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1. President's Report

By **Jim Sloper** (President)

Where did the summer go? I hope no one was too badly affected with the many forest fires we experienced over the summer.

Our members continue to work hard to improve our facilities, and to represent our club at various venues around the country.

The Full Bore, Juniors, IPSC, Archery, and Cowboy Action members were all active over the summer and will have articles in this newsletter.

Several members volunteered their time and firearms one evening to introduce eight ladies to the safe use of firearms. This was very well received by the ladies and they spoke highly of the patience and knowledge of our volunteers.

Any time we can introduce new people to our shooting sports we are helping the fraternity in general by showing a positive side to firearms use for recreational shooting.

Another venue that is well received by the public is the Cowboy Mounted Shooting demonstrations. This past summer three KTSA members performed in Cranbrook and Castlegar as pre-entertainment to the RCMP Musical Ride. The use of older style firearms and horses brings positive interest and comments after every demonstration.

Remember when on the range - Be Safe - Have Fun - BE SAFE!



Jim Sloper on his new shooting horse "Brisco" at the Cranbrook RCMP Musical Ride demonstration.

2. IPSC Report

By Ron Brady (Director)

IPSC has been having our regular Wednesday evening practices throughout the summer with varying numbers of members attending. Some we have not seen for quite awhile. With the likelihood of a Federal election this fall we hope the Conservatives get re-elected, if not we will be facing the chance of losing our firearms, especially our handguns, given the publicly stated anti-gun rhetoric of the Liberals and the NDP. Those of you who have not been using your firearms at the range and for organized events stand a better chance of losing them especially since most of you, I presume, have them for “target practice” and not as “collectors”. If you do not use them you could lose them. Something to think about.

We had a “black badge” required Level I club match on Aug. 30. We had seven stages from the IPSC Provincial championship match (Sept. 4 & 5) for a total of 124 rounds minimum. We had 18 shooters; 5 from Kelowna, 1 from Salmon Arm, 1 from Lone Butte, 2 from Williams Lake and 9 from our club. A lot of our own club members missed a great match - ask those who showed up. I want to thank those who came out on Saturday to help build the match: Peter and Audrey, Norm, Brian, Danny, Rob, Jim and Marlin. I hope I did not miss anyone but if I did, my thanks to you. All 18 shooters stayed after the match to help tear down, which is always nice to see. The IPSC BC Provincials is on the Labour Day weekend and if you want to see the results check www.ipscbc.com.

Geoff is having an IPSC 3 gun match on Sept. 20. If you want to play you must be “black badge” certified or have attended at least one of our 3 gun Wednesday evening practices. 3 gun is our regular IPSC handguns as well as shotgun and rifle, all used on IPSC stages. Come out and watch.

If you want to know more about IPSC check out the video at www.uspsa.com. It is the USA group and their rules are similar but not exact, hi-cap mags are used for one thing. However it is a great video showing what our sport is about. Anyone interested in IPSC can talk to any of our club members who shoot this sport, or come to the range on Wednesday evenings and see for yourself. There is a strong chance that there will be a “Black

Badge” certification course on Sept. 26 and 27, if there are enough participants. Check with me for details at ronyth@telus.net or 250-579-5496.

Three Gun Fun Match

Sept. 20, 2009

10 am Start

Open to anyone who has attended an introductory 3 gun night or has other safety certification (e.g. IPSC or Cowboy action).

Stages will be held at the KTSA Short range. Stages will use Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun. Some stages will use only one, others will use two.

Round count (Pistol – 40, Rifle – 40, Shotgun (Birdshot only) - 40)
Firearms will be available to be borrowed in limited amounts.

Bring your friends.

For more information contact Geoff House
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or Ron Brady
email: ronyth@telus.net



3. Full-bore Report

By Richard Dreger (Director)

Well another summer of shooting has past us by. Lots of shooting to report on with the KTSA doing very well at all the matches attended.

