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From the President:

Dear Fellow Club Members,

For those of you who were unable to attend the January General Membership/Board Meeting, here is your new 2011 Board of Directors:

President: Jim Walker, Vice President: Patrick Siever, Secretary: Kelly Huseby, Treasurer: Chris Gates, Tournament Chairman: Mike Garrett, Bowhunting Chairman: Dave Garrison, Range Master: Scott Chavis, Assistant Animal Side: Edo Gebeninni, Assistant Field Side: Chris Ray, Membership Chairman: Mike Stefanick, Puffs Editor: Walt Watkins

Trustees: John Hill (1 year), Don Mahler (1 year), Doug Lyons (2 years), and Dustin Veenker(2 years).

Please welcome Kelly Huseby, Chris Ray, Doug Lyons, and Dustin Veenker as new members to the Board and show these people your support throughout the year!

Remember, the Board is here working for you, so if you have any questions, suggestions, or you would like to see something special at the Club, let someone from the Board know.

Thanks to those who were on the Board last year. Without your help and support the Club would not function.

I'd also like to thank those who helped out around the Club at work parties and tournaments. As we start a new year at the Club, I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the Club and participate at the work parties and tournaments. Try to find some time in your busy schedules to help out. Your time will be greatly appreciated!

Don't forget our annual banquet; it will be fun for all who attend.

Shoot Straight and I'll See You at The Range,
Jim Walker

Ray White Awards

All successful hunters this year; please remember to fill out a Ray White Big Game Award application, as you will be recognized at the annual banquet. So far I have only received Ray White applications for two deer and four elk. I know more animals were taken but you are not sending me the information. Any game animal is eligible



and I heard of someone getting a bear with their bow. Please send a picture and score for your animals for the file. I can take hard copy or send an email. Thanks, Dave Garrison, Bowhunting Chairman.

The Biggest Bull OF My Life 2010

by Robert Zyskowski

After eight years of putting in for the Big Bull Permit for Eastern Washington, I finally drew "the tag" I had been waiting for.

My preparation began in July, working on my calling and practicing at the Club, shooting 2-3 times a week. As the season drew near, my excitement grew, readying myself for the hunt.

The week before the season opener, while I was practicing, the limb on my Matthew Monster split!!! My heart sank as I thought my season and tag were in jeopardy!! I took my bow to Rainier Archery where I had purchased the bow the previous year. Luckily they got the new limbs in the store in 3 days!! I was BACK IN THE GAME.

I shot on Thursday and left for hunting on Friday. First to Oregon for a Coastal Elk hunt with no luck. Did see lots of animals but after a 3 day hunt I moved on to the Blue Mountains of Washington.

Started my hunt on September 7th. That morning was cold and windy. I spotted a small herd on the opposite side of the canyon. I decided to go in since there was a beautiful 6x7 leading the herd. I walked around and dropped in on the steep side hill moving in slowly. I started cow calling and they started moving towards me when the wind changed direction and I was busted. The herd consisted of a 6x7 bull, 8 cows a 1x2 and a spike bull. The small bulls trailing the herd. They passed in front of me when I cow called and they both stopped in front of me at 30 yards. I stopped myself from shooting. I have always been a meat hunter so this was tough for me NOT to shoot

As the week went on I continued seeing bulls and failed opportunities...! started to feel "tag soup" was about to be mine. But I continued to hunt and push myself hard trying different areas and tactics.

Late on Sept. 17 my daughter and son-in-law finally

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Robert & Daughter, Amy

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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CRB Board Meeting January 13, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm

11 board members and 10 regular members present

December minutes approved as published in the "Puffs"

Treasurer's Report: Not Present

Membership: Board voted to extend the Membership drive (25% dues reduction with 2 new members that renew the following year) and institute the 10% off for 1 new member. Open House on Feb 5th is cancelled and there will be 2 new Open Houses set up and coordinated by Mike Stefanick. Guests can come to both of them and 3 Tuesday night indoor shoots (during the months of Feb and March only). Recognized his efforts in getting new members recruited. Have about 160 members currently. Edo is looking into getting the CRB decals and had prices from one company. We had a member show up that does decals and will get with Edo for pricing.

