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Report

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1. President's Report

By **Jim Sloper** (KTSA President)

2012 was another year of range improvements. The short range received structural bracing to shore up walls that were separating. The long range had more work done to improve existing site. The bays now have two false front structures, with a third to be ready by spring. A new sign-in shed was built to ensure members using the bays had a convenient place to sign in.

The Long Term Planning Committee recommended range improvements to various areas and some of those improvements have been undertaken. More improvements have been identified, and will be addressed in future planning.

Last year there were some members that were not happy with the election process being used, so in an effort to appease these members, the directors decided to try a different approach. As you are aware, we opened up nominations by specific position, and in an effort to minimize the amount of time this would normally take at an AGM, provided a two month window to nominate candidates as directors. This seems to have worked, as it has brought 6 new potential directors to our board, and will only require voting for one position. We are encouraged by the new faces, and look forward to fresh ideas being presented.

The KTSA web site was re-structured and continues to be improved.

Our membership continues to grow. We had over 1,100 members in 2012! With this new growth in membership comes added pressure on our range facilities. Again I ask that you make a concerted effort to keep our ranges clean and safe. Don't be shy to offer assistance if you see something that is not right!

Remember while using our ranges - Be Safe - Have Fun - BE SAFE !

Kamloops Target Sports Association

Annual General Meeting 2013

February 24, 2013 at the Kamloops Curling Club
700 Victoria Street, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 2B6
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Meet & Greet Social 6:00pm – 7:00pm.
Meeting 7:00pm – 9:00pm

The meeting will include:

- Presidents Report - 2012
- Financial Reports - 2012
- Director Reports - 2012
- Election of Board of Directors (By Ballot given to 2013 members)
- (Nominations will not be accepted from the floor for the election
- of Board Members for 2013)
- Establishing Member Fees for 2014
- Club Development & Improvement Discussions

If you care about your gun club, you should be there.

The world is run by those that show up!!!

2. Junior Report

By Trevor Coleman (Director) The juniors have been very active over the winter and getting lots of practice in for upcoming events and just for fun. We are also busy selling raffle tickets to help support the purchase of the junior clubs new rifles that we purchased this last fall. Speaking of the new rifles the kids were very excited to use the new

rifles and we can expect many years of use and fun out of this new equipment. Thanks again to everyone for supporting our junior program so fantastically, it has truly made the program successful.

As you may or may not know our season goes from Sept. until April. My wife and I have been running

the recreational junior program for 4 years and due to time constraints and schedule conflicts this will be our last season running the program. So if anyone would like to step in and take over, I will be more than willing to show you how we have been

running the program. It is a wonderful worthwhile program and it would be a shame for it not to continue. So hopefully we will get some interest shown so the program can continue.

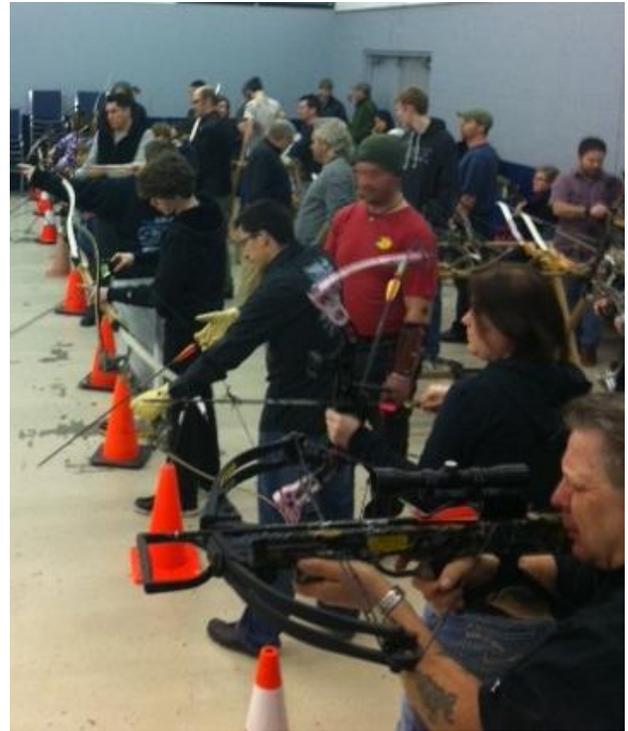
3. Archery Update

By Ben Overmars (Interim Director)

Hi all, my name is Ben Overmars and, as you may know, Brian Dennis has stepped down as Archery Director. As such, I will be the interim archery director until the KTSA AGM. On behalf of the members, I would like to thank Brian for all he has done for archery and KTSA during the last several years.

