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# Kamloops Target Sports Association

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## 1. President's Report

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By **Jim Sloper** (President)

This report will be an update on range improvements since our last newsletter.

The new adobe style prop in Bay 10 now has stairs in place. Just waiting for special "speckled" paint to arrive, and then will be complete.

Two new clay pigeon throwers have arrived. These work very well. The concrete pads are poured in Bays 2 and 3. Soon the throwers will be permanently fixed to the pads, and a roof over each one. These will be a welcome addition to our range offerings.

Bay 5 has had permanent targets set up for over a week now, and people are using them. Please follow the instructions as to safe distances from targets, etc.

Look forward to other bays with permanent target set ups soon. We especially need a designated bay to accommodate SKS type firearms. This should be operational soon.

As you can see, the club directors are trying hard to set up a range system that will accommodate as many facets of our shooting members as possible. Please do your part to ensure our assets are looked after, and that all safety rules are followed.

Remember, we want our range to be the best in BC and that can only be accomplished with YOUR help! Take pride in our ranges and ensure everyone using them also takes pride in them.

I want to wish everyone a safe, enjoyable summer.

As usual, I urge you to introduce a friend to your shooting sport this year, and to Be Safe - Have Fun - BE SAFE!

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## 2. IPSC Report

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By **Gary Kopp** (Director)

“Are you Ready? Stand by!...”

What is IPSC? Press Ctrl + Click to follow link  
<http://www.youtube.com/embed/NLrBs0zxQoc?autoplay=1>

Whether you are sporting the latest high tech race gear or stock, out of the box production, you can compete with others of similar gear.

Our competitions test accuracy and speed with high powered handguns. Running and gunning under the pressure of the clock is one of the great thrills in this sport.

Matches are the aggregate totals of points from several stages. The key to success is consistency. IPSCBC has produced more National Champions than any other province.

This season is proving to be a busy one for many IPSCBC shooters.

Several clubs that have been, IPSCBC, dormant are now reactivating!

Hosting fun matches and qualifiers, on a local level, can be a great way to train and qualify without the expense of traveling to another club to compete. It takes a solid commitment from 10 club members to put on a match. Currently we are half way there with five KTSA members.

“If you are finished unload and show clear. Hammer down and holster.”

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## 3. Archery Report

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By **Marc Britton** (Director)

Lots going on with the archery side right now..... Archery is still booming!

We hosted our annual 3D shoot on April 12 & 13 and we managed record numbers attending 157 shooters over the two days! This is around 25% up on previous years so it's a good sign of how we're doing, our reputation for holding a good event and how the sport is doing generally.

Our target sponsors were way down on previous years but the high numbers and along with some of the other things we have done like the apparel we sold on the day, the prizes and donations for raffles, silent auctions etc. made it a solid fund raising event for the club. Thanks to all of the local businesses and individuals who supported our event!

Big thanks to Myles Tuba for overseeing the event once again and doing a sterling job as ever along with everyone else who made it out, but especially those who put in the effort and gave up their time to help out. It was a superb event which we felt very proud to be a part of.

So far in 2014, KTSA Archers have visited many 3D shoots, including the biggest indoor 3D in the Province at Abbotsford, 100 Mile Indoor 3D, Nicola Valley/Merritt 3D, Williams Lake 3D, the Traditional Bowhunters of BC Rendezvous at Rock



**Kamloops 3D Archery shoot, Marc & Katie Britton, Brent Thibault, Martin, & Myles Tuba.**



**Marc Britton at the Kamloops 3D archery shoot.**

Creek, Salmon Arm, Cherryville, Logan Lake, etc. Club members have brought back lots of silverware to Kamloops too!

We are still having high numbers attending and not enough help with the newbies which can make it sometimes unmanageable on the shooting line.

So, we are temporarily suspending all drop-ins/beginners on Thursday nights. If experienced members are bringing guests please make sure you are capable to do so and that the beginner is given your full attention. Novice archers should not be bringing anyone to teach but should arrange their visits with their guests through our regular experienced guys/coaches to make sure they have the best foundation, understanding and we all get safe, flowing shooting without incident.

The need is to make sure all shooting, particularly the non-PAL members get the best foundation with the basics, understand all the safety issues and etiquette concerning the shooting line and shooting

with others, and selecting equipment that is both safe and suitable.

We are currently working on some guidelines and looking at a more structured "beginners course" with committed help and mostly outside of Thursday night's "club night".

It will be getting up and running again as soon as possible and anyone who can, and is able to help out on these I would appreciate the help!