Nokomis, Saskatchewan

Four of us (Ian Hames, Marc & Luc Thibault and I) made a 13.5 hr pilgrimage to Nokomis, Saskatchewan for a two-day shoot. Results were:

Saturday AM - Group shoot at 600 yds

- Small Group winner of Match 1 in FO was Richard Dreger with a 2.230" 5 shot group - Medal
- High Score winner of Match 2 in FO was Marc Thibault with a score of 29 - Medal
- Small Group winner of Match 3 in FO was Richard Dreger with a 2.520" 5 shot group - Medal
- High Score winner of Match 3 in FO was Marc Thibault with a score of 26 - Medal
- Group Agg 1st Richard Dreger - \$25 Wholesale Sports Card
- Group Agg 2nd Marc Thibault - \$20 Wholesale Sports Card
- Score Agg 1st Marc Thibault - \$25 Wholesale Sports Card

Saturday PM - Palma shoot at 600, 800, & 900 yds

- High Score winner of 600 yds in FO, Richard Dreger with a score 82 - Medal
- 1st Place Palma FO - Marc Thibault - \$25 Wholesale Sports Card
- 3rd Place Palma FO - Richard Dreger - \$15 Wholesale Sports Card
- 4th Place Palma FO - Ian Hames - \$10 Wholesale Sports Card

Sunday ISSF Sierra Match

This shoot was cut short because of the rainy weather and only shot TR with no F-Class Center.

- 1st Place - Ian Hames 300/300
- 1st Place - Marc Thibault 300/300
- 2nd Place - Richard Dreger 299/300

Lower Mainland Regionals

This competition was held at General Vokes Range in Chilliwack in July. Weather was great. Ian Hames and I were the only KTSA members to make

this event, but we were joined by many other shooters from the Okanagan and Kootenays.

- Sat Agg. winner - Ian Hames with a score of 190-12v/200-40v
- Sun Agg. winner - Richard Dreger with a score of 192-16v/200-40v
- 1st Place - Richard Dreger with a score of 379-31v/400-80v
- 4th Place - Ian Hames with a score of 375-27v/400-80v

With the new smaller targets, V-Bulls are not as easy to come by as they once were.

BC Provincial TR & F-Class Championships

These competitions were also held at General Vokes Range over the August long weekend. Several KTSA members attended the four-day match and all did very well.

Judy Anderson took home several trophies in TR:

- City Of New Westminster Trophy and souvenir Clock - City of New West Minster 400m Match
- Life Governors Silver Badge - Life Governors Match (Culmination of 4 matches at 600m)
- Lt Governors Badge (6th Place) - Lt Governors Match (Culmination of 6 matches 300-600m)
- Scottish Claymore Trophy - Aggregate of 3 City Matches (Vancouver, Victoria and New West)
- The Eileen Learoyd Bowl - Highest Lady Competitor

Congratulations on a job well done Judy!!! (Sorry if I missed any accolades ☺)

In F- Class, KTSA members dominated almost every match. We were consistently 1st thru 4th in 99% of the matches. WAY TO GO KTSA!!!!

Ian Hames:

- BCRA Match Medal - City Of Victoria Match winner
- Lt Governors Bronze Badge - 3rd Place Lt Governors Match (6 matches from 300-600 m)
- BCRA Silver Cross - Grand Agg. 2nd Place
- BC F-Class Champion Silver Bullion Badge- BC F-Class Agg. 2nd Place

Tom Fripp:

- BCRA Match Medal – Duff Stuart Match winner
- BCRA Match Medal – Past Presidents Match winner
- BCRA Match Medal – The Bob Hobbs Match winner
- Lt Governors Silver Badge – 2nd Place Lt Governors Match (6 matches from 300-600m)
- Jim Benge Grizzly Bear Trophy – Septuagenarian (Age 70+ from the Open Agg.)