2012 was a very successful year for the KTSA with accomplishments in many areas. Notably, we saw a large increase in new shooters of all ages. Also our 2012 3D shoot was a great success with over 100 participants and we are expecting even more for this year's shoot on April 13-14. Everyone is encouraged to attend and see what the shoot is all about - even if you don't want to fling any arrows - drop by and check it out.

We've had a great start to 2013 as well with two or more NEW shooters every week. We meet Thursday nights from 6:00-7:30 PM (Calvary community church on Rogers way). I look forward to seeing you all in the near future!



4. Fullbore Report

By Barry Prost (Member)

We have had no matches to report on over the winter but the " Winter League".

The fullbore group has been active ever Sunday. Six to 10 shooters have been showing up ever Sunday at 10:30 to shoot either at 300 or 500 m. This year the scoring has been split for both F TR and F Open classes.

We are missing a few of the old faces but have had several new shooters join this group including out of town shooters. It is good to see new people

enjoying this activity. Tom Fripp has taken over from Steve Baarsden as Winter League director.

The league will run til the end of March or the beginning of April. New shooters are always welcome.

5. Smallbore Report

By Michael Wong (Director)

The past year has been a busy year for the KTSA and Smallbore shooting. One of the highlights of the past year was BC Target Sports Association (BCTSA) holding its 2012 Provincial Rifle and Pistol Provincial Championships in Kamloops using the KTSA short and long ranges, with air events at the Cavalry Community Church. Our own Pat Landals was the Match Director, and numerous KTSA members volunteered to help make the event a success. I spoke with a number of the out of town competitors and they were all impressed by our facilities and the support of KTSA members.

In January the KTSA hosted sessions to introduce target sports and responsible firearm handling to two groups of youths in the community. Kamloops Girl Guides and Pathfinders attended on January 19th followed by a number of students from Kamloops Christian School on January 20th. Thanks to all the members who volunteered their Saturday or Sunday to help introduce target sports and responsible firearm handling to these youth as the KTSA has received a lot of positive feedback from the participants and their parents.

Smallbore shooting at the Indoor Range continues on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm for .22 handgun and rifle. These adult recreational sessions are aimed towards our female members and this year we have had a good turnout including both new shooters and some rifle shooters trying a pistol and deciding to get a 'restricted' FAC and purchase their own handgun.

The outdoor range has also been getting more use at least on the milder winter days. While there may be no assigned Range Officers present, everyone using the Range must follow the posted Range Rules at all times. Be safe and be a responsible firearm owner. Use appropriate targets, not the benches, sawhorses, or props built and paid for by KTSA members for the benefit of all. Remember to sweep up and deposit spent brass in the buckets provided at the ranges. Spent brass is recycled and proceeds go back to the KTSA. Please take your trash and recyclables and dispose of them at home whenever possible to help ease the workload on

our Range Warden and minimize the amount of litter that gets blown about.

The shooting season for our Competitive Athletes' Program (CAP) lead by Pat Landals commenced in October with new and returning smallbore and air participants. The athletes have drawn up their training plans and set their goals for this year and beyond. Some are aiming for this year's Provincial Championships taking place in Parksville, while others are aiming for the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George. Shooting sports in BC are now following the Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) and Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model used by many other sports for promoting and developing our sport and athletes. See www.canadiansportforlife.ca for more information.

Upcoming competitions include:

- Feb. 15 -17, 2013 – 2013 Canadian Grand Prix, Toronto, ON, www.facebook.com/canadianairgungrandprix
- Mar. 1 - 3, 2013 – Joe Elkin Memorial BC Airgun Championship, Richmond, BC. Early Bird Registration deadline is Feb. 18, 2013 <http://www.bctsa.bc.ca/pdf/13%20BCAGC%20Application.pdf>
- There are Silhouette events (.22 and high power) almost every week somewhere in BC, including Mission Invitational Mar. 15-17, 2013 Mission Invitational, May 18-21 Provincials at Bull River (Cranbrook), June 23, 2013 Fun Shoot at Heffley Creek, full calendar and match details at http://www.bctsa.bc.ca/Sil_cal.html
- May 18-21, 2013 – BC Provincial Rifle and Pistol Championships, Parksville, BC, details to be posted soon on www.bctsa.bc.ca
- 2013 National Championships, dates and location TBA, check www.sfc-ftc.ca and look under Events.
- Nov. 1-3, 2013 – George Hutcheon Memorial Hibernation Match, Richmond, BC.

Other competitions and events can be found on both the BCTSA and SFC websites, and of course our KTSA website.

