



PUFFS OF SMOKE



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From the President:

Dear Fellow Club Members,

I hope

everyone had a great early hunting season

or are looking forward to the late season. Don't forget to send Walt an article so we all may enjoy, even if all you brought home was "tag soup".

Yes, JJ and I got our moose. But it certainly isn't as easy as you hear with a moose behind every tree and just having to pick the one you want. Ha! Story upcoming. Wishing all a very happy Thanksgiving!

Shoot Straight and I'll See You at The Range!

Jim Walker



No Hunting Allowed on Club Property

Just a reminder; there is no hunting allowed on Club Property.

Membership

Membership renewals for 2011 will be sent out in January. Once again, we will be sending out membership cards upon renewal. Please keep these cards with you as it will identify you as a current member in good standing with the Club. For security purposes, you may be asked by a Board member or landlord security to show your card.

NO BROADHEADS ALLOWED on COURSES or FLAT RANGE

All members please be advised, broadheads are NOT ALLOWED anywhere on the range except at the broadhead pits.

November Calendar Of Events:

6	3-D Saturday	Skookum	3-D
11	<u>CRB Board Meeting 6:30 Black Diamond Library</u>		
	<u>All members encouraged to attend</u>		
13/14	Late Season Warm-up	Chinook	3-D

My first ever elk in first four hours of hunting - honestly, no bull (pun intended) !

by Neal Wunderlich

Talk about beginner's luck ! My first year of archery hunting and I managed to get a cow elk on the morning of my first day out.

It started at 2:30am leaving the house, hoping to hit the Weyerhaeuser logging roads (let's just say in the vicinity west of Mt. St. Helens) with my mountain bike at 6am.

Encountered my first elk at 8:30am while giving the bike a rest and exploring a dead end logging road. It was a small herd that had a bull with at least 3 points, possibly more but hard to tell as he was crashing through some thick timber. They had already spotted me because of my impatience in moving in too fast. Couldn't get any closer without snapping some branches, so I tried a cow call to lure the bull over. All that seemed to do was make him more nervous so he abruptly took off for Portland, taking his cows with him, and leaving me to kick myself for my impatience.

Well, I figured I just blew my big opportunity and chalked it up as a good learning experience. I guess when you have beginner's luck going your way though, you can bet the pot on an inside straight and draw that one card. So at 11:30am I park my bike about 2-1/2 miles in, ready to eat my lunch when I heard a very faint but familiar snapping of branches deep in the woods. It kept getting louder and soon I saw movement between the trees. I glassed a cow, then another. I may be a rookie, but my earlier lesson was still fresh in my mind so I told myself, "be patient! Don't rush this one". I was slightly uphill of the elk and had the wind in my favor so I figured the best plan was to stay where I was and hopefully they would move to within bow range. About 10 minutes of watching them move in, I had two cows within 30 yards, one giving me a perfect broadside shot. I ranged her and stood up to draw. The other cow spotted me so I knew the clock was ticking, but all that practice the past six months took over and my arrow found its target. She ran about 70 yards and stopped as I watched her through the binoculars, silently telling her to drop. After about 20 seconds, she must have heard me and proceeded to go down for the last time.

I waited about 15 minutes before approaching and taking it all in. The rest of the day was a blur of sweat and didn't end till that evening back at the vehicle with ice coolers full.

Many thanks to all the friendly and helpful club members who helped this rookie bag his first elk - special thanks to John Hill who got me started on the right foot - this elk is as much yours as it is mine.

Neal Wunderlich - joined CRB in March 2010



If you have any **NEWS THAT** you would like to see in **your** monthly "PUFFS", please submit it before the 25th of each month!

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Board Meeting October 14, 2010

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

10 members present

Secretary's Report: not present

Motioned and accepted on last meeting notes.

Treasurer's Report: He reported on the Club's finances

Membership Chair: 159 paying members with a couple of prospects. Talked about retention of members. Made other suggestions to retain and/or entice members to stay with us.

