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On the cover of this issue are the medal winners of the Commonwealth Games Trial.
L-R - Paul Tremblay - 3rd place; Jim Paton - 1st place;
Des Vamplew - 2nd place and Bruce Bullock - 4th place.

Congratulations!!!

Picture taken by Anna Paton.

**The Canadian Championships
August 14 to August 22, 2009**

DCRA APPROVED MEMBERSHIP FEES - 2010

MEMBERSHIP YEAR, 1ST APRIL 2009 - 31ST MARCH, 2010

Life	Sliding scale	Meeting:	
Under 25 Term	\$260.00	Non-Canadian	\$ 50.00
Annual	\$125.00	Service	\$ 32.00
Under 25 Annual	\$ 85.00	Postal	\$ 16.00
Associate (Note 1)	\$ 50.00	Pavilion Club	15.00 GBP
Limited Associate (Note 2)	\$ 25.00		

DCRA Life Membership Fees (Senior)

Age	Rate	Age	Rate
25-30	x30 annual rate	51-52	x19 annual rate
31-32	x29 annual rate	53-54	x18 annual rate
33-34	x28 annual rate	55-56	x17 annual rate
35-36	x27 annual rate	57	x16 annual rate
37-38	x26 annual rate	58	x15 annual rate
39-40	x25 annual rate	59	x14 annual rate
41-42	x24 annual rate	60	x13 annual rate
43-44	x23 annual rate	61	x12 annual rate
45-46	x22 annual rate	62	x11 annual rate
47-48	x21 annual rate	63	x10 annual rate
49-50	x20 annual rate	64	x09 annual rate
		65	x08 annual rate

Age calculated as of 1 April

Note 1 - For competing in BP or NSCC matches only

Note 2 - Includes insurance but does not include The Canadian Marksman

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Correction:

An apology from Clint Dahlstrom:

I wish to apologize to those who read my article "The New Challenge - 90's in a 223" in the Winter/Spring issue of the Canadian Marksman. There in I failed in proof reading so that several group dimensions were reported to be in "inches" when the dimensions for all groups beyond 100 yards were measured and reported in "true minutes". The numbers are correct but they are minutes not inches.

Open Letter to NSCC Competitors from Chairman of Shooting Committee

This letter is directed to those competitors who have fully supported the NSCC program, as an apology, as you were handled badly by the scheduling of the NSCC/CFSAC.

As the person responsible for shooting activities that the DCRA undertakes, the decision to comply with the 2008 CFSAC schedule which seriously compromised our civilian shooters wishing to participate in the NSCC was mine.

The ambitious exercise which CFSAC is and the DCRA's desire to support the military competitions resulted in a somewhat unilateral scheduling of CFSAC to the detriment of the NSCC Program. This was even with the best of efforts by the NSCC Chairman to position the NSCC in a more favourable timetable.

I wish to assure you that the decision was not taken lightly and that alternate dates were not feasible. As it was, we delayed posting the NSCC dates because of searching for viable options. I want to assure you that next year the NSCC will be run on dates that will be better advertised and made more opportune for you. The best option at the moment is to conduct them immediately prior to the CFSAC.

Again, my apologies for this year. We learn.

Yours in shooting
Serge Bissonnette
Chairman of the Shooting Committee

The DCRA Annual General Meeting

Schedule of Events - APRIL 2009

- 3 April DCRA/PRA Workshop - 1330 hours
- 4 April Council Meeting at discretion of President - 0930 hours
- 4 April Annual General Meeting - 1000 hours
- 4 April Annual Dinner (time and location to be determined)
- 5 April New Council Meeting - 0930 hours
- 5 April New Executive Committee Meeting, following Council Meeting

Location: Connaught Range, Building to be announced later

Dinner Saturday

Saturday evening will feature the traditional blazer and tie dinner at a local restaurant. Please let the DCRA office know if you plan on attending the dinner so reservations can be made.

Annual General Meeting - Agenda

1. Opening Remarks by the President
2. Statutory Declaration of Notice of Annual General Meeting
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes of the DCRA AGM, 5 April 2008
5. Annual Report
6. Reports from Provincial Rifle Associations
7. Committee Reports
8. Vote of Thanks
9. Adoption of Financial Statement and Reports
10. Approval of Budget for 2008-09
11. Approval of Actions of Council and Executive in FY 07/08
12. Report of the Nominating Committee
13. Date of next Annual General Meeting
14. New Business
15. Adjournment

Costs

Registration \$ 15.00
Accommodation \$ 5.00 / night

Nominations for DCRA Council

In this issue of the Marksman you will find the call for nominations for the DCRA Council. In addition to positions filled by appointees from the Provincial Rifle Associations, ten places at-large are available for full members of the DCRA, with those elected serving a two-year term. If there are more than ten nominations, an election will be held by mail. Council members whose term is expiring are eligible for re-nomination and re-election.

The Nominating Committee strongly encourages all those with an interest in the affairs of the DCRA to consider making nominations and/or standing for Council. It is through the Council that the members can influence the policy and direct the future course of the Association.

It is also from the Council that the members of the Executive Committee will be drawn. The By-Laws require that voting members of the Executive must be members of Council. This adds additional importance to the nominations about to be made.

We urge members to take a serious interest in the nomination process. Those with dedication and commitment to the DCRA are warmly encouraged to offer their names for election. Only full (not Associate) members of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association are eligible for nomination and election to Council.

The DCRA is pleased to announce the appointment of BGen Raymond Romses as the new President of the association. BGen Romses took over the reins of power from MGen (ret'd) Tom de Faye at the Macdonald Stewart dinner in August. We would like to thank MGen (ret'd) Tom for his many years of service to the DCRA and welcome Ray to the position.

REGISTRATION FORM

RSVP BY 6 MARCH 2009

Name: _____

I will will not attend the PRA/DCRA workshop. Province: _____

I will will not attend the AGM. Registration fee is \$15.00

I will arrive on _____ at _____ hrs I will depart on _____ at _____ hrs

Means of Transportation _____

- I require quarters on the range for the following nights: _____
- I do not require quarters
- I will attend the annual dinner on Saturday.
- I will not attend the annual dinner on Saturday.

TO: ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE DCRA

**COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE
ELECTED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

NOMINATIONS FOR 2009-2010 COUNCIL

Elected by acclamation in 2007, term of office expires April 2009

This official notice solicits your nominations for 10 new members to replace those elected in *April 2007*.

- Mr. Alan Clarke, Ontario**
- Mr. Peter Dobell, British Columbia**
- Mr. Ian Hogg, Prince Edward Island**
- Mr. Frank Jermey, Ontario**
- Mr. Jack McKellar, Ontario**
- Mr. Andy Kolenko, Ontario**
- Mr. Fazal Mohideen, Ontario**
- Dr. Roger Mullin, Ontario**
- Mr. Des Vamplew, Ontario**
- Mr. Roger Romses, Ontario**

The list of names in bold font indicates the members of Council who were elected in 2007 for a two-year term until 2009 and who require replacement. These individuals may be nominated for re-election if available and willing to stand. The list also contains the names of those who were elected in 2008 for service until April 2010.

Elected by acclamation in 2008, term of office expires April 2010

All PRA's are asked to also submit the names of their Designated Council Members for 2009/10 so that we can avoid nomination conflicts with the elected list.

- Ms. Julie Belanger, Ontario
- Mr. John Chapman, Manitoba
- Major George Harper (Ret'd), Ontario
- Mr. Chris Jones, Ontario
- Mr. Alain Marion, Quebec
- Mr. Ric Melling, Ontario
- Mr. Paul Tremblay, Quebec
- Mr. Patrick Vamplew, Ontario
- Mr. Edson Warner, Quebec
- Mr. Peter Westlake, Ontario

Nominations must be received or postmarked no later than 20 February 2009.

Aaron Daley
Secretary-Treasurer

NOMINATIONS FOR DCRA COUNCIL 2009 (form may be copied or facsimile submitted)

The undersigned members of the DCRA hereby nominate _____
for election to the DCRA Council at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

Proposer: _____ Signed: _____

Secunder: _____ Signed: _____

I accept this nomination to serve on the DCRA Council if elected: Signed: _____

To serve on the DCRA Council, if elected, the individual's membership must be renewed and in good standing. Biographical information is to be supplied by the **nominee** in the space below. This and only this information provided will be included in the ballot for the vote.

Life, Full and Under 25 members only are eligible to nominate and vote.
All eligibility will be checked by the DCRA office.

Please return this form to the DCRA, 45 Shirley Blvd., Nepean, ON K2K 2W6 or
Fax (613) 829-0099 Attention: Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
Nominations must be received or postmarked by February 20, 2009

National Service Conditions Championship 2008

Keith Cunningham

The DCRA National Services Conditions Championship (NSCC) was held during the period of 05-14 September 2008. This year was a very different year as the DCRA was awarded the contract from the military to conduct the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition (CFSAC) and, of course, NSCC was in a place to support it.

Appreciation...

The behind the scenes work and determination that went into the successful completion of this contract was incredible. With the DCRA's ultimate reason for existence being held up for all to see, it was absolutely essential that the organization of these matches be done in the most professional manner. It was, of course, the DCRA staff that made these matches a showpiece. Their determination to get the job done made the difference.

Appreciation is specifically extended to Serge Bissonnette, Bill Molnar, Aaron Daley, Betty-Ann Ferguson and all of the other administrative staff and the range staff whose efforts and will "to make it happen" actually did make it happen.

I would also extend my appreciation to the Connaught Range staff that provided the ranges for us and provided us with the administrative details that allowed the matches to take place.

I wish also to extend my most profound appreciation to the "Senior Shooters" who provided me with the sound and timely counsel when it was required. Each of you by providing the "steadiness in the ranks" made a difference and with your cooperation these matches were the success they were. We cannot do this without you and I thank you.

And finally, I wish to extend my appreciation to all the competitors who gave the extra effort by volunteering for work parties to make sure all of the many little details were accomplished. It is as a result of this willingness to help that we can have these matches.

The Challenges for this year...

The challenges for this year were of a different nature than other years. It was the first time the CF and the DCRA have worked so closely in the conduct of these matches. It was the first time that the CF has contracted for the running of these matches and the first time the DCRA has had the responsibility for them. Although last year preliminary steps were made to move in this direction and cooperation was extended between the CF and DCRA, this year was a first.

From an events scheduling point of view, all effort was made to compartmentalize the different events so that there was no overlap between them. This allowed a competitor to finish one weapon class before moving onto the other. This was well received and is highly recommended for next year. The NSCC matches were conducted before CFSAC so they could be used by the military as a warm up event.

The Queen's Medal for the Reserve Force and RCMP was again acquired and presented to the champion rifle shot. However, the military insisted that the scores used to determine the winner be those obtained from CFSAC.

I encourage provinces to pry loose some of their service conditions shooters and bring out a team. If they need any

assistance in getting one started they have only to give me a call or e-mail and I will assist in any way possible.

These matches are not just for military personnel. Civilians who are interested in this style of shooting are more than welcome to join in the fun. If you are interested contact the DCRA for details. We would also take this opportunity to congratulate Cpl J Grondin, LFAA, who won the Regular Force Queen's Medal. Cpl Grondin was, just last year, a tyro and was a member of this year's Canadian Forces Combat Shooting team to Bisley.

Some Changes - Current and Upcoming...

NSCC is going to continue to watch the CFSAC course of fire fairly closely and try to stay in step with them. If the CFSAC shooters can use NSCC as a warm up event it may result in more entries and in NSCC showing support to the CF.

We will continue to do what we can to schedule the events so that competitors do not have to shoot pistol in the evening if they are shooting rifle and sniper rifle during the day. The plan is to compartmentalise the events so that there is one weapon class shooting at a time.

This year for the NSCC pistol events we used matches selected from the Operational Shooting Association's pistol course of fire. The idea was to provide pistol matches where the targets reacted as they do for the rifle matches, to include moving targets. I had pictured a relay of pistol shooters similar to what we see in Service Rifle. Unfortunately, due to range and safety restrictions, we could only shoot in relays of 7. This resulted in many more relays than expected, which made the day longer than intended. We did receive many positive comments about this style of pistol shooting and would like to hear further from anyone as to whether you would like it to continue.

For next year I would like to suggest the following:

Series A: Select 4 matches from the CFSAC pistol course of fire; and

Series B: Select 4 matches from the US Steel Championship course of fire.

The scores from these matches would be adjusted so that they would properly fit into the NSCC Canadian 3-Gun Championship.

DCRA Service Conditions Hall of Fame...

The DCRA has in place the Service Conditions Hall of Fame. Consideration for entry into the Hall of Fame will depend on a variety of conditions for which the accumulation of points are needed. Details can be obtained from the DCRA.

Conclusion...

If anyone has any comments or ideas please contact me and let me know what you are thinking.

Keith Cunningham
NSCC Chief Range Officer
Phone 705-454-8306
E-mail milcun@sympatico.ca

See the letter from the
Chairman of the Shooting Committee on page 2

2008 NATIONAL SERVICE CONDITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

Canadian National Service Rifle Champion

Mr. Keith Cunningham

Pistol Champion

James Boa Cup

Ms. Amy Bovell

Canadian National 3 Gun Champion

Mr. Keith Cunningham

Precision Rifle Champion

Dominion Cartridge Trophy

Ms. Linda Miller

Des Burke Award

Mr. Keith Cunningham

<u>Service Rifle- Individual Matches</u>				<u>DCRA 550</u>			
Match 1	Open	Mr. Keith Cunningham	50V9	Mr. Keith Cunningham		575V71	
	CF	Capt K Brooks, ATESS	50V6	CWO DP Atkins, LFCA		552V33	
	Rgr	Sgt E Waye, 2 GPRC	45V4	Deliberate Aggregate - King/Dundonald Cup			
Match 2	Open	Sgt KE Grant, LFCA	50V6	Mr. Keith Cunningham		150V26	
	CF	Gdsm O Lewis, LFCA	50V6	Snap Aggregate - Sherwood Cup			
	Rgr	Rgr D Guhl, 1 CRPG	42V1	Sgt G McKillop, LFAA		146V12	
Match 3	Open	Mr. Ken Ferguson	50V5	Rapid Aggregate - Borden Cup			
	CF	PO2 B Browne, MCST	50V4	Mr. Keith Cunningham		145V16	
	Rgr	Pte L Kautuq, 1 CRPG	31V2	Fire & Movement Aggregate - Wills/Morkem Trophy			
Match 4	Open	2Lt N Fysh, LFCA	49V5	CWO DP Atkins, LFCA		139V11	
	CF	2Lt A Spencer, LFCA	49V4	Highest Serving Commissioned Officer - Barlow Cup			
	Rgr	Rgr W Porter, 2 GPRC	40V2	Capt SP Gagnon, LFCA		543V32	
Match 5	Open	Mr. Keith Cunningham	50V8	Top Civilian Stage 1 - NSRA Award			
	CF	Capt SP Gagnon, LFCA	49V6	Mr. Keith Cunningham		575V71	
	Rgr	Rgr W Porter, 2 GPRC	47V3	Stage 1 Aggregate - Helmer Trophy			
Match 6	Open	WO J Desroches, LFCA	50V8	Mr. Keith Cunningham		575V71	
	CF	Capt K Brooks, ATESS	50V6	Stage 2 Aggregate - Currie Shield			
	Rgr	MCpl H Freund, 1 CRPG	38V3	Adj F Duchesneau, 2 GPRC		183V11	
Match 7	Open	Mr. Keith Cunningham	50V9	<u>Service Rifle Team Matches</u>			
	CF	CWO DP Atkins, LFCA	50V4	Stage 1 Team of 4 - Gascoigne Bowl			
	Rgr	Rgr J-M Beaulne, 2 GPRC	43V4	LFAA - Reg Force # 3		2131V133	
Match 8	Open	CWO DP Atkins, LFCA	48V6	Sgt G McKillop, Sgt R Smith,			
	CF	Cpl A Chiu, 1 Wing	48V4	Cpl J Grondin, Pte J Clarkson			
	Rgr	MCpl H Freund, 1 CRPG	39V3	Match 52 - Falling Plates			
Match 9	Open	Mr. Keith Cunningham	50V9	LFCA Pretty Boys			
	CF	Pte JR Ferguson, 2 CMBG	50V6	Lt N Fysh, MCpl D Popadick,			
	Rgr	Rgr W Porter, 2 GPRC	46V3	Cpl Steele, MCpl C Ryan			
Match 10	Open	Mr. Keith Cunningham	50V7	<u>Precision Rifle- Individual Matches</u>			
	CF	Cpl R Steacy, LFWA	49V4	Match 60			
	Rgr	Rgr W Porter, 2 GPRC	44V3	Open	SA Poaps/Sgt Philpott		96V6
Match 11	Open	Sgt G McKillop, LFAA	49V6	CF	PO1 Cashin/Capt Savage		70V5
	CF	Adj F Duchesneau, 2 GPRC	49V3	Match 61			
	Rgr	Rgr W Porter, 2 GPRC	41V1	Open	T Bledowski/T Perkins		97V10
Match 12	Open	Mr. Kevin Tateismi	49V4	CF	SA Poaps/Sgt Philpott		87V5
	CF	Pte DE Ferguson, LFAA	47V2	Match 62			
	Rgr	Rgr J-M Beaulne, 2 GPRC	33V1	Open	K Cunningham/L Miller		84V1
200 Phase Aggregate				CF	SA Poaps/Sgt Philpott		78V4
Mr. Ken Ferguson			193V11	Match 63			
300 Phase Aggregate				Open	K Cunningham/L Miller		98V12
Mr. Keith Cunningham			192V26	CF	PO1 Cashin/Capt Savage		95V10
500 Phase Aggregate				Match 64			
Mr. Keith Cunningham			194V25	Open	T Bledowski/T Perkins		99V12
				CF	PO1 Cashin/Capt Savage		98V7
				Match 65			
				Open	T Bledowski/T Perkins		99V12
				CF	SA Poaps/Sgt Philpott		94V4

Match 66	Open K Cunningham/L Miller	95V8
	CF PO1 Cashin, Capt Savage	92V6
Match 67	Open USMC	
	Sgt Getscher/Gy Sgt Bosch	

Precision Rifle- Team Matches

4 Man Team Champions - Major Molnar Trophy		
	The ORA 6.5's -	
	K Cunningham, L Miller	
	T Perkins & T Bledowski	1311V106

Cdn. National Precision/Sniper Pairs Champions		
-The Molson Macpherson Trophy		
	Keith Cunningham, Linda Miller	663V54

Pistol - Individual Matches

Match 20	Open S Stewart	92
	CF SA Poaps	86
Match 21	Open R Kurina	96
	CF Capt Savage	94
Match 22	Open R Kurina	98
	CF SA Poaps	95
Match 23	Open Cdr Trim	98
	CF Capt Savage	95
Match 24	Open MS Smith	47
	CF MCpl Kehoe	47
Match 25	Open SGt Getscher	60
	CF MS Smith	60
Match 26	Open Cdr Trim	145
	CF Lt(N) Giannou	143
Match 27	Open WJ Martyn	96
	CF Cdr Trim	88
Match 28	K Cunningham	
Series "A" Shield		
	Steven Stewart	368
Series "B" Shield		
	Ms Amy Bovell	339

Pistol - Team Matches

Team of 4 - Commissioner Wood Trophy		
	Canada/USA Team	2601
	MJ Martyn, K Cunningham	
	Gy Sgt Bosch, Sgt Getscher	

Clay Bird - Match 54	
	Canada/USA Team

<u>PISTOL CHAMPIONS</u>		
Pistol Champion		
Open	Ms Amy Bovell	702
CF	Cdr Trim	682
Pistol Tyro Champion		
Open	Cdr Trim	682
CF	A/Slt Fogo	591

<u>PRECISION RIFLE CHAMPIONS</u>	
Precision/Sniper Individual Champion	
	Ms. Linda Miller 334V27
Precision/Sniper Tyro Champion	
	Captain Savage 314V21

<u>SERVICE RIFLE CHAMPIONS</u>		
Canadian Service Rifle Champion		
1st Place	Mr. Keith Cunningham	753V80
2nd Place	CWO DP Atkins, LFCA	726V45
3rd Place	Mr. Ken Ferguson	723V41
Top Canadian Forces (Reserve) and RCMP		
	CWO DP Atkins, LFCA	726V45
Top Canadian Forces (Regular)		
	Sgt R Smith, LFAA	718V53
Des Burke Award		
	Mr. Keith Cunningham	234V29
Tyro Service Rifle Champion		
Open	Bdr WJ Burton, LFAA	522V30
CF/RCMP	Gdsm O Lewis, LFCA	521V36
Bolt Action Champion		
	Capt C Schubert	410V12

<u>Canadian 3 Gun Champion</u>		
1st Place	Mr. Keith Cunningham	1569V98
2nd Place	Mr. S. Stewart	1408V26
3rd Place	Capt P Savage, MARLANT	1382V41

Our appreciation goes to LCol P.J. Ward who was the competition commander. He is a strong supporter of the training value of these matches and we hope the DCRA can return the support in his efforts to promote the value of these types of matches.

