Lettau, Ralph	<b>462.20 – 23x</b>
Russie, Dan	<b>460.60 – 20x</b>
O'Neill, Darrell	<b>454.20 – 13x</b>
Pronovost, Pat	<b>452.20 – 20x</b>
Kissler, Charles	<b>429.20 – 12x</b>
Sorsdahl, Russ	<b>420.60 – 10x</b>
Farabee, Al	<b>413.20 – 13x</b>

**2011 Grand Aggregate 1500** is a combination of your revolver & semi-auto 1500 scores, which were both shot at the same match and top five aggregates, are averaged.

Name	Average
Voigt, Steve	<b>2953.00 – 172x</b>
Bearchum, Curtis	<b>2925.40 – 136x</b>
Lettau, Ralph	<b>2898.20 – 132x</b>
Bearchum, Kurt	<b>2887.40 – 123x</b>
Russie, Dan	<b>2862.60 – 112x</b>
Upton, Jim	<b>2844.40 – 106x</b>
Osborn, Jay	<b>2842.80 – 102x</b>
O'Neill, Darrell	<b>2766.60 – 71x</b>
Kissler, Charlie	<b>2724.00 – 83x</b>
Miller, Byron	<b>2704.80 – 69x</b>
Sorsdahl, Russ	<b>2698.00 – 83x</b>
Pronovost, Pat	<b>2687.20 – 93x</b>
Persell, Tom	<b>2665.80 – 70x</b>
Clinko, Steven	<b>2587.00 – 46x</b>
Stoddart, Robert	<b>2530.60 – 55x</b>

**2011 Semi-Auto 1500** – average of your top 5 semi-auto scores.

Name	Average
Voigt, Steve	<b>1468.20 – 74x</b>
Bearchum, Curtis	<b>1463.00 – 68x</b>
Lettau, Ralph	<b>1448.00 – 60x</b>
Bearchum, Kurt	<b>1427.80 – 58x</b>
Osborn, Jay	<b>1423.20 – 47x</b>
Upton, Jim	<b>1413.80 – 50x</b>
Russie, Dan	<b>1407.60 – 45x</b>
O'Neill, Darrell	<b>1366.80 – 31x</b>
Clinko, Stephen	<b>1314.40 – 26x</b>
Kissler, Charlie	<b>1295.00 – 34x</b>
Persell, Tom	<b>1281.00 – 29x</b>
Sorsdahl, Russ	<b>1276.20 – 32x</b>
Miller, Byron	<b>1264.80 – 21x</b>
Pronovost, Pat	<b>1240.80 – 35x</b>
Stoddart, Robert	<b>1194.20 – 22x</b>



Ralph and Justin Lettau cleaning up after the Hanford 2011 State and Regional Match

**2011 Revolver 1500** – average of your top 5 revolver scores.

Name	Average
Voigt, Steve	<b>1488.20 – 102x</b>
Bearchum, Curtis	<b>1463.00 – 67x</b>
Bearchum, Kurt	<b>1459.60 – 65x</b>
Russie, Dan	<b>1457.40 – 64x</b>
Lettau, Ralph	<b>1450.20 – 72x</b>
Pronovost, Pat	<b>1446.40 – 59x</b>
Miller, Byron	<b>1440.00 – 48x</b>
Lettau, Justin	<b>1439.00 – 51x</b>
Maier, Robert	<b>1434.80 – 58x</b>
Sorsdahl, Russ	<b>1434.80 – 58x</b>
Upton, Jim	<b>1430.60 – 56x</b>
Kissler, Charles	<b>1429.00 – 50x</b>
Osborn, Jay	<b>1427.40 – 49x</b>
Cameron, Bruce	<b>1420.80 – 52x</b>
O'Neill, Darrell	<b>1404.80 – 36x</b>
Persell, Tom	<b>1384.80 – 41x</b>
Stoddart, Robert	<b>1363.00 – 34x</b>
Clinko, Steven	<b>1299.20 – 21x</b>