Library Meeting Room: November's meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday because of a holiday. December's meeting will be on the 9th of December. These all start at 6:30 p.m. because the library closes at 9 p.m.

Sportsmen's Show: Suggestions were made to have a bigger Booth.

Dog Food Wheel: (don't ask me what it is) Lots of suggestions, maybe sign up at shoots and the Sportsmen's Show. Decided no on a 2 for 1. Don Mahler will make a new wheel.

Range Master Report: A couple of trees down. May need some new targets. The Flat Range has some new targets.

Tournament Chair: Put out to the members that Galen will have movies at the October Shoot and that there will be trophies for the kids.

Repair of Targets: Talked about doing target repair verses buying new. Mike G. and Galen M. may go to Idaho for repair training. If they think it is a good thing they will suggest a go ahead on purchasing the material to do the repair. Cost of the material is \$2,500 which is 5 cases which is 75 gallons. If they are not satisfied . . . no money spent. Motion made to send Mike and Galen to Idaho with the money. Seconded . . . Motion carried.

Galen will run the Registration Booth for the next shoot as Mike G. will be gone.

Bowhunting Chair: We need to run the Ray White Award form in the next couple of newsletters.

Puffs Editor: Remember to get your articles to me by the 25th of the month. Because of the Haloween Shoot I will not publish until after the shoot so we can get an article in about it.

Old Business: Where's the financial records?

New Business: Letter to Club about a problem with a member, tabled to the November Meeting.

Suggested Shoot Calendar: Superbowl Safari Feb. 5th, **Marked 3-D Safari** March 5 & 6 **Triple Crown** April 16 & 17 **Extreme Shoot:** June 18 & 19 **Bownanza** July 29, 30 & 31 **Broadhead** August 20 & **Club Shoot** August 21

Voted to authorize expenses for the two going to the WSAA Convention. Suggested they turn in their receipts to the treasurer for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

2010 Broadhead and Club Shoot

By Mike Garrett

This is a late report as I misplaced the information for the Club Shoot. Now that I've found it I'll report.

The club put on a fantastic hunting practice broadhead shoot on Aug 14th. The setup had the animals placed along a marked path. Each target had but one window of opportunity to take an ethical shot. Shooters were to walk the path and hunt for targets, they were not identified with shooting stakes or numbers. We promised a 40 target shoot; however, thanks to the ingenuity of the folks that came out to setup, we actually had 47 targets.

We increased participation this year over last and everyone enjoyed the shoot immensely. The "hunting" aspect really made it great for all. If you missed it this year you're just going to have to put it on your List of Tournaments for next year –especially if you're a hunter!

We did not score the shoot for trophies as there were no trophies to be presented. Shooters were given a scorecard if they wished to see how they did. Scoring was 10, 8, minus 5 because wounds hurt. That's the way we scored the Club Shoot on Sunday, Aug 15th, also.

Club Shoot was fabulous fun. We maintained the setup from the Broadhead with the same hunting and scoring rules. The scorecards were collected for this shoot. Again, everyone had a great time finding targets and then finding out they missed a few. Only a few found all 47.

The free food was the Best thanks to our regular cooks, and Dutch Oven Cook Off again proved we have some very talented cooks in the club.

For the perpetual club trophies for Male Compound, Female Compound, Male Traditional, and Female Traditional we have the following winners.

Jim Walker; Male Compound (he found all 47 so his score of 460 was almost perfect)

Danni Sletton; Female Compound (she was a late finisher after we gave her a ration in the camp ground for seemingly going to give up after only two courses.)

Ron Belala; Male Traditional

There was no Female Traditional competitor.

Nathan Hall won the Cub class and will be presented his trophy at the annual banquet. There is no perpetual club trophy for the Cubs.

