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1. President's Report

By Jim Sloper (KTSA President)

Well, spring is almost gone, and summer is nearly upon us once again.

Our annual Gun Show was another unqualified success again this year. A huge **THANK YOU** to the Show Committee and volunteers for their commitment to ensuring that the show was successful. This success is not without a lot of effort on many people's behalf. We continue to improve our show each year, by listening to suggestions and concerns from vendors, members, and patrons of the show. Comments from some of the vendors would have us believe our show is second to none! Again, well done everyone!

Range improvement is an important item on the executive's agenda. We are continuing to improve our range facilities in an effort to meet all our membership requirements possible. This takes planning and planning takes time, but I think the results will be well worth the wait. A possible 10 more shooting bays will be added to the present shotgun area at the Long Range, as well as raised shooting positions to increase the Long Range to 700, 800, and 900 metres. Also we will be looking at additional bays at the Short Range. When all is completed, we will have without a doubt the best shooting facilities available in Western Canada.

I encourage all members to use our facilities wisely, and to observe and report any activity that does not meet our range rules. Please do your part to keep our ranges clean each time you use the ranges. If we all do our bit, it reduces the amount of work for our range warden and clean-up days. Let us be proud to bring visitors to our facilities, knowing that we all contribute to its upkeep.

With summer near, I wish you all a safe vacation season. Make an effort to introduce someone new to the shooting world this summer. From the comments from some of the ladies that attended our Ladies Day introduction to shooting, there are many people out there who would really enjoy a day at the range.

Remember to Be Safe, Have Fun, and BE SAFE!

2. IPSC / Service Update

By Geoff House (KTSA Director)

Another busy spring is drawing to a close. Four matches have been held with many practice and introduction sessions.

The Multi-gun league is starting to gather momentum in the KTSA as well as the rest of the province. Terrace will be holding their first 3 gun match this year June 13th, 2010. Our Multi-gun match held on March 28th, 2010 had an excellent turnout. Twenty-seven competitors came out and tried out the new equipment. The wind was a challenge as usual but we are slowly developing props that are somewhat windproof. A fun time was had by all. We had some issues that will be addressed in the fall match. I hope to see more local competitors at the September 19th, 2010 Multi-gun match. We are now practicing Multi-gun on the first and third Mondays of each month from 19:00 to 21:00 at the outdoor short range.

Ron Brady ran a Black Badge course this spring adding three more IPSC shooters to the discipline. We held an IPSC pistol fun match on May 16th, 2010. There was a small KTSA turnout of five competitors and thankfully seven came from the Kelowna club. The match was very challenging but still maintained a low round count. It ran smoothly and was finished and cleaned up by 12:30 Sunday.



Shotgun phase at the 3-gun fun match.

Results were posted to the KTSA website that night for all to check out.

May 29, 2010 was the annual Service Pistol match with the Service rifle match at the long range the following day. These are traditional matches that have been held in Kamloops for many years. There was one of the best turnouts in years for the pistol match. We had competitors come from Salmon Arm, Williams Lake, and the lower mainland. The Service Rifle match the following day was also well attended. Hopefully KTSA members will begin coming to these club level matches in greater numbers in the future.

3. Use Them or Lose Them!

By Don Pippolo (KTSA Chief Range Officer)

We have once again just finished the Club Service Rifle and Pistol Matches. These matches were designed to give club members a venue to fire their Military Style Pistols and Rifles in competition, one of the Objects of our Club. The matches are open to Club Members in fact the entry fee favours their attendance, and the Match Prizes give back by Luck of the Draw a majority of the “Gate”. So where were you? We have over 700 Club members and a lot of you Saturday Night Soldiers have these styles of firearms. The main reason our beloved Government lets us retain these is that we use them in Competition. Well a Club attendance of less than

25% is a pretty poor showing. I hope I never hear of “moaning and complaining” when you are told to surrender your firearms because “you do not have an *Authority To Transport* (ATT) and are not able to prove that you are using them”.

This “Service Conditions Match” is deemed to be important by the attendance of out of town guests who pay double the entry to shoot in our match. They came from as far East as Revelstoke, and as far West as from the Lower Mainland. The Match is done with a view to friendly competition and learning, it is not just for the elite! The skill level of some of the shooters is very high and a chance for Novices to learn is also there.

So in closing... get off your butts and get out and shoot! If you are going to “talk the talk, then do the walk”... Use them or lose them!

4. Range Warden Report

By Don Morphy (KTSA Range Warden)

The wet days have not deterred many of us. Outdoor shooting is very popular even in the wet. We have had more wet days than dry but the use of the club properties has increased not decreased.

With the coming of spring and summer shooting events, I would like to point out to the membership, a couple of items. On the KTSA Web page there is a “Range in Use” page. We will try to keep this single page up to date as much as possible. At a glance members should be able to know if any of the ranges are in use or open on most any given day. KTSA Events and user group rentals will be posted there. Check the in “Range in Use” calendar before you leave home, it will save you the drive. The full year calendar is also still available to you as well.

I am sure the club will see membership this year grow to a new record number. You may have to wait your turn to use one of the ranges one day. You will have to share more with other members. Please remember to be polite and tolerant of others. Help the new members understand the range rules

and lend a hand when others seem to need help. We do not want anyone to feel unwelcome. The club will try to keep up the level of service to its members regardless of how many members we have.