William Bearchum with grandparents Curtis & Phyllis Bearchum at 2011 awards banquet



Competitors and families enjoying the 2011 awards banquet

### 2012 Civilian Shooter Trophies

We had quite a few civilians showing up and shooting when we had matches at the Seattle Police Range. Now that the MRC PPC Range is up and running I would like to encourage all the civilians to come up to the MRC and shoot at a match. At the end of this year we will be awarding trophies to the top civilian shooter in the 1500 matches, duty gun match, and off-duty gun match. So you civilians get your guns out of the gun safe, shake out the spiders, and head up to the MRC for a match.

**Washington State Police Pistol Association**  
**2011 Aggregate Matches from the State and Regional Matches**  
 Match and Place Winners will be award Certificates at the 2012 State Awards Banquet

**Match 16: Individual Service Pistol Aggregate**

Name	4" Revolver		Off Duty		Stock Semi Auto		Aggregate		Certificate Awards
Kurt Bearchum	474	30x	470	30x	473	32x	<b>1417</b>	<b>92x</b>	Match Winner
Curtis Bearchum	472	28x	463	22x	468	24x	<b>1403</b>	<b>74x</b>	1st place Master
Dan Russie	472	29x	474	30x	456	16x	<b>1402</b>	<b>75x</b>	1st place Expert
Jim Upton	441	10x	441	14x	473	30x	<b>1355</b>	<b>54x</b>	
Pat Pronovost	424	18x	464	22x	451	14x	<b>1339</b>	<b>54x</b>	
Robert Maier	462	28x	471	28x	466	28x	<b>1399</b>	<b>84x</b>	1st place Sharpshooter
Jay Osborn	457	21x	463	18x	460	13x	<b>1380</b>	<b>52x</b>	2nd place Sharpshooter
Charlie Kissler	437	17x	456	19x	446	12x	<b>1339</b>	<b>48x</b>	
Justin Lettau	427	5x	435	12x	462	22x	<b>1324</b>	<b>39x</b>	
Byron Miller	427	2x	456	8x	431	6x	<b>1314</b>	<b>16x</b>	
Bruce Cameron	460	16x	454	8x	460	12x	<b>1374</b>	<b>36x</b>	1st place Marksman
Darrell O'Neill	438	12x	451	12x	455	17x	<b>1344</b>	<b>41x</b>	
Rodney Rochon	431	12x	435	10x	413	10x	<b>1279</b>	<b>32x</b>	

**Match 19: President's Match**

Name	Revolver Distinguished		Semi Auto Distinguished		Aggregate		Certificate Awards
Curtis Bearchum	588	41x	582	26x	<b>1170</b>	<b>67x</b>	Match Winner
Steve Voigt	591	36x	548	26x	<b>1139</b>	<b>62x</b>	1st place High Master
Kurt Bearchum	582	25x	562	20x	<b>1144</b>	<b>45x</b>	1st place Expert
Dan Russie	572	27x	552	14x	<b>1124</b>	<b>41x</b>	
Pat Pronovost	513	16x	476	14x	<b>989</b>	<b>30x</b>	
Byron Miller	549	12x	554	7x	<b>1103</b>	<b>19x</b>	1st Sharpshooter
Justin Lettau	567	13x	513	11x	<b>1080</b>	<b>24x</b>	
Russ Sorsdahl	558	22x	506	11x	<b>1064</b>	<b>33x</b>	
Charlie Kissler	537	16x	517	16x	<b>1054</b>	<b>32x</b>	
Bruce Cameron	570	28x	524	12x	<b>1094</b>	<b>40x</b>	1st Marksman
Robert Stoddart	505	14x	470	7x	<b>975</b>	<b>21x</b>	

