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## Kamloops Target Sports Association

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## 1. President's Report

By **Jim Sloper** (President)

2013 was another busy year for KTSA:

- Membership exceeded 1,200.
- Archery 3-D shoot.
- .22 cal. Steel challenges with pistol and rifle.
- Long Range rifle competitions.
- SASS Canadian Nationals for Cowboy Action Shooting.
- New props for bays 4, 5, & 7 (which get heavy use.)
- Club house move & improvements (wood heater now working!)
- Storage container moved.
- Site preparation behind clubhouse for Big Tent.
- New sign-in shed completed.
- Additional signage to help ensure proper use of facilities.

2014 is already shaping up to be yet another busy year:

- Two additional props being built for bays 2 & 10.
- Permanent shotgun clay throwers will be installed in bays 2 & 3.
- Permanent steel targets for some bays will be tested.
- Clubhouse siding will be completed & deck clear-coated.

It would seem that the majority of our members respect the range improvements and are making an effort to keep our facilities in good shape.

I encourage all members to take the time to educate those few who need assistance on proper range etiquette.

With more ranges being closed every year, it is wise to treat ours with respect, so we may continue to enjoy one of the premiere ranges in our Province.

Remember to introduce a friend to your shooting sport this year, and

Be Safe - Have Fun - BE SAFE!

## KTSA Annual General Meeting

Feb. 23, 2014 at the Kamloops Curling Club. **Details on next page.**

## 2. IPSC Report

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By **Geoff House** (Director)

The active members of IPSC in the KTSA were traveling and competing all over the province. They did very well in matches in the lower mainland, Okanagan, and the north. All of them plan on working just as hard this year to show that the KTSA has some excellent practical pistol competitors. The 2014 Nationals will be in Pitt Meadows this year, July 30, 31 and the Provincials are in Kelowna, Labour Day weekend. As we are part of the Okanagan zone it would be great to have a strong showing of our members.

The 2013 year was a quiet for the IPSC discipline in the KTSA. We have been having a difficult time recruiting new members who want to get involved with the discipline and volunteer. This has carried over into the matches that were held in 2013.

The KTSA spring 3-gun match saw only three KTSA members taking a day and half to set up for the match. The three individuals that took the time and energy to make the match happen were exhausted after it was all over and unwilling to do it again. When I started planning for the fall match, a call was put for more people to get involved with their club and help out to keep more of these matches happening. Unfortunately, only one person responded so all future matches were cancelled. Unless a strong core of volunteers step up and takes over the planning and execution of Fun club level matches, or provincial level qualifiers, we will likely not see any more matches held by the KTSA in the IPSC discipline.

After a half decade on the executive, I am stepping down. Gary Kopp has jumped in to IPSC this last year in a huge way and will be taking over as the

## 3. Archery Report

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By **Marc Britton** (Director)

As this was our first year as members of the KTSA as well as taking on the archery role we cannot compare what has gone on in previous years. But, we feel it has been a great year for archery in Kamloops!

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# Annual General Meeting

Feb. 23, 2014 at the Kamloops Curling Club,  
700 Victoria St. (250-372-5432)

6:00 - 7:00 pm Meet& Greet Social  
7:00 - 9:00 pm Meeting

The meeting will include:

- President's report
- Financial reports
- Director reports
- Election of Board members
- Establishing membership fees
- Club developments

If you care about **YOUR** club, you should be there. The world is run by those who show up! ☺

director of the IPSC discipline. Hopefully the members will get involved and support him in the coming year.

Thank you.

As a discipline we are thriving, Archery is supposedly the fastest growing sport in North America and the numbers of drop-ins and increases in regular members at the club would suggest this is the case.

Our biggest headache over the last year has been managing the attending numbers at the Thursday nights "club night" where we also host the beginner drop-ins. Indoor season has been - and continues to be - the biggest challenge. We have limited space, and with growing numbers of regular shooters at our sessions, we have restricted drop-ins and beginners to the first and third Thursdays of the month. We now also accommodate a maximum of 10 beginners who book in on a first-come-first-served basis. This helps us to ensure that we have enough equipment, helpers and space.

On our very busy nights we have had to run two - and sometimes three - shooting lines with General Myles Tuba running it with a rod of iron!! All that said, Thursday nights are a lot of fun, lots of banter, laughter and camaraderie and I feel we are giving shooters new and old the best we can with what we have, and feedback has been positive. But as we continue to grow we will continue to evolve!

Anyone planning on joining the Thursday night sessions, drop us a line and also check out the changes we have made on the archery page of the KTSA website.

Lots of other positives last year.

The board approved and we bought lots of new equipment, we have shiny new recurves of various sizes and weights, lots of new arrows, 3 compound bows and maintenance equipment for them all.

