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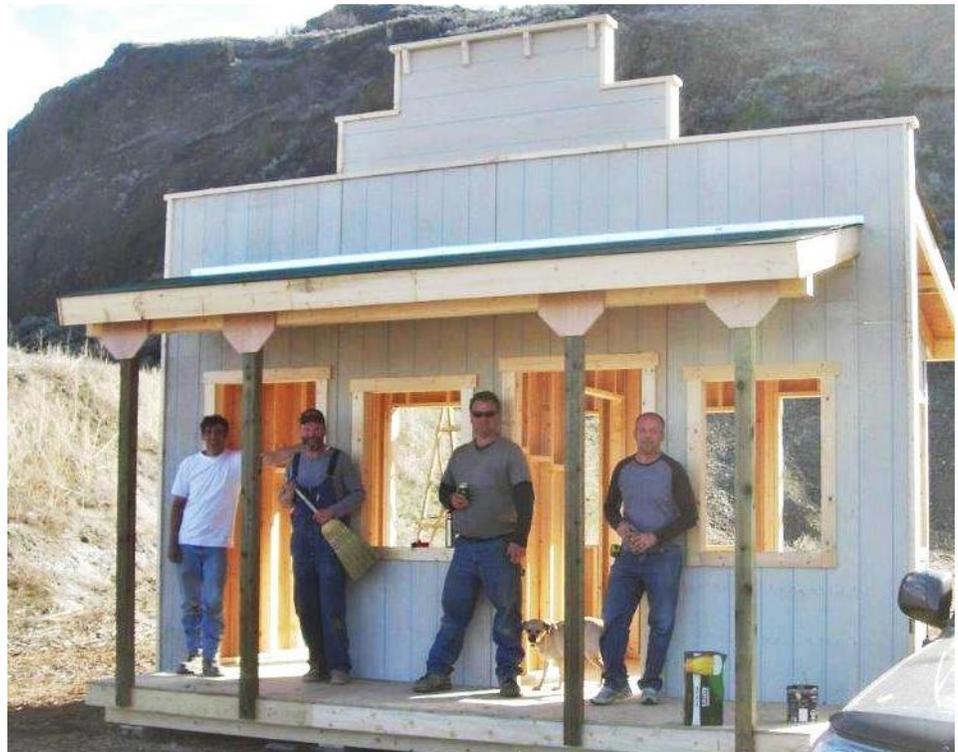
1. President's Report

By **Jim Sloper** (KTSA President)

Well here it is spring already and lots of activity at the ranges.

The third prop is now in Bay 7, with ideas of more to come. These 3 props are already receiving much usage by the membership. So far only minimal damage has been done to these structures. I sincerely hope we do not see more.

The response to requests for volunteers to assist in the erection of these props has been very gratifying. Those who turned up seemed to enjoy themselves. It is good to see such a positive attitude. While it is difficult to name everyone involved, some members have been going out of their way in volunteering their time and energy. Mike Reynolds, Brent Weaver, Hans Signer and Jeff Mann are to be commended on their contributions to the betterment of the club facilities.



From left to right - Mike, Hans, Jeff, and Brent.

One area we are trying to get some action on is not getting the response we had hoped. Our Chief Range Officer, Don Pippolo, has been trying to gather enough volunteers to be Range Officer for a day, and so far has minimal response. Thanks to those who have been turning out and volunteering their time. If more could commit to one day a month to be acting Range Officers, I am sure the misuse of the ranges would be a thing of the past. If you can give this some thought, and respond to Don he would be very pleased.

Signage is slowly being erected, and more on the way. I think some of our new members just do not understand what is considered good etiquette and would benefit from hearing from an experienced shooter at times. Please do not hesitate to step up to assist someone you see who is not adhering to our range rules.

Events are already happening with the archery 3-D shoot April 13-14, the indoor centre fire handgun match April 21, and the 3 Gun match May 5. Some of our members have already been travelling to the U.S.A. for competitions. Looks like another busy season!

As usual I would like to invite all members to make use of the ranges this summer, and be sure to introduce a new shooter to your sport.