6. Membership Update

By **Diana Wong** (Director)

We had an amazing year in 2012 with a final membership total of 1,127. The breakdown for the 2012 membership is:

- Life Members – 20
- Handicapped Members – 4
- Junior Members – 36
- Senior Members – 148 (includes Sr. Family Memberships)
- Single Members – 441
- Family Members – 478

The members are spread out over variety of disciplines, with many members expressing interest in several disciplines. All disciplines showed a marked increase this past year.

- Rifle – 892 members
- Handgun – 666 members
- Cowboy Action – 84 members
- Archery – 202 members
- IPSC – 46 members

2013 is shaping up to be another phenomenal year for memberships. As of the end of January, we already have about 550 members – and there is still eleven months to go!

The Board of Directors spent time over several meetings in 2012 reviewing the information we collect from our members. Most of the information we ask you for we are legally required to collect. We changed the 2013 Membership application to reflect the information we need to collect from the membership. Unfortunately, there have been some members that do not want to provide their

information to the club. They believe the information is of a personal nature and, therefore, should not be collected by the KTSA. Of particular note is the request for your PAL/POL number and your date of birth. We are required to collect these under the regulations that govern gun clubs.

The Board of Directors has had to take the position that if you do not provide **ALL** the information requested on the membership application for **ALL** people that are applying for membership, your application for membership in the KTSA will not be accepted. If you have already received a card and a key and are still not willing to provide the information, you will be asked to return the card and the key and you will be removed from our membership list.

Another change that resulted from these discussions was the use of the guest registration card. Again, under the regulations that govern gun clubs, we are required to collect personal information from any guest that shoots a restricted or prohibited firearm. Therefore, if you have a guest shooting a firearm of this type, it is required that you complete the yellow guest registration card and drop it in the locked box provided for this use. Please note, **ALL** information on the form must be completed.

We would like to keep our gun club running so that we can all enjoy shooting. Part of that process is making sure that we follow the regulations put in place to operate a club in Canada.

7. Service Conditions / 3 Gun

By **Geoff House** (Director)

2012 was another busy year, with Service Conditions holding the traditional two matches in May, and 3 Gun holding their usual spring and fall matches. Attendance was down this year for all matches. The majority of competitors coming to the matches came from the Okanagan and Lower Mainland. This is disappointing with the number

of people locally that have expressed interest in being involved in these kinds of matches.

The annual Service pistol match took place on May 26 in Bay 6. There were nine competitors participating. There are 9 different courses of fire having competitors shoot at two different targets from a variety of positions and against the clock.

The following day, May 27 the annual Service rifle match was held on the long range. Eleven competitors shot at 200, 300, and 500 m. Each distance had the competitor shooting from several different positions against the clock. We had some of the best weather in years, and all competitors did well. Adding the 500 m this year was very popular and will hopefully be included in future years.

After many years of running the service section I will be stepping down and taking over a new discipline on the board of directors. I hope that the tradition of the service conditions matches continues with the new director.

3 Gun had another good year. The spring match had over 20 competitors shooting six different stages in bays 3 - 8. The Lower Mainland and Okanagan provided the majority of the competitors. Many thanks to our few local members who volunteer their time either with setup and tear down, and challenge themselves to a competitive, dynamic style of shooting. Every year we add more props and interactive targets making the stages even more challenging. 2013 will be no different as we have added a second house and a third will hopefully be built in the spring.

Unfortunately, our fall match wasn't as well attended due to hunting season being in full swing.



With the reduced number of competitors we had only five stages set up for the match. We maintained the same round count to keep everyone busy and challenged. Everyone had a great time.

Hopefully, 2013 will see many more KTSA members come out and participate in their club. Keep in mind that members wishing to use holsters will need to belong to holster specific disciplines to prove they're safe handling. Don't forget that if you are interested in any competitive discipline you are welcome to come out on that discipline's practice night and learn what it's all about. I hope to see you on the range!

8. IPSC Update

By Marlin Kachmar (Director)

This will be my last year as director of the IPSC section of the KTSA. I hope to stay as a director on the KTSA executive, but move into the new roll of service conditions director. I have been a director at KTSA for the last three years and have competed in various disciplines including IPSC, F class, three gun, and service conditions. I have actively competed in IPSC for twelve years and been selected for the IPSC production team several time but only able to travel to a few. I competed at the IPSC Canadian National's four times and helped take home the National trophy back to BC.

I hope everyone has had a good winter and some time to relax from the last IPSC season. The new season is approaching quickly and we should all start getting ready for the next competitive season.