LCol Ward's right hand man is Capt Steve Tibbetts, who is responsible to the CF for the conduct of CFSAC. He is a Queen's Medallist and a Target Rifle shooter who understands the roots and history for which the DCRA exists. He supported the NSCC as an important training vehicle for the CF to use in preparation for CFSAC. He now continues to support the PRAs in their effort to provide valid training opportunities for members of the CF.

CFSAC/CFSC had competitors from Land Forces Western Area, Land Forces Atlantic Area, Land Forces Central Area, MCST (MARLANT), Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, 39 Canadian Brigade Group, 1 Wing, Naval Combat Shooting Team, Ottawa, ATESS, 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, 3 CRPG, 4 CRPG, 5 CRPG, 2 GPRC (SQFT), 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, United States Marine Corp, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Royal Guards - Denmark, Latvia.



2008 NATIONAL BLACK POWDER CHAMPIONSHIPS



Edson Warner, BP Committee Acting Chairman

In appreciation

Chris Jones has been the DCRA Black Powder Committee Chairman for five years, since 2004, when I had heart bypass surgery and he took over from me. Due to sickness in his family Chris wants to give the reins back to me. I will do as well as I can for two years.

Just to have "a place to shoot", we must thank CRPTC Commandant Col. Cyr, Serge Bissonnette, Jim Thompson, Aaron Daley, Betty-Ann Ferguson, Peter Vaughan, Keith Bornn, Bob Francis and his congenial range staff, Pat Quinn and his markers and the people who feed us.

NBPC 2008

Dave Gullo won frequently and set us all a good example. Competency, good eyes and good humour and a willingness to share his knowledge.

The International BP Team Match had to be cancelled because neither Canada or the U.S.A. could field a team.

Things ran on time, with two shooters per target. It did not rain on us. There were no hassles or problems for the Match Committee. Good fun was had by all present.

The Reasons Why?

1. The inflated cost of gasoline on both sides of the Border. That seems to be correcting itself by 30%.
2. Since 2001 the DCRA BP Matches have been the victim of some unrealistic budgeting, in which we were not consulted. \$300 plus a "Meeting Membership" of \$75 or \$95 for TWO days' is TOO much. Former happy competitors stay at home.
3. The high doorstep/cost of equipment, NOT the stuff you inherited, but the stuff you have to buy new, now.
4. The secrets and mysteries of physics and mathematics and chemistry, bullet casting and reloading.
5. We are not reproducing ourselves often enough. (You may grin.)

What to do?

I will move, or cause to be moved, at the next Annual Meeting this motion: "Reduce the BP Entry Fees to \$200 and to \$150 for a Tyro (someone who has never shot long range BP before)."

NO CHANGE REQUIRED:

Rule 14.25 (2) permits coaching if it is allowed in the match conditions. If two men on the same target shoot consecutively they can share the same rifle.

For those who can bring a Tyro or a senior, load twice as many cartridges, shoot first to get the elevation, then switch places and keep the score card and score book for your buddy.

I will try to reach former BP competitors and others interested with these improvements to our Post-1967 Ottawa programme.

**Please see an important notice for
Black Powder competitors on page 64.**

WILF BLACK - Real ORIGINAL

Gold	Darrell Tonn	39V1
Silver	Glenn Kaye	38V1
Bronze	Chris Jones	35V1

VICTORIAN - 300 YDS.

Gold	Dave Gullo	44V0
Silver	Darrell Tonn	40V0
Bronze	Chris Jones	39V1

CREEDMOOR - 500 YDS.

Gold	Dave Gullo	48V4
Silver	Darrell Tonn	48V4
Bronze	Edson Warner	43V1

WIMBLEDON - 600 YDS.

Gold	Dave Gullo	47V3
Silver	Darrell Tonn	43V0
Bronze	Chris Jones	42V1

BLACK POWDER - 700 M

Gold	Dave Gullo	48V3
Silver	Darrell Tonn	47V3
Bronze	Edson Warner	44V0

LONG RANGE - 800M

Gold	Dave Gullo	48V6
Silver	Darrell Tonn	47V2
Bronze	Glenn Kaye	40V1

BP-1000

Gold	Dave Gullo	33V0
Silver	Darrell Tonn	33V0
Bronze	Glenn Kaye	36V0

SHORT RANGE AGG - CARTRIDGE

First	Dave Gullo	139V7
Second	Darrell Tonn	131V4
Third	Chris Jones	120V2

LONG RANGE AGG - CARTRIDGE

First	Dave Gullo	139V9
Second	Darrell Tonn	127V5
Third	Glenn Kaye	113V2

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The Shotgun Section

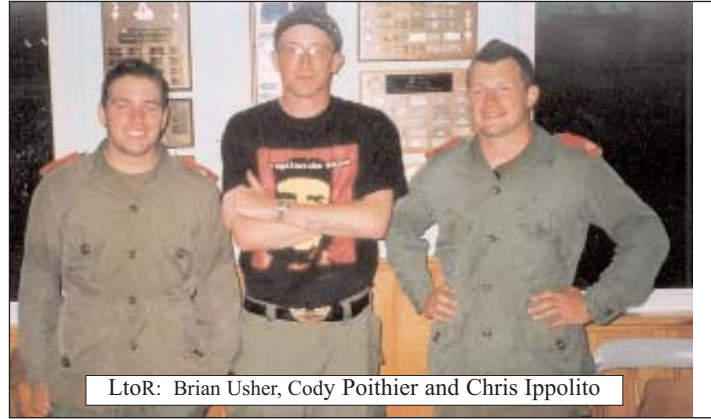
Jeff Kellett

In August the DCRA, through the Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships, sponsored two shotgun events. The medals provided were contested keenly.

Due to conflict with other circuit events during the CFRC, the NCRRA Shotgun Section held the 100 target skeet match, for section members, on 10 August. The 50 target event, for devout riflemen seeking a bit of light relief, went ahead on the 20th. Included were a squad of Cadet Camp staff who also had a blast. We were not as busy as hoped, but are determined to keep on pushing. First, CFRC attendance was down as some international teams were on their "off" year. One of these usually shoots skeet. 2009 should be better. Second, Cadet staff did not visit our range throughout the summer to the usual degree, but a few came over at the last minute.

Our Scott Murray did form a squad of riflemen, all from Canada. Paul Bawden took the Gold (42), Jeff Lambe the Silver (41) and Scott the Bronze (38). Capt. Mike Melnichuk was fourth. As a CFRC relay had to be repeated the rest arrived very late and shot in half-light at the most. Scores were low but spirits high. Thanks to Cadet staff Ippolito, Melling, Poithier and Usher for supporting the event. Likewise to all who attended the two events.

As for the Section members, Steve Loveday (99) took the Gold, Cdr (Ret) Jeff Kellett (98) was bridesmaid and Ric Robinson (97) won the Bronze after a tie-break with Mike Maddin. A technical hitch precludes a photo - no loss really as we all look an absolute fright!



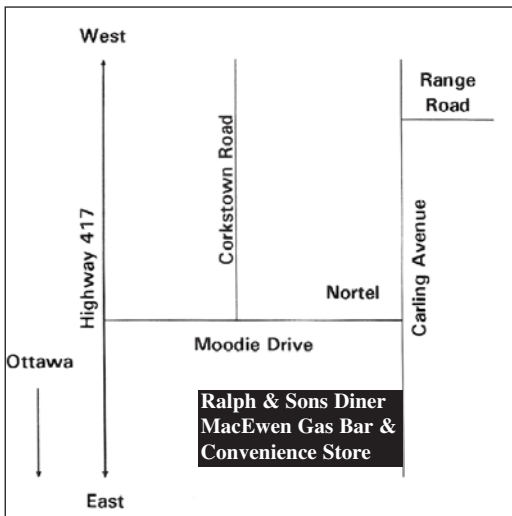
LtoR: Brian Usher, Cody Poithier and Chris Ippolito



LtoR: Paul Bawden (Gold), Jeff Lambe (Silver), Scott Murray (Bronze)

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The 126th Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships

Dr. Jim Thompson, Chairman, Programme Committee

The 126th Annual Prize Meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, the Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships (CFRC), was conducted at Connaught Ranges from the 15th to the 24th of August, 2008. Following the very large entry that we had enjoyed in 2007, and the consequential changes to the Programme for 2006 and 2007, for this year we went back to the well-tried format used up to 2005. There was one additional day of shooting as part of the selection process for the 2010 Commonwealth Games. It had been planned to hold a three-day F Class Tournament after this, but, unfortunately, entries did not reach the required level and the event was, with regret, cancelled.

This was not a large year for international teams or visitors. We were pleased to welcome a Goodwill Team from the USA, a small team from Jamaica, as well as with individuals from Australia, Bermuda and the Channel Islands. These, joined with entries from across Canada, the British Cadet Rifle Team (the Athelings), Canadian and UK (ACF) Cadets, and many Cadet Instructors, resulted in a rather modest level of entry. I have some further comments on this later in this report.

The Long Range Challenge went back to being a two-day event on the first Friday and Saturday, with a similar arrangement being introduced for the 223/556 Championship. The Sierra ISSF Championship was held entirely on the first Friday. Black Powder Matches were held on the first three days, with a low entry. These matches are covered in a separate report in this issue. The Coaches Match returned to the schedule and had a fairly good response. The two Short Course Aggregates were not well supported and need to be reviewed for 2009.

Keith Bornn was our very capable CRO, with Wing ROs, Bert Pratte and Karl Bartlet - this proved to be a good working arrangement. They were assisted by a capable group of ROs and AROs, with some old and some new faces. And, as always, the schoolgirl markers from Smiths Falls, under the direction of CBO Pat Quinn and WBO Brent Rotondo, did an excellent job. Their wonderful standard of butt marking adds a great deal to the success and enjoyment of the competition. Ian Rumbold joined the team to serve as our QM. He and his crew did a very good job, learning and gaining experience quickly, in overcoming the challenges, foreseen and unforeseen, which go along with this vital task. The Connaught Staff again provided invaluable support, in many ways unseen by and unknown to the majority of competitors. And the permanent DCRA Staff, along with those who joined us for the matches, performed in noble fashion, often under very rushed and difficult circumstances. Our new Secretary-Treasurer and Match Director, Aaron Daley coped very well in this his "baptism of fire". We thank him, and Betty Ann Ferguson and Peter Vaughan, as well as Sandy Kirkpatrick, for their excellent work, often involving very long and stressful days. I would again like to thank Daniel Chisholm who ran the squadding software, and produced all the squadding data in good

time. There was a lot of fine-tuning of the squadding, to try to match the level of entry, up to the last moment. I re-jigged all the data for this on the day after I got back from Bisley! Peter ran the scoring programme, and once again results were posted very quickly - both at the range and on the web site.

As has been my practice for several years, I wrote a report each evening which went on to the DCRA web site, along with the daily results. Since these reports may be read in all their shining detail on the web site, as may the full results of all events, I will not strain your patience here. A summary of the major prize winners may be found elsewhere in this issue.

We were reasonably fortunate this year with the weather, in spite of an inauspicious start on first Friday. A looming thunderstorm forced cancellation of the evening match, the Ottawa Regiment. On Monday, shooting was brought to a halt by the approach of another storm, with the second ranges of the John Brick and Norman Beckett incomplete. We were able to finish both of these on Wednesday evening. Otherwise, it stayed reasonably fine, but for much of the week it was pretty windy.

The tradition of the Macdonald Stewart Dinner was continued at the Chateau Laurier on the last Friday evening. It was, as always, a very fine evening, but we were all disappointed that Mrs. Liliane Stewart was not able to attend this year. The Macdonald Stewart Museum again provided a superb display of antique firearms associated with the US Civil War.

The annual cofffee(sic-hic) match between Colin Brown and Jim Thompson ended in a triumph for Jim, after four years of ties. He won nine ranges to Colin's six, with one tied, and two being declared non-results.

Due to the low entry, adjustments were made to several of the team matches. In the Provincial and London Merchants, there was a most welcome infusion of cadet shooters on many of the teams. Provinces were allowed to enter more than one team if they wished. In the absence of the German Team, the usual BDMP medals were not presented in the Outlander. The number of shooters on the Commonwealth Match Teams was reduced from 12 to 8 for this year. In both the Commonwealth and Canada Matches, a second Canadian Team, shooting alongside for team development and training purposes, was allowed. Each match had three teams competing: Canada, USA and the Rest of the World (made up of shooters from Australia, Bermuda, Channel Islands and Jamaica).

As I have said, the major results are summarised elsewhere in this issue and given in full on the web site. I will simply congratulate the major winners here: Roger Romses, Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate; James Paton, the Governor General's; and Marius de Champlain, for both the Grand and Governor General's in F Class.

At the Prize Giving on Final Saturday, all awards, both TR and F Class were presented, in spite of some rumours to the contrary. During the Ceremony, our new President, BGen Ray Romes, formally took office, in succession to MGen Tom de Faye. We welcome BGen Romes and we thank MGen de Faye for all he has done in his many years as our President.

The last shooting event for the Meeting was the conclusion of the second part of the Commonwealth Games Trial, in preparation for team selection for India in 2010. A special aggregate had been devised for both 2007 and 2008 in which the longer ranges were all fired shoulder-to-shoulder. The top 24 shooters were eligible to fire in a final day to complete the preliminary selection. In the end, some of those eligible decided not to carry on, so that 12 shooters fought it out, firing 10 shots at 300, 500 and 600 yards, and 15 at 800 and 900 metres. The weather stayed reasonably fine all day, with a wind variable enough to cause some problems. Those in the top four positions changed several times during the day. The final four were James Paton, Des Vamplew, Paul Tremblay and Bruce Bullock. They will now go through a further training and selection process before the 2010 Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships and Commonwealth Games in India.

All in all, the 126th DCRA Prize Meeting was a successful one from a shooting point of view. There was lots of good competition in testing conditions. That is just what the National Championship should be all about.

The big disappointment this year was the level of entry. While we had not anticipated anything close to the very high numbers in 2007, we had not predicted that so many people would not attend this year. There are many reasons for this, some of which I'll list (in no particular order):

- ** A post-2007 "hang-over", with many shooters at home and abroad taking a year off.
- ** Much reduced attendance from the USA and elsewhere.
- ** Increasing travel costs and increasing hurdles for transport of firearms and ammunition by air.
- ** Views that entry fees are too high, especially in this period of economic uncertainty.
- ** Feelings amongst some that the matches are too long and that the number of days should be reduced.
- ** Competing events, especially in the USA, such as the NRA Camp Perry before and the Spirit of America Matches after the CFRC, which are too close in time to the Canadian Championships.
- ** Perceptions, generally false, that it is difficult to bring shooting equipment into Canada.
- ** A drop-off in F Class shooters, especially in the F-Open Class, perhaps also due to competing events in the USA.
- ** The removal of the Connaught camp site.
- ** And so on.

In the last month, the DCRA has conducted a survey to try to obtain information about people's attitudes to the Canadian Championships and to try to find means of encouraging attendance. The responses are being analysed and will be summarised as quickly as possible. Clearly, the level of entry needs to increase from this year's low in order to keep the matches viable.

We know that there are always areas for improvement, and we invite all members to continue to offer their views.

All constructive suggestions will be considered by the Programme and Executive Committees.



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The "F" Class Final Qualifier

Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	299
Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	294
Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	292

The Letson

TR	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	105V15
	Peter Church, Dearborn, MI, USA	104V14
	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	104V12
"F"	Marius De Champlain, Rimouski, QC	122
	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	120
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	119

The Macdougall

TR	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	100V15
	Scott Murray, Arnprior, ON	100V14
	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	100V13
"F"	Marius De Champlain, Rimouski, QC	118
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	117
	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	116

The Ottawa Regiment

Rained Out

The S.J. Perry

TR	Emmanuel Gauvin, L'Ancienne-Lorette, QC	224V26
	Antony Betts, Shanty Bay, ON	220V25
	Ric Melling, Oakville, ON	217V21
"F"	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	265
	Don McGinnis, Penetanguishene, ON	264
	Leslie Dolhun, Winnipeg, MB	251

The President's

TR	Shannon Carlton, Sutton West, ON	150V17
	Geoff Woodman, New Harbour, NL	150V16
	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	150V13
"F"	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	177
	Bruce Condie, Kincardine, ON	175
	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	174

The Street

TR	Antony Betts, Shanty Bay, ON	213V14
	Cindy Tremblay, Toronto, ON	207V7
	Marc Landreville, N Glengarry, ON	204V11
"F"	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	258
	Don McGinnis, Penetanguishene, ON	249
	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	249

The Tilton

TR	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	100V16
	Roger Mullin, Cobourg, ON	100V15
	Barry Langille, New Glasgow, NS	100V14
"F"	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	118
	Bruce Condie, Kincardine, ON	117
	Leslie Dolhun, Winnipeg, MB	116

AGGREGATES**The Aggregate for the 21st Century**

TR	Bruce Bolton, Caledon, ON	1245V112
	Geoff Woodman, New Harbour, NL	1244V107
	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	1243V126
"F"	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	1480
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	1456
	Dale Rathwell, Arundel, QC	1423

The All-Comers Aggregate

TR	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	602V73
	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	601V71
	Shannon Carlton, Sutton West, ON	601V68
"F"	Marius De Champlain, Rimouski, QC	713
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	705
	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, MB	698

The Gil Boa Aggregate

TR	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	198V30
	Scott Murray, Arnprior, ON	197V23
	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	197V19
"F"	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	231
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	227
	Bruce Condie, Kincardine, ON	225

Cdn Forces TR Championship

TR	Bart Yarmoshuk, Victoria, BC	807V72
	Alexandre Hamel, Shannon, QC	799V69
	Brenda Greene, St. Marys Bay, NL	798V64

The Cdn TR Championship (Bisley Aggregate)

TR	Bruck Bullock, Caledon, ON	956V84
	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	953V89
	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	952V98

The Canadian "F" Class Championship & Bisley Aggregate

	Marius De Champlain, Rimouski, QC	1138
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	1120
	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	1099

The Champlain Aggregate

TR	Peter Church, Dearborn, MI, USA	294V31
	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	293V32
	Geoff Woodman, New Harbour, NF	293V26
"F"	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	342

-The Connaught Aggregate

TR	Antony Betts, Shanty Bay, ON	501V40
"F"	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	612
	Don McGinnis, Penetanguishene, ON	599
	James Thompson, Whitevale, ON	559

The Farquharson Trophy

Rest.	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	944
	Dale Rathwell, Arundel, QC	935
	Leslie Dolhun, Winnipeg, MB	911

Gold Cross Cdn Under 25 Champion

TR	Alan Ferguson, Springhill, NS	805V71
	Laurie Hearn, St Josephs, NL	804V85
	Justin Hearn, St. Josephs, NL	800V55

The Jack Gorrie Tuesday Aggregate

TR	Bruce Bullock, Caledon, ON	153V13
	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	152V17
	Ken Westling, Vancouver, BC	152V10
"F"	Marius De Champlain, Rimouski, QC	178
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	173
	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	173

The Gzowski Aggregate

TR	Gary Bendik, Pickering, ON	220V16
	Emil Praslick III, Columbus, GA, USA	219V27
	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	219V16
"F"	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	259
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	252
	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	246