Barry Prost:

- BC Centennial Trophy – BC Centennial Match winner
- BCRA Bronze Cross – Grand Agg. 4th Place

Marc Thibault:

- Lt Governors Bullion Badge – 4th Place Lt Governors Match (6 matches from 300-600m)
- BCRA Bronze Cross – Grand Agg. 3rd Place

Richard Dreger:

- BCRA Match Medal – City of New Westminster Match winner
- BCRA Match Medal – Lt. Governors 1st Stage (300, 400 and 500 m) winner
- BCRA Match Medal – City of Vancouver Match winner
- BCRA Match Medal – Lt Governors 2nd Stage (400 and 600 m) winner
- Bill Flintoft Trophy – Bill Flintoft Match winner
- Oregon Bowl – Lt Governors 3rd Stage winner
- BCRA Association Cup, Lt Gov Gold Bullion Badge and Lt Gov Plaque – Lt Governors Prize winner (1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages combined)
- Robert Best Challenge Trophy – Robert Best Agg. winner (Agg of 3 city matches Vancouver, Victoria & New West)
- The Guncraft Ltd. Rose Bowl and BCRA Gold Cross – Grand Agg. winner
- BCRA F-Class Trophy and BC F-Class Champion Gold Bullion Badge – BC F-Class Agg. winner

- The Secretary's Cup – All Comers Agg. winner
- The Presidents Challenge Trophy – Long Range Agg. winner
- Jim Szabo Shield – Short Range Agg. winner

KTSA Bullz Hitters won the F-Class International Team Match and were presented with the Powder Keg Challenge Trophy and International Team Bullion Badges. The team also placed 2nd in the Galletly Team Match. Team Members were Tom Fripp, Ian Hames, Richard Dreger, and Marc Thibault.

Upcoming Competitions

Several KTSA members will be heading to Homestead Range in Alberta Sept 12-13 for the John Howard Memorial Palma Match. Our own Frosty Farky follows 2 weeks later with a few shooters showing up from Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Wednesday Nights

Our Wednesday night shoots have been slow over the summer with only a few “regulars” showing up. We will be taking a break after the Frosty Farky until sometime in December when Sunday Winter F-Class League starts. This year it will be run by Dave Assmus and taken over by Barry Prost part way through. If you want to join us, check the schedule on the website and come on out....everyone is welcome!

500 m Butts Project

The 500 m Butts are now operational with only a few small items to tidy up. We've been shooting on the 500 m targets for the past couple of weeks with great success. Ian Hames, Tom Fripp and I thank Marc and Luc Thibault, Mick McPhee, my son Nikolas Beeton, and Sean Carney for volunteering their time (and tools) to see this dream become a reality. This is the first step in putting the KTSA on the Global Shooting map!

The new 500 m range will be dedicated to the late George Farquharson as he

was the pioneer in the sport of F-Class.



KTSA Bullz Hitters being presented the Powder Keg Challenge Trophy by Mark Anderson (orange shirt).

4. F-Class Musings

By **Ian Hames** (Director)

My freshman year as F-Class Director with the BC Rifle Association has been rewarding and challenging. For not aware, Kamloops is the birthplace of this very popular and growing international shooting discipline! This provenance between KTSA and F-Class is very special and to be given the honour of following in the footsteps of Kamloops Shooting Pioneer, George Farquharson as a member of both the BCRA and the KTSA is a task I approach with great enthusiasm.

Kamloops shooters have proven yet again that they are the best in Western Canada with numerous trophies, medals and ribbons won in matches in BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The KTSA "Bull-hitters" F-Class team won the prestigious international team match at the BC F-Class Championships, and our own Fullbore Director Richard Dreger swept the standings in individual scores, winning the Lt. Governor's Prize, Top Aggregate Scores, and nearly all the long range matches. Well Done Richard!

This year has been particularly satisfying as we have seen a healthy increase in the number of shooters coming out and trying F-Class for the first time. As our club president has mentioned, the secret to growing our club and our respective shooting sport is to introduce new shooters. Our neighbours, our co-workers and friends are likely more interested in trying shooting than they let on, but are just as likely to be too shy to approach you. Invite them to the range and watch the smiles!

If I had any "agenda" in approaching the directorship of F-Class shooting, it was to reduce obstacles - whether perceived or real - to getting new shooters to try the sport, and to proactively promote the sport to new or existing non-competitive shooters. One of the best ways of reducing those obstacles is to provide opportunities where new shooters can be stimulated through early success with equipment they already own. Paradoxically, this seems to where the highest level of sanctioning is aiming at their feet.