Remember to set a good example by cleaning up paper targets, spent shotgun shells, and brass cases when you are finished shooting. Lets' keep our ranges clean and something to be proud of.

Remember to Be Safe - Have Fun - BE SAFE!

2. Range Warden Report

By Don Morphy (Range Warden)

No sawhorses, no more! Club members can blame themselves for this move. Not one club member ever shot a sawhorse target stand, and not one club member ever saw anyone else shooting a sawhorse target stand, but each and every sawhorse target stand that was put into use was destroyed. Almost everyone was destroyed by shotgun fire. But shotgunners are not supposed to be using sawhorses or the target backer boards. Amazing isn't it!

Each bay should have at least one or two new style portable type target stands. They are a ground type stands similar to the old IPSC stands. A two foot by four foot target board sits in a notch designed to hold a board upright. If the top of the board is shot badly, turn it upside down and use it again.

Bays 1, 2, & 3 also have shooting benches. Iron stands and backer boards have been put into some of the bays.

The KTSA supplies target backer boards for pistol and rifle paper targets.

The KTSA is not responsible for supplying targets or target boards for shotgun use. Members are expected to supply their own targets and clean up thereafter.

Please remember, portable shooting stands or portable benches are never to be placed in a position behind any safety table, no exceptions. Please read the range safety policy and review 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 and/or any handgun - NO SHOTGUNS OR CENTER FIRE RIFLES!

On a brighter note, I must say thank you to KTSA members, Chris Parr and Allan Ovington. These two have been lending a hand with range care and clean-up. They have been very helpful and we should all appreciate the helping hands. Please say thank you to them if you see them.

3. Recreational Shooting Report

By Ron Brady (Director)

This past weekend, May 4 and 5, there was a 3 gun match scheduled. A request for help for setup on Saturday was sent out via e-mail. Only three people showed up, all of whom were regular IPSC shooters, and spent over eight hours setting up. After the match only the same three shooters stayed for tear down. The out of town shooters helped. These three shooters were at the range for over 11 hours on Sunday.

These matches do not just happen, there is a lot of work for set up and tear down, plus behind the scenes work. If this was a sanctioned event, there would have been more work and time involved. Members keep asking for matches and shoots, however, many don't come forward and help. This burns out the people who put on these events or they get so frustrated at the lack of help and stop doing these matches. Given this past weekend the membership should be raised to \$500/year and a credit be earned for showing up at work parties, etc. I would rather have a smaller quality membership rather than a large non caring one. Given the fore going the matches and events, planned for the balance of this year, some of which follow, are on review subject to assistance with the entire match process.

We are going to try several new events this year and will be asking for your feedback and ideas. We will be looking for match Directors to run several of these and trust you, the members, will step up to the plate.

Before I get into the new, we have to thank Don Morphy who has been the match Director, and has said he will continue to do so, for the three indoor shoots over the winter. All three have been a huge success and we hope this will happen with the new events.

We have scheduled a 22LR rimfire Handgun Steel Match for June 2, a 22LR rimfire Rifle Steel Match for June 16, and a rimfire Sniper Match for September 8. You will notice we have not scheduled any matches for July and August as that time of year is holiday time and many are away. However, if you express enough interest in the three above shoots, we could do some in this time frame.

We are also going to do the 22BR matches again. However, first we must build at least three new benches for the short range. We are in that process, but cannot give you a date.

These 22BR matches we can do once every month with winners for each match as well as the Yearly Champion. This is an International sport that has rules posted at: <http://ir5050.com> and the KTSA has run this before so there are members who have experience and can be of great help. Keep tuned for more on this event.

The Handgun Match in June is going to be a charity event with all money, after expenses, going to the MS Society of Kamloops. The Rifle match is likewise a charity all money after expenses going to the Kamloops area cancer society.

If there is enough time, you may shoot the match again in a different division, with payment of another match fee.

In the Sniper match, all Rimfire calibres are allowed, and the divisions are manually operated and semi-auto. Basic rules and the target are found at www.snipershide.com (forum – go to rimfire section). One change is we allow the use of all rimfire calibres.