The Dick Hampton Monday Aggregate

TR	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	199V30
	Laurie Hearn, St Josephs, NL	199V26
	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	199V22
“F”	Dale Rathwell, Arundel, QC	237
	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	236
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	233

The Frank Jermey Award

	Joel Martin, ACLIM	765V44
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The Klondike Aggregate

TR	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	449V48
	Ken Westling, Vancouver, BC	449V39
	Bruce Bullock, Caledon, ON	447V40
“F”	Marius De Champlain, Rimouski, QC	532
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	523
	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	513

The Maple Leaf Aggregate

TR	Shannon Carlton, Sutton West, ON	368V45
	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	367V42
	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	367V42
“F”	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	434
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	428
	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	421

The McCulloch Trophy

TR	Peter Church, Dearborn, MI, USA	599V66
	Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	595V60
	Arthur Grundy, Windsor, ON	593V45
“F”	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	705
	John Tetlow, Kingston, ON	662
	James Thompson, Whitevale, ON	659

LGen W.A. Milroy Aggregate

TR	Emil Praslick III, Columbus, GA, USA	249V41
	Geoff Woodman, New Harbour, NL	249V28
	Gary Bendik, Pickering, ON	249V27
“F”	Marius De Champlain, Rimouski, QC	299
	Dale Rathwell, Arundel, QC	295
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	293

The Patron’s

TR	Bruce Bullock, Caledon, ON	145V11
	James Paton, White Rock, BC	144V14
	Emil Praslick III, Columbus, GA, USA	142V12
“F”	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	166
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	163
	Norbert Yakey, Champlain, NY, USA	159

The Polar Bear Aggregate

TR	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	586V52
	Emil Praslick III, Columbus, GA, USA	582V64
	Daniel Chisholm, Keswick Ridge, NB	582V48
“F-Open”	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	693
“F” Rest.	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	667

The Short Range Aggregate

TR	Laurie Hearn, St. Josephs, NL	235V33
	Ray Smeltzer, Truro, NS	235V32
	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	235V31
“F”	Marius De Champlain, Rimouski, QC	279
	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	277
	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	277

The Tess Spencer Trophy

TR	Laurie Hearn, St Josephs, NL	804V85
	Cpl KE Simpson, Atheling	803V59
	Brenda Greene, St Marys Bay, NL	798V64

Royal Rifles Challenge Cup

TR	Ray Smeltzer, Truro, NS	810V76
	Bart Yarmoshuk, Victoria, BC	807V72
	Fred Ellis, Ottawa, ON	805V70

Strachan Challenge Trophy

TR	Cpl KE Simpson, Atheling	803V59
	Cpl SHJ Harley, Atheling	802V73
	Mike Badmington, RCAC NRT	798V65

The Westhead Trophy

TR	Eric Hillier, Kingston, ON	790V64
	Kai Zhao, Brampton, ON	789V58
	Stephen Hunt, Burlington, ON	785V43

Later Course Aggregate

TR	Antony Betts, Shanty Bay, ON	641V49
“F”	Don McGinnis, Penetanguishene, ON	757

The Coulter

	Shannon Carlton, Sutton West, ON	601V68
	Laurie Hearn, St Josephs, NL	596V70
	Alan Ferguson, Springhill, NS	594V55

The Harrison

	Cpl WF Stewart, Atheling	213V17
	Raymond Cardinal, Edmonton, AB	213V17
	Cpl KE Simpson, Atheling	212V13

The Otter

	Cpl SHJ Harley, Atheling	1006V84
	Laurie Hearn, St Josephs, NL	1005V100
	Cpl KE Simpson, Atheling	1003V68

MISCELLANEOUS**The Long Range Challenge Match**

TR	Geoff Woodman, New Harbour, NL	288V25
	Scott Fulmer, Liverpool, NY, USA	279V13
	Emil Praslick III, Columbus, GA, USA	277V20
	Top Exp Ric Melling, Oakville, ON	274V17
	Top GS Stephen Hunt, Burlington, ON	270V10
F”	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	333
	Norm Barber, Caledon, ON	327
	Daren Stewart, St Armand, QC	313
	Top FF Leslie Dolhun, Winnipeg, MB	305

The Sierra Canadian 300M National ISSF Championship

TR	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	596
	Mark Trew, Pittsburg, PA, USA	589
	Geoff Woodman, New Harbour, NL	589
	Top Cdn. - Paul Tremblay	596
“F”	Marius De Champlain, Rimouski, QC	600
	Daren Stewart, St. Armand, QC	598
	Leslie Dolhun, Winnipeg, MB	593

The Canadian .223/5.56 Championship

TR	Stan Frost, Saskatoon, SK	432V45
	Paul Bawden, Fergus, ON	415V21
	Frank Lalear, Calgary, AB	343V22
“F”Rest.	Paul Reibin, Kamloops, BC	477
	James Thompson, Whitevale, ON	471
	William Mitchell, Delhi, ON	453

TARGET RIFLE - CADETS

The Botsford		
Joel Martin, ACLIM	144V9	
Meaghan Vardy, ACLIM	144V8	
Eric Hillier, ACLIM	143V10	
The Brewers Aggegate		
Eric Hillier, ACLIM	585V55	
Kai Zhao, ACLIM	583V41	
Francois-Xavier Cliche, ACLIM	577V46	
The Cadet Bisley Aggregate		
Eric Hillier, ACLIM	728V65	
Kai Zhao, ACLIM	723V50	
Francois-Xavier Cliche, ACLIM	718V57	
Keith Letendre, ACLIM	718V51	
Simon Cote, ACLIM	714V38	
The Cadet /Jr. Open Short Range Aggregate		
Cpl SHJ Harley, Atheling	592V57	
Cpl KE Simpson, Atheling	591V46	
Cpl GJF Ogden, Atheling	589V46	
The Cadet /Jr. Open TR Championship		
Cpl KE Simpson, Atheling	803V59	
Cpl SHJ Harley, Atheling	802V73	
Mike Badmington, RCAC NRT	798V65	
The Canadian Cadet TR Championship		
Mike Badmington, RCAC NRT	798V65	
David Trochimchuk, RCAC NRT	792V67	
Eric Hillier, ACLIM	790V64	
The Colville Prize		
Eric Hillier, ACLIM	728V65	
The Russell G. Potter Memorial		
Cpl KE Simpson, Atheling	803V59	

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

The Canada Match		
Canada Red	1191V141	
USA	1187V135	
Canada Blue	1165V98	
Rest of the World	1147V103	
The Commonwealth Match		
Canada	780V78	
Canada Along Side	772V59	
USA	735V48	
Rest of the World	727V43	
Under 25 International Long Range		
Canada	765V63	
Athelings	738V40	
Under 25 International Short Range		
Canada	1180V107	
Athelings	1174V120	
The Lum Trophy		
“F” The V Bull Machine	444	
Under Dogs	425	

INTERPROVINCIAL MATCHES

The All-Comers Aggregate Team Match		
Ontario	3575V364	
Assn de Tir de la Province of Quebec	3542V313	

The Carling Breweries Match		
Ontario	881V74	
Assn de Tir de la Province of Quebec	873V82	
The Down East Crew	872V76	
The Coates		
Ontario	1276V101	
Assn de Tir de la Province of Quebec	1262V85	
The Jubilee		
Ontario	613V53	
Assn de Tir de la Province of Quebec	611V60	
The Ladies' Pairs		
Borden Blondes - V Hall/S Carlton	295V30	
Newfie Bullets - L Hearn/B Greene	292V24	
Fleur de Lys - N Brown / MC Lariviere	286V21	
The London Merchants' Match		
Ontario 1	581V50	
Atlantic Provinces	581V47	
Assn de Tir de la Province of Quebec	577V43	
The Macdonald Stewart Aggregate (Team)		
Ontario	6483V624	
Assn de Tir de la Province of Quebec	6356V521	
The Provincial Match		
Ontario	596V64	
Assn de Tir de la Province of Quebec	587V54	
Atlantic Provinces	584V58	
The Steinhardt		
Ontario	581V58	
Assn de Tir de la Province of Quebec	578V44	
BCRA	567V45	
The Veteran's Team		
Ontario	582V50	

INTER-UNIT/UNIT RIFLE ASSOCIATION/CLUB/CADETCORPS/ REGIONAL CADET TRAINING CENTRE

The Aylmer Gard		
NCRRA	591V61	
Valcartier/Quebec	588V55	
The Bluenosers (Nova Scotia)	584V45	
The Gillespie		
NCRRA	2382V240	
BCRA - LM	2368V226	
Quebec/Valcartier	2366V215	
The Gordon Highlanders'		
BCRT	806V61	
Connaught Staff Rifle Club	797V56	
RCAC NRT	788V61	
The Imperial Tobacco		
NCRRA	3235V303	
BCRA - LM	3213V284	
Quebec/Valcartier	3209V273	
The Mayor of Bagshot		
NCRRA	969V91	
BCRA - LM	959V86	
BCRT	959V65	
The Victoria Rifles		
NCRRA	853V63	
BCRA - LM	845V58	
Quebec/Valcartier	843V58	

CADET TEAM MATCHES

The Buell

Team RPA	2606V87
Team Bren Gun	2587V81
Team Enfield	2562V101
Team Lewis Gun	2527V89
Team Ross Rifle	2488V87

The Rex Goddard - Stage 1

RCAC NRT	777V61
BCRT	766V50

The Rex Goddard - Stage 2

BCRT	825V70
RCAC NRT	815V63

The Rex Goddard Combined

RCAC NRT	1592V124
BCRT	1591V120

The Michael Faraday Imperial Cadet Match

BCRT (Athelings)	1220V102
RCAC NRT	1209V90

The United Empire

Team 87 N.Berry-NRT/SHJ Harley-Atheling	1575V129
Team 85 D Trochimchuk-NRT/AJC Wilson-Atheling	1572V117
Team 90 E Ferguson-NRT/WF Stewart-Atheling	1562V112

MISCELLANEOUS TEAM MATCHES

The Families'

The Vamplew's	298V41
Des Vamplew/Patrick Vamplew	
The Tremblay's	297V26
Paul Tremblay/Pierre Tremblay	
The Hearn's	293V25
Laurie Hearn/Justin Hearn	

The Champion Pairs

The Beau Bonhommes	2038V193
Alain Marion/Paul Tremblay	
USA 2	2032V183
Scott Fulmer/Emil Praslick III	
USA 3	1852V142
Peter Church/Ian Cheeseman	

Senior/Junior Pairs

Team 68	1186V121
Laurie Hearn/Peter Jmaeff	
Team 40	1186V107
Gordon Stevenson/Fred Ellis	
Team 56	1184V116
SKC Hunter/ Alexander Langley	

The TR/F Class Pairs

The Local Greybeards	1852
Scott Murray/Dave Rumbold	
Quebec	1840
Paul Tremblay/Dale Rathwell	

The Coach's Match

Class A Saskatchewan Rifles	93V7
Gord Hulbert/Stan Frost	
Coach: Peter Jmaeff	
Class B Chee Chee Monga	92V7
Conrad Leroux/Stephen Hunt	
Coach: Dan Chisholm	
Class F F Friends	100
Claude D'Astous/Matthew Wolf	
Coach: Dale Rathwell	

Championship Plaques

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Notice to TR Competitors Traveling to Canada 2009-2012

Commencing in 2009 and running for a three year period, the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association will conduct a trial of the 2008 ICFRA TR Technical and Drug Rules during its national matches with a view to possible adoption as its official TR rules thereafter. Provincial bodies are likely to follow this lead.

The major equipment differences between ICFRA TR rules and current DCRA rules are:

1. minimum allowable trigger weights lowered to 0.5 kg from 1.5 kg
2. maximum allowable rifle weight raised to unlimited
3. sighting systems involving front and rear lenses broadened.

In a nutshell, as examples, rifles which pass current Canadian or British rules (and most others) will conform. There is no requirement to change your existing equipment.

The 2008 ICFRA TR Technical rules will be available at "www.dkra.ca" in the rules section along with an article in the Canadian Marksman Winter/Spring 2008 issue, page 10, on the subject.

The new ICFRA target system will NOT be used initially. It will be introduced after existing target stocks are depleted, probably after the trial is completed. Some provinces may introduce them sooner.

Questions can be directed to Roger Mullin, Chairman, Rulebook Committee, at roger.mullin@sympatico.ca



THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FINAL



1.	James Paton, White Rock, BC	293V29	26.	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	283V20
2.	Emil Praslick, III, Columbus, GA, USA	291V27	27.	Murray Sloane, Winnipeg, MB	283V18
3.	Bruce Bullock, Caledon, ON	290V25	28.	Scott Murray, Arnprior, ON	282V23
4.	Raymond Smeltzer, Truro, NS	290V22	29.	Andy Tikkanen, Calgary, AB	282V18
5.	Peter Church, Dearborn, MI, USA	289V27	30.	Daniel Chisholm, Keswick Ridge, NB	281V21
6.	Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	289V27	31.	Alan Ferguson, Connaught Staff	281V20
7.	Geoff Woodman, New Harbour, NL	289V24	32.	Justin Hearn, Connaught Staff	281V17
8.	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	287V32	33.	Ron Sekellick, Canton, CT, USA	280V26
9.	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	287V23	34.	Laurie Hearn, St Josephs, NL	280V24
10.	Alexander Langley, Channel Islands	286V28	35.	K.E. Simpson, Atheling	280V22
11.	Gary Bendik, Pickering, ON	286V22	36.	Jacques Dugas, Quebec, QC	279V21
12.	Stan Frost, Saskatoon, SK	286V20	37.	Greggory Perron, Victoria, BC	279V12
13.	Fazal Mohideen, Pickering, ON	286V19	38.	Terry Glenn, Auburn, NY, USA	277V20
14.	Shannon Carlton, Sutton West, ON	285V29	39.	Arthur Grundy, Windsor, ON	277V14
15.	Fred Ellis, Ottawa, ON	285V25	40.	Mike Badmington, RCAC NRT	276V19
16.	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	285V20	41.	Barry Langille, New Glasgow, NS	276V18
17.	Bart Yarmoshuk, Connaught Staff	284V26	42.	C.L. Edwards, Atheling	275V16
18.	Michael Wong Shui, Mississauga, ON	284V24	43.	Laura Scoville, Connaught Staff	275V16
19.	David Gardiner, Australia	284V22	44.	Pierre Tremblay, Quebec, QC	274V16
20.	Peter Westlake, Innisfil, ON	284V19	45.	A.J.C. Wilson, Atheling	274V14
21.	G.J.F. Ogden, Atheling	284V16	46.	Don Coleman, Gagetown, NB	272V22
22.	Scott Fulmer, Liverpool, NY, USA	283V22	47.	Eric Hillier, ACLIM	272V19
23.	Faisal Rahman, Toronto, ON	283V21	48.	D.G. Slaughter, Atheling	270V16
24.	S.H.J. Harley, Atheling	283V21	49.	David Rickman, Jamaica	269V20
25.	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	283V21			



THE MACDONALD STEWART GRAND AGGREGATE



1.	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	820V82	26.	S.H.J. Harley, Atheling	802V73
2.	Emil Praslick III, Columbus, GA, USA	816V94	27.	Faisal Rahman, Toronto, ON	802V72
3.	Scott Murray, Arnprior, ON	814V81	28.	Jacques Dugas, Quebec, QC	802V67
4.	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	813V93	29.	Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	801V70
5.	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	813V92	30.	Scott Fulmer, Liverpool, NY, USA	801V63
6.	Gary Bendik, Pickering, ON	813V75	31.	Terry Glenn, Auburn, NY, USA	800V58
7.	Daniel Chisholm, Keswick Ridge, NB	813V74	32.	Justin Hearn, Connaught Staff	800V55
8.	Geoff Woodman, New Harbour, NL	812V73	33.	David Rickman, Jamaica	799V70
9.	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	811V95	34.	Alexandre Hamel, Shannon, QC	799V69
10.	Bruce Bullock, Caledon, ON	811V73	35.	Barry Langille, New Glasgow, NS	798V67
11.	Serge Bissonnette, Almonte, ON	810V77	36.	Raymond Cardinal, Connaught Staff	798V65
12.	Ray Smeltzer, Truro, NS	810V76	37.	Mike Badmington, RCAC NRT	798V65
13.	Stan Frost, Saskatoon, SK	810V72	38.	Fazal Mohideen, Pickering, ON	798V65
14.	James Paton, White Rock, BC	808V81	39.	Brenda Greene, Cadet Staff	798V65
15.	Ken Westling, Vancouver, BC	808V78	40.	Ron Sekellick, Canton, CT, USA	797V78
16.	David Gardiner, Australia	807V84	41.	Shannon Carlton, Sutton West, ON	796V82
17.	Bart Yarmoshuk, Connaught Staff	807V72	42.	Andy Tikkanen, Calgary, AB	796V67
18.	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	806V75	43.	Mark Trew, Pittsburg, PA, USA	796V62
19.	Alexander Langley, Channel Islands	805V91	44.	Peter Westlake, Innisfil, ON	796V58
20.	Alan Ferguson, Connaught Staff	805V71	45.	Greggory Perron, Victoria, BC	796V55
21.	Fred Ellis, Ottawa, ON	805V70	46.	Peter Jmaeff, Regina, SK	795V67
22.	Laurie Hearn, St Josephs, NL	804V85	47.	Pierre Tremblay, Quebec, QC	795V45
23.	Peter Church, Dearborn, MI, USA	804V75	48.	W.F. Stewart, Atheling	794V60
24.	Michael Wong Shui, Mississauga, ON	803V60	49.	Carl Ganter, Lacombe, AB	794V48
25.	K.E. Simpson, Atheling	803V59	50.	G.J.F. Ogden, Atheling	793V55

For a complete listing of the CFRC Results, go to our website (www.dkra.ca) or contact the DKRA office.

Mark your calendar now! The Canadian Championships will be held on Friday, August 14 to Saturday, August 22, 2009.

Entry forms will be available in the next issue of The Canadian Marksman and our website (www.dkra.ca) early in the new year.