This year saw the introduction of a significant technical change to F-Class shooting through the introduction of a new and very small 35mm "V-

Bull" (The target Bullseye) to the short range (300m). Adopting this target as the standard added new complexity for the top F-Class Shooters, but it effectively rendered 95% of factory rifles incapable of winning a match. This new very small target requires extremely accurate (custom) equipment and a skilled shooter to be successful. This technical change makes success far more fleeting, particularly for new shooters using factory equipment.

Ironically, the new and more difficult short range target is rarely used by top shooters as international competitions are not shot at short range! I am stumped as to why this very difficult technical change was made to a target that is used most often for just club-level shooting!

I have fielded innumerable complaints about this new target; the best reaction has been "I'll shoot at anything". A few of our elder shooters have indicated the new target is unsuitable for their diminishing senses. Ironically, it was this very problem that created F-Class in the first place: Advancing age and diminishing senses made competing in long-range shooting using peep sights and slings too difficult for George and others. F-Class was created to provide for the use of optical sights and bipods. What started out as an alternative to allow older shooters to continue shooting has now come full circle and reduced their enjoyment yet again.

This technical change has prompted me to rally behind new shooters and petition for changes to the current classes in BC to create a new "Factory/ Sporter" class. The wheels of bureaucratic change turn slowly, so in the interim we are taking the "bull" by the horns and in Kamloops we have created just such a factory class for new shooters - or shooters wishing to use factory equipment. This new class will shoot at a generous target with a bull double the size of the new F-Class V-Bull.

The debut of this new Sporter/Factory class will be at the KTSA First Annual "Running of the V-Bull's F-Class Match" on the 31 Oct. - 01 Nov. weekend. This match is filling fast, so interested shooters should not hesitate to contact me at riflebarrels@telus.net, or use the entry form at www.riflebarrels.ca/assets/images/vbullsmatch.pdf.

5. Junior Report

By Sharlene Klein (Director)

The Junior program is off to a kick-start this fall with our Senior Juniors back in action with practice twice a week. Coach Pat Landals is taking on more athletes in the senior part of the program with Trayton and Dustin Brown entering their third year with the club.

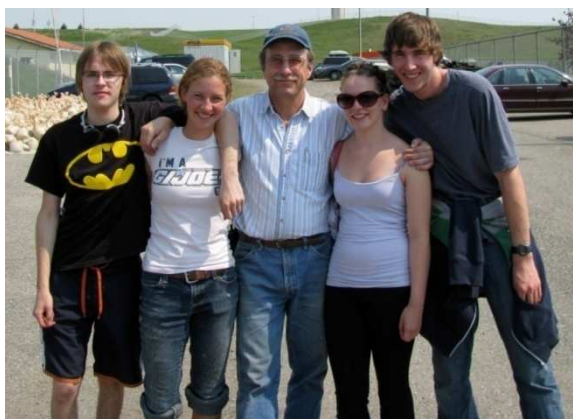
The start date for the 1st & 2nd year Junior program will begin Sept. 25. Anyone interested in having their young athletes join, the first Friday will have the Safety course and then on line instruction with introduction to .22 Sporting Rifle. Fridays from 7-9 pm will be practice for 1st & 2nd year Juniors throughout the season. Contact me (Sharlene) at (250) 554-9604 or email: sky1@shaw.ca.

Nationals

BC had great representation this year at the Nationals held in Calgary Aug. 6-16. Our club had Coach Pat Landals and four athletes traveling to Calgary to compete.

Shields (plaques) are given for the top athlete of each division (ie, Men's, Ladies, Juniors) regardless of classification and then medals for the next winners in order of classification.

In the Sporting Rifle Prone & 3-P events competing were Pat Landals, Jennifer Prendergast and Patrick Webber (both first time at the Nationals).



From left to right: Matt Klein, Rauchelle Johnson, Pat Landals, Jennifer Prendergast, and Patrick Webber in Calgary. Missing is Aimee Debert.

For Sporting Rifle Prone:

Pat won the Bronze medal in the Expert class. Jennifer won Gold in the Ladies class and Bronze in Intermediate Junior class. Patrick shot an 1136 with 29X's in the SS class finishing 6th.

For Sporting Rifle 3-P:

Jennifer won Gold in the Expert class, Silver for Intermediate Junior and was Match winner in the Ladies class winning the Shield. For the Grand Aggregate in Sporting Rifle Jennifer also took Match Winner in the Expert class and Ladies class with two Shields and won Gold in the Intermediate Junior class.

