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1. President's Report

By **Jim Sloper** (President)

Hello everyone. It again has been some time since our last Newsletter. As usual, the Club has been very active with range improvements and member competitions this past year.

Our membership remains fairly constant at 1,200+ members.

More metal targets have been put in the various ranges; some excavation work has been done to improve the long range; fencing, signage, ground preparation done to facilitate our 800 metre range extension; addition of container to store equipment; etc.

Archery, Full Bore, and IPSC put on very successful matches this year. Cowboy Action Shooters will again be hosting the Canadian Nationals in 2017. This will be the third time the Club has hosted the Nationals.

As well, many Club members travelled far and wide to compete successfully in out of town matches.

There have been several introductory shooting venues held for various businesses and schools. These are supported by our Club members volunteering their time, firearms and expertise to ensure the participants enjoy a fun-filled experience with firearms.

Introduce someone new to your shooting discipline this year.

Remember while on our ranges to be safe, have fun, Be Safe!

With nominations now open, please give some thought to letting your name stand for a position on the Board of Directors, or an appointee position. As with any club, a change of "bodies" from time to time is a good thing! New ideas and enthusiasm are always good additions.

A big "Thank you!" to Doug McLeod and his crew for improving our access road this year!

And another "Thank you!" to Senator Nancy Green Raine for keeping the club informed on current firearms legislation!

Best wishes to you and yours for the Holidays and a Happy New Year!

2. Full Bore Report

By **Barry Prost** (Director)

The club has had a busy summer what with range improvements and shoots going on. First of all, thanks to the general shooters for their patience on the days that the long range was shut down while work was being preformed. We tried to minimize the effects but realize that it still affected some of you. Hope you enjoy the improvements to the range . Just a reminder that you should always check the web site for notices.

The Art Bourne match in the spring and the Bob Hobbs and Frosty Farkey in the fall were all either full or nearly so. We have had more new shooters try long distance shooting and enjoying it. A new feature of the shoots has been having Brent Weaver and Judy Anderson showing up to run the BBQ. The shooters really appreciated that hot food. Thank you two! We hope to be able to do this again next year.

We are awaiting inspection and approval of the new 900 yard firing point which is located on top of the berm at Bay 10. Because of its placement and the work done to the range by Cobra Contracting,

we will be able to use both the 500 meter and the 300 meter butts. This will give us 300 and 500 meter and 700 and 900 yard shooting. This is a major improvement but it is not just for the benefit of the target shooters. On times when the 900 yard firing point is in use, we encourage other shooters to join us. There are steel targets as well as paper to shoot at and any of the F-class shooters will be glad to assist anyone in getting zeroed. This will be a controlled firing point and there will be a range officer in charge at all times. As well, there will be NO PARKING ahead of the new fence at these times.

The summer league enjoyed a small but dedicated group of shooters on Monday afternoons. We also trained up some of our juniors as target pullers (let’s keep the money in the club). Several of the F-class shooters turned up to assist and demonstrate long range shooting at the Sponsor’s day in the fall. Winter League will have it’s first meeting on the first Sunday in December (Dec. 4) at 10:00 am. Anyone interested in the long range game is welcome to attend. We will set out our format for the winter then.





Kevin Kansky
F-TR 363 - 26V

Dion St. Jean
Match Director

Carl Caunce
F Open372 - 49V
High V Count 49V

Collin Farquharson
George's son

Bob Pitcairn
TR 364-36V

Sue Baarsden
Bench 373 - 47V
Match Winner

3. Recreational Report

By Brent Weaver (Director)

Betterments, upgrades, improvements, call it what you like, our outdoor range has seen many improvements this year. The most noticeable is the new long range shooting platform.

I'm very much looking forward to trying this once we get the final approval. This will be open to **all club members** at **designated Dates** and Times. So, if you have any interests in trying long range shooting, keep an eye out for notifications.

Twice this year we held sponsored shoots. I would like to thank all the club members who donated their time and firearms to the club, we couldn't have done it without you. This year's major sponsors were Domtar and OK Ready Mix, with an honourable mention to Rona for their continuing support.

This spring I had the pleasure of helping the archery run the BBQs. What a way to increase the

enjoyment of a shoot. So taking a page from their playbook, we started running the BBQ at all of our shoots. "Success", not only did it add to the enjoyment of the shooters, we also made a little profit.