What a Bear

By Jerry Tomlinson

It started out opening day of elk season for archery we scouted all year and finally decided to concentrate on this one area we were seeing great sign and alot of activity. After climbing in the stand in the afternoon with hopes of sending my arrow

through the chest cavity of a wall hanger bull at 300 plus feet per second could it possibly get any better than this! Well time ticked by



and the magical hour was slowly approaching. My anticipation was growing by the second. Now I have seen sign of bear in this area, even had some pics on my cam but they were of a sow with cubs so I had no desire to shoot if she was to come in.

Well back to the hunt, Now I have a small stream that runs along on my left. At about 6.00pm I caught movement along the bank. I slowly stood and turned, there he was walking along the other side of the stream. He walked about 10 yards and then swam towards my side. At this time I realized that this could all come together if he crossed the bank and walk right up to my tree and started to climb it. As he is staring at me up in the tree, he climbs up the tree a little ways. I'm trying to get to my knife. There's no way I can make this type of shot! Just then he climbs down and starts walking off. I drew back and released. Now the shot was less than perfect and it had me a little worried, you see I was aiming for the sweet spot but flinched a little, I'm not perfect and don't claim to be but that arrow hit him in the back of the neck and blew right through his throat and juggler. He took off like a bat out of hell. I gave him about 30 minutes and started tracking. He went about 80 yards and bled out. This is the first bear I have ever taken and he was a pig. Live weight about 400 pounds and he will score pope and young at 18 5/16. I couldn't be happier. Thanks to Rob, Jake and all the other boys that helped me get him out

Jerry Tomlinson

Membership Report October 2010

Our membership numbers continue to be excellent, at this time we have 160 members. We've had 12 newbies since the last report. Interest in CRB continues, there are a few more individuals on hunting trips or business road trips that have requested an open house when they return to the area. If you have friends or family that you would like to see our facilities, let me know.

New Members: Please welcome these new members when you meet them on the range or work parties: Greg & Stacy Burke, George Cartwright, Jeff Collins, Charles (Clint)

Collins, Michael Cunningham, Jim Doty, Steve & Anita Faull, Jeff Hendricks, Rick Matthes, Paul McKee, Bud Sherin, and Gerald Fall; thanks for joining CRB.

Membership Drive: Listed below are those who have recruited new members and are working towards a reduced membership fee for next year. John Hill: 5, Don Malher:1, Darrel Barrie: 1, Dustin Veenker: 1, Joe Merclich: 1, Dave Garrison: 1, Jim Walker: 1, Kris Lichtenberg: 1, Jason Loken: 1, Robert Zyskowski: 1, BJ Brewster: 1. Please notice we have new "recruiters" added to the list this month and note that John has added his 5th recruit...way to go John!

Remember, this is retroactive to the beginning of the year, if you recruited a friend or friends, **let me know** so I can get you into my records so you can receive a 25% dues reduction for each 2 new members recruited. Also, if I have not recorded a recruit for you, please let me know. Either call me at 253-630-1184 or email at: stefanick.mike@gmail.com.

Additionally, all newly recruited members are eligible to recruit new members and get dues reduction credit for next year. Look at either end of the Flat Range building there is a poster, an information sheet and a New Member application form. Alternatively, go to the CRB website, on the Membership page look down the left side for the NFAA logo and find the orange underlined "The Application" link. It will take you to a pdf file which is a CRB Membership Application form you can print. Make a couple of them and go hustle yourself some new members and a reduced membership fee next year.

B & S (Breakfast & Shoot): Periodically, it seems like mostly every week, Walt, Dave, Doug, and others meet for breakfast. If you would like to join us, let me, Walt, or Dave know and you'll be included in the email notice. The B & S stands for "breakfast and shooting," but there is a lot of bs too. Don't be bashful, come join us.

Mike Stefanick, Membership Chairman

Library meeting room.

