

# The Shotwad Special Edition

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### The Latest Club News

#### A Letter from the President

Dear MRC Members:

An update on the Upper Range House.

To date extensive work has been completed on the upper range house. The ventilation has been greatly improved to provide a safer more comfortable environment for the shooters. The interior of range facility has been sheet rocked and sealed. The cobbled together electrical system has been professionally updated. And a heating system installed. So far, over \$35,000 in improvements have been completed. Hundreds of hours of volunteer labor have been committed. Our club will be forever grateful for the work that has been completed. And to those members who have so selflessly contributed time, expertise and materials.

But, there is one last Major Project remaining to fully complete the modernization of the Upper Range House, and it is a very important one. The metal roof on the building needs to be replaced.

Our club is in desperate need of a volunteer Project Manager, capable of managing the entire project, thru to completion. Ideally a club member who has a background in Construction/Facilities Management and/or a General Contractor with supervisory experience, would be preferred. But any club member with the willingness to volunteer for this critical club need, is welcome.

The Upper Range House has 4 layers of material on it. It needs to be stripped to the ship lap boards and a new metal roof installed. Additionally, probable repairs to the ship lap and some insulation work, will be required.

Currently our club has received 3 bids and we are looking at a couple others from roofers who specialize in metal roofs. The MRC Upper Range House Roof Project Manager will review the bids, present them to E-Board with recommendations, award the contract (after E-Board & General Membership Approval) and supervise the work to completion. And coordinate with the E-Board and other club members, as needed.

Please contact me if you are willing to see this vital project thru to completion.

Thank you,  
Don Jones  
President MRC

***PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS / STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES:  
REGARDING THE ADOPTION THE NRA HOME FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE AS A  
NEW MEMBER REQUIREMENT:***

**BACKGROUND:** The consensus of the E-Board and numerous other members is that the club should adopt a standard, for new members, to demonstrate basic knowledge of firearm handling safety. The standard chosen was the NRA Home Firearms Safety course. And that this course be taught concurrent with new member orientation. In fact, the 2018 New Members were required to sit for the NRA Home Firearms Safety Course. But a small handful of the 2018 new members were found to have documented training and/or certifications in excess of the very basic training found in the Home Firearms Course. Those new members with such training/qualification were considered by the E-Board, on a case by case basis, and a waiver was granted. Although, this topic has received much discussion and planning it has never been formally adopted in writing by the General Membership; and then incorporated into the MRC Bylaw's and Standard Operating Procedures.

**CHANGING BYLAW'S AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES:** A complete review of MRC Bylaw's / SOP's was conducted in order to adopt the NRA Home Safety course. The changes involved both Bylaw and SOP changes. The E-Board chose to use the more restrictive Bylaw change procedures, for all of the changes. Accordingly, the proposed written changes were presented at the August General Membership Meeting for discussion and review, and are published in this special Shotwad Edition, and will be voted on at the September General Membership Meeting.

**EQUIVALENCY APPROVAL BY THE E-BOARD FOR THE NRA HOME SAFETY COURSE:** While inducting the 2018 MRC New Members, the E-Board found a handful of members that already had the course documented, or had training, experience or qualifications well in excess of the very basic NRA Home Firearms Safety Course. These new members were waived from attending the Home Safety Course. Examples of waivers include active duty police officers and qualified Range Safety Officers. In drafting the proposed changes, the E-Board believes, rather than attempt to list every possible equivalency for the NRA Home Firearms Safety Course the language "or E-Board approved equivalent" was sufficient. At the August General Membership Meeting, several members voiced objections to having the E-Board grant equivalencies. Therefore a Motion to publish and vote on both versions was adopted at the August General Membership Meeting. The specific language for both versions is published below, and will be voted on at the September General Membership Meeting.

**With E-Board Approved Equivalency****BY-LAW Changes:**

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• 2.4.1.1. Associate Member: the commonly domiciled spouse and/or children (under age of 21) of a Voting Member (in good standing). Associate member must go through an Orientation Meeting **and NRA Home Firearms Safety class (or E-Board approved equivalent)**.

**Standard Operating Procedure Changes**

• 12.2.1. Associate Members must have been given an MRC orientation tour **and NRA Home Firearms Safety class (or E-Board approved equivalent)** to use the MRC facilities on their own. [See also SOP 21.17.1]

• 12.2.1.1. MRC will issue an identification card to Associate Members that have completed the orientation tour, **and NRA Home Firearms Safety class (or E-Board approved equivalent)**. SOP 21.17.11.

• 12.3.1. All new Voting Members have the responsibility to attend a mandatory MRC Orientation Tour **and NRA Home Firearms Safety class (or E-Board approved equivalent)**, as described in SOP Section 21.17 before receiving their first MRC key and using the MRC facilities on their own.