Last year IPSC BC held a large number of matches that were well attended and hopefully the coming season will be the same. Lone Butte held the 2012 IPSC Provincials. It was a fun and challenging match thanks to Brian Williams and his volunteers. I must also mention it was sold out which is not common for a match in the interior.

We are still having our skills and drill practices on Wednesday nights at 7pm. In the indoor range over the winter and as soon as weather and daylight permits we will be moving back outdoor in the spring. We look forward to seeing new people who are interested in our sport and help build the numbers of IPSC members in our club.



Rick T and Marlin K at 2012 IPSC Provincial's.

Over the last three year as IPSC director I have been asked to put on qualifier here by IPSC BC and members. This is a big job for the small number of volunteers we have that are currently competing from our club. The potential to hold qualifiers here is great and this would also be a large revenue gain for the club. The money from these matches would go back into the KTSA to help fund new projects and improvements. It would also put us on the map for future national or even world class events.

In conclusion it has not been a satisfying three years for me. The number of people involved in the IPSC discipline has not grown. We have tried to meet the need of the 1000 plus members with very little volunteer help from the general membership. We have worked to make our range not only pleasant to use but also safe for everyone so please help us take care of this facility and remember we are guests on this property.

9. Range Warden Report

By Don Morphy (Range Warden)

With the more than 1,100 club members it is obvious there is a need to remind one and all about a few things that seem to be getting forgotten.

The KTSA Range is not part of the landfill system. When you bring out targets to use and you shoot them to death, leaving the refuse behind is not acceptable.

Each of the bays should have at least one or two portable sawhorse target stands. Try not to shoot the sawhorse stand!!! I was cleaning up some member mess last week and arrived at one of the bays to find a target board in a sawhorse stand as it should be. Problem was the board was nearly untouched but the sawhorse was shot. I mean really shot! All four legs were shot up or shot off. The top part of the stand had been blown away with a shotgun. The parts of the target board that were missing matched exactly to the parts of the target board stand that were missing! Not Funny!!

Bays 1, 2, & 3 also have shooting benches. In the spring iron target stands and backer boards will be put in most bays. They are not for shotgun use.

Rifle shooters using the bays should try to not hit the target stands quite so often. It does not amaze me that a .223 or 7.62x 39 round will go right thru a 2x4 or a 3/8 sheet of plywood at 30 or 40 yards.

Portable shooting stands or portable benches are never to be placed in a position behind any safety table, no exceptions. Every member should read over the range rules at least once a year. Some of the rules have changed. For those of you that are unsure, the short range is for rimfire rifles or any handgun - NO SHOTGUNS OR CENTER FIRE RIFLES!!!

The outdoor range has winter access road. If you are not sure you can get out, don't go in. Domtar is not there to save you. The letter from Domtar is included with this note.



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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: KTSA Road Assess

This correspondence is to advise you that it has come to Domtar's attention that a KTSA member has recently accessed the range area utilizing Domtar's road during winter road conditions and in doing so, the vehicle was not able to leave the area via the designated route.

In itself this is not acceptable, however as you are no doubt aware this road from Mission Flats to the upper gate behind the scales on Hwy. 5 is the site's secondary emergency route for access and egress in the event that the eastern approach on Mission Flats Road is not available to first responders or for evacuation. The first response organizations in Kamloops all have keyed access to this piece of road and are familiar with the road.

Be advised that at no time can Domtar tolerate the possibility that access or egress on this road can be restricted or reduced in anyway by users. To that end, signage (copy attached) will be erected at the access gates advising all users that their access during winter conditions is conditional.

This is a formal request that the Executive of KTSA cause a review of this correspondence and the signage that will be installed shortly.

Trusting this correspondence effectively outlines Domtar's expectation regarding this issue.



Kamloops Target Sports Association

Spring & Fall 2013

3 Gun Match

Date: May 5th and September 29th, 2013

Location: Kamloops Target Sports Association
Shooting Bays (adjacent to long range)

Start Time: Registration 0830 Shooting 0900

Cost: \$30.00 per competitor

Description: Six stages of combined shooting utilizing pistol, shotgun, and centerfire rifle.

Ammunition required: Pistol 80 rounds, Shotgun 50 rounds, Rifle 70 rounds
(approximate, always bring extra)

Equipment needed: the ability to carry spare magazines and shotgun rounds (minimum of 3- 10 round pistol magazines and 4- 5 round rifle magazines), a safe carry holster that will retain a pistol during vigorous movement (no cross draw holsters or shoulder holsters allowed), eye protection and hearing protection

Rules: 3 Gun rules can be found at

<http://ipsckamloops.homestead.com/Threegun.html>

Training requirements: Black Badge certified,
Cowboy Action, IDPA

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