We held our first board meeting at the Black Diamond library on Thursday evening October 14th. The room is very comfortable, there are plenty of tables and chairs for all board members to gather around, and there is room left over if any CRB member would like to join us. The November Board meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday instead of the 2nd. The 2nd Thursday is Veterans Day and most government facilities are closed for the day, including the library. This scheduling is subject to Jim's approval as he and JJ were off in the woods pursuing their "once in a life time" moose opportunity. Hopefully, they will have been successful by the time of the next Board meeting. The December meeting is back to the regular schedule of the 2nd Thursday which is December 9th.

New Member, Doug Lyons, makes Good Luck!

By Mike Stefanick

Doug Lyons, joined CRB in February of this year. He bought a bow from Jim Walker and started shooting. He listened well and practiced hard and became a very good shot. He worked with Jim and others getting his bow tuned and was ready for hunting season; he was shooting pie plate groups out to 50 yards and felt completely comfortable with a 40 yard shot.

All his practice and hard work come together on the morning of September 11th at about 8:40 am



in the Winston unit. Out in front of him he heard a branch snap. Using his binoculars he located a furry patch and watched it blossom into a bull elk (thank you Don Mahler for binocular use tips). The elk had no concerns, it fed along as it moved up hill. He watched closely as it moved towards him, wondering which way it would break as it approached a series of dead falls. It broke to the right which meant it probably would come his way. If it didn't, Doug had noticed another hunter about 80 yards away who would have benefited had the elk broke left.

As the elk approached more advice flooded through his mind, Jim had told him, "don't wait too long to draw," so before Doug knew for sure that the elk was going to come close, and while it was still hidden from view he drew. That began the anxious waiting. First the antler tips appeared, a count was made, "yup, there are more than three, matter of fact there are four, legal bull, I can shoot it" went through Doug's mind."

"Oh that other hunter, I need to shoot before I'm in line with him." "Here he comes up the grade to the road, he's less than 20 yards", he was observing, seeing, thinking.

Next, the brain was issuing commands: "shoot, shoot," the 20 yard pin swung easily up the front leg to

about mid section, the trigger was pulled, all without conscious thought, the result of hours of hard practice on the range and mental images of where to place the shot. The arrow left and it was true to the aim, both lungs felt the sting of the broadhead slamming through them.

The elk swirled around and started to move away, and then stopped, Doug reloaded, but instead of drawing and shooting, a huge grin engulfed him as the elk sunk to its knees then collapsed 15 yards from him. It was all over, the grin turned to "WOW, I shot an elk!"

At that moment, the other hunter he had seen earlier, introduced himself as Alan, from Bellingham. "Congratulations, man. That was really cool to watch. I've seen videos, but seeing the real thing was really much more exciting."

And with that reality set in, "jeez, now I need to carve this guy up and get him out of here."

"I gotta' get Mike down here and help me."

A couple of cell phone messages and radio calls later Mike Stefanick, his hunting partner for this trip, finally responded. He made his way down to Doug and the elk and after congratulations and high five's the hard work began.

I got a 4 pt. buck, but not with a bow

By Walt Watkins

Because I have had some bad experiences with bow hunting deer I have gone back to using my rifle. I normally would not put this in the paper but some have said "You are always asking us for a story now you print yours" so here goes. On opening morning I was not in the right place to get a good view of several deer coming off the fields so I decided to stake out near the woods edge and catch them coming out for their evening feed. I went to a small bunch of trees that were in a spot a few yards from the woods edge and planted my butt down. After waiting quite a while I decided to see if I could find something to sit on. While I was moving back to look around I spotted this deer North of me that had been out of my view. After glassing him I crawled out of the woods on my belly and made a prone shot that missed . . . shot again and missed but on the third shot I hit him good. It was a nice 4 point mule deer.



Rocky Horror Turkey Shoot 2010



**Innovative Awards
By Galen Mauden**



Above ↑

These two mischievous people, Patrick Seiver and Edo Gebenini put on a very good Halloween Night Shoot for the Club
A good time was had by all that attended and the food was great! We didn't even have very much in the way of rain either.



