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1. President's Report

By **Jim Sloper** (KTSA President)

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer.

Range improvements have been on-going over the summer. The Clubhouse trailer was moved and a deck with railings and three sets of stairs were installed. Siding is on site, and will be put on prior to winter.

One of the sea-cans was also moved.

A prop was donated by Doc Morgun and Lady Shuswap from Salmon Arm. KTSA now has a beautiful Democrat buggy to use at it's cowboy shooting matches. It was put to good use at the recent SASS Canadian Nationals.

Now that the clubhouse is better situated, CRO Don Pippolo is hoping more volunteers for RO duty will respond. Please contact Don if you can help out.

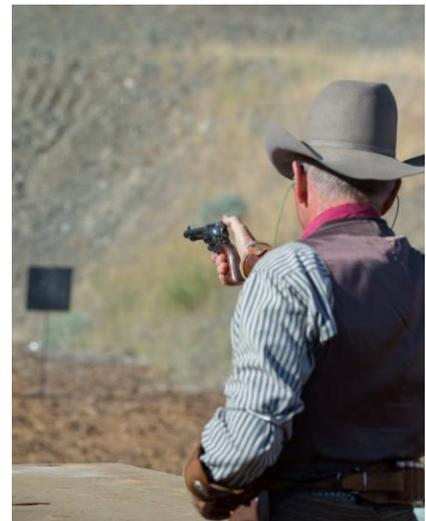
You will soon see signage designating the approved usage of the various bays. Please adhere to these guidelines and encourage others to do so.

We will be experimenting with leaving some targets set up in designated bays. If you want this to continue, you must take charge and ensure others do not abuse the targets! The targets will be for PISTOL CALIBRE ONLY!

New signs are posted to explain what will happen to anyone caught miss-using our targets, stands, props, etc. **THEY WILL LOSE THEIR MEMBERSHIP!** This may seem harsh to some, however it is obvious some people do not respect club property and this cannot be tolerated! We have a fantastic facility that is continuing to enjoy improvements, and in order for these improvements to continue, our members must treat club property with respect.

Comments from competitors and visitors at our recent SASS Canadian Nationals on what an impressive range KTSA has were very encouraging to hear. Let us all work to maintain this impression.

Enjoy the fall weather and good luck to those members who hunt. Remember to Be Safe – Have Fun – BE SAFE!



Jim Sloper Cowboy Action Shooting!

2. IPSC Report

By Geoff House (Director)

The summer shooting season is coming to a close and we are moving back inside. The Wednesday night IPSC practice at the indoor range will start up on October 2, 2013 at 7:00pm. We shoot until 9pm or we run out of ammo.

Indoor practice through the winter is a great time to come out and try IPSC. Training in the indoor range is a comfortable experience that allows you time to get comfortable with the range commands and work on your basic skills.

Grip, draw, and trigger manipulation need to be reinforced through repetitive practice to begin to improve and advance in IPSC. Speed, accuracy and movement all come with time on the range, and more practice.

Several of our members have been active this summer shooting matches around the province. Gary Kopp attended almost every match this year and is progressively making his way up the Production standings. Marlin Kachmar is doing



very well in the new Classic division. Rick Tuytens is competing in Standard division and also holding his own near the top. And Ron Brady has been putting in some time in the Open division. With all the Kamloops Target Sports members that have expressed an interest in this sport on their membership forms, it would be nice to see more of them coming out and supporting KTSA fun matches.

3 Gun had another dismal showing this spring. We only had four club members come out and shoot. Only three people set up and took down the stages. After making a plea for more volunteers to come out and help with the fall match, and only receiving a response from two members I cancelled the fall match. It will be up to the members to show an increase in interest for this discipline to start up again.

We are always looking for more members to become range officers and get active with the discipline. The more people we have involved the smaller the work load is for each volunteer.

3. Fullbore Report

By Barry Prost (Director)

On June 29 & 30 we held the Art Borne Memorial Match with 18 shooters in attendance. Low turnout was due to several conflicting dates and the flooding in Alberta. Those who attended enjoyed sunny conditions with a challenging wind. Paul Reibin donated the trophies. Thank you Paul.

We have installed two new flag poles about 20 m out and to either side of the covered firing point. Good comments generally but we need to install a taller pole on the right side. The new wind flags were appreciated by all.

If time and volunteers permit, we will repaint and/or replace the target number indicators for the 300 m targets to conform with the standard black, yellow, red pattern so there is less chance of a cross fire, and which also stops the TR shooters from whining.