• 12.3.1.1. The Tour, **and NRA Home Firearms Safety class (or E-Board approved equivalent)** shall also precede the new Voting Member bring any guests or Associate Members to the MRC range for informal, unscheduled activities.

• 21.17.11. Organize, and/or conduct the Orientation Tour for all new members, in a timely manner.

• **21.17.12. Coordinate with the NRA Instructors to provide an NRA Home Safety class at the time of the Orientation Tour or in a timely manner.**

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**No Equivalency Allowed****BY-LAW Changes:**

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## ***The 2nd Amendment:***

### ***An Update on WA I-1639***

On Friday, August 17, 2018, the Thurston County Superior Court issued a ruling blocking WA Initiative 1639, from the November ballot. At this point, many pro-gun advocates are probably breathing a sigh of relief and celebrating a rare pro-gun court ruling.

Not so Fast!! As always, the devil is in the details...

As previously reported WA I-1639 is a far reaching anti-gun initiative that would ban the purchase of semi-auto rifles for 18-21 year olds; introduces a 10 day waiting period on semi-auto rifle purchases; creates a WA State registry of semi-auto rifles, similar to current handgun purchase documentation; mandates firearms train prior to purchase firearms, and imposes criminal liability for gun owners who fail to properly store their firearms.

The NRA was quick to applaud the ruling in a statement:

*“The National Rifle Association is glad to see the court today recognized how negligent, if not worse, gun control advocates were in their signature-gathering for this ill-advised ballot initiative,” said Chris W. Cox, executive director, NRA-ILA. “We got involved because I-1639 tramples on the rights of Washington state voters, and because the way these anti-gun activists went about pushing their agenda was egregious. We applaud this decision, and will remain vigilant in protecting the constitutional freedoms of all Americans.”*

The Thurston County Superior Court Judge, James Dixon, agreed with the NRA, the Second Amendment Foundation and other plaintiffs that the Initiative Signature Sheets used by the Alliance for Gun Responsibility did not comply with state law. Judge Dixon therefore issued a Writ of Mandamus preventing WA State Secretary of State, Kim Wyman(R) from certifying the Initiative Signatures, and thereby the Initiative for the November ballot. *“Frankly, this court does not struggle with this issue. The law, requires that petitions, must have a readable, full, true, and correct copy of the proposed measure.”* Judge Dixon said.

In other words, this a ruling on very narrow legal grounds, on a obscure piece of of WA initiative law.

Greg Wong, an attorney for the I-1639 campaign has stated that they immediately appealed the decision. With an impending deadline for ballot printing, in early September, the State Supreme Court has reserved a time of oral arguments on August 28th.

A Seattle Times Article, headlined Judge blocks Washington ballot initiative to raise purchase age for semi-automatic rifles, dated Aug 17, highlights comments by WA University Law Professor Hugh Spitzer, that the Dixon decision may not stand for long. The state Supreme Court has generally *“been quite hesitant to knock out initiatives because of technical defects,”* said Spitzer. As a result, Dixon’s decision appears to be “inconsistent with a century of case law”.

The Seattle Times Article also notes that in 2014 (I-594) and 2016 (I-1491), WA voters passed anti gun initiatives after the WA Legislature remained deadlocked on firearms measures. Most pro-gun Washingtonians immediately recognize I-594, the infamous Gun-Show Loophole bill that criminalized private transfer of firearms. Less well known, but more egregious from a personal liberty standpoint, is Initiative 1491. That initiative allowed a gun owners firearms to be confiscated, by authorities, without trial, based on the hearsay statements of “Significant Others”, social workers and

family members. They only had to claim that the firearm owner was a danger to themselves or others, to have all firearms confiscated by authorities

. Initiative I-1639 is much worse than these previous off year election Initiatives.

The Seattle Times article also draws stark contrast to the forces and monies arrayed on both sides of the gun debate. The Yes on I-1639 campaign has raised more than \$4.3 million, with contributors including venture capital Nick Hanauer, Microsoft co-founder philanthropist Paul Allen. Everytown for Gun Safety, the gun-violence prevention group formed by billionaire former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, has also contributed \$250,000. On the NO side, according to the Seattle Times “*it remains to be seen whether gun-rights activists will pull together a well-funded opposition campaign. The NRA has formed a political committee to oppose the measure, according to state campaign-finance records, and donated \$100,000 to the cause.*”

The Dixon ruling is a victory. A small victory. But given the virulence, resources and willingness to play dirty of the anti gun left and the highly probable overturn of the ruling by the state Supreme Court, it is way to early relax.

I fully expect we will all have the opportunity to Vote NO on I-1639, in November. And all gun owners need to immediately organize and fund an I-1639 opposition campaign.

*“Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty” ~ Thomas Jefferson*

### **The Calendar: An Update**

#### **Reminder:**

The August MRC Work Party has been Moved to Sunday August 26, 9-4pm, for the BNSF Trap Shoot on Saturday. Meet Up with VP Dave Eason to get some work points in.

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