Air Rifle event:

Competing were Matthew Klein, Aimee Debert, Jennifer Prendergast and Patrick Webber.

Matt qualified to compete in the Men's Open finals and finished in 6th position overall, won Bronze in the Master's class in the Men's Open and was Match winner with the Shield in the International Junior class (to 21 years of age) with the title of Canadian National Junior Air Rifle Champion. Matt continues with his position on the Canadian National High Performance team for Air Rifle.

Aimee Debert shot a personal best of an amazing 381/400 which places her on the Canadian National Air Rifle Junior team along with a Silver medal in the Expert class for Ladies Air. Matt and Patrick won Gold Medals (along with teammate Jordan Fraser) in the Air Rifle Junior team event.

ISSF 50 Metre Prone event:

Competing were Matthew Klein and Aimee Debert. This was Matt's first National competition in 50 m (free rifle) winning the Gold medal in SS and Gold in the International Junior class. This secured him a position on the Canadian National Junior team for free rifle.

Aimee placed second in the Ladies MM class and third in the International Junior class.

Matt and Aimee won Gold medals (along with teammate Jordan Fraser) in the Mixed Junior team event.



Coach Pat Landals presents Aimee Debert with a Gold Medal.

Without the hard work of Coach Pat Landals not just for the KTSA athletes, but for many other BC athletes as well as our comrade in arms: Rauchelle Johnson (for ever a BC'er!), this year's Nationals would not have had these incredible results! From practices to traveling to camping and hosting dinners, all our athletes say a huge thank-you to Pat for his never-ending support.

Please check the BCTSA website for all National results in Smallbore.

Other Stuff

The first Youth Olympic Games will be held in Singapore Aug. 2010. Qualifications are underway with spots for Air Rifle and Air Pistol athletes age eligible (born 1992 or 1993). Athletes must have competed at the Nationals to compete in the matches in Colorado Springs and Guatemala. Up to three athletes (each men and women) will be selected to participate. BC is the only province to produce all three eligible female Air Rifle and one male Air Rifle athlete. The KTSA has two of these athletes. Aimee Debert is the top female athlete and Jennifer Prendergast is third in line. Matt will be traveling to Colorado Springs on his own agenda, but also to support his BC teammates in their goals to achieve a spot to compete at the YOG. We are proud of all our young athletes and highly pleased to boast two KTSA contenders for the YOG.

Our number of athletes and their results in Target Sports are steadily increasing. We are proving our merit in being recognized as a highly regarded and prestigious sport. We continue to produce athletes that are of International material, from the grassroots right through to the podium!

6. Juniors Salute Doug Foster

By Sharlene Klein (Director)

The Junior Program would like pay tribute to Doug Foster. Doug has been with the program as a 'Big Brother' to Alex and Shelby Munro for over 5 years. Doug has participated and volunteered at almost all matches, competitions and events throughout the years including all the Gun & Antique shows and the BC Summer Games. As the boys have grown, Doug has continued to support their needs personally and in sport. His insight, great personality and camaraderie have been first and foremost for everyone in the program.

Doug is an airplane mechanical engineer, has over 1,000 hrs in commercial piloting, is a University graduate (Alma Mater I believe - so understands his Latin), loves to work on crossword puzzles, and very much enjoys a good glass of quality red wine.

Donna and Marc Thibault were gracious enough to supply us with their home the end of August for a get together with the senior athletes that have had

the benefit of Doug's company over the years. The BBQ was great; the pool refreshing, food and drinks were fine and the picture collage brought many smiles. I presented Doug with a bit of a lyric poem at the BBQ, and would like to share it here.

I have taken some liberties with this 'ode' and I know that Doug will forgive me for this freedom with my tale.



Doug Foster in the green jacket.

Doug, we salute you and thank-you, and hope to have many more years, many more times shared, and many more memories.