“F” CLASS GRAND AGGREGATE & CRONE TROPHY



1.	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	972	6.	Leslie Dolhun, Winnipeg, MB	911
2.	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	957	7.	James Thompson, Whitevale, ON	888
3.	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	944	8.	Colin Brown, Ancaster, ON	867
4.	Dale Rathwell, Arundel, QC	935	9.	Norbert Yakey, Champlain, NY, USA	856
5.	Bruce Condie, Kincardine, ON	927	10.	John Tetlow, Kingston, ON	805



THE MACDONALD STEWART GRAND AGGREGATE - UNDER 25



1.	Alan Ferguson, Connaught Staff	805V71	6.	Brenda Greene, Cadet Staff	798V64
2.	Laurie Hearn, St Josephs, NL	804V85	7.	Shannon Carlton, Sutton West, ON	796V82
3.	Justin Hearn, Connaught Staff	800V55	8.	Gregory Perron, Victoria, BC	796V55
4.	Raymond Cardinal, Connaught Staff	798V65	9.	David Trochimchuk, RCAC NRT	792V67
5.	Mike Badmington, RCAC NRT	798V65	10.	Eric Hillier, ACLIM	790V64



“F” CLASS FINAL



1.	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	343	6.	Leslie Dulhun, Winnipeg, MB	318
2.	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	336	7.	James Thompson, Whitevale, ON	317
3.	Dale Rathwell, Arundel, QC	329	8.	Norbert Yakey, Champlain, NY, USA	313
4.	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	329	9.	Claude D’Astous, Laval, QC	306
5.	Bruce Condie, Kincardine, ON	327			



CANADIAN “F” CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP AND BISLEY AGGREGATE



1.	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	1138	6.	Leslie Dolhun, Winnipeg, MB	1060
2.	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	1120	7.	James Thompson, Whitevale, ON	1039
3.	Matthew Wolf, Mascarene, NB	1099	8.	Colin Brown, Ancaster, ON	1002
4.	Dale Rathwell, Arundel, QC	1093	9.	Claude D’Astous, Laval, QC	910
5.	Bruce Condie, Kincardine, ON	1079			



CANADIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP



1.	Bruce Bullock, Caledon, ON	725V63	6.	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	717V67
2.	Jim Paton, White Rock, BC	720V67	7.	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	716V71
3.	Geoff Woodman, New Harbour, NL	720V55	8.	Gary Bendik, Pickering, ON	716V49
4.	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	719V59	9.	Daniel Chisholm, Keswick Ridge, NB	715V57
5.	Stan Frost, Saskatoon, SK	719V55	10.	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	714V58



“F” CLASS CANADIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



1.	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	1215	6.	James Thompson, Whitevale, ON	1113
2.	Dave Rumbold, Ottawa, ON	1197	7.	Norbert Yakey, Champlain, NY, USA	1091
3.	Dale Rathwell, Arundel, QC	1168	8.	Colin Brown, Ancaster, ON	1072
4.	Bruce Condie, Kincardine, ON	1159	9.	Claude D’Astous, Laval, QC	972
5.	Leslie Dolhun, Winnipeg, MB	1127			



CANADIAN OPEN TARGET RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP



1.	Emil Praslick III, Columbus, GA, USA	1027V108	20.	Laurie Hearn, St Josephs, NL	1005V100
2.	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	1025V106	21.	Scott Fulmer, Liverpool, NY, USA	1005V75
3.	Bruce Bullock, Caledon, ON	1024V88	22.	Fred Ellis, Ottawa, ON	1003V83
4.	James Paton, White Rock, BC	1020V99	23.	Peter Westlake, Innisfil, ON	1003V69
5.	Geoff Woodman, New Harbour, NL	1020V86	24.	K.E. Simpson, Atheling	1003V68
6.	Stan Frost, Saskatoon, SK	1018V82	25.	Jacques Dugas, Quebec, QC	997V74
7.	Peter Church, Dearborn, MI, USA	1017V87	26.	G.J.F. Ogden, Atheling	997V64
8.	Ray Smeltzer, Truro, NS	1017V87	27.	Terry Glenn, Auburn, NY, USA	996V71
9.	Gary Bendik, Pickering, ON	1017V86	28.	Greggory Perron, Victoria, BC	996V61
10.	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	1016V102	29.	Andy Tikkanen, Calgary, AB	995V76
11.	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	1014V103	30.	Ron Sekellick, Canton, CT, USA	992V88
12.	Daniel Chisholm, Keswick Ridge, NB	1014V86	31.	Don Coleman, Gagetown, NB	987V76
13.	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	1013V87	32.	Murray Sloane, Winnipeg, MB	987V61
14.	Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	1011V83	33.	Arthur Grundy, Windsor, ON	987V53
15.	David Gardiner, Australia	1010V91	34.	Pierre Tremblay, Quebec, QC	986V54
16.	Bart Yarmoshuk, Connaught Staff	1010V81	35.	D.G. Slaughter, Atheling	981V64
17.	Fazal Mohideen, Pickering, ON	1007V75	36.	C.L. Edwards, Atheling	978V61
18.	S.H.J. Harley, Atheling	1006V84	37.	A.J.C. Wilson, Atheling	974V58
19.	Faisal Rahman, Toronto, ON	1006V82			



DES BURKE AWARD



1.	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	294V29	4.	Greggory Perron, Victoria, BC	285V22
2.	Stan Frost, Saskatoon, SK	294V28	5.	Andy Tikkanen, Calgary, AB	285V21
3.	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	287V27			



CANADIAN TARGET RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP (BISLEY AGGREGATE)



1.	Bruce Bullock, Caledon, ON	956V84	26.	Jacques Dugas, Quebec, QC	934V73
2.	Roger Romses, Aurora, ON	953V89	27.	Shannon Carlton, Sutton West, ON	931V94
3.	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	952V98	28.	Andy Tikkanen, Calgary, AB	931V74
4.	Jim Paton, White Rock, BC	952V95	29.	Peter Jmaeff, Regina, SK	930V72
5.	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	951V99	30.	Steven Spinney, Scarborough, ON	930V60
6.	Ray Smeltzer, Truro, NS	951V85	31.	Greggory Perron, Victoria, BC	929V59
7.	Geoff Woodman, New Harbour, NL	951V81	32.	Barry Langille, New Glasgow, NS	928V75
8.	Gary Bendik, Pickering, ON	950V81	33.	Mike Badmington, RCAC NRT	925V69
9.	Stan Frost, Saskatoon, SK	950V79	34.	Murray Sloane, Winnipeg, MB	925V59
10.	Scott Murray, Arnprior, ON	947V87	35.	Jeff Lambe, Leamington, ON	925V56
11.	Ken Westling, Vancouver, BC	946V83	36.	John Marshall, New Glasgow, NS	923V57
12.	Daniel Chisholm, Keswick Ridge, NB	946V83	37.	Carl Ganter, Lacombe, AB	923V52
13.	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	945V101	38.	Jeff Jenkins, Sackville, NS	922V72
14.	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	944V81	39.	Roger Mullin, Cobourg, ON	921V72
15.	Bart Yarmoshuk, Connaught Staff	943V80	40.	Andy Kolenko, Agincourt, ON	921V61
16.	Fred Ellis, Ottawa, ON	942V81	41.	Arthur Grundy, Windsor, ON	921V51
17.	Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	941V81	42.	Pierre Tremblay, Quebec, QC	920V52
18.	Michael Wong Shui, Mississauga, ON	941V73	43.	Don Coleman, Gagetown, NB	919V70
19.	Faisal Rahman, Toronto, ON	939V78	44.	Ric Melling, Oakville, ON	919V65
20.	Alan Ferguson, Connaught Staff	939V78	45.	Peter Redstone, Calgary, AB	919V62
21.	Fazal Mohideen, Pickering, ON	938V74	46.	Vicki Hall, Toronto, ON	918V54
22.	Laurie Hearn, St Josephs, NL	937V96	47.	Paul Bawden, Fergus, ON	917V67
23.	Peter Westlake, Innisfil, ON	936V67	48.	Laura Scoville, Connaught Staff	917V62
24.	Alexandre Hamel, Shannon, QC	935V75	49.	Eric Hillier, ACLIM	916V69
25.	Justin Hearn, Connaught Staff	935V60	50.	Stephen Hunt, Burlington, ON	916V49



COMMONWEALTH GAMES FULLBORE EVENTS



The next Commonwealth Games will be held in India in October 2010. The next Commonwealth Shooting Federation (CSF) Championships will be held in India in October 2009. Final arrangements for the Fullbore Events have not yet been announced. Qualifying scores were the Canadian Target Rifle Championship (Bisley Aggregate), less the 800 metre ranges of the Norman Beckett and Gibson and the Alexander at 900 metres. The Canadian Target Rifle Championship (Bisley Aggregate) includes the Gatineau at 900 metres and the 800 and 900 metre ranges of the Governor General's Final or Bisley Qualifier.

The scores from both 2007 and 2008 are included.

	<u>2007 Score</u>	<u>07/08 Total</u>	<u>2008 Commonwealth</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>
1. James Paton	821.079	1633.163	291.034	1924.197
2. Des Vamplew	812.096	1626.180	292.029	1918.209
3. Paul Tremblay	809.076	1624.164	293.032	1917.196
4. Bruce Bullock	814.087	1624.161	291.026	1915.187
5. Pat Vamplew	815.077	1624.164	289.028	1913.191
6. Stan Frost	810.073	1616.139	292.032	1908.171
7. Robert Pitcairn	807.070	1613.145	288.034	1901.179
8. Fazal Mohideen	808.066	1610.133	290.021	1900.154
9. Laurie Hearn	806.070	1604.157	295.028	1899.185
10. Ray Smeltzer	797.060	1609.139	286.021	1895.160
11. Greg Perron	806.065	1602.118	271.013	1873.131
12. Pierre Tremblay	783.050	1572.099	287.023	1859.122



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300 metre ISSF Prone Match at the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships, India, February 2010.

Although the details are not yet firm, we hear from usually reliable sources that it is planned to include a 300 metre 60-shot prone match in the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships (CSFC) to be held in India in February 2010 and in Scotland in 2013/2014. This event will be in addition to the normal Fullbore Rifle events, which remain part of the CSFC and Commonwealth Games. As we understand it, the 300 metre match will not be part of the Commonwealth Games shooting events in either India or Scotland.

The DCRA has contacted the Shooting Federation of Canada with the aim of co-ordinating the selection of shooters for the 300 metre event. It will be our intention that all qualified shooters should have the opportunity to enter selection trials during 2009. The exact means have yet to be decided. However, it is possible that at least part of the process may include the Sierra 300 metre ISSF Canadian Championship that has been part of the DCRA Prize Meeting for many years. If that turns out to be the case, the event may be expanded in 2009, and the conditions for its conduct will have to be brought more strictly into line with international rules.

This information is circulated now to give as much advance warning as possible to those interested in the 300 metre discipline. Further information, as it becomes available, will be published in the Canadian Marksman and posted on the DCRA web site.

Jim Thompson
Chairman, DCRA International Teams Committee
Member Fullbore Sub-Committee, Commonwealth Shooting Federation

ICFRA Rules for Canada

The Way Forward

Roger Mullin
Chair: Rule Book Committee

As announced in the last issue of the 'Marksman' and as advertised elsewhere in this issue, the DCRA Executive has decided to conduct a trial of the new 2008 ICFRA TR Technical and Anti Drug Doping rules over the next three shooting seasons. This means that the CFRC and, we hope, provincial annual prize meetings will be conducted each of those years under ICFRA rules. Should this trial go well and no irresolvable problems arise the Executive committee will consider whether or not we should permanently adopt these rules as our own. While it is too early to predict the outcome of this trial it seems likely that this will be the result as the current 2008 Canadian rules and these ICFRA rules are very, very similar. In fact, most competitors will be hard pressed to spot many of the differences. The existing Canadian rule book will be kept at hand for reference in the event there are issues not adequately addressed by the ICFRA rule book. As a bonus we will be able to feed back to ICFRA the experience we have at the national level with these rules.

The new ICFRA target system is somewhat more challenging than our current Canadian one - slightly smaller scoring rings and similar, but not identical, aiming marks. Some other Commonwealth countries are going over to this system as we speak and BC may well be introducing the ICFRA target system as early as 2009 for provincial shoots. Their experience with this system will be very helpful. The DCRA, however, will not be introducing these targets until our existing stock of targets and replacement centres are exhausted, which will be a number of years into the future and most likely after the trial of rules has been completed. By then we will have the advantage of the BC, 2011 Palma and other countries' input on these targets. In all likelihood this target system will be adopted. Input from the membership as we go along will be invited and all comments will be gratefully considered by the Executive (office@dca.ca) or Rule Book Committee (roger.mullin@sympatico.ca).

The Executive has come to believe in the concept of world wide targets and rules. It is obvious that competing in Canada on the targets and under the rules used for the Palma and other world level championships would be superior training and experience for our shooters and coaches. Similarly, once other national rifle associations get on board (as we feel they all should), there will be a distinct advantage to all in that shooting in a foreign country would be on identical targets and under identical rules. You'd always know what you'll be up against - no surprises.

However, it is apparent that the NRA (UK), especially, will not speedily join us; they intend for the moment to retain their existing rules and targets. This is an important piece of information as Canada sends a team to Bisley annually to shoot the Imperial Meeting under their rules so all competitors planning to shoot in the UK should remain able to meet their rules.

The 2008 ICFRA rules can be found in their entirety on the DCRA website (www.dca.ca) and everyone is encouraged to read these

rules at least once. Much of the material relates to how matches are to be organized and run and frankly is not of much interest to the average shooter. What follows is an attempt to help those who don't plan to do a detailed read of the rules to understand what the relevant differences are.

ICFRA Rules for Dummies:

In a nutshell, firing point procedures will seem unchanged. Targets, as mentioned above, will be unchanged for now. If your equipment passes existing Canadian or British rules then it will pass ICFRA rules and no adjustments are required. The CFRC will seem virtually unchanged to longtime attendees.

The main differences, important for all to know, are:

- 1. Trigger weight** - ICFRA rules allow a trigger weight as low as 500 grams. You recall that our existing rule demands 1.5 kg. Sooooo, you may lower the trigger weight if you choose. Note that the NRA (UK) is standing by the heavier weight so your trigger will have to be able to lift 1.5 kg should you shoot in the UK, e.g. on the Bisley team. Not all triggers are suited to this lighter weight and not all can be safely adjusted as low as allowed. Involve a competent gunsmith in this adjustment should you choose to go this route. Leaving the trigger as is remains a viable and perfectly acceptable alternative. New 500 gram weights will be required for the CFRC and provincial use.
- 2. Rifle Weight** - the current limit on the overall weight of a TR rifle under our rules is 6.5 kg (approx 14 lbs 5 oz). We have slowly raised the allowed weight over many years to reach this point and most people have no trouble assembling rifles within this weight. The ICFRA rule places NO limit on overall rifle weight. Soooo, we will not be weighing anyone's rifle at a check in for the next three years. Remember the British rule will remain at 6.5 kg and bear this in mind as you build rifles.
- 3. Sighting Systems Involving Lenses:** Our existing rule and ICFRA's 2008 rule regarding sighting systems are identical **BUT** are different from the UK rule. You are permitted to use a lens of up to +0.5 dioptre in your foresight (commonly referred to as an Eagle Eye) and a fixed lens or variable dioptre of up to 1.5 dioptres in the rear sight combined if you wish. We are not promoting this idea as there are inherent problems in involving so many lenses so far apart where aligning the axes is problematic, but it is allowed. In the UK (surprise, surprise) this is **NOT** permitted. Bear this in mind as you make your decision.

These above three areas remain controversial and while democratically, but not unanimously, approved at the ICFRA

Council meeting in the summer of 2007 in Ottawa prior to the Palma matches there remains significant dissention, particularly from the British sector. It is certain that these issues will reappear at future council meetings and may well be altered. One simply cannot be sure, so stay tuned and be prepared for possible alterations over time.

ICFRA Anti Doping Rules:

Now, "What the h**l is this all about?" you might well ask! Most rifle associations the world over include some kind of rule or at least a strong statement against the use of performance enhancing drugs or illegal substances. Often this is a requirement of their national sport ministries to receive financial support or even federal law. In fact, many countries go a step further and include in their rule books other policies on equity in sport and statements condemning the abuse of children in the pursuit of the sport. A good example of this is the UK rulebook, which has both. Our organization, largely because we get no federal support demanding such inclusions, has been lax and has had no such rules. The adoption of the ICFRA rules now means that we do.

Neither ICFRA nor the DCRA want these rules to be restrictive in any way and most particularly wish to make this process user friendly. All organizations in the fullbore world recognize that much of our membership is of an age where therapeutic drug use is common. The ICFRA Anti Doping Rules were written primarily to be used during certain major international matches such as the Palma (and they will be in force in 2011 when the Palma is shot in Australia) and, like the Technical Rules, are written to give match organizers and national rifle associations the maximum of flexibility of interpretation and enforcement.

See elsewhere in this issue for a question and answer session on the DCRA's use of ICFRA's Anti Doping Rules and You.

All the Rest of the Bumpf:

For those of you still reading, the balance of the article is a list of short statements drawing attention to various issues within the new ICFRA rules which are of interest but perhaps not critical. Read on if you have the energy:

1. **Rifles:** the ICFRA rule permits any action designed to be manually loaded and to safely fire either of the permitted

cartridges (.223 and 308). In the UK rule book, and the current Canadian, bolt actions are specified, with the UK rule book absolutely demanding them and the Canadian permitting the use of other actions after specific application and approval. I.e., in Canada a semi auto with a magazine block *might* be permitted in the future, especially considering the wording of the ICFRA rule book. *Be sure to clarify this with the office first.* Also bear in mind that the UK rules permit only 308 in the Imperial Meeting for TR and exclusively bolt actions when making your decisions.

2. **Trigger Weights:** See above.

3. **Rifle Weights:** See above

4. **Sighting Systems:** see above.

5. **Dress and Aids to Shooting:** oh boy! The ICFRA rules are very inclusive and very similar to existing Canadian rules. British rules are more restrictive. Essentially any shooting jacket which does not give support to the forearm and a sling of any thickness and up to 50 mm width attached around the jacket arm in any manner are permitted; UK rules limit the thickness to 6mm. The shooting glove is not controlled as long as it doesn't give additional support. The UK rule requires the shooting glove to extend no more than 2 inches above the wrist and be flexible. Again, bear these facts in minds when making decisions.

6. **Position:** ICFRA rules make no reference to the traditional 4 inch rule, which will be a relief to some, but does insist that forearms be visibly clear of the ground. For all practical purposes the existing rule holds as anything less than 4 inches will look low to a range office and likely lead to a warning or penalty.

7. **Aiming and Dry Firing:** Many Canadian shooters are accustomed to checking their foresight insert selection by looking through their rifles from behind the firing point, often when firing is going on. The ICFRA rules state very clearly that neither aiming nor dry firing is permitted except on the firing point with permission from the RO - this is a safety issue. Some of us will have to alter our habits. This is identical to the current UK rule.

8. **Misfires:** Rule 17.13 is a detailed account of the procedure to be followed in the event of a misfire. I suggest you read it as most of us fail to do this currently. It is also a safety oriented rule.

9. **Possibles:** Trigger testing is not absolutely required. This is left to the match director and ROs to determine where, when and why.

10. **Trigger Testing:** can be requested by ROs at their discretion and is not limited to possibles. The rifle must be held

Possible Introduction of the F(TR/Restricted) Class in the Canadian Championships

From the recent survey, it appears as if there may be some interest in the inclusion of the F(TR/Restricted) Class into the Canadian Championships. Basically, this class allows the 223REM and 308WIN calibres, with no restriction on bullet weight. Rear rests are allowed. Only a bipod may be used as a front rest. In order to gauge the extent of interest in this, we invite anyone who is interested to contact the DCRA (office@dcra.ca) and let us know if you would both like this class to be introduced and whether you, yourself, would participate. This would be in addition to the existing F(O) and F(F) Classes. Some prizes would be reserved for F(TR/R) shooters, depending on the level of entry. A decision will be taken early in the New Year as to whether F(TR/R) will be part of the 2009 Championships. Hence, if you want it, please tell us quickly!

vertical and the weight must clear the surface. The ICFRA rule does not require any particular height off the surface. This may prove difficult to carry out.

11. Shootoff Sighters: Shootoffs will have ONE convertible sighter. This is a change from our past standard of two.

12. Register Keeping: Rule T10.3 refers to the procedure for spotting and recording shots on score. It is important to follow this process, something we have all become rather sloppy with. Read it up.

13. Making Rifles Safe: Rule 10.7 refers to the process of checking for rifle safety at the end of a shoot. The process will now require the ***bolt to be removed*** so the register keeper can inspect. The bolt can be left out of the rifle OR a chamber flag inserted or, preferably, both. This is the ICFRA rule. The procedure of various ranges may be more or less complex but at the CFRC this will be the process followed **AND** the RO will also inspect the chamber to confirm safety.

14. Message System: The DCRA adopted the ICFRA message system last year. It will be supplied as a handout at the CFRC with your registration package and is different from our previous system. Some provinces have not as yet gone over to the new system but that is the intent.

15. Message 6: reads, *"It is suspected that there is a second shot on the target. Clear and patch out the existing shot hole, inspect the target, mark and signal any further shot found, failing which send the target up clear."* So, when would you use this message? - well, e.g., you've been shooting well and a shot turns up way out of your group and you are convinced that this could not possibly be your shot. Following this procedure if a shot of higher (or, oh my, lower) value turns up you are stuck with that new value. If no further shot hole is found you are credited with a miss and not the value of the originally signaled shot. Essentially you could end up much worse off.

16. Single String Shooting: Single string hasn't been used in Canada for some time and it wasn't popular when it was. The ICFRA rules have a section dedicated to how this process is done. Read it if you are curious. Other Commonwealth countries do use this system at times. It is not anticipated to rear its ugly head in Canada any time soon.

17. Time Allowance: ICFRA rules permit 45 seconds per shot when there are three per target and 60 seconds per shot when there are two. Whether this will fly in our matches remains to be seen and will be a matter for the match director and computer scheduling people. Stay tuned.