Any member with new ideas or wish lists should contact me directly so we can meet and discuss changes and/or options. I look forward to hearing from you. I will present any sensible requests to the club’s board of directors whenever necessary.

To Chris Parr, Erin Lutz, Geoff House and the IPSC boys, and Barry Prost – A special thank you from me. I appreciate the help and the time each one of you has devoted to the club!!! Your help with range work and repair/upkeep duties makes my job easier. Thanks to Norm McRae for my magnet. Thanks to Ron Fraser for my big “Iron Bar”.

Once again I wish to thank my unknown helper(s)??? They take trash away, bring me lumber, and change out target backer boards in between my own trips to the property.

5. Fullore Report

By Richard Dreger (KTSA Director)

Well Spring is finally upon us and the fullbore shooting season is into full swing. Several members of the KTSA ventured down to Sacramento California for part of their 3 week March Madness. Barry Prost, Paul Reibin, Mark and Judy Anderson, as well as myself shot the Zinsmaster which is a 800, 900, and 1000 yard shoot over 4 days including a 1 day Team Match.

- Judy Anderson took the High Woman award overall.
- Paul Reibin took Silver overall in F-TR.
- Richard Dreger took 4th in a countback in F-Open (Tied for third but lost the last X).

- Mark Anderson took 1st place in the one day “Club Match” in F-TR.

Tom Fripp and Richard Dreger attended the F-Class Nationals the following week. This match consisted of 600 and 1000 yard relays over 4 days including a day of Team Matches. Conditions were absolutely brutal with winds coming at us from every which way, it was a great experience and I would do it again in a heartbeat. I would encourage any of our fullbore shooters to attend either March Madness in Sacramento or the US F-Class Nationals (wherever they are held) whenever they can. The Sacramento club has a great group of people and they were more than welcoming and willing to help out whenever needed.

Ian and April Hames, Steve Baardsen, Terry and Caroline Chupa attended the 1 day Match at Mission Rod & Gun Club on April 10th with Steve Baardsen taking 3rd in F-Open, and April Hames winning 1st place in Benchrest in her very first ever competition. Way to go April! Results can be viewed at <http://bc rifle.org/results.html>

Ian Hames, Tom Fripp, Steve Baardsen and Richard Dreger attended the ISSF Sierra shoot at Mission Rod & Gun Club on May 29 and 30. Steve Baardsen did very well and took home a few pieces of hardware (Sorry Steve, I can't remember where you placed and the results are not posted yet ☺). If you

want to see where everyone placed at this match they will be up at <http://bc rifle.org/results.html> in the next while.

Our Wednesday night practices are now underway. For those of you who may be interested in finding out what F-Class or Target Rifle shooting is all about, all you have to do is show up on Wednesday evenings between 3PM and 7PM and introduce yourself.

6. Junior Report

By Trevor Coleman (KTSA Director)

For those of you that don't know, myself and my wife Teresa took over the Junior program at the beginning of this year and are happy to see it continue to grow and succeed.

The KTSA Junior program completed another season mid-May for the 1st and 2nd year juniors, with some of them and our CAP athletes competing in the Regionals on May 8-9, the Provincials last weekend, and the upcoming nationals. We had our wind up party and BBQ at the outdoor range May 14 with over 60 people in attendance including athletes, parents, and friends all taking in the fun and food. The club trophies for this year were awarded to:

- Top Junior – Michelle Wong
- Outstanding Achievement – Josh Coleman
- Most Improved – Jacob Grusing
- Most sportsmanlike – Lane Barsi
- Most Advanced Junior – Trayton Brown.

The Regionals were held May 8-9 with the KTSA hosting the event. Air rifle was held at the Calvary Temple, Sporting and Match rifle at the KTSA outdoor short range.

In the sporting rifle prone event Josh Coleman took Gold in the Novice Class with Kane Wright taking Silver. Intermediate Class had Jacob Grusing Gold, Lane Barsi Silver and Trayton Brown Bronze. Danielle Thibault took Gold in the Marksman Class with Christine Hammond the Silver and Randy



KTSA Junior members receiving merit badges. From left to right: Trayton Brown, Christine Hammond, Kane Wright, and Lane Barsi.



Michelle Wong receiving the Top Junior Trophy.

Lloyd the Bronze. Elizabeth Sharp was the Match Winner in the Sporting Rifle Prone event.

Two of our Juniors competed in the Sporting Rifle 3-p event. Michelle Wong received the Bronze in Marksman Class and Jennifer Prendergast the Gold in Master Class.

In Match Rifle Matthew Klein beat the field coming home with Match Winner. Way to go Matt!

Our Juniors did very well in the Air Rifle event as well. Jennifer Prendergas was Ladies Match Winner and Danelle Thibault took Gold in Ladies Sharpshooter. On the men's side, Matthew Klein took the Gold in Master Class, Patrick Webber Gold in Expert, and Trayton Brown Gold in the Novice Class.

Congratulations to all of our Juniors for their great performances especially for some it was their first competition. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers that helped out making this event very enjoyable for our juniors to shoot.

The Junior program will start up again in September. I have already had many phone calls about our program for new kids wanting to join so I will look forward to seeing them and all our returning athletes next year. Check the KTSA website for a start date and have a great summer.