Old Business: Not discussed

Range master: Patrick will be bringing in a couple windows to replace the 2 in the clubhouse. Should have the work party schedule done next week. There is a little bit of work to do before the shoot, B2, B9, C behind Clubhouse and A14 have downed trees that need to be cut up and stacked in the wood shed. May want to consider topping a few of the Cottonwood trees.

Tournament Chair: We have the safari shoot coming up on Feb 5th. Chris Ray has the scorecards and targets ready, will set up on Friday the 4th. Galen, Edo and Chris Ray will learn Mike Garrett's position in anticipation of his retirement next year. The attending members were able to see the target repairs that were done to our old broadhead animals, and it was pretty impressive.

New Business: Need to renew our insurance with IBO and need 10 members in order to maintain that insurance that are also IBO members, let Mike know if you are an IBO member

PO Box, need to pay the renewal and Chris Gates will need to update the contact information from Mike G to himself. Board discussed and approved the purchase of a 5kw military style generator for the Club. Dave did a max load test to see how many KW's we use at totally loaded, the Club uses 5.3kw but the 3 lights in the Clubhouse that do not get used are 1.5 kw and can reduce our max load to 3.8kw making this generator very usable for the Club at a price of \$1800.00

Banquet has been set for March 19th at the Krain Corner Restaurant. Club members can order anything off of the menu, but we do need to be patient as the food will come out staggered and not all at once.

Tokens for volunteer work at the Club. 1 token for half day and 2 tokens for a full day of work. Each token is worth \$5, but has no cash value. It will be the members duty to track their own tokens and they are not replaceable if lost. Can be used on shoot registration or at the cook shack for the time being, may discuss using them on membership at a later date. Joe's estimate was 1-1.50 per chip, Scott will follow up on his contact again, Mike G was a dead end and Walt will be getting an estimate now.

Elections – It was nice to see some new faces on the board this year.

President – Jim Walker

Vice-President – Patrick Seiver

Secretary – Kelly Huseby

Treasurer – Chris Gates

Tournament Chairman – Mike Garrett

Membership Chairman – Mike Stefanick

Puffs Editor – Walt Watkins

Bowhunting Chairman – Dave Garrison

Rangemaster – Scott Chavis

Asst Rangemaster-Animal – Edo Gebeninni

Asst Rangemaster-Field – Chris Ray

Trustee – Doug Lyons

Trustee – Dustin Veenker

Bow hunting Chair: Turn in your Ray White Awards. There are a lot of nice bulls taken this year.

Puffs Editor: Thanks for sending in stories, please keep sending them.

Mtg adjourned at 9:43 pm

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were able to get over to hunting camp. My son-in-law James had never hunted before and I had been teaching him how to hunt for months. That evening I realized I had forgotten my daughter Amy's hunting license!! Things were not going as planned.

We got up early on the morning of Sept. 18 and went out for a look (as were waiting for a store to open to get the replacement license and tag)...What a dip I am!! As we drove up the dirt road I spotted a nice 5x5 bull on the edge of the timber. We watched him as Amy tried to get me to go in after him, but I just couldn't, I felt we needed to get her replacements first. Finally we had them at 7:30 am. While moving to a new spot with my daughter and son-in-law (his first hunt ever) we saw a main herd of elk with a large bull moving in the timber. We drove up the road about 3/4 of a mile and got out and started walking down an old skid road. As we moved at an angle to the herd, I was cow calling when I heard breaking and crashing. I looked to my left behind some small pines and a large burn pile and there were the "white tips of a large bull elk". The excitement grew and my heart was racing, all I could see were tips of his rack and he was 20 yards away !! I motioned to my daughter and son-in-law to drop down and don't move !!! We waited and he was moving slow. As the big bull moved to an opening at about 25 yards, I drew my bow, waiting for my chance. He stopped....after what seemed like a life time, he stepped out quartering away and I stood up at a full draw, stepped out from behind the bush. He never knew we were there. I released my bow and sent

the carbon arrow to the base of his rib cage threw the liver and one lung. As he ran off my heart sunk wondering if it was a good shot . . . you never know. After tracking the blood trail for about 60 yards, there HE was....a LARGE 300+ 6x8 bull elk.

If I never have a chance at a quality bull again, it would be okay with me. He was a very incredible specimen.

Needless to say my son-in-laws first season lasted approximately 4 hours most of which was spent packing MY monster bull out.