Early this spring I was approached by St Ann's Academy Outdoor Pursuits instructor, and they were interested in teaching the grade nine OP classes gun safety and shooting. KTSA directors unanimously approved the use of our firearms and ranges. We held one class at the indoor in the spring, and the second at our outdoor. There were smiles on everyone's face. Thank you to the RO's, Jim Sloper, Jeff Mann, Don Morph, Jim Bartlett, Mike Reynolds and Barry Zunti.

Last year a local business donated 50 pairs of new shooting glasses. This fall when gathering eyes and ears, a good many were just thrown into a box and all scratched up, we needed cloth bags, so with that

I contacted a very gifted and talented lady. Within 48 hrs the club receive 75 soft cloth bags with para cord draw strings at no cost to the club. A very

special thank you to KTSA member Judy Anderson. The members are what make this club great!



4. Membership Report

By Stefan Schweizer (Director)

As of Nov 15, 2016, we have 1,241 club members; 333 are new and 908 renewed. 1,132 are Kamloops residents and 109 are from outside Kamloops but within BC. 1,034 are male and 207 female. 564 single, 370 family, 203 senior, 60 senior family, 16 Juniors, 17 handicapped, and 11 life members.

Starting 2017 we will introduce a new website. It will have an slightly different look and provide the club with easier options to show upcoming events, range closures etc. You can even subscribe to

Calendars to get all the info directly on to your computer/smartphone.

For a sneak preview go to <http://new.ktsa.ca/>, it is still in early stages, most of the content is still missing but will be transferred pretty soon. Most of the structure is done, but colour or other menu links might change over the course of the next month. Be informed that you do not need to bookmark this link as the legacy URL <http://www.ktsa.ch> will be redirected to the new page once ready.

5. Junior Report

By Curt Tinney (Director)

The KTSA Junior Program is running the 2016 Fall session now. We shoot on Friday nights from 7-9 pm at our indoor range. The fall session will

conclude on Dec. 16. There is still room for member juniors who want to come down and shoot.

The 2017 Winter session will start January 13 and run until April 7. Still on Friday nights from 7-9 pm

at the indoor range. It is on a first come, first served basis with a total of 16 slots available.

The club supplies all the equipment and safety gear needed: Rifles, targets, shooting aids, ammunition, along with required eye and ear protection.

No previous experience required. We will ensure the juniors learn safe firearms handling before we start on marksmanship.

Please contact me @250-371-1694 and ctinney@telus.net or Darrin Ostapowich @250-318-0265, if your junior is interested and you need more

info. Club membership must be current for the junior shooter.

I encourage you to get your juniors out and share the joys and challenges of target sports.

We must keep today's youths involved with shooting sports so they will be advocates to protect and pass on the shooting activities that we all love so much.

See you at the range!



6. IPSC Report

By **Brent Andres** (Director)

A BIG thanks for all the support and help from the club members. We had a great year. We had two KTSA Fun Matches and a Double Qualifier with great turnouts.

We had 12 new Black Badge members in 2016 and looking forward to expanding in 2017.

Hoping to put on a Club Match in April and we have a Double Qualifier scheduled for June 2017.

Any club members interested can come check us out Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the indoor range.

If interested in the Black Badge course, please contact Ron Brady ronyth@telus.net or 250-574-8545.

Go to ipsc.com for additional information or search for IPSC on YouTube for pictures and videos.

IPSC Director Brent Andres 778-470-2510.

7. Archery Report

By Ken Chantler (Director)

Snow free shooting at the outdoor range is coming to an end soon unless the weather continues to be warmer than normal. Indoor shooting has started on Monday evenings, 6-8 pm, at the indoor range.

Our members were active in the spring and summer months attending shoots 3-D shoots from Williams lake to Rock Creek. In Rock Creek on the May long weekend, members Marc and Katie Britton were the top male and female archers for the second straight year at the TBBC (Traditional Bowhunters of BC) provincial 3-D shoot.

Our 3-D shoot in April was another great success with 160+ shooters and a great time was had by all. The planning has already started for the 2017 shoot and we are looking for helping with the planning and set up for the shoot. Course lay out and set up starts in early march. At the shoot, we had several fun shoots (bow birds and running fox) and would like to add at least one more next year.



Left: Katie Britton, collecting her Top-Scoring Woman winner's trophy at the Traditional Bowhunters of BC Rendezvous, Rock Creek; May 2016. Won shooting an un-sighted Recurve. **Right:** Marc Britton, collecting his Top-Scoring Man winner's trophy at the Traditional Bowhunters of BC Rendezvous, Rock Creek; May 2016. Won shooting an un-sighted Longbow.