

Poulsbo Sportsman Club

16990 Clear Creek Road - Poulsbo, WA

Our Vision: A Club for future generations

Our Mission: Provide our Members and the Community a safe and responsible place to practice shooting sports

September 10, 2018

Summary of the August EB meeting

Training is gearing up with two pistol classes held in August. Scheduling for training is still uncertain due to the timing of the range closure for the baffle replacement project. Discussions continue around lead management on the range with new considerations coming from L&I. This is going to be an ongoing consideration for the EB item.

2019 Board elections are coming up in January. Potential candidates are encouraged to have a conversation to see if what the club needs is something you can provide. This is a much-discussed item but PSC has about 70 members that do the whole thing, EB, RSO, Range Maintenance, committees and it tends to be the same 70 year after year. Keep in mind that if something is going on at the club that works for you a volunteer did it. If something is getting over-looked or just plain doesn't happen it's because a volunteer wasn't there to do it.

Have a question or need information? Want to know the 'why' of something about the club or the way it operates? Send your question to info@pscnet.net and you'll get an answer. It might take a minute (or a day or so), remember that volunteer thing about availability, but Doug Forsyth will get your question to the right source and you will hear back.

As always, meeting minutes will be posted on the website after they are approved by the EB.

Lead Management at Outdoor Shooting Ranges

Managing lead is an important activity for gun ranges. There are two primary objectives for range management plans: 1) keep lead from leaching into ground water, and 2) implement safe handling procedures, training, and education for volunteers handling lead as well as shooters. Many of you are aware that the Club has worked with two consultants over the last several months to assess our current situation and develop action plans for soil, water, and air lead management. Late last year Landau Associates completed a soil and water evaluation; in June Arch Consultants monitored air borne lead exposure of the Range Safety Officers. The overall goal is to be in voluntary compliance with the relevant sections of the EPA's Best Management Practices for Outdoor Shooting Ranges (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/epa_bmp.pdf) as well as National Occupational Safety and Health guidelines on personnel safety (<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=296-62-07521>).

Chickens and Pigs and Turkeys and Rams, Oh My!

The .22 Long Range Silhouette Match shooters invite you to come out and join us in a friendly competition on the third Saturday of each month. We begin set-up at 8:15 am and commence shooting about 9:00 am following a safety briefing. We use .22 long rifle ammunition, and any combination of rifle/scope is allowed. No weight or

class restrictions are in force, and most shooters utilize a bipod or cross sticks. No gun vises, one piece rests or rear support bags please. You will need between 60 and 100 rounds of ammunition. The course of fire consists of 40 shots for score, 10 at each animal with unlimited sighters – time limit of 10 minutes total sighters/scoring shots.

Chickens are shot standing off hand at 50 yards. The remaining targets are shot prone or from the bench using bipod or cross sticks. Pigs are shot at 100 yards, turkeys at 150 yards and rams at 200 yards. Shooters can start at any distance/animal and progressively move to next longer distance. If you start at 200 yards, however, the next target would be chickens at 50 yards. You can print practice targets by following the “Activities” link to “Silhouette” to “22 long range” on the club web page. The match fee is \$10.00 and standard safety gear for eye and ear protection is needed. Coffee will be provided, and donated cookies or treats are welcome, but food or drink is not allowed inside the covered shooting area.

I-1639 Allowed on November ballot

Seattle Times, August 24th: OLYMPIA — The Washington state Supreme Court has ruled that the proposed gun-regulations measure, Initiative 1639, will appear on November’s election ballot. The decision clears the way for a statewide vote on a sweeping proposal that, among other things, would raise the legal age to buy semi-automatic rifles to 21.

Friday’s ruling comes after a Thurston County judge earlier this month blocked the proposed initiative after Alan Gottlieb of the Bellevue-based Second Amendment Foundation and the National Rifle Association (NRA) challenged the legality of the campaign’s signature-gathering petitions. Gun-rights advocates had argued the petitions violated state law because they did not include text formatting such as underlines and strike-throughs to demonstrate how exactly the initiative would change the language of existing gun law.

A four-page order released Friday and signed by Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst reversed the lower court’s ruling. State law “does not allow for pre-election judicial review of the form, process, substance, or constitutionality of an initiative petition,” according to the order. The measure would make several changes to the law. Aside from raising the purchase age to 21 for semi-automatic rifle purchases, it would mandate training, enhanced background checks and waiting periods in order to obtain them. It would also require owners to keep firearms secured at home. Gun owners could face misdemeanor or felony charges in some circumstances if someone prohibited from possessing a weapon accessed the firearm. Gun-rights advocates broadly view the measure as a violation of the Second Amendment, and some view the safe-storage component as a breach of the Fourth Amendment.

Wyman had expressed concerns about the formatting of the petitions, but said she had no legal authority to block it from the ballot. The justices on Friday noted that in their decision. It remains to be seen whether gun-rights groups will spend heavily against the initiative. State campaign-finance records show the NRA has donated \$100,000 to a campaign to oppose the measure. The Alliance has already raised more than \$4.3 million, though most of that has already been spent, according to state records. The campaign relied heavily on high-dollar contributions from Microsoft co-founder and philanthropist Paul Allen, former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer and venture capitalist Nick Hanauer. The gun-violence-prevention group formed by billionaire former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Everytown for Gun Safety, has also donated \$250,000.