For all the above matches keep checking the website: www.ktsa.ca for more info and sign up locations.

We want to make greater use of our facility and allow members to have various events to participate in. The above events are a start and as mentioned earlier we are looking for Match Directors to take on these shoots in the future. We also seek your input on other events we may be able to conduct and if you bring them forward you would be the likely candidate for Match Director as you have the idea and concept ready.

As a member and a Director, I want to bring to everyone's attention that the props, barrels, target stands, tables, etc., ARE NOT TARGETS. All of us are only supposed to shoot authorized targets. All shooting is to take place forward of the rear of the bay berms so you and your firearm are not visible from either side bay. There is a disturbing lack of pride and respect of property and of the rules among some people. To these people I suggest they

read the Range Rules and Policies, you can lose your membership and if you have a handgun that would mean your Long Term Authorization to Transport.

Ask yourself: "is it worth it".

The club is instituting a Range Officer Program and all persons on the property shall be monitored for

safe gun handling and following the rules and if necessary your membership card and key will be confiscated and you will be asked to vacate the premises and appear before the Board of Directors to determine your future at our club.

Ask yourself: "is it worth it".

4. IPSC Report

By Geoff House (Director)

May 5 was this year's first 3 Gun match. We had 17 competitors shoot six challenging multi-gun stages. The weather was great, making it even more fun. A total of 240 rounds of combined pistol, centerfire rifle, and birdshot were fired by each competitor. Stages used some of the clubs rising, bobbing, and swinging targets. We also used our new combination falling steel/clay throwing targets. All three of the shooting houses were used in the stages. They required competitors to shoot out of the houses, around them, and through them. This added a great new element to the matches.

Set up and tear down required a lot of work. Unfortunately there were only three of us to do the

work. To organize, set up/ tear down, run these matches takes a lot of volunteer hours. Without club members getting involved and helping, these matches will not happen in the future. The core of volunteers is getting burned out and new members need to get involved with their club. Improvements to the range are often linked to matches. The more matches that happen the more improvements the range will see.

I hope to see many more of the clubs members out helping with the SASS nationals.

5. Smallbore Report

By Michael Wong (Director)

Tuesday night Ladies Smallbore sessions at the Indoor Range ended for the season on May 14. This season we had 129 attendees over 27 sessions (five were cancelled for Christmas and spring breaks). The sessions will commence in the Fall on Oct. 1, 2013.

The outdoor range will be getting more use as temperatures and hours of daylight increase. There will be 'roving Range Officers' at the outdoor range from time to time. While Range Officers might not always be 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. Please 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 club's disposal costs. The KTSA is responsible for keeping the range property clean and disposal costs as per our lease agreement. There are also regular work party days to help clean up and improve the outdoor range facilities and I would encourage members to come out to at least one per year.

BC Provincial Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Championships were held in Parksville, BC over the May long weekend. At least seven KTSA members competed at this year's Championships in air rifle, air pistol, and sporting rifle events. Full results are available on the BCTSA website, www.bctsa.bc.ca. CAP practices will continue after

Provincials as a number of our athletes are aiming to compete at the next Canada Winter Games.

Canada Winter Games are in Prince George, BC in 2015 but the selection process for the BC Target Shooting team (air rifle and air pistol) is already underway. The first Canada Winter Games training camp was held in Parksville, BC on May 20 and the next one is in Kamloops at the Indoor Range June 28-30. You can help support the BC team by collecting UPC codes from Island Farms dairy products (tip: the labels come off the plastic milk jugs quite easily when they are warm). You can drop the labels/codes off at the Indoor or Outdoor Ranges (there are or will be drop boxes

there shortly), or mail them to the BCTSA directly at BC Target Sports Association, Box 496, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 5L2 Canada.

Upcoming competitions include:

- 2013 National Championships, Aug. 3-11 in Beachburg, ON, details at www.sfc-ftc.ca
- 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. Fullbore Report

By Barry Prost (Director)

Entries are coming in for the Art Borne Memorial match in June. Space is limited to 30 shooter, so sign up ASAP. Copies of the entry forms are available at the Powder Keg. They are also available on the KTSA Web Site and the BCRA Web Site.