Ode to Doug.....A Legendary Man

*An educated chap, who took to the skies
Up in the clouds, his mind free and clear
He gave it great thought and came to conclude
I've much to give as I consider myself wise
So I'll get me some boys that need direction and cheer
I'll show them the way to go after their dream
I'll give them a chance to take the extreme
To reach for the top and therefore he ensued
I'm the one for the job and I'll make sure my plan
I'll help a young lad and make him a man*

*'Hail to me boys!' he cried with great glee
'I'll teach you some Latin and to find your own way
How to shoot a straight line and fly in a plane
How to fix things that break and go for a degree
You'll learn how to watch at the end of the day
The shimmering sunset at horizon's far end
The textures of life and how it all blends
You'll realize your life is not all in vain
Pride in yourself and in what you achieve'
They followed him gladly and began to believe*

*He took them on flights to the heavens above
Swooping and swirling through mountains and air
Graduate Magna cum laude, he spoke to the boys
'What you see is the world and all it's made of'
'Ad nauseam!' they all said in despair
'The whirling and spinning has caused us some grief
Take us down to land or we'll loose all belief
Your lessons we'll learn, but no more of your ploys!
'Carpe diem' he said in a serious voice
'It's there for the taking, but only by choice'*

*The centre of gravity was not quite right there
Cold shock immersed as dewpoint arrived
'Take the throttle!' he cried as he searched all about
'An eagle eye I packed in the cockpit with care
I've used it before and then I survived*

*Not just for scoring on targets with guns
But to find my way home on countless flight runs'
He looked through the eye and then had no doubt
Like radar they were guided down to the ground
They landed with care, all safe and all sound*

*He showed them all how to fish in a lake
He taught how to load and to shoot with great aim
'An athlete' he said, 'is one who dares to aspire
Become one and see, you'll make no mistake
It's of putting yourself on top of your game
These experiences will help all through your life
In times when your down and you feel great strife'
He helped them all to compete and acquire
To use all their skills they learned through the years
To claim their own without self-conscience and fears*

*He turned lads into men, and for that we do hail
A Hero was acclaimed, a legendary man.....
Red wine is essence of the grape on the vine
Here's a toast as we come to the end of the tale
For someone who knew it was all part of the plan
To conquer the skies and shoot straight to the mark
And make sure the rainbow has a magnificent arc
There are words that need saying at the end of the line
Quick, what's the answer for three down and across?
I believe the saying is: 'Ad multos annos'*

Dedicated to Doug Foster Aug. 23, 2009



7. Range Warden Report

By Don Morphy (Director)

With the fall weather comes the hunters. The long range has NEVER seen so much activity. With the increase in club membership, the outdoor ranges are seeing maximum usage.

To the person(s) that clean up when I do not get there – **Thank You!** Keeping ahead of the masses in terms of upkeep has become more demanding than ever before. I appreciate the helping hands.

Webster says a vandal is one who deliberately damages OTHER people's property. What is the term for one who damages his own property?

The target boards on the outdoor ranges are your property. Breaking them on purpose or shooting the screw and washer system that attaches the plywood to the 2 X 4 makes no sense. Hitting the iron rods in the ground time and time again until they break is probably really easy but makes no sense.

To the mental deficient that think this is fun or funny - join a different club! There must be some place that would be glad to have you. The KTSA is NOT happy that you have joined us. Since this

problem did not previously exist, we must assume it is someone new. Go somewhere else - please!

To the remainder of the club members - good shooting, have fun and play safe.

8. Misc Notes, Events, etc.

ARCHERY MOVES INDOORS

By Brian Dennis (Director)

Archery will move indoors at the Calvary Community Church on Rogers Way beginning Oct. 12, 2009. See you there!

KAMLOOPS REGIONAL MATCH CANCELLED

By Sharlene Klein (Director)

I had no response outside our club, and very few of our own athletes committed to attending. So as a result, I was resigned to cancel the match. I am now rethinking when the best time is to hold a Regional match in Kamloops - that may have been the problem. I am looking for solutions and ideas on how to make this work.

Our Smallbore Sporting Rifle has one provincial match (and one in New Westminster that may fold) and that is it for sporting rifle competition. Perhaps more PR and advertising/promoting are in order?

I will reschedule the match for spring/summer and take into consideration any and all advice. I will work hard to make this work. Please help me with some ideas on how to make this succeed.