**Match 21: Special Aggregate Match**

Name	Match 16		Match 19		Match 22		Match 21 Aggregate		Certificate Awards
Curtis Bearchum	1403	74x	1170	67x	2913	139x	<b>5486</b>	<b>280x</b>	Match Winner
Kurt Bearchum	1417	92x	1144	45x	2880	112x	<b>5441</b>	<b>249x</b>	1st place Expert
Dan Russie	1402	75x	1124	41x	2798	98x	<b>5324</b>	<b>214x</b>	
Pat Pronovost	1339	54x	989	30x	2681	93x	<b>5009</b>	<b>177x</b>	
Byron Miller	1314	16x	1103	19x	2772	73x	<b>5189</b>	<b>108x</b>	1st place Sharpshooter
Justin Lettau	1324	39x	1080	24x	2779	86x	<b>5183</b>	<b>149x</b>	
Charlie Kissler	1339	48x	1054	32x	2716	67x	<b>5109</b>	<b>147x</b>	
Bruce Cameron	1374	36x	1094	40x	2658	79x	<b>5126</b>	<b>155x</b>	1st place Marksman

## Membership News

Dan Russie  
WSPPA Secretary

### Annual meeting information

The Annual WSPPA membership meeting was held November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Hanford Patrol Training Academy. The highlights of the meeting are as follows:

Election for 2012 Officers was held and the 2012 WSPPA Officers are:

Ralph Lettau – President  
Charles Kissler – Vice President  
Jim Upton – Treasure  
Dan Russie – Secretary  
Steve Voigt – Member at Large

A motion was made and passed by the members to increase the number of matches required for eligibility for the WSPPA Governor's 20 list from 5 to 6.

Russ Sorsdahl shared that the Canadian National Shooting Championships will be held on September 1 and 2, 2012. If anyone wants information on the Canadian National Shooting Championships, you can contact him at [rsorsdahl@shaw.ca](mailto:rsorsdahl@shaw.ca).

I would like to thank Lee, Steve and Shailee Voigt for fixing the nice lunch we had before the membership meeting.

### MRC information

As most of you already know the WSPPA now has access to a range on the west side. The Marysville Rifle Club (MRC) now has PPC matches every third Saturday of each month except during the month of July. The MRC PPC range has 14 lanes with a concrete 25 and 50 yard line. I visited the range last June and it is a nice range. Tom Persell, Mike Haakensen and Ken McDannald put a lot of time and effort into getting the range ready to go. I would like to thank them as well of anyone else who might have helped make the improvements to the range.

The address of the MRC is 1601 Lakewood Road, Arlington, WA 98223. Some map sources list the MRC with a Marysville, or a Warm Beach, or a Stanwood address, so good luck. Anyway, you get off I-5 at exit 206 go west on 172<sup>nd</sup> Street NE, cross the railroad tracks, past the Lakewood School on the left, turn right at the stop sign which is Lakewood Road. Continue on Lakewood Road about ½ to 1 mile to the MRC on the right. Turn right and follow

the unpaved road along the fence line to bay #9.

If anyone has any questions about the MRC PPC matches or how to get to the MRC please contact Tom Persell at Home (425) 348-0589, Cell (425) 501-3822, or [tdpersell@msn.com](mailto:tdpersell@msn.com).

The fee schedule for the MRC PPC matches is:  
1<sup>st</sup> NRA 1500 PPC match - \$20.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> NRA 1500 PPC match - \$15.00  
Duty Gun Match - \$5.00  
Off Duty Gun Match - \$5.00  
MRC Balloon Match - \$5.00 (you can check with Tom Persell to see what is involved with the balloon match)

The MRC PPC matches start at 1000 hours. Tom Persell suggests that you get there about 0900 hours to get signed up for the match.

### 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 118<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
Snohomish, WA 98290

Congratulations to Gary Waters who after 32 years as an Officer with Energy Northwest has retired.



Ethan Lettau, Stephanie Voigt, Joanna and Kaleb Lettau collecting score sheets at the April 2011 Hanford Match.