18. Missing the Target: ICFRA rules *require* (as do our current rules) a shooter who has four consecutive misses to stop shooting until the other(s) on the target have finished their match before resuming the shoot. No extra time is given to complete the match. It is not against the rules to assist a competitor to get their first shot on the target but it is against the rules to help after that point in a match.

19. Penalties: From time to time competitors are penalized for various offenses. Scores that have been disallowed may be appealed as far as the Match Committee. Only penalties involving suspension or greater can be appealed above the Match Committee.

Well, there you have it. If you have read this far you have all the information you require for the next three years. Feel free to contact the chairman of the Rule Book Committee with any further questions or comments. Your input is invaluable to the committees in the future which will make the decision whether to continue with this rule book as our own or not.



A "TWO CHUMS" MATCH

Contributed by Edson L. Warner

Credit for this idea goes to Wilbert Maxwell, President of the Lennoxville Rifle Club. Our first match of this nature was run at one of the regular Saturday afternoon practices of the Sherbrooke Regiment Rifle Association, but can be applied equally well to 22 rifle or handgun shooting.

The match is for teams of two composed of one present member (an experienced shot) and one beginner. The beginner will likely be a neighbour's boy or a hunting companion not yet initiated to the target game. The member will usually shoot first to sight in the rifle and to give the beginner a chance to observe correct shooting technique. In 303 shooting the beginner can also keep score for the member.

Then the beginner takes the member's jacket and rifle and shoots his score. The member spots for and coaches the beginner. The scores of both are added to make up the team score. The way we did it, each team anted up 50 cents and the pot was split amongst the top three teams.

As you well know, getting started in the shooting game is a highly discouraging process. The necessary equipment is expensive and often the older shooters do not take the trouble to instruct the beginners.

This "Two Chums" shoot is a way in which clubs can go out of their way a bit to encourage beginners and to ensure there being a new crop of shooters to carry on. The beginner gets to use a good rifle with good sights, and gets instruction when he most need it.

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The DCRA, the New Drug Rules and *You* A Question & Answer Session

Q: Do I really need to know anything about these new fangled drug rules?

A: Well, ...yes and no. No, if you take no medications of any sort everand never drink booze. Yes, if you do. Most of us do.

Q: Why, for goodness sake, has this surfaced now?

A: For a couple of reasons

- (a) These days almost every competitive sport known to man has some form of rules and/or policies against illegal drug or performance enhancing substance abuse, also known as doping, even darts, Bridge and billiards! In Canada, every sport appearing in the Olympics, Commonwealth Games and Pan Am Games (and many others which don't) have signed on to this important international initiative. Our Fullbore shooting is long overdue to join the rest of the Canadian shooting community which already is involved.
- (b) The DCRA will be carrying out a three year trial of ICFRA rules starting in 2009 (see elsewhere in this issue) and the ICFRA Drug Rules are included in the trial.

Q: What is ICFRA's drug "policy"?

A: Now read the following from ICFRA's rules twice:

"The International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations is the International Federation (IF) for the Sport of Fullbore Rifle Shooting. It is committed to the principles of fair play in the Sport. As part of this commitment, it will not accept the use of doping to enhance performance and will protect the rights and health of participants. ICFRA recognizes that the Sport should be accessible to all, including those who suffer from illness or disability. ICFRA also notes the unusually wide age-range of participants in the Sport and wishes to facilitate as far as possible the continued participation of older, disabled or medically infirm competitors."

You should have noticed certain things:

- (a) "fairness in the sport" - i.e. no cheating or seeking unfair advantage. Who wants to win by cheating anyway!?
- (b) "... protect the rights and health of participants.."

Q: What does "protect the rights and health of participants" really mean?

A: Simply put, ICFRA and the DCRA feel you have a right to appropriate medical management of conditions from which you might suffer and **most definitely desire** your treatment to continue. ICFRA and the DCRA recognize that ours is a sport with many competing while under treatment for common and significant

medical problems - diabetes, hypertension, angina, malignancy, and on and on. Neither organization wants you to interrupt treatment quite the opposite. It is in your best interest (and therefore ours as well) to continue treatment. The rules are intended to be as simple, flexible and user friendly as possible to follow. You'll see.

Q: I've heard about "out of competition testing" or "interval testing" .. so, will this be part of the ICFRA/DCRA drug program?

A: NO. Olympic, CWG and Pan AM games sports events, and others fully signing onto the World Anti Doping Association program, may have their elite training athletes subjected to unannounced drug testing at any time. ICFRA is **not** a full WADA signatory and no national rifle association has the resources to pay for or carry out testing outside of competitions. So, **NO**, you will not be subject to any potential for unannounced out of competition testing either by ICFRA or the DCRA.

Q: Well then, what about the Commonwealth Games?

A: You have been paying attention! If one is lucky enough (ok, ok, good enough) to be selected to the Canadian CWG fullbore team you will have to adhere to all that the WADA rules entail, including the possibility of some nice person turning up at any time to collect a sample for testing in addition to possible testing during the Games themselves. Anything to do with the Commonwealth Games and Drugs follows WADA rules and is fully supervised by CCES (see later) and **NOT** the DCRA or ICFRA.

Q: What about Palma matches and World Long Range Championships like those coming up in Australia in 2011?

A: Nope! No out of competition testing for this either.

Q: OK, when might I be tested then?

A: Under ICFRA rules you **might** be tested at any event either in your own province or at the CFRC or in an international match such as the Palma. The Match director/organizers are expected to decide whether or not to test, whom and how, according to ICFRA protocols and announce it. In fact, there is **NO** obligation to on the part of these groups to actually carry out testing. Testing is expensive and complex and this will be taken into account by match directors/organizers when deciding on their course of action. You do the math.

Q: Geez, if I don't know whether testing will be done, on whom or when, how can I cover my a###? How can I take steps to be sure I won't have any problems?

A: Easy, easy, easy.

- (a) Don't drink and shoot.
- (b) Don't use illegal drugs (you know, the ones that

turn up in all the police action movies - heroin, crack, Mary Jane and so on)

- (c) Check out all the medications, over the counter and naturopathic agents you take or might take to find out whether they are banned by WADA or not for shooting sports. Do not assume any agent, including "natural" ones, is free to use until you have.

Q: How can I easily check out my meds?

A: Pretty easily actually. It can all be done quickly and simply on the internet so dust off your laptop or get your favourite grandson, geeky son in law or other computer whiz to do it for you! Follow these simple steps (do it with me now):

- (a) Fire up the old computer.
- (b) Play a quick game of Solitaire to warm up your fingers and show everyone how smart you are.
- (c) Click on your favourite internet browser (like "Explorer"),
- (d) Type in **www.didglobal.com** in the address bar; if you don't know where to do this then you really need your geeky helpmates - you're worse than I am! What is **Didglobal?** - It is a website supported by UK Sport, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (or CCES for short) and others which are the national bodies responsible for the drug issues in sport in the UK and Canada in co-operation with WADA. It will help you sort out your drugs.
- (e) Click on "**Canada**"
- (f) Click on "**Search**", at the bottom of the next screen
- (g) Read the terms and conditions and then click "**Yes**" at the bottom of the screen and then "**Confirm**"
- (h) On the next screen choose "**Athlete**" for sport role (yes, my friends, we are athletes!)
- (i) Choose "**ISSF Shooting**" for sport (it is the closest to what we do)
- (j) Choose "**Canada**" for nation of purchase of drug or the appropriate choice if purchased outside of Canada
- (k) Type in the first few letters of your drug - let's say "**dig**", for Digoxin. Just try it! Go on! Click on "**Search**"
- (l) This will give you a list with many choices of digoxin doses and methods of administration. Just pick one, any one - (just scroll down the list) - perhaps the top one on the list.
- (m) You will arrive at a new screen which shows that this drug is not prohibited. Great!

Go ahead and explore the site a bit. It's really quite interesting and once you get on to it kinda fun. Try looking up whether "metoprolol" or "hydrochlorothiazide" are prohibited. You should find that both are. Metoprolol is a beta blocker, which is the most commonly abused class of agent by smallbore shooters and the like, and hydrochlorothiazide is a common diuretic which is used by some to disguise illegal agents. Both are commonly used therapeutic agents still and both are easy to test for. If you use them and get tested you will be fried without the proper paperwork.

Q: What do I do now if my trip through this website shows one or more of the drugs my doc has me taking are "prohibited"?

A: As long as your physician (a medical doctor, not chiropractor, naturopath or other) is the one who has prescribed these drugs the DCRA and ICFRA want you to continue your treatment (sound familiar?). Under no circumstances should you stop your treatment without consulting your doctor; it could well be dangerous! Just don't! Both ICFRA, for the next Palma, and the DCRA, for the next three CFRCs, will speedily and happily grant you an exemption allowing you to compete while on medication as long as you submit a Therapeutic Use Exemption Request form suitably filled out by your doctor in advance of the competition. This form will be available in the Spring Issue of the Marksman when the registration forms for the CFRC are printed and eventually on the DCRA website (www.dkra.ca).

Q: Will I have to pay my MD?

A: Possibly. In most provinces and other jurisdictions filling out forms like this is not a benefit of provincial or national health insurance so your MD is entitled to charge for such a service. It is our intent to make the form very simple so perhaps your MD might opt not to charge.

Q: I have a TUE through the SFC or another national shooting body ratified by WADA or the CCES or equivalent; will I need another?

A: NO. A TUE granted through any other IF **shooting** sport, either Canadian or foreign, will be recognized by the DCRA and you will simply have to provide a photocopy. Remember that for the Olympic Games, Pan Am games and CWGs the more stringent WADA rules will apply and neither ICFRA nor the DCRA will be involved. Our TUE will **not** be recognized by those organizations.

Q: What happens to my TUE form?

A: The TUE form will be kept confidentially in the DCRA office during the events. Review of the form may or may not be carried out by a suitably constructed committee at the instruction of the Executive. At the end of the CFRC these documents will either be destroyed or returned to competitors at their request. If the competitor expects to remain on this medication permanently or for a long period he'd be wise to collect this form for use at later events. An example might be the use of metoprolol or hydrochlorothiazide or lasix for chronic hypertension or angina where the use of these drugs might go on for years

No doubt some members may have questions. Feel free to contact the Chairman of the DCRA Rule Book Committee for clarification.

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To survive and grow

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Thank you for publishing my articles in the last edition of the *Canadian Marksman* on the somewhat daunting subject of how we can collectively contribute to the survival of our sport. I do hope that some of the ideas and opinions expressed will be of some assistance to other members. However, the task of building a flourishing sport and by consequence being able to field competitive teams at the international level does not stop at 're-recruiting and retention'. There is more we need to build.

My earlier articles described that as an organization (local or national) we need to have a process to nurture newcomers through the enquiry, enticement and discovery phases of our advertising and introductory activities. It is worthwhile noting the demographics of our potential 'new members'. The majority are likely to be in the 25 - 45 year age range with some level of disposable income. Very few will be aged 'under 20'. However, the arrival of legions of new members does not translate into increased participation at competitive events such as the DCRA Canadian Championships or the various Provincial championships and events. Such events rely upon the existence of experienced, knowledgeable, enthusiastic shooters willing to expend vacation time and a significant number of leisure dollars to achieve at a high standard.

Our survival as a sport for even the short term depends upon strength in numbers and quality. For the longer term, we need to protect, nurture and grow those people into being the shooters of the future.

New shooters are not born champions. They need education, experience and encouragement to reach their individual potential, whatever that potential may be. It is after their 'arrival' as new members that the real work starts and it is our collective responsibility as an organization - and as members of the organization - to help provide the ladder to accomplishment for our fellow shooters to climb with us.

The very real problem is that the ladder to accomplishment does not exist in Long Range Target Shooting. Look at any successful, growing sport and you will see that it has a structure to take an aspiring enthusiastic starter just as far as their talent will take them, through a progression of achievement levels, peewee, juniors, seniors, training courses, camps, lessons; achieving, celebrating achievements and gaining rewards every step of the way. Long Range Target Shooting lacks the same clear program. I have found no amateur training courses, no progressive achievement scheme, no interim awards, no clear path from beginner to the top of the sport, or any place in between [Note: the exception being the professional training provided by Milcun - outside the DCRA]. The Cadets are a shining beacon in having a marvelous program for their young people, but cannot support participants beyond a certain age and thus one of our most fertile sources of tutored talent is abandoned (immediately after Cadets) when they are most distracted and can least afford to support themselves.

So what, in practical terms, do we need to do?

Well, let's not be too gloomy. Our 'newcomer' is not completely abandoned. In TR we do have a rudimentary grading scheme that enables competitors to be measured at various skills levels. Shooters are graded as 'Greenshot', 'Sharpshooter', 'Expert' or 'Master', based broadly upon their average level of achievement

relative to their peers over a period that allows for 'good' days and 'bad'. Service Rifle has the Lewis scoring system and F class now has 'F-Open' and 'F/TR' (plus Factory F in Ontario). The Precision/Sniper discipline desperately lacks even these basic refinements. However, aside from personal application, there is no mechanism or structure to follow as a path between the grades to excellence.

How do we help our children grow into responsible adults? Well, by education - the process by which **those who don't yet know learn from those with experience and knowledge**. In life, we organize that learning experience so that it is fun (first), manageable, achievable and rewarding at every step of the way and simply put - this is what we have to achieve as a sport if we are to ensure not only the next generation, but even the survival of this generation of the sport. New members and beginners must be offered a clear path to greater achievement, to choose as they may wish, because undoubtedly we all shoot to enjoy making good shots and gain satisfaction from that. What constitutes a good shot for a beginner is somewhat different from that for a Master grade shooter just as the achievements in the first grade at school are different but no less rewarding at the time than those of a post-graduate. Achievements at all levels must be rewarded, just as they are when learning at school. I call this 'Parenting the Sport'. So here are a few ideas how we as an organization can better 'parent' our sport.

1. Introduce classes or grades for competitors in F and Precision.
 2. Boost prizes at the Sharpshooter and Expert levels to be equal to that at the Master level. (Editor's note: This is the current situation)
 3. Introduce achievement awards, based upon scores, which can be achieved by any member, at any shoot day, whether they win a competition or not. (Editor's note: HPS crosses are available, to all)
 4. Run structured training sessions for all disciplines - TR, F, Service etc, at least every year.
 5. Appoint coaches for every discipline to whom members can turn for advice and ideas.
 6. Qualify individual members in the National Sport Coaching scheme (whatever it is called) and make their identity known. This should be funded and the recipients undertake to arrange training sessions.
 7. Run winter training at local ranges, offering the service to the local clubs as well to better form alliances with them.
 8. Form touring teams (at all skills levels) representing the DCRA at exciting, affordable events in Canada and the USA.
 9. Participate in postal matches and award schemes like the NRA (UK) skilled shot program and non-central competitions.
 10. Find mentors for each new shooter based upon their declared 'primary discipline'
 11. Run junior training schemes using PRA equipment and skilled tuition.
 12. Run practice targets (at cost) alongside competitive events, with experienced shooters on hand to guide those practicing.
- Only when we show the path to achievement will we get those newcomers to see the route to events like the Canadian Championships and National Teams.

Beware. This is not an overnight cure. It would be fair to estimate that a shooter joining in 2008 would likely not be ready, willing and able to compete at CFRC for 2-3 years in TR, maybe a little less in F class.

Are we planning to achieve that as a sport?

F-CLASS PROGRAMS

Don Hall

Little did Farky know what would happen when he put forth an idea to allow senior shooters to use a scope and a bipod in matches! The popularity of this concept is now global and growing. Along with this growth the focus has quickly shifted toward catering to international competition. The reason for this could be attributed to the lack of a national strategy for the coordination of all shooting sports in Canada, and within the various rifle disciplines the failure to develop an internal strategy.

Taking a step back to examine this phenomenon within the full-bore discipline leads to many questions and neglected opportunities. For many decades the focus of much recorded discussion at the national level has been declining membership and the corollary - declining cash flow, the victims of a strategic planning void on membership, notwithstanding exterior impediments.

In addressing the F-class component (viewing it as a segment of a strategic plan) it is my contention that all programs, at all levels, should be designed to 1) retain present members and recover past members, and 2) to attract and retain new members. Should any program not meet this criteria then changes are necessary.

Taking a "page from home" where F-class originated, the October '08 Kamloops 300m program offered TR, F-class Open, F-class F/TR (Farky), and F-class Bench. This program was a sell out with a waiting list!!! F-class shooters outnumbered the traditional TR shooters by a ratio of 5:1. This is but another example that when the "right program" is offered the shooters will respond by becoming part of it. When the program "needs some fixin" it is unlikely the shooters will complain they just don't show up. Fast forward to today's opportunities.

1) At the Club level --- for the 300y/m target follow the Kamloops model of 3 classes - but add a 4th class, i.e. "off the shelf" rifles. The logic of adding a 4th class is self evident as one observes the quality equipment used by varminters - plus the appearance of new firearms such as Savage Model 12. Utilizing a four stage concept would allow a newbie to the sport to progressively work their way up to the international level if they so desired, but more important it provides an opportunity to "get them involved" using the equipment they now have. The 300 y/m target is an excellent beginning.

2) At the Provincial level --- we have perhaps gone too far in thinking "target development" to the exclusion of "program development". The original Farky concept of allowing F-class F/TR shooters to compete on the TR target may still be valid..... but seems to have gone the way of the dodo bird! Quoting one Life Governor in the Canadian Marksman magazine "no one ever quit shooting because they got too many bull's-eyes". In essence, regardless of the target used, F-class F/TR would cater to the "old and the new" --- using either the 156 gr max .308 or the 81 gr max .223. Remember the criteria for program development - to attract

and retain members. Add the F-class Open; it is a welcome stepping stone for the experimenters who have access to greater resources and facilities.

3) At the National level --- the Canadian Crown Jewel for full-bore --- The F-class is another "made in Canada" product and should be treated with the respect it deserves. For logistic purposes the F-class program should be limited to F-class F/TR (156 gr max .308 or 81 gr max .223) and F-class Open i.e. to encourage everyone, the old and the new, to compete in the Nationals.

4) And at all levels --- F-class administrators need to fast forward to the 21st century in Canada, i.e. what are new shooters buying, what programs attract their participation, etc..

Included in these thoughts is the creation of a "user friendly" target designed especially for the F-class shooter. The new organization ICFRA seems to have cherry picked ideas from the DCRA pattern, i.e. approx. a 1 MOA bull's eye out to 600, and then an arbitrary 10 inch bull's eye from 7-1000 yds. So, at 1000 yds, to fire a possible --- assuming one has the "capability and equipment for ½ MOA accuracy" the shooter is assumed to have the ability to estimate wind to within 2" at this distance! While the "Disney bull's-eye" may now be cast in stone some thought should be centered on the aiming mark.

For instance the TR targets with the black aiming mark were designed specifically for iron sights (with changes over the years). These aiming marks (in Canada) are inconsistent in relative size ranging from almost 8 MOA's to just under 5 MOA's and have been periodically adjusted in the past 140 years.

Moving to the use of scope sights one might first compare the targets used by the learned bench rest fraternity with the new ICFRA proposal, i.e. at 300y/m the aiming mark has been reduced from over 1 MOA to ½ MOA. Were one to accept the thesis that iron sight shooting (moving vernier sights) is different from scope shooting (frequently holding off), and using the 300y/m target as an example it becomes obvious that the bench rest clan have tested the system and developed a reasonable criteria.

It is suggested that a minor adjustment could be made to the proposed ICFRA target to have the bull's-eyes in white as an aiming mark.

Finally, as a memorial tribute to the founder, it is suggested that all awards or trophies for these events be embossed with the name Farky, "only in Canada eh"!!!!





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This is the 10th installment of
"Recollections of a Marksman, Phase II 1962-1981"
by Lawrence (Larry) Fish

In the summer of 1975 I was assigned by Central Militia Area to conduct User Trials on the Army's newly acquired sniper rifle, designated the C3. The sniper role had been dropped from establishment shortly after the war in Korea. So here we were, more than twenty years later, starting down this road again largely because of terrorist activity migrating into European and North American theatres with airport, embassy, skyjack and hostage attacks. Company Sergeant Major Hank Jones, of the Regular Force, was detailed to work with me. Niagara-on-the-Lake ranges was our test site and a number of sniper rifles, as well as ammunition both regular issue and match, was made available to us.