They are the clubs and can be used by anyone so if you want to try archery instead of those noisy guns then now is the time.....also if you would like to see the old club equipment, we have sent that to the British Museum as there was a rumour that the bows were off the Mary Rose!

We have supported many good causes and events this year with our resources such as Ducks

Unlimited & Kamloops Fish and Game, Scouts & other social groups as well as the B.C. Senior Games and other archery clubs by loaning our 3D targets.

The annual 3D shoot in April was a great success. Myles Tuba worked hard on the event and it really showed! Over 120 archers flung their arrows over the two days and our shoot seemed to be very well received by all who attended. The event was also well supported by local businesses with great door & raffle prizes.

We have a great foundation to build on for this year's event which will be on April 12&13 and we are determined to make it bigger and better than last year's! As ever we will be grateful of any help & ideas for it leading up to it. We will be looking for door prizes, target sponsors (\$100/target) and raffle prizes to help us keep this a solid fund raising event.

Looking on to 2014 ..... we have a few projects which will improve our facilities. Expect to see the bag course overhauled and sorted out with fresh bags and "interesting" shots!..... as the weather improves I want to make this my / our priority along with the 3D shoot and then I hope we can organise the range and the storage facilities to keep you archers happy!

Personal thanks to all of the core members who make it out to Thursday nights and help out with beginners as well as setting up and putting away and those hardy souls who help keep and eye on and maintain the course and the range, and all those who support us in our role. Our vision is for a progressive and inclusive club becoming of a great place like Kamloops.....We're doing OK!

Cheers! Marc & Katie Britton

## 4. Recreational Report

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**By Ron Brady (Director)**

During the past year, the recreational side of KTSA conducted three shoots out of a proposed four.

There was a 22LR rimfire handgun steel match that had a handgun donated jointly by The PowderKeg and North Sylva and was awarded by draw. The shoot generated \$360 in revenue, with no cost to

KTSA, and the entire proceeds are for the local Multiple Sclerosis group.

The next event was a 22LR rimfire rifle steel match that had a rifle jointly donated by The PowderKeg and North Sylva and was awarded by draw. This event likewise generated \$360 in proceeds, again

with no cost to KTSA. The entire proceeds are for the RIH Cancer Clinic.

The last event was a rimfire rifle sniper match. This event generated \$370 in proceeds, again with no cost to KTSA.

The fourth event did not happen as we still require six new shooting benches for the short range to hold this type of match. The proposed match is 50BR, which is 22LR rimfire target match shot at 50 m from a bench and is an international event. The issue was/is getting a quote for the benches and then approval from the board. We have finally received more than one quote after sending more requests for them out. Hopefully the board will have approved a quote prior to the AGM and the construction can get done so the match can occur once they are in place. I had submitted a budget of \$6,000 for the benches and that should be close.

I also submitted a budget for \$10,000 for eight steel challenge stage props. Apparently both my emailed budget submissions got lost in the ethernet and are not shown in the minutes.

The steel challenge props are for the official steel targets and bases, which will allow rimfire and centrefire handgun matches, which many of the shooters are wanting. These steel matches are quick and easy to set up and great interest was generated by the two conducted in 2013.

Any matches can be put on by any KTSA member, it does not take the discipline director to do so. Just contact the board member responsible for range bookings and go for it. I will assist anybody who wants to put them on in 2014 and asks for my help.

I will answer any questions at the AGM.

## 5. Fullbore Report

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**By Barry Prost** (Director)

The fall season saw two competitions take place, The Frosty Farkey and the V Bulls. Consideration is being given to changing the name of the V Bulls match to the Bob Hobbs Match to honour a Kamloops shooter.

We had 38 shooters attend the Frosty Farkey and 30 at the V Bulls. Many favourable comments were made about the range improvements. We are all still learning about what we can shoot in which bays but things are improving.

December and January have seen the Winter League up and running again on Sunday mornings. A new format is being used this year. Every 3rd Sunday is a competition match and we split the purse with the club.

Attendance for these shoots has been good with 10 shooters at the December match and 13 at the January match. We have attracted several new shooters and we are getting people traveling from Williams Lake, the Okanagan, and the lower mainland to attend. Come on out if you want to try the long distance game.

Steve Baarsden was appointed F class director for the BCRA for 2014.

We have installed two new flag poles about 100 m out and to either side of the covered firing point. The new wind flags were appreciated by all. We will be having a work party this spring to make up new target faces for the 300 m & 500 m frames.

## 6. Smallbore Report

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**By Michael Wong** (Director)

Here are some KTSA Smallbore highlights from the past year and a look ahead for this year.