Several club members attended the BCRA Provincial Championship on the August long week-end at the General Volkes Range in Chilliwack. Both Tom Fripp and Barry Prost won awards and Barry also captured the Lt. Governors Prize.

Club members Steve Baarstdan and Richard Dreger attended the F Class World Championship in Raton New Mexico in August but I have not heard from them as to how they fared. One of them, Richard Dreger, was also the wind coach for the F Open team. Canada will host the next world championship in 2017 in Ottawa.

Weeds are getting to be a problem on the 500 m mount, blocking the lower part of the targets for scoring. We hope to get them cut down in the near future.

The Frosty Farky has 34 registered shooters and the V bulls has 18 signed up out of 36 possible spaces.



Firing line General at Volkes Range. August 2013.

4. Smallbore Report

By Michael Wong (Director)

Tuesday Night Ladies Smallbore sessions start this Fall on October 8, 2013 at 7 pm. They are scheduled to run until April 15, 2014 (see calendar link at the end of this report). This winter some Tuesday sessions will be set aside so shooters can participate in the DCRA Winter Postal Program. KTSA members that shoot on Monday mornings have done very well for a number of years in the Winter Postal Program. Some details about the 2012-2013 program and past results are available on the DCRA website www.dkra.ca. The 2013-2014 Winter Postal Program should be posted later this year.

On September 24, the Competitive Athlete's Program (CAP) met and the athletes set their goals, training plans and competition schedules for this season and beyond. Anyone 12 years old and up who is serious about the competitive side of shooting, (Air rifle, Air Pistol, Match Rifle, or .22 Sporting Rifle) and CAP should contact Pat Landals for more information about CAP.

The Canada Winter Games are in Prince George, BC in 2015 and many of our CAP shooters are aiming for a spot on Team BC. There will be a number of training camps and qualifying matches in 2013 and 2014. A Canada Winter Games (CWG) training camp was held at our indoor range at the end of June and the next one is October 5 and 6, at the Sapperton Range. The dates and locations for the 2014 CWG camps are still being finalized, but are

tentatively scheduled for February, Spring Break, May and September. The KTSA hopes to host at least one of these camps in 2014. At the moment BC does not have any male air pistol athletes trying to qualify for CWG. If you are interested or know of anyone in BC who may be interested in shooting competitive air pistol please contact Pat Landals. CWG athletes must be under 21. For more details CWG qualification criteria see <http://www.bctsa.bc.ca/pdf/15%20CWG%20%20Team%20Selection%20Criteria.pdf>

The Richmond Hibernation Match is November 1-3. Registration deadline is October 21st. (Full details are on the BCTSA website under Rifle Calendar.) This match is the final qualifier for the BC Provincial Junior Team (and is also one of the qualifying matches for the CWG team). The BC Provincial Junior Team hopes to attend the Toronto Grand Prix February 14-16, 2014 <https://www.facebook.com/canadianairgungrandprix> and the National Smallbore Championships (date and location TBA). Criteria for the BC Provincial Junior Team <http://www.bctsa.bc.ca/pdf/13%20BC%20Jr%20Team%20Criteria.pdf>

You can help support the BC team by collecting UPC codes for Island Farms dairy products (tip: the labels come off the plastic milk containers easily when they are warm) and either drop them off at the Indoor Range or mail them to the BCSTA

directly at BC Target Sports Association, Box 496, Kamloops, BC, V2C 5L2.

You can contact me about KTSA Smallbore matters at ktsasmallbore@gmail.com.

Email for Pat Landals: plandals@yahoo.com.

To help keep up to date on Smallbore events, please visit the KTSA Smallbore Google calendar at:

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=ktasmallbore%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Vancouver>

5. Cowboy Action Shooting Report

By Mike Reynolds (Director)

The Shootout at Twin Rivers Cowtown was a great success, with shooters coming from as far away as Germany, Arkansas, Ontario, Alberta, Vancouver Island, and of course most of our own homegrown gunfighters were there as well.

After 102 competitors faced 10 challenging stages and well over 20,000 rounds are fired, only one man and one lady can emerge as top shooter. This year the honor goes to “Haweaater Hal” aka Al Wilson – top man. Top lady was “Victoria Diamond” aka Jolene Wilson.

Think you got what it takes to be a Cowboy Action Shooter? Come out and see. At our club level, we

still have our weekly practise sessions every Monday night at 7:00 pm, except the second Monday of each month. Soon we move into our indoor range for the winter in the same time slot.

I’m sure by now most people have noticed the improvements taking place at our range. The fact is the bulk of this volunteer work is carried out by a handful of members. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. If you would like to help, we’d be glad to have you. Please watch for work-bee emails in the future.