The entire exercise raised many questions in my mind: Why were we conducting trials on a weapon model which had already been purchased and distributed into inventory instead of conducting them before purchase? Perhaps the Regular Force had already conducted trials, but CMA wanted to do its own. Nonetheless, why had a weapon been chosen which the shooting fraternity, including myself, had found to be less accurate than several other models? This we had determined some years previously when it first appeared on the market. Even more disturbing was the fact that certain components of the weapon came from different countries, thus creating a parts replacement problem in the event that any of such countries aligned themselves on the opposing side of a conflict.

As a good, obedient soldier, however, I entered enthusiastically into the project. After setting up test parameters, Hank and I gave the rifle a rigorous workout with both types of ammunition. Its accuracy results confirmed what I had previously experienced before rejecting it as a target rifle for competitive shooting. Its Mauser action was clumsy and unsuited for the sniper who values concealment and near motionlessness. The telescope was of excellent quality, but quickly taught one to seek sufficient butt length, and thus adequate eye relief, to avoid connection with the

optic. Regardless of being forewarned unheeding trainees, on sniper courses which I later ran, could always be spotted with a crescent shaped cut above the aiming eye where they had nuzzled too close to the scope.

After Hank and I had conducted the full range of trials I completed my report, warts and all, knowing full well that the rifle was already in inventory and little could be done about its shortcomings. We Lorne Scots, and other units in CMA which we taught to shoot the sniper rifle, would later run a record of success at the National Service Rifle Championships against all formations including the Regular Force. Since all sniper competition entrants were using the C3 a level playing field existed and our CMA team dominated the competitions for a number of years.

Then in August, the military embarked on a new, competition shooting venture for the Reserve Forces. Designated REFSAC, or Reserve force Small Arms Competitions and shot at Connaught, the intent was to eventually give the Reserves a full range of shooting competitions embracing all issue weapons. This included rifle, pistol, light automatic rifle (a new term for a light machine gun) and sub-machine gun, though that first year did not include all weapons; certainly not the C3 sniper rifle which had not yet been issued to the Reserves.

Area assigned me to establish a team from the best performers throughout Central Militia Area which, at that time, covered Ontario. I did so then set up practice schedules at Camp Borden for the contingent which initially numbered about a dozen. Selected from their scores in the recent CMA Championships, they came from a wide variety of formations and ranks. Applying the Canadian Bisley Team principle of first name basis and no concession to rank I found that, after the first surprised reaction, this worked well and prompted a swift knitting together of the disparate team members.

Arriving at Connaught ranges, the team embarked on this new, national endeavour for the Reserves. As a first-time venture an understandable and inevitable chaos surrounded the opening day with sequential events failing to dovetail leaving competitors racing from range to range trying to maintain the schedule. But a day of painful experience was soon converted into a semblance of order and, by competition's end, a great number of how-not-to's and how-to's had been recorded for implementation the following year.

As a team, CMA won the Atlantic trophy as the top-scoring rifle team winning 20 medals, for individuals and 2 team trophies. Unfortunately, in the general chaos of that introductory year I have no record of who won what.

Still operating out of Central Area HQ Downsview, I reviewed and streamlined small arms training programs then implemented them at unit level by training instructors from all units in Central Area. With the assistance of a young officer, Richard Irvine, I conducted courses on theory at various locations throughout the winter months then took the candidates out for field firing when weather permitted. We brought a new approach to training in that we ensured that every trainee comprehended the theory and principles of shooting to the point that we carried a blow-up of the sight picture, on pre-firing instruction, so that trainees knew exactly what they should see before squeezing the trigger. We also taught them all to make mechanical sight corrections, on the FN C1, and zero their own weapons, a task previously done by armourers while the shooter had no idea what was going on. Increased scores validated our methods and revealed potential candidates for major competitions.

In June our Lorne Scots team attended the Central Militia Area Championships, the actual matches now being conducted by the ORA under the title CMA/ORA. Secretary Jim Thompson and I, as chairman of the ORA Executive, had met with Area Commander, Brigadier Andrynuik, to achieve this cooperative effort in order to streamline the operation and increase the number of variety of matches fired in these competitions. ORA also provided most of the trophies. This combination enhanced the event significantly and continued as a fixture at least until I eventually retired from the military. I must confess, however, that on the first morning of the prize meeting, many of the military personnel glared indignantly at the long-haired, casually dressed civilians conducting 'their' matches. It took very little time, however, before they realized that by comparison with a couple of previous years, the matches were being conducted with precision and on time by people who knew their business.

End of 10th installment of Recollections of a Marksman Phase II

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**Paul Tremblay inducted
into the
DCRA Hall of Fame
August 2008**



Congratulations Paul!!

**Rules of 'F' Class
by George H. Farquharson**

Written by Paul Reibin (I was there!!)

To start - a quick bio of George: He was born in Kamloops and lived there all his life. He began shooting at a young age, both small bore and fullbore. He was a member of the Rocky Mountain Rangers (RMR) Militia. An association was formed and the Gold Cup Range was established for shooting.

When WW II happened, George went overseas and was discharged at war end. He was wounded three times. After the war, George started a family and had three sons and returned to his love of shooting. He was a member of the Canadian Team to Bisley three times and a member of the Canadian Team to the Palma twice.

George and I would drive to Victoria, BC, to compete at Heals Range. While there we stayed with another shooter and good friend, Frani Morse. As time went on, it became more trying for George to shoot target rifle. On two different trips George spoke about his idea for him to keep shooting. He said that we should have a class for people with a "target rifle with a scope and using a support" We agreed it would extend shooting years and could attract others who have other physical difficulties.

George suggested it be call Fun Class. We agreed to call it "F" Class either "Fun" or "Farquharson". So, in about 1987 F Class was included in the BCRA competitions at Heals Range. There were two competitors.

About this time a presentation was made to the DCRA and I believe in 1989 the first F Class was allowed. George was the lone entry.

The rules George came up with were simple:

- Take the iron sights off your target rifle and put a target telescope on it. The weight limit would be increased to include the total of the rifle and scope plus bases and rings.
- Calibre would be unmodified 0.308 with bullet weight not more than 156 grains or an unmodified 0.223 with a bullet weight not more than 81 grains.
- The support could be attached or unattached but must not reduce recoil or be a machine rest for return to battery
- F Class could be fired in more than prone position

In Canada F Class has evolved to include F Open or F(O) for those who do not comply with George's original intent and F Farquharson or F(F) for those that meet the original requirements. ICFRA has introduced an F Restricted class, which allows any bullet weight in 0.308 calibre. In some countries this is known as F(TR). (Editor's note: the TR stands for Tactical Rifle, not Target Rifle.) There has been some talk about the DCRA allowing F(Restricted) or F(TR) at the Canadian Championships. This was not, I repeat, not George's intent and must only be allowed in addition to F(F) class, not in place of it. Otherwise, those who wish to use heavier bullets must compete in F Open.

The F Farquharson rules in the DCRA rule book are as close as possible to what George wanted. I say those be the world rules.





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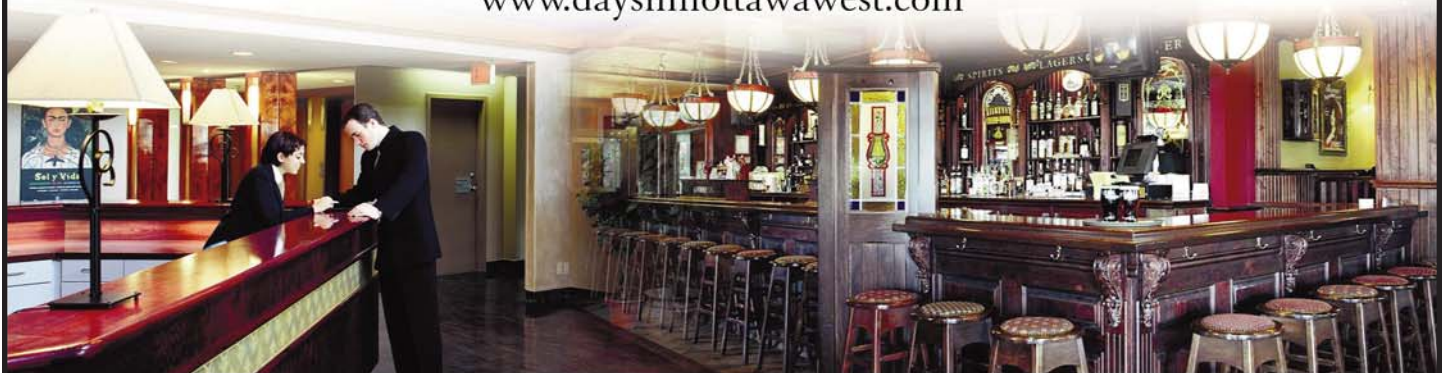
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The 2011 World Long Range Championships: Are You In, Mate?

Bob Pitcairn

Captain, Canadian 2011 WLRC Team

The next World Long Range Championships (WLRC) will be held in Brisbane, Australia, in October 2011. You are cordially invited to apply to be considered for membership on one or more of the Canadian teams that will be competing in this prestigious match.

Canada has an honourable place in the long history of the World Long Range Championships, formerly the Palma Match, with wins in 1901, 1967, and 1982, and a hard-won silver medal in 1992.

Recent Canadian showings, however, have been disappointing. To some extent our performance has been inhibited by the size of our country, a thinly-spread (small?) pool of shooters, and limited funds. A study was begun this summer to find ways in which, despite these problems, Canadian teams could once again win gold medals in world competition.

The study found that what was needed was a radical refocusing of our energy on training, with a particular emphasis on team training of both shooters and coaches in all age groups. Accordingly, a national training program to build the pool of elite shooters and coaches has been instituted. Across the country at

regional training centres participants will engage in a variety of drills and activities designed to build skills in shooting, wind judging, and plotting/group centering. Training updates will be issued on a timely basis to help shooters with their mental management, physical training, and range practice so as to bring their shooting and coaching skills to an elite level.

Every DCRA member, regardless of age, is strongly encouraged to complete the attached application form to become a member of our elite training program, which will start 1 November, 2008 and will continue through September, 2011 and beyond. On 1 October, 2010, the Canadian WLRC teams will be selected to compete in the 2011 World Long Range Championships.

John F. Kennedy once said "Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future". Don't miss the future. Apply now to be part of the future. We cannot promise you at this time that you will be selected to the Canadian World Championship teams, but we can guarantee that if you follow the program for the next two years, you will be a much better shooter and coach.

I hope you answer the title question by saying "Yes, mate, I'm in!"

2011 CANADIAN WLRC TEAMS REGISTRATION FORM

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CANADIAN RIFLE TEAM TO BISLEY 2008



Back row: Brian Page, Al Katona, Greg Perron, Laurie Hearn, Ray Smeltzer, Fred Yip, Peter Redstone
Middle row: Scott Murray, Jim Paton, Serge Bissonnette, Jeff Jenkins, Peter Dobell, Steven Spinney, Paul Dudzinski, Roger Mullin
Front row: Carl Ganter, Dave Adams (Coach), Jim Thompson (Adjutant), Sandy Peden (Commandant), Bob Best (Coach), Stan Frost, Ken Westling
 (picture by P Hicks)

Sandy Peden, Commandant

I thank the voting members of the DCRA for allowing me to be a part of a memorable visit to the Imperial Matches at Bisley 2008.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to my Adjutant Jim Thompson. His dedication to our team and the countless hours of work that he put in enabled the rest of our team to spend our time on the shooting part of our trip.

Until one becomes involved with the team at the administrative level, they cannot know of the professional and welcoming manner of our office staff. Betty Ann Ferguson and Peter Vaughan handled all the team preparation paper work, which allowed the team to go on to England without any problems. My special thanks to Betty Ann for all the work she did in preparing our team booklet and looking after the team clothing.

Our 2008 Canadian Bisley Team roster included:

Honorary Commandant	Mrs. David M. Stewart	QC
Commandant	Mr. Alexander (Sandy) Peden	BC
Adjutant	Dr. James C. (Jim) Thompson	ON
Coach	Mr. Robert Best	BC
Coach	Mr. Dave Adams	BC
Team Member	Mr. Serge Bissonnette	ON
Team Member	Mr. Peter Dobell	BC
Team Member	Mr. Paul Dudzinski	BC
Team Member	Mr. Stan Frost	SK

Team Member	Mr. Carl Ganter	AB
Team Member	Ms. Laurie Hearn	NL
Team Member	Mr. Jeff Jenkins	NS
Team Member	Mr. Al Katona	BC
Team Member	Dr. Roger Mullin	ON
Team Member	Mr. Scott Murray	ON
Team Member	Mr. Brian Page	BC
Team Member	Mr. James Paton	BC
Team Member	Mr. Gregory Perron	BC
Team Member	Mr. Peter Redstone	AB
Team Member	Mr. Raymond Smeltzer	NS
Team Member	Mr. Steven Spinney	ON
Team Member	Mr. Ken Westling	BC
Team Member	Mr. Frederick Yip	BC

I would like to thank our two Coaches, Bob Best and Dave Adams for the outstanding job they did. They were able to run several small training camps in the spring with the BC members of the team. This was of great benefit to our coaches in learning how to work together as a team. Our main focus during all training was on team shooting. With the assistance of Peter Westlake we were able to have the use of A range for the four days of our Ottawa training camp. During that time we used RG and handloads with RG bullets and shot team shooting at 3, 5, and 600 yds each day. Twelve team members were able to attend. With exception of two, all team members were in Bisley by July 10. For the next seven days we devoted all of our time to team

shooting competing with the North London Club, Wales, Huddersfield, Altcar, BCRC, RAF and the Barbarians. All of these matches were considered to be training. During these matches we worked on team procedures, individual techniques and developing more coaches. We changed the term "Plotter" to "Assistant coach". This added another voice and opinion to what was happening on the point. All personnel were wired and used the plotomatic, which allowed the assistant coaches more time to watch conditions. By devoting all of our resources to team shooting we felt that we had more opportunities to avoid some of the surprises that have dogged us over the last twenty years. I think that we were successful in doing that except for the ammunition shock...Naturally; one of our goals was to win the Kolapore. Our second goal concerning the Kolapore was if we did not win, there was not going to be anyone else in front of us. That goal was achieved in great fashion. Jersey had finished, we had one shooter to go and needed a 50 to win second place. Our last shooter was Gregg Perron who very quickly fired a 50.7 to put us ahead of Jersey by 18V's

In the other main Matches, the Overseas and the Mackinnon we did not do as well as expected. In the Overseas Match we tied for second but were counted out on 'V's.

In the Mackinnon we slipped to a fourth place position. It was a very frustrating experience. The match was shot in easy conditions yet, due to the poor quality of the ammunition, combined with some of our barrels just not handling that issue, we lost many points for elevation. I was a coach on one of the targets and at 1000 yards we dropped 35 points, 28 for elevation. After all the team training we did to prepare it was all for nothing.

During the individual matches our shooters did well considering the conditions and the ammunition. Ten team members advanced to St. Georges II led by Laurie Hearn with a 75.11V. Four members got through the Queens 1st led again by Laurie Hearn with a 105.15V. Jim Paton and Laurie made the Queen's Final finishing 46th and 62nd. Jim also won the Admiral Hutton out right with a 50.9. Gregg Perron was in a shoot-off for the Alexandra with a 50.7. He dropped to third place in the shoot-off with a 25.3V. He was also our lone shooter in the St. George's final finishing 32nd with 147.14V.

I have mentioned Laurie and Gregg many times. They were truly exceptional and are an outstanding example of what the Cadet training can produce. But that is not to say that the rest of our team members did not contribute. Because of our emphasis on team shooting during all of our training, the new members of our team were able to learn and build confidence. Peter Dobell and Alpar Katona were performance leaders on teams. Everyone played a part in our team being successful for that is what we were... successful with room to improve.



RESULTS OF MAIN TEAM MATCHES.

OVERSEAS

Jersey	1185.105
Guernsey	1176.89
Canada	1176.89

KOLAPORE

Great Britain	1179.155
Canada	1172.132
Jersey	1172.114
Guernsey	1156.119
Germany	1154.100
Kenya	1142.114

MACKINNON

England	1153.106
Scotland	1153.97
Ireland	1142.110
Canada	1109.90
Wales	1108.85
Jersey	1099.71

Apart from the ammunition issue, I would like to suggest that we could give ourselves a better chance of fielding a competitive team by allowing our team to be larger. Eighteen is a number that just does not work. When it comes to the twelve shooter matches, we just do not have enough people to field a team. Year after year we face the same problem. We should be sending at least twenty to twenty five shooters and at least one more coach. It is bad enough having to use poor ammunition, but let's give ourselves a better chance by having a larger group to work with.

Our two coaches have written a report which is also published in this issue of the Marksman. I have asked the Adjutant to write some short notes on some of the more domestic aspects of our tour - these follow.



Sandy Peden
Commandant
2008 Canadian Rifle Team
to Bisley



Notes from the Adjutant

Accommodation at Bisley For the first few days of our stay, we and the Canadian Forces Team were both in residence at the Macdonald Stewart Pavilion. Arrangements for this had been carefully worked out in advance between the two teams. Everyone was squeezed in with only a little bit of over-crowding.

Catering and Housekeeping This was the second year that Julia and Gary Evans have been our resident managers of the Pavilion. Julia did the cooking and provided a fine variety of meals. We established a fairly simple system for team members to sign out and for guests to be signed in on a daily sheet. This worked smoothly once people got used to it and provided the basis for a relatively simple settlement of the catering bill at the end. The BBQ and final Team Dinner were special events, also very well done. Julia made arrangements for housekeeping and cleaning. I was not made aware of any problems with this.

The Bar We made arrangements with Gary for purchase of some supplies through him, while we obtained some stock directly. The final figures are not yet settled as I write, but I believe the bar operation will essentially break even, after allowing for supplies used at the Canadian reception and Team Dinner. Accounting was a reasonably simple process, since most individual purchases were made by entry in the bar book.

The Canadian Teams' Reception We and the RCAC Team were co-hosts for the traditional reception. It is not possible to say how many people attended - the Pavilion was comfortably full but not

excessively crowded. Invitations were partially pre-prepared in the DCRA Office, added to at Bisley and kindly distributed by several of the resident spouses. The list is being up-dated as a guide for the 2009 Team.

The Ladies "Sherry" Party This is more commonly a "Pimms" party these days. All the invitations and preparations were looked after by the group of spouses. I am told there was a record attendance. Judging by the hubbub from the main lounge, a very good time was had by all!

Final Team Dinner We held this on the last Sunday, before most people went home next day. A special menu was offered, coordinated by Marion Thompson and expertly produced by Julia Evans. The roast lamb was rare enough to satisfy even the most die-hard of the die-hards. Our guests of honour were BGen Ray Romses, soon to be President of the DCRA, and his wife Carol. It was a very happy evening, epitomising the family atmosphere that had characterised our team.

There are many other things that occupy the time and attention of the Adjutant during the stay at Bisley. These include arrangements for UK ground transportation, team photographs, team entries, practice targets, and, not least, the overall accounting. Team members were generally most cooperative and supportive, so that it was a pleasure to work with them and on their behalf.

Dr. James Thompson
Adjutant



Our young shooters at play from their tour of the London Dungeon.
As Laurie puts it "After a day on Stickledown" (l-r: Greg Perron, Laurie Hearn, Ray Smeltzer)



The Final Team Dinner



Team members of the Mackinnon Match.



Guests of honour BGen Ray Romses, soon to be President of the DCRA, and his wife Carol

2008 DCRA Bisley Team Coaches' Report

Pre-Bisley Training

One of the early factors contributing to the success of the 2008 team was the selection of both coaches from the same region of the country. This enabled us to have frequent meetings throughout the winter, and, once the spring shooting season had begun, to work together in training.

Training bulletins were sent out to all team members during the winter, with instructions on equipment preparation, physical conditioning, and shooting training.

Because a sizeable number of the shooting members of the team were also from BC, we were able to conduct several team training sessions during the course of the spring. These sessions were invaluable, as some of the team were relatively new to team shooting. All shooters improved, in both shooting skills and team routines. The two first-time Bisley team members became solid team shooters, with one firing the high score in the RAF match and the other in the Mackinnon.