**Women's High Score
Eileen Belala**



**Men's High Point
Ryan from Tacoma**



**Men's Low Point Score
Dave Garrison**



**Youth High Score
Sammie Sletten**



**Women's Low Score
Roxanne Chavis**



**Youth Low Score
Unknown Youth from Tacoma**

CEDAR RIVER BOWMEN RAY WHITE BIG GAME AWARD

Animal killed _____ Sex _____ Weight _____ (field dressed)

If Deer or Elk, number of points per antler: Right _____ Left _____

Date killed _____ Where killed (area & state) _____

At what distance was the animal hit? _____

How far did the animal travel after it was hit? _____

Draw weight of bow _____ lbs.

Was the animal dispatched in any other way than with an arrow? YES NO

If yes, explain:

How many seasons have you hunted with a bow? _____

Have you previously received a big game award from the Cedar River Bowmen? _____

Fair Chase Affidavit

I _____ by my signature do swear and affirm that the above animal was killed by myself with a legal bow and arrow under the rules of Fair Chase and the game laws of the state or territory in which I hunted That no aid was used in the form of tranquilizers, poison, or firearms. I understand that any attempt to falsify this application will result in the immediate revocation of my membership.

Please print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Witness _____

Address _____

Witness _____

Address _____

For You Hunters

Successful hunters should be sure to fill out this Ray White Award form because there are awards for largest bull etc. These awards are given out at the annual Banquet.

Also, be sure you send Walt your story and a picture to be put in the Newsletter.

Please mail the completed form to:

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WDFW WILDLIFE PROGRAM

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Dear Hunter,

The hunter reporting system for turkey and big game is now online and ready to accept your reports for the current season.

After working with our contractors for several weeks, the reporting system has been successfully modified to allow special-permit hunters to report by permit category. By January 31, 2011, hunters must report their hunting activity for each special permit acquired and each deer, elk, bear, and turkey tag purchased in 2010. Reporting rules have also been changed so that all hunters who report by January 10, whether successful or not, will be eligible for the special incentive tag drawing.

The primary hunters affected by the delay are those who have participated in fall black bear, early archery deer and elk, and early muzzleloader deer and elk seasons.

We encourage all of those hunters who have finished hunting to report now while the information is still fresh in their minds. This information is vital for effective harvest management, and we look forward to receiving your reports.

Report your hunting activity by calling toll free 1-877-945-3492 or online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov .

WDFW NEWS RELEASE

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October 6, 2010

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Thousands of jumbo trout planted in lakes in Jefferson, Mason and Kitsap counties

OLYMPIA - Jumbo rainbow trout are being planted in lakes in Jefferson, Mason and Kitsap counties to boost fishing opportunities this fall and winter, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announced today.

WDFW hatchery crews are planting a total of 12,500 rainbow trout - each weighing nearly one pound - into Gibbs and Teal lakes in Jefferson County; Island, Kokanee, Lost, Nahwatzel, Spencer and Trails End lakes in Mason County; and Kitsap Lake in Kitsap County.

Crews are expected to finish stocking the lakes with jumbo trout later this week, said Mark Downen, WDFW's area fish biologist. The trout were raised at WDFW's Eells Springs Hatchery near Shelton.

"The lakes that are being stocked are open year-round and provide anglers a great fall and winter trout fishing opportunity," said Downen. "Some of the jumbo rainbow trout will continue to grow and be available to anglers next spring as well."

Information on when and where fish are stocked in area lakes is available on WDFW's website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/plants/weekly/> and complete fishing regulations can be found at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/> .

All anglers 15 years of age and older are required to have a valid fishing license. Licenses can be purchased on the Internet (<https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>), by telephone (1-866-246-9453), or at hundreds of license dealers across the state (listed on the WDFW's website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/vendors/>).

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