Yee-haww! Westsyde Mike.



6. Archery Report

By Marc Britton (Director)

After a summer drop in numbers with vacations and other summer inconveniences getting in the way of valuable shooting time, we are getting more than ever showing up on Thursday nights.

Obviously this is great for both the club and the sport generally and I did read recently that archery is the fastest growing sport in North America, here in Kamloops seems to back this up!

So long as we have the numbers of experienced archers volunteering to help out and mentor the newbies, this is fine, but in recent weeks this has not been the case with only two of us the last two weeks and record numbers of drop ins and beginners. That said, Thursday nights are fun and we do have a great time with the newcomers already being excellent additions to the mix but these numbers are stressful.

We are hoping to have a meeting after this Thursdays shooting (26 Sept) 7.30pm to discuss and work out the best way to manage our club night. So if anyone wishes to come by for a little shooting, meet some of the regulars and some of new guys, then have a chat with us and help work out a

solution to cater to both new starters and getting our experienced shooters some quality shooting time, especially with indoor and significant, drop in space just around the corner.

Speaking of the winter indoor shooting, we have the Calvery Church hall again this year, Thursday nights starting October 24. Details and times to be confirmed as discussions with the regular shooters and volunteers progress.

Also I would like to remind you all that there are NO BROADHEADS to be used into ANY of the KTSA targets that means both the range and the bag course. Should you need to tune your broadheads, please bring your own target.

We are contactable on ktsaarchery@gmail.com on any archery matters and hope to get emails out fairly regularly as things move forwards.

Lots of good stuff in the pipeline too and changes that are positive to keep everyone happy I hope!

Hope to see you shooting soon!

7. Range Warden Report

By Don Morphy (Director)

I would like everyone to recognize the group of four men that put in so much time and effort into the long range improvement project. To: Jim Sloper - KTSA President, To: Mike Reynolds and Brent Weaver from Weaver Construction, To: Jeff Mann from K & C Construction – for your vision and leadership and the countless hours of hard work and dedication it took to complete the 2013 part of the KTSA long range improvement project: All of the members of the Kamloops Target Sports Association owe you a huge card of thanks and congratulations!

Thanks to the handful of volunteers that showed up for the work parties that were necessary to get this project to where it is this year.

Special thanks to goes to Vann Weaver for his help throughout the summer and on the weekends. Vann is a 10 year old young man that put more into the club this year than 95% of our club members ever have. Way to go Vann!

There are new signs in the firing point sheds and in the sign in shack. Use of the bays and the firearms types are listed and clearly marked

Shot-gunners take note: shotguns are not to be used anywhere on club property except in Bay #2 and Bay #3. These bays will not have any target backer boards or target stands. Acceptable shotgun targets continue to be clay targets, cans and balloons – no glass. If you need a shotgun target board or a shotgun target stand you will need to make and bring your own. The KTSA will no longer supply

you with club property for you to destroy. All shotgun users are expected to clean up their own empties etc. Some of you think you are exempt from this task. I can assure you - that is not the case. Shotgun use at organized practices and events will be the only exceptions.

Each of the rifle/pistol bays will have at least one or two new style portable ground type target stands and/or a target board on metal stands. The portable type stand holds a two foot by four foot target board in the notch and is designed to hold a target board in a vertical or horizontal position. If the top of the board is shot badly, turn it upside down or sideways and use it again. Please do your best to not to hit the stand.

Bays 1, 2, and 3 have shooting benches as well as loading tables for you to put your gear on and in.

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

Please remember, portable shooting stands and portable shooting benches are never to be placed in a position behind any safety (loading) table, no exceptions.

Please read the range rules often. Some of the rules have changed. For those of you that are not sure - the Short Range is for rimfire rifles and handguns - NO SHOTGUNS OR HIGH VELOCITY CENTER FIRE RIFLES!

Expect a set of rules for the archers in the near future.

As usual, I must say thank you to the KTSA members that lend a hand with the upkeep plan. Allan Ovington, Ron Fraser, Norm McRae and Barry Prost have been assisting me with range care and clean-up over the last 3 or 4 months. We have had lots to 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 on the property.

8. Membership Report

By Jenna Hobson (Director)

As of September 20, our club has 1,153 members.

Please ensure all members renewing their membership or new members to our club complete the application COMPLETELY. Applications cannot be processed without all information on the application being completed.

Also, a reminder that membership for our club is for use of the shooting facility only, and that we do not provide lessons or rentals.

For any questions in regards to membership or change in information like address, phone number or email address they can contact me by email at ktsamembers@gmail.com