Sincerely,

Robert Zyskowski CRB member 2 years

Bowhunter Education In Issaquah

By Alan Jones

Interested in learning a bit more about bowhunting? Frustrated that perhaps your rifle hunting skills don't translate well to bowhunting? Want to become a more successful bowhunter?

National Bowhunter Education Foundation Classes (NBEF) will be held at the Issaquah Sportsmen's Club in 2011 on:

* April 6, 7, & 9. Cost is \$13. Contact Alan Jones at (425) 883-0405 or AlanBJones@frontier.com

* November 5 & 6. Same cost and contact information.

The NBEF created the International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) several decades ago to teach both novice and experienced bowhunters the essential elements of bowhunting. The course includes classroom and field instruction on:

- * **Big game anatomy**
- * **Where to aim and when to shoot**
- * **The Unwritten Law of Bowhunting**
- * **Survival and first aid**
- * **Use of a map and compass**
- * **Scouting and blood-trailing**
- * **Determining your effective range**
- * **Field dressing and care of meat**
- * **Making ethical decisions in the field**
- * **Washington hunting regulations, and**
- * **Bowhunting safety.**

The NBEF now offers the option of taking the classroom portion of the IBEP course online at <http://www.nbef.org>. Click on the red button for Distance Learning on the lower right of the home page. You can study the course for free, but the online exam costs \$20. After you've successfully completed the online exam, contact an NBEF

instructor to schedule the one-day field course to complete your NBEF certification.

Students range from those who have never shot a bow to those who've bowhunted for decades. You are not required to have any bowhunting equipment to successfully complete the course (this is not a proficiency course), although those who do have equipment will derive more from the field portions of the class. We have some equipment for use by those students who don't yet have a bow and arrows. NBEF-certified volunteer instructors teach the class using NBEF manuals, videotapes, and other materials.

The IBEP is taught in all 50 states, Mexico, Canada, and 17 European nations. Class certification is only required for those archers who intend to bowhunt in Alaska (bow-only areas), Idaho, Montana, New York, New Jersey, Nebraska, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Kansas, Nova Scotia, and all African nations that allow bowhunting. IBEP certification is not required to purchase an archery tag in Washington State; the course is voluntary here.

To get more information about the course or to pre-register to take either Issaquah class, contact Alan Jones at (425) 883-0405 or by e-mail at AlanBJones@frontier.com. Additional NBEF courses are taught in Enumclaw at the Flint Tip Archery Club in May and July. Contact Butch Loney at (253) 862-9160 or bvloney@comcast.net for the Enumclaw classes.

February calendar of Events:

1	Indoor Blueface Mail-in Begins		BF/W
5	Super Bowl Safari	Cedar River	S
5/6	Sage Brush Shoot	Colyak	3-D
6	Snow Shoot	Evergreen	3-D
11/13	World Archery Festival	Las Vegas NV	MC
12/13	Valentines Day 3-D	Chinook	3-D
17	CRB Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.		
Black Diamond Library, all Members encouraged to attend			
19/20	WSAA Blueface Indoor, 4 Locations		BF/W/N
KBH, Evergreen, Nock Point & Ranch & Home			
26	Foul Weather Field	Skookum	F
25/27	USAA National Indoor	Tulare, CA	MC/N
26/27	Archery World Charity Shoot, Arc.Wld. Indoor		
	2 nd Leg NW Buckle Series	Whidbey	3-D
	Bucks & Bulls	Grays Harbor	3-D

Membership Update:

The Membership renewal process seems to be working well. I am getting a good mix of payment method with some using Paypal, some the US mail and some handing me an envelope at various events. Thank you for your promptness.

A couple of things needing attention:

- 1) Key return: I have received a couple of the Wrong keys! This is not a disaster for CRB, however it might be for you; I may be holding the key to the lock box with all your wealth, so please check and make sure you're returning the correct key.
- 2) Another reminder for those using Paypal, make sure you go back and check, were you made into a subscription. There have been a few surprised members who have received "Subscription Payment Made" notices from Paypal. Pat Moore spent hours with this earlier in the year, so it is probably fixed, but just to assure yourself, go back in a day or two and make sure you are not on a Subscription basis to CRB. If you find that to be the case, cancel and let me know. To Cancel, go to the Cedar River Bowmen site then to Membership, below the Renewal box are instructions for canceling a subscription. Please follow through with this so you are not surprised next year when subscription renewal time occurs.
- 3) SuperBow Safari KEY EXCHANGE: I have worked out the details for the key exchange membership renewal on Sat February 5th. It will flow much like last year, and let's hope we have a day nearly as beautiful as last year, that really helped. Bring check or cash, your old key and the Renewal Form filled in that was recently sent out. I will have some at the shoot also. Those who have pre-paid will receive both a key and a membership card. Those that haven't pre-paid will receive just a key. I will complete a member card and mail it to you. Any new members you bring will get a key and I'll mail their membership card. Keys will be tested in the locks as we did last year to insure they all work. I will arrive to begin processing around 8:15. If you are early warm up on the flat range, have a bite to eat or fill out paper work. Both Membership Renewal and New Member Application forms will be available at the Registration booth early.

We ended 2010 with 160 members, that was 10 more than our goal of 150. I hope we can do that again this year. The importance of membership dues is huge as we use it to pay most of our land lease with Palmer. Our facilities did not seem over crowded with this level of membership and we have had a nice "extra" contribution from more hands and minds working to make CRB a better experience. We put on some very fine shoots last year, added to infrastructure and generally had a productive positive year. Let's all commit to repeating that during 2011.

Mike Stefanick
Membership Chairman.

February Board Meeting:

The Board meeting for February has been changed to the 3rd Thursday evening as per Jim's request. Please mark your calendar with the change. The meeting will be held at the Black Diamond library starting at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room. Only board members can vote, non-board members can have input, raise questions and add comments. It is well worth your time and effort to participate in the governance of your club.

Youth/Scout Initiative

On Sat, February 12th, the clubhouse will be used by a Cub Scout pack for an introduction to archery. The kids will get safety instruction, shooting instruction and then shoot a few rounds of arrows. Following that, if the weather is nice, they will build a fire to roast hotdogs for lunch.

If any member has interest in helping out with a Youth/Scout Initiative and wants to use this as an observation for possible future ideas, please come observe and provide input at the debriefing. The event will start at 11 at the front gate, then proceed to the clubhouse for instruction, setup and shooting. It is expected to conclude by 1:30.

Mike Stefanick
Membership Chairman

Boob Award!

That's right! It's that time of year, during our annual banquet, to graciously bestow this coveted award to a Club member. For those of you unfamiliar with this award, it is given to a member who has gone above and beyond the

call of a "brain freeze"; something silly, funny or ridiculous that a Club member has done. It doesn't necessarily need to be archery related. We need some candidates! Please pass your stories on to Walt Watkins or Jim Walker by March 12, 2011 so we may share them at the banquet and vote on who deserves this prestigious award.

Ray White Awards

All successful hunters this year; please remember to fill out a Ray White Big Game Award application, as you will be recognized at the annual banquet. Also, write an article about your hunt whether you got something or not and turn it in to Walt so it can be shared with the Club in the Puffs. Award forms were printed in the last few Newsletters.

2011 Tournament Schedule

February 5th

CRB Super Bow Safari

(40 Target Paper Shoot - Marked Yardages)

March 5th, 6th

3D Safari (Marked 3D)

May 14th, 15th

2nd Leg IBO

Northwest Triple Crown (3-D)

June 18th, 19th

Extreme 30 (3D)

July 29th, 30th, 31st

Bownanza (3-D)

August 20th

Broadhead (3-D)

August 21st

CRB Picnic and Club 3-D Shoot

Bow For Sale

My daughter has a left handed Mathews Mini Genesis bow which she has outgrown...It is a great bow for beginning shooters. Here are the spec's:

Lefthanded, Pink Lemonade in color, 0-15 lbs draw weight, draw length up to 24", hopefully this will answer most questions...price \$100.00

Douglas Yoder Work (425)766-0172
11603 SE 276th ST., Kent, WA. 98030

Annual Club Picnic, March 19

By Patrick Seiver

Hello CRB Members, the Annual Club Banquet will be held March 19th at the Krain Corner Inn near Enumclaw. The address is **39929 264th Ave. SE, Enumclaw, WA. 98022.** It is located **2 miles North of Enumclaw on Highway 169 at SE 400th St. Phone # (360) 802-0484**