Wednesday night 300 & 500 m practice has started. Runs from 4:00 pm until dark (or people are tired).

Work party in May has installed a new outhouse behind the 500 m berm.

We are looking for people to act as paid target pullers for the coming three events.

We had a wind coaching clinic for Richard Dreger who will be the coach of the Canadian F-class team competing in New Mexico later this year. Thanks to all those who participated.

We are planning to install new wind flag poles this summer at either side of the covered firing point and at the 100 m line. We are ordering NRA approved wind flags to standardize ourselves with other clubs.

7. CAP (Competitive Athletes Program) Report

By Pat Landals (BC Provincial Coach)

The CAP program has been running strong this season with some new faces joining the line. We now have seven rifle shooters and one pistol shooter giving us a full line at most practices which is very exciting. Our local CAP program follows the Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) and Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) guidelines.

These athletes are well into the 2012-2013 season with four channeling the peak of their focus on the up-coming Canada Winter Games. Our top shooters all vying for a spot on Team BC are Sullivan Fagan, Trayton Brown, Leia Hoot, and Sera Nami. The next games will be hosted by

Prince George in February 2015. The CWG Team BC shooters will consist of athletes from around the province making up four rifle and four pistol shooters (two each of male and female) and this coach has high hopes that our local athletes will qualify.

Although most KTSA club disciplines stand down for the summer, our CWG hopefuls unfortunately are not granted this luxury during these sunny months (or any other time throughout the season). They will continue to maintain and follow a full training regimen of shooting practices, physical conditioning and mental training in order to raise their skills to a national level.

During the season they will be required to attend a number of Provincial matches and training camps. Just recently, I had the pleasure of taking all four of them to Parksville, BC on Vancouver Island for the May long weekend. There, they attended the BC Provincial Smallbore Championships where they tested their training in Air Rifle (10 m) and Smallbore (.22 at 50 m). All our athletes performed exceptionally well with each of them capturing medals in their respective categories.

Mathew Klein was the match winner (master class) for Men’s air Rifle. Sullivan Fagan took the gold in Men’s Air Rifle, marksman class with a score of 522/600. Trayton Brown won the gold for Men’s Air, Sharpshooter class with 541/600. Leia Hoot captured the gold in Ladies’ Air Rifle in the expert class with 361/400 and Sera Nami caught the gold in Ladies junior class with 347/400. In Sporting Rifle-prone, Kamloops athletes dominated the score board, taking the top five positions in the Marksman Class! Sharlene Klein came in ‘fifth’ with 568/600. Trayton Brown-‘fourth’ with 575/600. The bronze went to Sullivan Fagan with 579/600. The silver to Sera Nami with 584/600 and

in top place, gold to Leia Hoot with 589/600. Dora Nami held a strong finish in the Junior class taking gold with a score of 568/600. Leia also competed in the Sporting Rifle – 3-Position event capturing gold with an aggregate score of 1153/1200. This coach is very proud of all our athletes! Well done!

During the first weekends of both March and November, these athletes must attend a two-day long (and grueling) Air Rifle match in Richmond, BC. At most other matches, male athletes would fire only one 60-shot match and females would fire one 40-shot match. However, during the Richmond events, both males and females must endure a total of three matches each over the course of the weekend. It is a great opportunity to hone their skills and gain valuable experience.

We will be watching our C.A.P. athletes very closely over the next eighteen months leading up to the winter games. I am confident that Team BC will be well represented by Kamloops during this National event.

8. Membership Report

By Jenna Hobson (Director)

Our club membership is summarized in the adjacent table. If any member needs to update their current membership information such as address, phone number, email address, or for lost cards; please email me at ktsamember@gmail.com.

IPSC	69	New for 2013	146
Archery	207	Family	378
Rifle	893	Single	386
Handgun	640	Handicap	8
Cowboy	93	Senior	168
		Junior	22
Total	982	Life	17

9. Archery Report

By Marc Britton (Director)

After what turned out to be a very busy indoor season we were very glad to get outside and more space to entertain the ever growing numbers of archers showing up on Thursday nights 6-7:30pm.