Debriefings were held after each range during training. We soon realized that these debriefings were at least as important as training on the mound, as they not only allowed for timely instructional feedback; they also helped to build a sense of trust and team spirit.

As we trained, we were able to identify strengths and weaknesses, not only in the shooters, but in ourselves as well. We trained together as coaches, swapping roles as coach and plotter (or, as we now term the role, assistant coach). This close-quarters training in wind calling, group centering, and mound procedure allowed us to observe and learn from each other in ways that would not have been possible if we'd simply trained as coaches of separate targets. A key factor in training, and, indeed, in the success of the team at Bisley, was the use of the plotmatic. There is no question that this device provides instant information about group centering and wind that paper graphing simply cannot match. Its speed allowed the coach to make quick decisions, and allowed the plotter to have his head up and keep his eye on conditions, so that he became in effect an assistant coach. There is no doubt that this extra pair of eyes, together with the fast shooting that the plotmatic permits, saved points in team matches, especially during fishtailing headwinds. Our two youngest shooters proved, too, that the plotmatic can be learned and mastered quickly.

Problems

One early problem was that not all team members bought into the coaches' training program. The reality is that some of the team have been attending the Imperial Meeting for a long time and are quite satisfied with their personal program which has served them well. This attitude leaves something to be desired. For team spirit to develop there must be a common vision and trust between all team members. This is very difficult to achieve if everyone does not buy in.

A further difficulty was the fact that team members were spread out across the country. It is very hard to influence or make positive changes in team members when they are far away. The coaches were occupied with the training in BC (both work full time as well) and had little time to keep track of what the others were doing. Communiqué s were sent out, but it was taken on faith that training

would take place. This was a mistake. Another reality to the Canadian Bisley experience is that winters are long and the training season is short. There is not a lot of time to make major corrections before the matches start. It should be noted, however, that our furthest-away team member participated faithfully in a rigorous winter training program, and it showed in her placing in the Queens Final.

There were also problems with the Ottawa training camp before Bisley. In the first place, only a minority of the team actually showed up. This meant that a major objective, the forging of a unified team under match training conditions, could not be achieved. Another problem was that the coaches had to spend an inordinate amount of time on logistical problems, time that should have been spent helping the team.

Successes

Despite the problems noted above, the team came together and shot well at Bisley. The chemistry was right. Everyone got on well for the most part and put on the best performance that they were capable of at the time. Evaluation was ongoing and improvements were made not only by the coaches but by the shooters as well. This was very gratifying to see. We were all, shooters and coaches alike, trying to be good.

A lot of the credit for this is due to our team officers. Jim, as Adjutant, was a model of calm efficiency. Sandy's quiet leadership as Commandant, both in his ceremonial duties and as a third coach behind and sometimes on the mound, was an inspiration.

As coaches, though we entered the individual matches, we had decided early on that our priority would be the coaching of the team, both on and off the mound. We made sure that all team members knew this and that we would give our time and effort to help them become better. When we made mistakes (which we did!) we acknowledged them to the team and then took steps to ensure we would not make them again.

We think this paid off in the team matches. We never went to the mound without putting in a competitive performance. We didn't always win-but the other teams had to beat us. We feel that the training we were able to perform as a team was a major part of this. We also feel that if we had been able to organize more regional training across the country we could have done even better. It has been many years since we've seen nervous GB team personnel constantly checking Canada's scoreboard-but we saw them this year. That is something for each member of this team to be proud of.

Both coaches are proud to have been part of this team. We both feel a bond with the team members and look forward to being involved with them on teams in the years ahead.

Recommendations:

1. The selection of coaches for the Bisley team must not be an afterthought. Coaches require not only good wind-coaching and group centering skills; they must also be effective communicators and trainers. Ideally, they should come from the same region so that they can meet often and train together in the months before Bisley.

2. Consideration should be given to sending a third or even a fourth coach with the team. This would help the "coaching crunch" in 3-target matches, and could permit promising, possibly even young, coaches to gain international experience.

3. Consideration should be given to enlarging the size of the shooting team to at least 20. Lack of depth in a squad of 18 makes choosing 12 shooters for the Mackinnon very difficult.

4. The plotmatic is such an advantage in team shooting that its use should be part of the standard procedures for Canadian international teams. (It should be noted that the plotmatic is also a powerful tool for training beginning and even experienced shooters in group centering.)

5. The team shooting role of plotter should be abolished, and replaced with the role of assistant coach. The speed of the plotmatic frees the second member of the coaching team to actually contribute intelligently to decisions about group centering and wind calling. This change will require the assistant coach to be "wired in": more headsets should be purchased to permit this.

6. All shooters in team matches, whether left- or right-handed, should have their sights twiddled by the coach. The coaches of this year's team, one left-handed and one right-handed, had no trouble with this-and it saved many points.

7. During team matches, it should be recognized that no one procedure will work at every range. In easy conditions, and especially at 300 yards, coaches should be trusted to get possibles quickly and with a minimum of fuss. Pilot shots and extended holds, while necessary at long range and in difficult conditions, are unnecessary and will cost points at other times. This was borne out during the RAF match, when our excessive caution cost us points, and during the Kolapore, when letting the coaches get possibles quickly and quietly enabled us to tie Great Britain at that range.

8. Regions should be encouraged to re-purpose "practice" days at the range, and instead conduct them as organized training days, with an emphasis on team training of shooters and coaches. This will not only help develop team shooting; it will quickly be seen as a powerful way to develop individuals' own shooting skills.

9. When the idea of regional training centers becomes a reality, it may be a good time to abolish the pre-Bisley Ottawa training camp. Until then, all team members should attend the Ottawa camp to take advantage of that facility and training.

Mr. Robert Best, Coach
Mr. David Adams, Coach

William Clifford's granddaughter meets Bisley 2008 team

In May of this year, Nola Miller contacted the DCRA office enquiring about the Canadian Rifle Team that was heading to Bisley. Nola is the granddaughter of William Clifford, the first Canadian-born winner of the King's Prize in 1911. He was also the first winner to use a Canadian made rifle - a Ross 1910. The family generously donated both of Private Clifford's Ross rifles to the DCRA. They are now housed in the Macdonald Stewart Museum in Montreal.

Nola lives on Vancouver Island so it was our honour to invite her to our matches and to a dinner.

She came down from Courtenay by bus on Saturday afternoon. She was the guest of honour at the dinner that evening and gave a short speech about her grandfather and how much he meant to her family. Nola was very happy to meet some of the members of the team.

She was presented with a Bisley 2008 team booklet, signed by the members of the team that were present.

On Sunday Nola came to the ranges then returned to Courtenay later that day.

It is Nola's hope that one day she can visit our Hall of Fame and make a trip to Bisley.



Nola's mother was only 2 years old when her father was killed in action in 1917. She was concerned that he may be forgotten, but the pride of his granddaughter and family are proof that she did not have to worry. Indeed, we all remember Pte William Clifford - one of Canada's finest marksmen.

DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION UNDER 25 BURSARY

In 1998 the DCRA introduced a shooting bursary by which eligible shooters under the age of 25 may be able to receive financial assistance to apply against entry fees to compete in the annual CFRC.

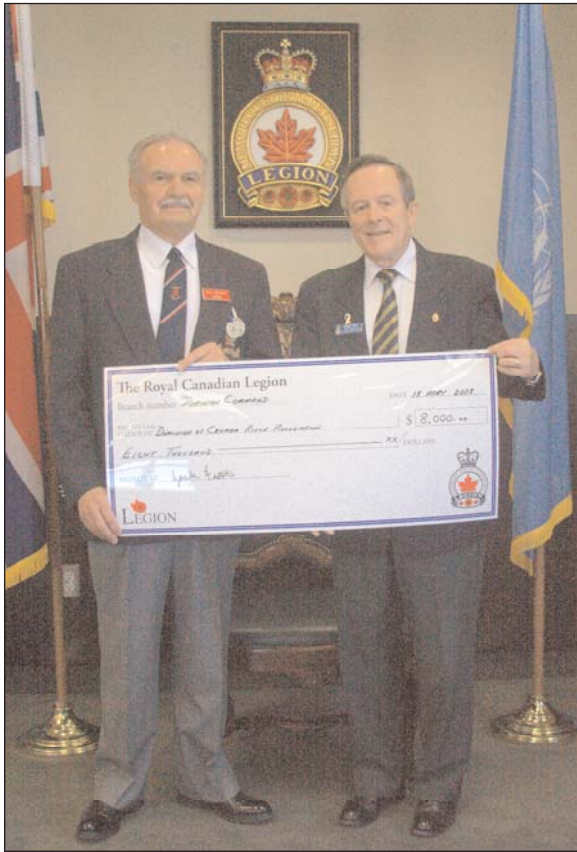
Paid up, Under 25 members who have submitted an entry form for the CFRC for the year in question may apply.

Individuals who will have their entry fees paid by the Cadets or receive any other DCRA assistance are not eligible for a bursary.

Applications must be received annually by 15 April.

Contact the DCRA for an application form at office@dcr.ca.

Royal Canadian Legion Supports DCRA Junior Winter Shooting Program



On behalf of the DCRA, Life Governor Bill Molnar accepts an \$8,000.00 cheque from Duane Daly, Dominion Secretary of the Royal Canadian Legion.

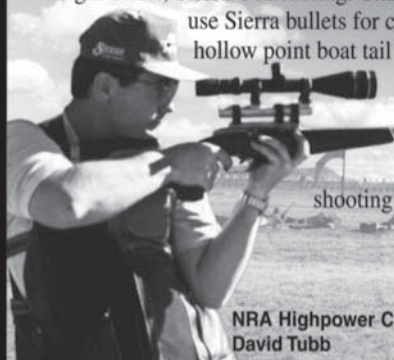
The Royal Canadian Legion has a long history of supporting youth activities and is especially supportive of those in which Army, Sea and Air Cadets are involved. Recognizing the financial squeeze that DCRA finds itself in following the cessation of government grants, the Legion is augmenting funding to encourage and assist Cadet Corps with participation in DCRA's Winter Postal Program. The money will be used to reduce match entry costs, assist with the purchase of targets, defray postage charges and of course to help pay for awards.

The Legion recognizes the benefits of participation in a shooting program. Aside from the value of learning firearms safety, teenagers develop dedication, concentration, self discipline and the analytical thinking required to make sight adjustments to cope with wind and light changes.


-submitted by Bill Molnar

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2007/2008 DCRA POSTAL PROGRAM RESULTS

CADET MATCHES

Match 1.3	Gold	Queen's York Rangers, Aurora, ON	1552
Cadet Air Rifle Team	Silver	2644 Hull, Gatineau, QC	1526
	Bronze	242 Granby, Granby, QC	1516
	Gold	Christina Enger, 2799 Queen's York Rangers, Aurora, ON	392
Match 1.4 Cadet Air Rifle Individual	Silver	Gillian Spears, 2610 RCACC, Sheet Harbour, Halifax, NS	391
	Bronze	Matthieli Parker-Labonte, 242 Granby, Granby, QC	389
	Top Expert	Mathias Neujahr, 856 RCACS, Pickering, ON	368
	Top Expert	Josh Adrian, 907 White Rock RCACS, Langley, BC	368
	Top Expert	Gillian Hatch, 2610 RCACC Sheet Harbour, Halifax, NS	368
	Top Expert	Jesse Fleet, 2610 RCACC Sheet Harbour, Halifax, NS	368
	Top SS	Anton Schubert, 907 White Rock RCACS, Langley, BC	349
	Top SS	Liam Nolan, 856 RCACS, Pickering, ON	347
	Top SS	Spencer Hartling, 2610 RCACC Sheet Harbour, Halifax, NS	347
	Top SS	Justin Acheson, 2610 RCACC Sheet Harbour, Halifax, NS	347
	Match 1.8 - Stage 1 Air Rifle Team Match for the Youth of the Commonwealth	1st place	2799 Queen's York Rangers, Aurora, ON
2nd place		242 Granby, Granby, QC	1446

JUNIOR MATCHES

Match 2.3	Gold	907 White Rock, RCACS, Langley, BC	1494
Junior Air Rifle Team Match	Silver	57 SD&G Highlanders Army Cadets, Hawkesbury, ON	1374
	Bronze	2537 RCACC The Battlefords, North Battleford, SK	1346
Match 2.4 Junior Air Rifle Individual	Gold	Patrick Martin, 907 White Rock RCACS, Langley, BC	373
	Top Expert	Janko Rogan, 907 White Rock RCACS, Langley, BC	367
	Top Expert	Josh Adrian, 907 White Rock RCACS, Langley, BC	367
	Top SS	Kenneth Cooper-Hunt, 3036 Sackville Lions (EME)	336
	Top SS	Austin Belle, 57 SD&G Highlanders Army Cadets	334

OPEN MATCHES

Match 3.1 Open Smallbore Rifle Team	Gold	NSHMRA, NS	2338
	2nd	PEIRA	2260
Match 3.2 Open Iron Sight Smallbore	Gold	Gale Stewart, CTVC, QC	596
	Silver	Paul Rodd, NSHMRA, NS	595
	Bronze	Barry Langille, NSHMRA, NS	586
	Top Expert	Judy Anderson, BCRA	580
	Top Expert	Laurie Hearn, NLSA	579
	Top Expert	Raymond Smeltzer, NSHMRA	579
	Top SS	Rob Harrison, APRA Service Club	522
	Top MM	Wayne Zylik, APRA Service Club	416
Match 3.3 Open Any Sight Smallbore	Gold	Gale Stewart, CTVC, QC	598
	Silver	Paul Rodd, NSHMRA, NS	593
	Bronze	Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	587
	Top Expert	Jacques Dugas, CTVC, QC	580
	Top Expert	Laurie Hearn, NLSA	575
	Top Expert	Brenda Greene, NLSA	572
Match 3.5 Open Air Rifle Team	Gold	907 White Rock RCACS, Langley, BC	2265
	2nd	57 SD&G Highlanders Army Cadets, Hawkesbury, ON	2201

Match 3.6 Open Air Rifle Ind.	Gold	Kevin Bezanson, 907 White Rock RCACS, Langley, BC	568
	Silver	Rob Harrison, APRA Service Club	565
	Bronze	Jordan St-Jean, 57 SD&G Highlanders Army Cadets	565
	Top Expert	Catherine Sampson, 57 SD&G Highlanders Army Cadets	500
	Top SS	Kayleigh Mines, 57 SD&G Highlanders Army Cadets	442
Match 3.8 Open F Class SB	Gold	Bill Flintoft, Chilliwack, BC	598
	Silver	Mark Anderson, Kamloops Target Sports Association	595
	Bronze	Patricia Roberts, Kamloops Target Sports Association	592
	Top Expert	Christopher Taggart, APRA Service Club	565
	Top Expert	Richard Smith, BCRA	579
	Top SS	Rob Harrison, APRA Service Club	502

3036 Sackville Lions (EME)



Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships Questionnaire and Survey

During October, members and others interested in the DCRA National Championships were asked for their views and suggestions on the events in August. As wide a distribution of the questionnaire as possible was made, with recipients being encouraged to copy it and pass it on. The response was reasonable, given the time frame, with some 75 replies being received from Canada, the USA and other countries.

We are most grateful to Dave Rumbold for spurring the development of the questionnaire and for analysing most of the responses. A few replies came in after the closing date, which will be included in the overall summary of responses. We are also grateful to Richard Short for getting the questionnaire up on the web site and for arranging for electronic responses.

A variety of views and comments and suggestions were made. All of these are now being considered by the Programme Committee, with possible proposals for changes in the Championship to be discussed by the Executive Committee at its meeting in December.

Details of the programme for 2009, including any changes, will be posted as soon as possible on the DCRA web site and will be published, along with entry forms and other information, in the next issue of the Marksman.

The DCRA thanks all those who responded to this survey and for the time and thought put into the replies of many. The Canadian Championships are our largest annual activity, attracting also a significant international entry. The DCRA seeks to run these matches on behalf of shooters in all disciplines, from Canada and from around the world. We hope that the input received from this survey will assist us to strengthen and enhance all the events.



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THE DCRA 2008/2009 POSTAL COMPETITIONS

We cordially invite you to participate in the DCRA 2008/2009 Postal Programme for the National Smallbore and Air Rifle Shooting Championships. Our postal shooting program will provide you with both challenge and personal enjoyment, as well as the opportunity to hone shooting skills. The Postal Programme includes competitive opportunities in individual and team Matches, in both air rifle and smallbore disciplines.

The complete Postal Programme is designed to provide the broadest opportunity for everyone to pursue their shooting interests indoors. The rules permit the wide latitude in selection of rifles and sights, to encourage the greatest possible participation. To promote shooting skills under similar conditions and to ensure fairness with respect to different shooting backgrounds and experience, the Postal Programme includes different shooting matches for adults, juniors and cadets.

While registration for the Postal Programme can be delayed until as late as February 6, 2009 it is strongly recommended that your individual and team entries be sent to the DCRA office by end of November. This will permit you to start shooting earlier, and can provide both individuals and teams with extra activities during the coming holiday season.

If you have any queries about these postal competitions, please call, e-mail the DCRA at office@dcra.ca or visit our website at www.dcra.ca.

Postal Programme Memberships

Individual (Senior) Membership	\$ 16.00
Cadets and Junior Memberships	No Charge

Match No. & Name	Individual 1st team	Each Additional Team	Remarks
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Cadet Air Rifle

1.3 Cadet Air Rifle Team	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00	4 members to count
1.4 Cadet Air Rifle Individual	\$ 5.00		
1.8 Air Rifle Team - Youth of the Commonwealth	\$ 45.00		8 members to count

Junior Air Rifle

2.3 Junior Air Rifle Team	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00	4 members to count
2.4 Junior Air Rifle Individual	\$ 5.00		

Open Smallbore and Air Rifle

3.1 Open Smallbore Team	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00	4 members to count
3.2 Open iron Sight Smallbore Ind.	\$ 5.00		
3.3 Open Any Sight Smallbore Ind.	\$ 5.00		
3.4 Open Pairs Smallbore	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.50	2 members to count
3.5 Open Air Rifle Team	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00	4 members to count
3.6 Open Air Rifle Individual	\$ 5.00		
3.7 Open F-Class Smallbore Team	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00	4 members to count
3.8 Open F-Class Smallbore Individual	\$ 5.00		

For **Cadets** and **Juniors** entering these matches, entry fees will be reduced by 50%. This has been made possible by a generous donation made by the Royal Canadian Legion.



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ENTRY FORM - POSTAL COMPETITIONS

Unit/Club/Name: _____ Cadet Unit Number: _____

Address: _____

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(A) Team Matches - Enter this Unit/Club in the following matches:

Match #	Match Name	# of teams	\$ / team	TOTAL \$
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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(B) Individual Matches - Enter these individuals in the following matches: (please include an alphabetical list of individuals and, if senior, include membership fees)

Match #	Individual Name	# of individuals	\$/Indiv.	TOTAL \$
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Total Team Fees	\$ _____
Total Individual Fees	\$ _____
Less 50% for Cadets & Juniors	\$ _____
Membership (if applicable)	\$ _____
TOTAL ENTRY FEES (Enclosed)	\$ _____

Certified that, unless otherwise directed in the conditions for the match, all matches entered above will be fired at NOT less than _____ metres/feet from the front of the firing point to the face of the target (see Rule 4 para. 1a.) Range Officer

NOTES:

1. See the conditions for the appropriate match fee for the entry fee required.
2. Ensure that the correct fee is included with the form, see Rule 1 para 2. Make cheques or money orders payable to "DCRA Postal Competitions". DO NOT send cash through the mail.

SIERRA RESULTS

Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Provincial Rifle Association held the Sierra matches at the North Star Range in Nokomis on July 7, 2008. There were 10 competitors in the match.

The winners of the Sierra prizes were:

Target Rifle: P. Jmaeff
F-Open: R. Greve
F-Rest.: L. Nash

*Congratulations to the competitors and the winners!
Hope to see you next year.*

The SPRA would like to thank
Sierra Bullets for their continued support.

