



North Whidbey Sportsmen's Association

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April 2026

Orientation & ID Cards:

Orientation on Saturday, 4 April at 9am. Anyone needing a new ID card can show up at 11am.

NO April Potluck

There will be no potluck for April. The next potluck will be in May.

Monthly Meeting

The monthly member's meeting is April 8 at 7pm. If you have business with NWSA, please use email, call an officer, or attend this meeting.

Trustee's Meeting

The Trustee's meeting will be at 7pm, Wednesday April 15. Committee Chairmen are expected to attend this meeting also. All other members are welcome to attend and observe.

Working party schedule

There will always be a working party on the Sunday after the member's meeting, from 11am to 1pm. There may be OTHER working parties called for specific reasons (projects) on other days, but there'll always be one on the Sunday after the member's meeting. Should be easy now to get the FOUR required service hours!

Service Hours reduced

The service hour requirement for renewal is reduced to 4 hours per year. This should make it so much easier for nearly everyone to get their hours and not have to pay the \$100 surcharge. Only those over 70, disabled, or who live out of state are exempt. If you are exempt, you just indicate that on the same form as if you were reporting hours. That form is the last page of this Newsletter.

Range Closures

The following range closures are scheduled but still subject to cancellation:

6 Apr: 5pm—9pm Center bay closed ASI
11 Apr: 8am—2pm Ctr & Right bays closed IDPA
14 Apr: 8am—5pm Center bay closed
16 Apr: 8am—5pm Center bay closed
18 Apr: 9am—2pm Left bay closed NRA Class
22 Apr: 8am—6pm Center bay closed
25 Apr: 8am—1pm Center bay closed ASI
28 Apr: 8am—5pm Center bay closed

Trap

Trapshooting is on Sundays at 2pm. April dates are: 5, 12, 19, and 26. ONLY \$4 per round!

Pistol Matches

6 Apr: ASI match 5pm—9pm
11 Apr: IDPA Match 8am—2pm
25 Apr: ASI Match 8am—1pm
Saturday match set up begins at 0830. New shooters need to arrive 45 minutes prior to match start time for a safety and rules briefing. Handicap and Loading Zone signs are posted. Please observe.
For more info on pistol matches or pistol range, contact Jim Till at jtill39@gmail.com or call 360 739-6237.

Website assistance

Are you website management savvy? The NWSA website, www.northwhidbeysportsmen.org could use some help. It is a Wordpress install, with paid plugins for backup and security. There are links to the payment site Square for our renewals and NRA class fees, and we publish the monthly calendar, the monthly newsletter, and the match scores for IDPA and ASI, as well as our monthly member's meeting minutes. If you think this is an area where you could help NWSA with your time, which counts toward your renewal hours, contact Jim Till or John Hellmann.

December Raffle (2 guns!)

Tickets will be sold every month until December (2026) when the winner will be drawn! Guns for this year's raffle are Winchester Model 70 in 300 Win Mag, rifle and also Smith & Wesson xD9 9mm pistol.

NRA Classes

Basic Pistol Shooting classes are scheduled: Apr. 17 and 18. It is listed on the nrainstructors.org website, and you can sign up there! More coming in later months!

Gunsmith in Oak Harbor?

Ted Takash 209-347-7714

Ruger Mk III mod available

If you have a Ruger Mk III and would like the modification to remove the magazine disconnect (so it will fire without a mag in it) and also to remove the Loaded Chamber Indicator (preventing chambering and extracting problems), contact Jim Till. The club has a few of these mods which have already been installed in our Training guns, so they're available for our members. The cost is \$12 and Jim will install for you, if you like.

RSO Class coming

There will be an RSO class on Thursday, April 9 from 6pm to 9pm. Contact Jim Till to get enrolled.

Three ways to renew

1. Fill out the forms and mail to our PO Box along with a check.
2. Fill out the forms and bring them to a meeting, and use a check, cash, or a credit or debit card.
3. If not using the Hours claim, you can renew online with a credit or debit card.

Online renewals are \$200 without the 4 service hours requirement.

With the service hours met, its only the original \$100. If over 70 or physically unable to get the hours, you can indicate that on the hours form to be exempt from that requirement.

Life members pay \$20.

Newsletter & Corrections

Submissions for the NWSA Newsletter must be received by the Trustee's Meeting (3rd Wednesday). And if you find an error, please report it to the General Secretary right away. If possible, the correction will be in the next month's Newsletter. Email to NWSA.Training@gmail.com

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Any other issue
Bring it up at the next meeting.

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Annual Service to the club Member’s Report

This report is required to accompany the NWSA Membership Renewal Form.

4 hours service to NWSA is required per year of membership. Failure to perform 4 hours service results in an additional \$100 added to the membership renewal fee.

Service may be anything that contributes to the betterment or operations of the club. If it’s a service to NWSA and requires the member’s time, it qualifies. Examples are:

- Labor—including working on buildings, mowing, grounds improvement, brush/undergrowth control, road maintenance, range maintenance, equipment maintenance.
- Administrative functions, including managing guest waivers, managing the AED maintenance, assisting with any NWSA Administration duty.
- Serving as a Certified Range Safety Officer (hours on duty qualify)
- Serving as a Match Director (hours managing matches and prep work qualify)
- Serving as an NRA Instructor (hours instructing and preparing qualify)
- Serving with the kitchen crew
- Hunter’s Education (hours instructing and preparing qualify)
- Anything that directly contributes to the benefit of NWSA

Members with disabilities that prevent them from performing service to the club, and members over 70 or who live out of state are exempt and need only to **let us know using this form along with their annual membership application. Check the correct box below, and list hours if appropriate.**

- I’m 70 and exempt from the service hours requirement.
- I’m disabled and exempt from the service hours requirement.
- I reside out of WA State and am exempt from the service hour requirement.
- I have performed the service hours listed below:

<u>Service Performed</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>

_____ Member signature, attesting to the accuracy of this report.

_____ Member printed full name

Have something you want to **Buy, Sell or Trade**? You can list it here in this Newsletter. Email John at NWSA.Training@gmail.com

FOR SALE

LOST and FOUND

Have something you lost, or found? You can list it here so someone can claim it back or restore it to its rightful owner. Just email the details to NWSA.Training@gmail.com for entry here!