We will be ordering right off the menu and everyone will carry their own tab. The most expensive entree is \$22.00 and the cheapest is \$4.00 for kids plates. So everyone will be able to save money on food and kids plates, if you choose. There will be a **No Host Bar.**

We will have a **Gift Swap. Bring a gift, and you will be able to draw a gift. Gifts can be anything that is fun, archery or hunting related, or even gag gifts. Remember there will be children (keep it clean).**

Please **RSVP to seiver@juno.com**, with the number in your party so we can ensure that the restaurant has the room set up properly. **Thank you.**

The banquet begins at **3:00pm.**

The Schedule is as follows:

3-4 pm No Host Bar

4-6 pm Dinner

6-? pm Awards and gift swap

We will be showing a slide show on our new TV. I have a DVD containing pictures that I have taken. If you have pictures that you would like included, please **send them me at seiver@juno.com**. If you want to bring your own DVD to the banquet, that will also work. You can include pictures from the Club, Shoots, or pictures that show us what you've done over the summer. We are a club, but also a family of friends.

Please come and enjoy yourselves and laugh with us. Thank you, Patick



Cedar River Bowmen present

Super Bowl Safari

Super Bowl Saturday, February 5th 2011 / 1-Day Only!

* *The Super Bowl Safari is NOT affiliated with or Sanctioned by the AFC, NFC or NFL **

Details:

- 42, Safari Targets. **Saturday, 1-Day Only.**
- Two arrows per target. Both arrow scores count. Marked yardage. Trophies.
- All Cedar River Bowmen rules apply.

* Important Information *

- **Key Exchange:** Renew your Membership and exchange your key at the Safari.
- **It's only \$10.00 to Shoot the Super Bowl Safari, see what we are all about.**

Directions:

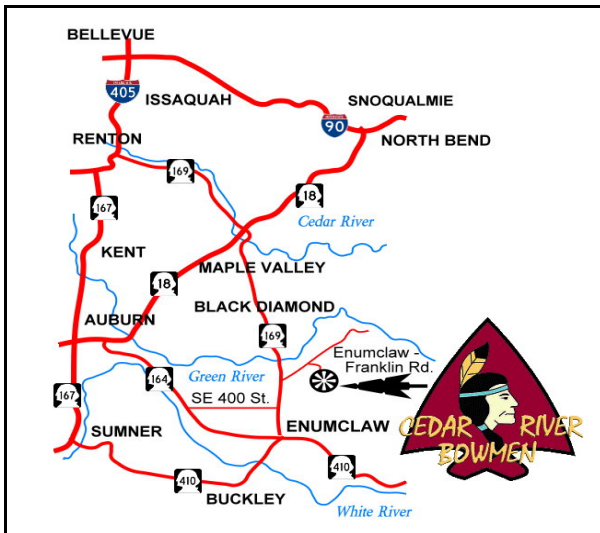
- See directions at the bottom of this Flier or use Map Quest with the address below. 38000 Enumclaw Franklin Rd SE, Enumclaw, WA 98022. This address will get you within ½ mile of our clubs gate. Cedar River Bowmen is ½ mile farther up the road.

Hours:

- **Saturday:** Super Bowl Safari – 7:30 am to 3:30 pm
- Score Cards must be turned in **No Later Than 3:00 pm** Awards, Saturday 3:30 pm

Cost:

- Adults: (ages 18 and older)..... \$10.00
- Young Adult: (ages 15 – 17)..... \$8.00
- Youth: (ages 12 – 14)..... \$7.00
- Cubs: (ages 8 – 11).....\$5.00
- Pee Wee:Free
- **Family Maximum:**\$25.00



Directions from North: Going south on SR 169 follow road across the Green River Gorge bridge to the Enumclaw Franklin Road and turn left. Go about 1 mile to the CRB gate on right. Go through gate and follow the road up the small hill and to the right. Our Club is a short distance beyond the gate.

Directions From South: From Enumclaw go North on SR 169 to the Enumclaw Franklin road and turn right. Go about 1 mile to the CRB gate on right. Go through gate and follow the road up the small hill and to the right. Our Club is a short distance beyond the gate.

For more Info call: Mike Garrett at 360-886-0809

Visit our Website @

www.CedarRiverBowmen.net

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:

Dave Garrison
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