### **Competitive Athletes' Program (CAP)**

Pat Landals is running three CAP practices a week,

Air on Tuesdays and Fridays, and .22 on Thursdays. Turnout is steady but if there are others (junior and adults) interested they are welcome. A number of KTSA shooters went to the BC Provincials in May 2013 and the Richmond

Hibernation match Nov. 1-3rd with a number of personal bests and medals, competition results are posted on [www.bctsa.bc.ca](http://www.bctsa.bc.ca). These are also some of the qualifying matches for the 2015 Canada Winter Games team. The next air match is the Richmond Spring Air March 7-9, 2014. Dates and location for the 2014 Provincial Smallbore Championships will be posted on the BCTSA website once they are confirmed.

The Canada Winter Games are in Prince George, BC in February 2015 and many of our CAP shooters are aiming for a spot on Team BC. There are a number of training camps and qualifying matches leading to the final selection process at the end of this year. Canada Winter Games (CWG) training camp were held at our indoor range at the end of June 2013 and on Jan. 18-19, 2014 The dates and locations for the remaining 2014 CWG camps are still being finalized, but the next one is at the KTSA Indoor Range on April 5 and 6th.

Four KTSA CAP athletes are going to the Canadian Airgun Grand Prix in Toronto, ON, Feb. 14-16. Full details and results can be found at [www.facebook.com/canadianairgungrandprix](http://www.facebook.com/canadianairgungrandprix).

Eight KTSA CAP athletes are shooting in the DCRA Winter Postal Match for the first time in both air and smallbore rifle individual and team matches.

### Smallbore Update

The Monday Morning Smallbore group, has a number of shooters with many years of shooting experience who continue to do very well in the DCRA Postal (Open F-Class Smallbore) with Mark Anderson, Barry Prost, and Paul Reibin placing 1, 3, and 4th in 2013. Full results for 2013 and previous years are posted at [www.dkra.ca/results.php](http://www.dkra.ca/results.php).

Participation in the Tuesday evening Ladies and Smallbore sessions was strong at the beginning of 2013, but dropped off significantly in the last few months (November to January). A reminder if you plan to attend a session please confirm by 5 pm that Tuesday. You may confirm by emailing Diana Wong at [dewong2008@gmail.com](mailto:dewong2008@gmail.com) or by texting Diana at 250-571-6988. Sessions may be cancelled if there are no confirmations.

## 7. Chief Range Officer Report

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By Don Pippolo (Chief Range Officer)

**General Comments:** I have been occupied this past year with some consultations, visits by the CFO, reports to the president, amendments to the Range Safety policy, and some individual safety reminders. This past year saw the implementation of a Duty Range Officer System. This will be an excellent education system for our members, and we are now looking at a permanent system and more regular schedule.

**Yearly activities:** The main thrust of my duties once again has been the training of Club level RSOs. I have done a number of these courses and certified volunteers as required. We now have an RO card system and all certified ROs will be able to present these cards as identification. We are using the 5,000 number series. The RSOs that have been appointed have a good knowledge of their Duties and Responsibilities. To aid in their background information, I have ensured that a study/reading package is available for them on our web site. A

background RO Manual will also be made available to ROs. Anybody interested in the training can contact me through that medium.

**Club matches:** I continue to act as RSO for various club shoots such as the Military Rifle, Pistol and Sniper matches.

**Reminder:** I am an appointee, not on the executive and I work for the Club as a whole. So vent to them not me when you have an issue.

### Duty Range Officers

Terms of reference and duties:

- The key element of this RO duty will be one of education! Followed by enforcement ...if there is a reluctance to comply!
- Don Morphy will have keys for the Club house available to Issue to all.
- RO's, these will be available at the PowderKeg.
- Drop by and sign for a key. The club house will be the swap notes location. There is a clipboard

and incident reports there. There is also a vest to be used to show your appointment. Behind the main sign at the entrance there is a Range Officer on duty sign! That should be posted and removed after one leaves the range.

Some of the Duties are as follows:

- Identify yourself as a KTSA Range Officer.
- Give a reason for the visit. IE: Checking for member cards [Make sure to say that this duty will be an ongoing duty], check for eye protection mandatory, and ear protection! Eject if no compliance.
- Record date and time and names of members and guests. Make notes in the book!
- Observe safe firearms handling (or not). Correct firearms at correct ranges etc.

Duties of the Range Officers shall include but are not limited to:

- Enforcement of the club's Range Safety Policy, print one off the web page, check for membership cards, check that sign-in book is used.
- Enforce the use of proper targets. Absolutely no glass or debris causing targets.

- Inspect the bay before departure of shooters to ensure clean up done.
- Proper Range Protocols used, i.e., Firing line designated, Cease Fire Line designated, proper muzzle control at all times.
- Control of Juniors! By Adult Members.
- Use of load and unload tables, respect for our props, ammo point designated, and vehicles parked outside of bays near fence.
- Use of holsters and slings to control muzzles of guns, especially when we have to proper tables etc in the bays for shooters to place firearms on. You may need to get certified to use a holster in your shooting practice.
- There is no schedule. You are the schedule! I would ask that you leave a sign in sheet in the club house to show when you were there! If you see the sign up advising that there is a RO on duty, then you have been pre-empted for the day. Go and enjoy the range. If no sign is up, then feel free to put it up and act as RO. There is no minimum time and no maximum time to be there. Print this out, and if necessary, show it as your authority to check!