We began the outdoor season with the 3D shoot which was a huge success and very well attended & received, with 118 archers attending from Friday

night, camping and getting to shoot two courses of superb (and challenging) Rinehart targets over two days. Archers young and old and from all over the province shot and it was very pleasing to see our club members doing well and taking some of the prizes!

With Katie and I still being new to the Country, the club and the scene, it was so good to see such a great event at our facility.

Many thanks to all who supported the shoot, all who helped set up and put away and a special thanks to Myles Tuba for his hard work setting it up and making it the success it was.

The majority of the bag course is back up although we still need to do a little work, find some time to get the last few bags stuffed and out there but its nearly there and certainly worth a walk round.

We continue to receive regular contact from individuals and groups wanting tasters, lessons and group sessions. The demand is surpassing our current resources & equipment, which we are working on bringing up to date.

Looking to the future and given the growing popularity of the club and the great facilities we have, we are looking at getting more social events going. Any ideas will be welcomed and we are also looking at perhaps setting up another smaller 3D shoot later in the year, perhaps as a pre-hunting season warm up if we get the interest & support from members make it work. We have such fantastic targets it seems a shame for them to come out only once a year!

We are even looking towards the coming indoor season and how best to move forward with that to make it work for all archers and their needs given the ever increasing numbers getting involved.

We've had a request from the Archery chair for the upcoming senior games to be held this year in Kamloops. They are looking for volunteers to help out, especially someone with a knowledge of the sport who can co-ordinate the other helpers. They are also looking for a volunteer who is good on a computer and can work with MS Excel. This person would need to be at the event to enter athlete's scores from their score cards and print them to be posted on an information board at the event. Any other help I am sure will be appreciated.

Finally, we would like to thank all involved with the club for their support and friendship since we have taken on the directorship. We also encourage any who have not been along yet, or for a while, to come out Thursday 6-7:30 pm, to get involved and help us make your club work better for you.

Cheers & straight shootin'.



The organizer, Myles Tuba.



Happy to have made the bonus points shot!



Young archers having fun.

10. Cowboy Action Shooting Report

By Mike Reynolds (Director)

Cowboy action shooting is alive and well in Kamloops. With the arrival of spring weather, cowboys start thawing out and heading for the range.

There has been an increase in participation at Monday eve shoots and a number of new shooters turning out to try their hand at CAS. There are three new permanent stages planned in addition to the three stages already in place. The loading/unloading tables are being improved to include a roof and walls sided to match our new stages. Our range will certainly be looking the part for “the shootout at twin rivers cowtown” this Aug. 30 – Sept. 1.

We have a small group of dedicated volunteers that do the bulk of these improvements, and while we all enjoy working on the projects, we also wish there were a few more of us. If you want to lend a hand, drop me an email at cowboyshooter357@hotmail.com.

See you Monday night 7 pm at the cowboy/IPSC bays for CAS. Look for the guy wearing a cowboy hat.

RIMFIRE STEEL MATCH

For Charity to Benefit the MS Society of Kamloops

Sunday, June 2, 2013 - 9:00 am at the KTSA Long Range Bays

22 LR Rimfire **Handgun**; Revolver/Semi-Auto

Iron or Optic Sights

5 Stages; 100+ Rounds

22 LR Semi-Auto ISSC Handgun Given Away by Draw

Donated by the Powderkeg Shooting Supplies & North Sylva Co.

Entry Fee \$20.00

Sign Up at the Powderkeg

Bring your own lunch & water

More Info Contact: Ron Brady 250-574-8545

RIMFIRE STEEL MATCH

For Charity to Benefit the RIH Cancer Clinic

Sunday, June 16, 2013 - 9:00 am at the KTSA Long Range Bays

22 LR Rimfire **Rifle**; Manual/Semi-Auto

Iron or Optic Sights

5 Stages; 125+ Rounds

22 LR Savage 64F Given Away by Draw

Donated by the Powderkeg Shooting Supplies & North Sylva Co.

Entry Fee \$20.00

Sign Up at the Powderkeg

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