

PSC NOTES

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Spring is sprung and range attendance is picking up already. We continue to see new shooters as a regular portion of our visitors, so welcome them when you see them and usually someone new to our sport isn't hard to spot.

We have a couple of business items coming up with the first being a sort of 'focused' membership meeting on the 7th of April. We will have general business of course but we will also have time set aside for a discussion of our rifle and pistol ranges.

These are the areas that get the most use and as we start a new season it is a good time to talk about how they run, what's good on the ranges and what might not be so hot. Of course range safety is always an issue and that's on the agenda. Afterhours shooting for members can always use some discussion.

Range Safety Officers are particularly encouraged to attend. This isn't a replacement for the regular safety meetings, but here is a chance to hear what members have to say, to bring up points that you think ought to get a hearing; it all has a place at the table whether it is range points, safety brief, check-in or anything else.

I encourage you to make time to attend. And this isn't supposed to be a threat, but if we don't have input on what the board ought to be thinking about, we just make it up. So now is your chance.

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We also have some government issues looming as well. First, we have submitted our application for a Kitsap County range-operating permit. It's tricky because the county hasn't voted on the ordinance yet, so we have to wait until it is approved to see what's in it. Sound familiar? We have made the application and we will deal with aberrations if and when they arise. I have asked our attorney to review the proposed ordinance advanced by the Land Use Commissioners and will share a summary of whatever comments she may have with you.

I 594, the recent initiative that passed with 30% of Washington voters actually dropping a ballot in the mail is in place and has little effect on us as a club and that primarily is around the training group. The delights of the initiative are saved for individual gun-owners in trying to figure it out. If anything is figured out by now, it ought to be that when we are faced with votes such as this we ought to get off our seat and on our feet and on the way to the mailbox.

As a tag line here, I hope you will take the opportunity to come and discuss issues on the ranges; you can divide truth from myth, face off with rumors or bring a good idea on how we can improve.

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