## 8. Competitive Athletes Program

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By Pat Landals (BC Provincial Coach)

We have five athletes in our club all vying for positions on Team BC for the upcoming Canada Winter Games. They have been involved in a rigorous training schedule over the last year and all of them have been progressing towards their ultimate goal. These athletes include (for air rifle) Trayton Brown, Sullivan Fagan, Leia Hoot and Sera Nami and (for air pistol) Dakota O'Donovan. They are up against over a dozen other athletes from around the province to fill just eight positions for Team BC. The final team will consist of two male and two female athletes in each of rifle and pistol disciplines.

On Thursday Feb 13, our four rifle athletes will be heading to Toronto for their first international competition at the Toronto Grand Prix. This event is open to all athletes and is attended by competitors from many different countries. It is a two day, high level match that requires much focus

and commitment. I'm confident that they will all do well. Their results will be posted both the BCTSA and the SFC websites.

We also have three athletes working to qualify for the NAIG (North American Indigenous Games) event taking place in Saskatchewan this summer. These games are attended by First Nations athletes from all across North America. The event for our athletes will be fifty meter-Sporting Rifle with Prone and 3-Position categories. Dakota O'Donovan and his sister Sunshine and Thomas Manuel are all practicing regularly to improve their skills. Congratulations to Sunshine who has already secured a spot on the BC team for NAIG. We'll know soon if Dakota and Thomas will make the team as well.

Good Luck to all our local athletes! Their commitment and determination are outstanding!

## 9. Range Warden Report

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By Don Morphy (Range Warden)

Another cold winter Range Warden Report. Yup, it is cold on the range. The hardy users of the property still show up once in a while, but for the most of us, it is not where we want to be on a minus 15 degree day. As time goes on my “Above Zero” rule becomes more evident. The last time I went to the range to do some fix-up and clean-up I took a self defense 44 magnum with 6 rounds of ammo and six trash bags. All the ammo returned to home.

The new range use signs in the firing point sheds and in the sign in shack seem to help those that can read. These signs clearly show which firearm types that can be used at each of the bays. From what I can see, of the record number of 1,245 members in 2013, about 1,200 can read. If you are one of the 45 that cannot, please call me, I know an excellent tutor.

Shot-gunners need to take note: Shotguns are not to be used anywhere on club property except in Bay 2 and 3. These bays will not have any target backer boards or target stands. Do not move target backer boards and stands into Bay 2 or 3. 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 exempted from this task. I can assure you, that is not the case.

Shotgun use at organized practices and events will be the only exceptions.

In the spring the club is going to install in each of the shotgun bays, a manual clay target throwing machine mounted on a concrete pad. They will be for all to use. They will be adjustable sit on type units for regular clay targets. They will throw singles or doubles.

Each of the other 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 target 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/or any handgun -----NO SHOTGUNS OR HIGH VELOCITY CENTER FIRE RIFLES!!!

The CLUB HOUSE took another leap forward this year. It now has a wood stove in it that is fully functional. The unit burns wood of about 12 inches in length and heats the room nicely. Any responsible club member that uses the outdoor bays often and wishes to have keys may contact me or any other board member. A list of key holders will be kept on file by the KTSA.

Once again, I must say thank you to the KTSA members that lend a helping hand with the outdoor range upkeep plan. Special thanks “from all of us” goes to Allan Ovington. He has been assisting me with range care and clean-up over the past year or so. Allan has been very helpful & I appreciate the helping hand. Just one of the projects Allan took on was the main entrance gate. It was his ability with a lathe and welder that allowed us to have a better entrance gate wheel and easy open system. Please say hello and thank you to Allan if you see him on the property.

## 10. Cowboy Action Shooting Report

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By Mike Reynolds (Director)

2013 was a great year for Cowboy Action Shooting . KTSA hosted the SASS sanctioned “shootout at twin rivers cow town”. It was a great success with over 100 competitors from Canada, USA, and even Germany.

The success of this competition was thanks to the leadership of our president Jim Sloper and the help of a handful of dedicated but overworked club members. It was such a success that we are doing it again this year!

This is great exposure for our club and all shooting sports.. I do believe it is in all of our best interest to pitch-in and make this the best shootout we can. Volunteers needed please!

All improvements made to the range for Cowboy Action Shooting also benefits all club members.

Cowboy Action Shooting is held every Monday at our indoor range. New shooters and spectators are always welcome.



Posse #4 at "the shootout at twin rivers cowtown".