The next projects will be to look at getting some kind of shelter on the range and other additions to make it more comfortable up there, again, any help in this project would be gratefully received, so carpenters etc. and contacts with lumber suppliers.....but any hands will be welcome! Thanks to those that have offered help so far. If anyone else can assist, please email me at [ktsaarchery@gmail.com](mailto:ktsaarchery@gmail.com).

We are also looking into replacing the target butts with something more suitable than bags for the numbers of arrows being flung up there these days.

The bag course is up and running again thanks to the hard work of Myles Bruns and Rolf Demale, thanks guys!

Any feedback/suggestions will be gratefully received, we are almost always shooting on Thursday nights and would love to see you out. We try and keep up to the news on the KTSA site so check that out. We have also started a "Kamloops Archers" Facebook group which gets updated regularly (not KTSA affiliated).

Cheers! Marc & Katie



**Setting up for the Kamloops 3D Archery course in March.**

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## 4. Membership Report

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By **Dora Mackay** (Director)

The KTSA has already reached the 1,000 member milestone for 2014; 1,025 to be exact (as of June 1). Our membership is made up of 171 new members and 854 renewing members and of those 15 are juniors, 19 senior families, 171 seniors, 331 families, 7 handicap, 464 singles, and 18 life members. We have 920 Kamloops residents, 57 from within 50 km, 44 from others places within BC, and 3 from out of province.

Because of the large number of members, please keep in mind that the hard working folks at the

Powder Keg will be able to accept correctly completed member applications only. The applications can be obtained through our web site [www.ksa.ca](http://www.ksa.ca) or the sign hut at the range.

I would like to take this time to remind our members to keep your contact information with the KTSA up to date. It's important for insurance purposes and so that we can let you know when great events are coming up. Please send updated information to [ktsamembers@gmail.com](mailto:ktsamembers@gmail.com).

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## 5. Fullbore Report

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By **Barry Prost** (Director)

Lots of good things happening at the long range this year. On April 13th, we hosted a training session for junior shooters who were interested in getting into the F-Class game. We had a full slate of 12 young people with various levels of experience.

Caroline Chupa of Williams Lake was the organizer of the event, with help from her husband Terry and several shooters from Kamloops.

The idea was to pair a new shooter with an experienced mentor who was already competing in F-class and could give practical advice. Six people were on the shooting line while the other six were in the butts learning how to pull, mark, and score targets. Local shooter Mark Anderson ran the butts for us.

Beside each new shooter was one of the old hands, giving advice and coaching while the new shooter fired a string of 12 shots. Some of the parents participated by keeping score. Once they had fired their 12 rounds, the shooters and the people in the butts rotated positions. This gave everyone a chance to do everything that they would do in a real match.

After a lunch break, the process was repeated but this time the coaches sat back and watch the new

shooters put what they had just learned into practice. This was done to really let them experience the exact conditions of a match.

Everyone who participated had nothing but favorable comments about what we accomplished that day. We have the beginning of a Junior F-Class team here in BC.

To our knowledge, this is the first time a clinic like this has been held in North America aimed at developing a junior team. We have had enquiries from other clubs about how to set one of these clinics up and Caroline Chupa is developing a booklet for this.

Some of them are now competing at our matches. We are holding the Art Bourne Match the weekend of June 21-22 and have 10 of the juniors shooting.

Local shooters who donated time, equipment, and ammunition were Steve Baarsdon, Tom Fripp, Dave Assmus, Paul Reibin, Barry Prost, Mark Anderson as well as Caroline and Terry Chupa from Williams Lake. Thank you all!

Also Remember the F-Class Westerns next month in Chilliwack and the BCRA Target Rifle and F-Class Provincial Championships the first weekend in August at Chilliwack.



**Junior F-Class shooters and mentors at the KTSA Long Range April 2014.**

## 6. Recreational Report

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**By Brent Weaver** (Director)

As of May 23, the new TQ500 steel targets were off loaded into the cowboy sea can. We now have 32 twelve inch rounds and 32 eighteen inch square. Club member Jason Labby sourced the steel, welded, and then delivered. I have set five targets and hangers in Bay 5 as of June 2. Notices are posted on both safety tables as well as prop.

The two new clay throwers for Bays 2 and 3 have also arrived. OK Ready Mix has supplied the

concrete for the pads to place them on. Metro Reload has also donated a truck and pup with the crush gravel. Cat Rental donated use of an excavator to spread the gravel. Club members Jeff Mann, Mike Reynolds, and myself formed and poured the pads.

A work party will be arranged to coordinate with Full Bore so we can get a larger pool of people.



Jeff, Mike, and Brent.



Junior member Vann Weaver trying out the new pads.