Quebec

Although weather forecasts were for a VERY RAINNY day, we had fog and overcast with a shower during the first relay. This condition allowed the event to take place but it definitely brought the number of competitors down as only 7 shooters showed up.

Winners of the Sierra competition held at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier on June 7, 2008 were:

TR Class - Mr. Paul Tremblay with 591

FF Class - Mr. Claude D'Astous with 598

FO Class - Mr. Luc Couturier with 585

*All shooters from Quebec want to thank Sierra Bullets
for their support year after year!!*



A group of young people from an Army Cadet unit came out for duty in the butts. Our thanks to them.



PQRA Sierra Match

Ontario

The Sierra ISU matches were held on July 20, 2008 at the Mons Range.

A total of 16 shooters competed in the matches.

The winners were:

Michael Wong Shui in Target Rifle - Master Class
Anthony Betts in Target Rifle - Expert Class
Steve Hunt in Target Rifle - Sharpshooter

Terry Perkins - F Class

**The ORA would like to thank Sierra Bullets
for their most generous support.**

*Congratulations to all!
Mark your calendar for the Sierra Matches in
July 2009!*

New Brunswick

The RNBRA held it's annual Sierra matches on July 12, 2008 at Batouche Range, CFB Gagetown. Nine competitors attended the matches. Competitors and the RNBRA are most appreciative of the generous donation of Sierra Bullets for prizes.

Results are:

Ron Surette - 1st TR
Conrad Lerous - 2nd TR

Wayne Kaye - 1st MTR (tie)
Paul McIlveen - 1st MTR (Tie)

Our thanks to Sierra Bullets!!

Nova Scotia

The match was held on September 28, 2008 at 'A' Range on the NSRA Bull Meadow Range complex in Upper Rawdon, Nova Scotia.

Course of fire was three strings of unlimited sighters and 15 shots on score on the decimal ISSF target at 300 meters.

There were three classes of competitors were permitted:

TR - Target Rifle - Winner: Charles Bayne 442/450

F - 'F' Class - Winner: Andrew Webber 446/450

SR - Service Rifle - Alan Ferguson 419/450

Weather conditions were windy with overcast sky. Severe weather was forecast as Post Tropical Storm 'Ike' was approaching. These conditions may have reduced the number of competitors. The match was completed before the wind and rain associated with 'IKE' was encountered.

The Nova Scotia Rifle Association would like to thank Sierra Bullets for their continued support!

SIERRA RESULTS

British Columbia

The Mission Rod & Gun Club was pleased to host the BCRA Provincial ISSF Championship for 2008. Our course of fire this year had a possible score of 900-90x over two days which can be very challenging on this target. Weather was variable with some heavy showers on certain relays. The firing point is covered but the light can be a challenge from the low cloud. Of course butt duty is not sheltered. This range does not have strong winds but what there is can be quite fickle.

This year with a fair number of Bisley Team shooters being from BC the coaching staff had made this a training event for the team. This worked out very well and it proved a most useful team event. The 300m target is most demanding requiring very good holding skills. Add to this the fact that each string has a new target face which can be removed and saved for future analysis enabled both the shooters and coaches an opportunity to take corrective action should a problem be detected.

The entry this year is the largest we have ever had with 35 competitors taking part. Our ISSF Champion this year is Bob Pitcairn (888-33x), F-Open winner is a new comer to rifle shooting Frank Oblak (900-79x), the F-TR or as we like to call it here in BC, "Farky" is Bill Flintoft (898-57x). Bill will captain the F-TR team to Bisley next summer. We also hosted a benchrest category this year and Ron Hiller topped the field here with a fine score (900-81x). The junior winner was Alec Meyer.

The event will be hosted next year by the Kamloops Target Sports Assn. This is also an excellent 300m facility and I am personally looking forward to the event. Shoots hosted here are always well run and fun to attend.

I would like to thank Sierra Bullets for their generous donation of bullets. The bullet award and the Sierra banner definitely add to the atmosphere. Our banner picture has become part of the tradition of 300 meter shooting here in BC. Everyone wants to be a part of it.

Dave Adams - ISSF Match Director 2008

BCRA winners with their hardware



Alberta

As a result of a road wash out earlier in the year, the competition was delayed until October 18-19th, 2008.

Thanks to Mr. Walter Nussbaumer of the Swiss Club Tell (Calgary) for agreeing to allow us the use of the Swiss Shooting House at the Homestead Range.

Sixteen people were ready to compete on Sat. Oct. 18th; however as we arrived at the range the snow arrived too. After an hour the snow abated and the first relay began. Unfortunately after a short time the dew point was reached and the 300m range became one thick cloud. We waited until after noon, but had to cancel the first day.

Sunday arrived, overcast but with visible targets and good shooting weather. Unfortunately some of our number could not stay for the second day, but 14 of us proceeded with the competition.

In F Class, Glen Taylor came first with a superb score of 599.46; Julianne Funk came second with a score of 592.23 and Darcy Spent came third with 591.24.

The TR relay was held three hours later and the conditions had become somewhat more tricky. Arne Sorensen came first with a score of 583.18; Henry Rempel came second with a score of 570.13 and Andy Tikkanen came third with a score of 567.12.

Hopefully for 2009, we will not have any problems with access as there is a new bridge in place, and we will be able to run our competition at the normal time just prior to our provincial championships at the beginning of July.

The APRA would like to thank Sierra Bullets for their most generous contribution to the prize list.

-submitted by Peter Redstone

SIERRA RESULTS

National Capital Region Rifle Association

The NCRRA held it's Sierra Competition in October due to military bookings. The result of this was a smaller number of competitors. Twelve members attended and had an enjoyable shoot. The NCRRA plans to hold the match in June next year with a much larger number of competitors forecast.

Winners were:

Target Rifle

- 1st place - Patrick Vamplew
- 2nd place - Alain Marion
- 3rd place - Fred Ellis

F Class

- 1st place - Barry Price
 - 2nd place - Dale Rathwell
- We would like to thank Sierra Bullets for their continued support!!*



Members of the NCRRA at the Sierra match.

Manitoba

We were blessed with beautiful weather in Manitoba, when 20 members took up the Sierra Challenge. The sun was hot and the wind was a challenging fishtail that changed as quickly as you could blink. This was the first time that we had the luxury of a butts party and it was enjoyable just being able to just shoot and chat. An assortment of F Class rifles were on display and an even greater variety of Service rifles from an up to date .233 to an old.303 and open sight 6.5x55 and 30.06. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the day and all participants would like to thank Sierra Bullets for their generous donation and continued support.

Results were:

Target Rifle:

- G Paetkau 438
- B MacDonald 434
- R Dawson 429

F-Restricted

- J McInnes 441
- J Henteleff 432

F-Open

- K Kunzelman 447
- C Hiebert 446
- R Deneka 443

Service Rifle

- B Ralke 414
- L Dolhun 391
- B Snowball 333



The Manitoba Sierra Challenge competitors.

PRA ACTIVITIES

Annual PPRA Championships

Shooters from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba gathered at the North Star Range near Nokomis, Saskatchewan, on the week-end of August 30 to September 1 for the 2008 Prairie Provinces Rifle Association Championships. Saturday was a perfect day for shooting with clear sunshine, moderate temperatures and some very challenging winds. In the morning, at 300 m there were seven 50s but only two of them by Target Rifle competitors. At 500 y with a moderate wind bracket of 2.5 minutes but some very quick changes, only Paul Rossington, Saskatchewan, managed a possible, 50.3 in FO. After lunch it was no easier, with a 4 minute wind bracket at 600 y and no possibles recorded. Glen Taylor, Alberta, was the high F Class with 49.3 and Murray Sloane, Manitoba, was the high TR with 48.3. When we moved back to 900y, there was still all to play for and lots of opportunity to make up lost ground with a 5 minute wind bracket. Saskatchewan's Mike Nash managed the only possible, a 50.5 in FO, and Stan Frost, Saskatchewan, was highest TR with 46.2. The

Alberta Aggregate was won by Gord Hulbert, Saskatchewan, with 190.13, edging Stan Frost by 3 Vs. John Chapman, Manitoba, won the Expert Class with 177.7 and Robert Kachmarski, Saskatchewan, won the Sharpshooter Class with 176.7. In F Class, Bill Watts, Saskatchewan, won FF with 209 (191.18) and Glen Taylor won FO with 214 (194.20).

In sharp contrast to Saturday, Sunday was cold and rainy. It was decided to delay shooting by having the annual meeting of the PPRA in the morning rather than later during the day. After the meeting, the rain had slowed somewhat and the shooters were persuaded to head to the firing point. The rain was generally from the north, into the shooters' faces, with a light fishtailing wind, which actually proved less of a challenge than on Saturday. At 500 y eight possibles were recorded with Stan Frost leading the TR with 50.5 and Glen Taylor and Keith Skjerdal, Saskatchewan, leading F Class with 50.9. At 600 y things were a little more difficult and all seven 50s were recorded by F Class, with Keith Skjerdal

Leonard Kaczmariski and Paul Gutek, all of Saskatchewan, leading the way on 50.9. High TR was Ron Dawson, Manitoba, on 48.6. With the rain increasing, the shooters proceeded to the 900 y line. Stan Frost led TR with a 50.5, while Glen Taylor and Keith Skjerdal both posted 50.10 to lead F Class. At this point the shooters retreated to the clubhouse. After a long discussion during which conditions did not improve, it was decided to cancel the 1,000 y stage. This left the Manitoba Aggregate at 150 instead of the usual 200 points. Stan Frost led TR with 148.14, 5 points clear of Gord Hulbert. Expert Class was won by John Chapman on 140.4 and the winning Sharpshooter was Robert Kachmarski on 140.10. Chuck Lochel, Saskatchewan, won FF with 167 (150.17) and Keith Skjerdal won FO with 178 (150.28), 2 Vs ahead of Glen Taylor.

This completed the Saskatchewan Aggregate for the 2008 PPRA individual championship. Glen Taylor led all shooters with 390 (344.46) winning the FO class over Keith Skjerdal with 388 (339.49). Bill Watts won FF with 374 (340.34) over Chuck Lochel with 363 (330.33). In Target Rifle, Stan Frost carded a 338.24 to win over Gord Hulbert with 333.24. In Expert class John Chapman triumphed with 317.11 over Murray Sloane with 314.20. Robert Kachmarski won Sharpshooter honours with 316.17 over son Alex (shooting for Alberta) with 300.10.

Monday brought the interprovincial coached team match at 600

and 900 y. Unfortunately, our numbers were depleted a bit because the terrible weather on Sunday had sent a few home and your faithful correspondent had to fly east. The light rain was again from the north into the shooters' faces with the temperature only about 10 C and a light fishtailing wind. Everyone shot and the top three TR and top F from each province formed the official 4-person team. The Manitoba team of Ron Dawson 99.11, George McCartney 98.7, Murray Sloane 97.10 and Jim McInnes FF 100.15 won the team championship handily with a total of 394.43. Saskatchewan was second with Gord Hulbert 97.6, Robert Kachmarski 93.5, Sharon Kachmarski 78.0 and Keith Skjerdal FO 100.20, totalling 368.31. Alberta finished third with Frank Lalear 91.4, Alex Kachmarski 88.5, Dale Luchuck 74.0 and Glen Taylor FO 100.19 for 353.28.

The PPRA matches are not limited to prairie residents; we'll happily take anyone's money. So circle your calendars for the September long week-end next year, September 5-7, and come and visit the only civilian 1200 y range in Canada. Camp sites are available on the range. We barbecue at the clubhouse in the evening with entertainment by the effervescent Gordie Hulbert. We'll even try to improve the weather. You might also like to visit the SPRA web site www.saskrifle.ca for other North Star shooting events.

-submitted by Stan Frost with assistance from Keith Skjerdal

Dale Rathwell reports on N.R.A F-Class National Championship

The 5th annual N.R.A F-class National championship took place over the week of September 29th to October 4th at the Winnaquah Gun Club in Lodi, Wisconsin, USA. This event drew 120 F-class shooters from all regions of the USA competing in both F-open and F/TR (F.F. in Canada). Also in attendance this year were shooters from England, Scotland, Ireland and Canada. Canadians Bruce Condie, Gord Ogg, Terry Perkins participated in F-open and Dale Rathwell, in F/TR. Many people considered this event a warm up for next year's F-class world championships at Bisley, England. National championships were awarded in both individual and team events. A team challenge match of America vs. Europe was held with the USA prevailing in both Open (3117-121x vs 3073-73x) and TR (1535-5x vs. 1447-16x). The individuals took place over three days, firing sighters and 15 on score three times each day on the ½ MOA x ring NRA target at distances of 600 and 1000 yards. Unique to the NRA rules, firing was done single string with a time limit. This allowed different strategies of shooting quickly in one condition or waiting for a condition to return. This event was competitor marked and scored which made for a very busy day and had this author further appreciating the hard work in the butts in practice at our Canadian events. Lunch was usually to or from the butts while sitting in the school bus shuttle! Conditions throughout the individual were, to be polite, tricky as flags often completely contradicted each other and mirage was virtually non-existent. The Winnaquah range is narrow by Ottawa standards with intermittent pine trees and corn fields on its borders providing eddies, swirls and up drafts that were confusing at best. This range somewhat resembled Quebec's Val Cartier range except for being longer and less predictable!

The level of equipment and shooter talent was impressive with top notch accurate rigs and a variety of recognized top shooters from F-class and others with accomplished backgrounds in TR/Palma, across the course, silhouette and tactical (precision) on the firing line in each relay. Initially I was humbled with my cobbled up

Hall rig and setup but, fortunately for me, the results happen at the target not at the firing line!

Most impressive was the cooperation, camaraderie, open exchange of information and spirit of fair competition that were present throughout the week. It seemed as if a group of friends had been reunited and happy to see each other give their best shot (!) at the firing line. Many friendships were formed or continued at this event. For example, due to an odd firing point position my bipod could not be raised enough to allow proper sighting of the target. Another competitor came to the rescue lending me some of his equipment for the rest of the day. Thanks John Droelle! The Canadians in attendance rallied to help each other by sharing transportation, advice, meals and encouragement as we each had our challenges to overcome and do our best to represent our Canadian F-class shooters.



Dale on the firing line. (Photo by Daniel Philips)

After two days of competition I found myself near the top of the F/TR list and heading into the final day. The top competitors were "squadded" together on the same relay and literally beside each other adding to the excitement and challenge. At the conclusion of the three days of shooting (HPS 1350-135x), the Grand Agg F-open results were: Charles Ballard - 1337.65x; Mike Downey 1333.55x; Larry Bartholome 1332.62x; Nikolas Taylor 1329.50x; Jim Murphy 1327.48x.

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PRA ACTIVITIES

British Columbia

"FROSTY FARKY" 300M FULL BORE MATCH KTSA ("Home of F Class") LONG RANGE-SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2008

This years' "Frosty Farky" wasn't very frosty! The two day match held over this past weekend was warm with fair winds and hazy mornings. We started our match at 9 am each morning in hopes of putting through a record number of competitors. Thirty four shooters took part in shooting one of four disciplines offered. This year the classes were F Open, F TR, BR (Bench Rest) and TR (Target Rifle). And there was stiff competition in all the classes again this year!

Grand Aggregates-

F Open: 1st Ron Hiller, 2nd Mark Winfield, 3rd Richard Dreger
F TR: 1st Don Hall, 2nd Brian Mylleville, 3rd Len Grinnell
BR: 1st Aubrey White, 2nd Cliff Young, 3rd Mick McPhee
TR: 1st Bob Pitcairn, 2nd Judy Anderson, 3rd Peter Dobell

The scores were so tight that many of the place standings were decided on a count back of x-count on the competitors score card. Presentations of all the medals were handed out by Colin Farquharson (George Farquharson's #3 son) and Lisa, (George's grand daughter). Thank you for coming out again this year!

Submitted by Judy Anderson



L to R Ron Hiller, Aubrey White, Colin Farquharson, Don Hall, Bob Pitcairn; Lisa Farquharson in front

The BCRA awarded the DCRA affiliation medals at the 124th BC Target Rifle and F Class Championship held on August 1-4th. The medals were awarded to the winners of the three stages of the British Columbia Lieutenant Governor's Prize.

Target Rifle Winners:

Gold Mr. Wayne Budbill, Bothell, Washington State
Silver Mr. Gary Rasmussen, Bellingham, Washington State
Bronze Mr. Gary Rasmussen, Bellingham, Washington State
F Class Winners

Gold Mr. Ian Hames, Adams River, BC
Silver Mr. Chris Dodd, Chilliwack, BC
Bronze Mr. Ian Hames, Adams River, BC

The BCRA would like to thank the DCRA for their continued support in their shooting programs.

Manitoba

The Manitoba Provincial Rifle Association held its 126th Annual Prize Meet on August 2-4, 2008. The DCRA affiliation medals were awarded as follows:

Gold High F Class Open in Lieutenant Governor's Final

Kelly Kunzelman, Neepawa, MB

Gold High F Class Open in Grand Aggregate

Ron Wilson, Murillo, ON

Silver - High Expert in the Grand Aggregate

John Chapman, Winnipeg, MB

Silver - High F Class TR in Grand Aggregate

Len Kaczmariski, Candiac, SK

Silver - High F Class in Lieutenant Governor's First Stage

Len Kaczmariski, Candiac, SK

Top F Class in Ottawa Aggregate

Ron Wilson, Murillo, ON

Bronze - Top Expert/Sharpshooter in Ottawa Aggregate

John Chapman, Winnipeg, MB

Top F Class Open in Macdonald Stewart Match

Rob Deneka, Winnipeg, MB

Bronze: Winner of Sharpshooter Agg

Dale Luchuck, Bassano, AB

*The MPRA would like to thank the DCRA
for their continued support.*

New Brunswick

The Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association held its Target Rifle, Modified Target Rifle and F Class Championships July 5-6th at the Batouche Range, CFB Gagetown. The 2008 Governor General Winners were:

Target Rifle - Daniel Chisholm

Modified Target Rifle - Matt Wolf

F Class - Luc Couturier

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Canadian open shooters Gord Ogg and Bruce Condie finished in the top third of the 80+ shooters with Terry Perkins slightly behind them. Other notable finishes were Emil Praslick III, 8th, Bob Bock, 9th. In F/TR, leader Dan Biggs, showed his experience and good judgment despite my best efforts to catch him at the end! The Grand Agg F/TR results: Danny Biggs 1305.42x; Dale Rathwell 1300.38x; Darrell Buell 1299.26x; Brad Sauve 1293.24; Jeff Rorer 1286.34x.

Overall, this event was well organized and well run by the Liebetau family. Hats off to Earl, Karin and Kyle for their hard work, even if Earl did pocket my challenge money! Thanks to them and to their staff for hosting a remarkable competition. NRA president, John Sigler, who competed in this event, was also present to distribute awards during the final ceremony/dinner. Several industry sponsors contributed with product and support of events during the week long competition.

I would like to thank the other Canadians and their spouses at the event for their help and encouragement. Gord Ogg, who, as roommate, driver, tech adviser, doctor and sports psychologist deserves special thanks for his efforts.

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## MGen de Faye's Opening Remarks at AGM

Once again it is a pleasure to be here and preside over the DCRA annual general meeting. I welcome all of you who have taken the time, and in many instances travelled long distances, to be with us today. I am very proud to be presiding over an organization that has most recently conducted a very successful world-class event. The 125th Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships and the World Long Range Championships were by all accounts a great success and a great tribute to the hard work of the office staff, range staff, quartermaster crew and the countless volunteers at the DCRA. Our organization should be very proud of itself for hosting such a successful and well-organized event. I congratulate the Great Britain Rifle Team under Martin Townsend for winning the Palma Trophy and David Luckman and Toby Raincock of the GBRT for winning the World Individual Championship and the Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate, respectively. I also congratulate Dr. Tom Whitaker of the USA for winning the Governor General's Prize. Again thanks to all of those volunteers who answered the call, stepped up to the plate and made such a valuable contribution.

The World Championships gave us an opportunity to observe the progress being made in junior development in other countries. Great Britain in particular has a strong Under 25 Team and the USA is close behind, placing second to GB in the Under 25 Championship and winning the Under 21 Championship. The DCRA must improve co-operation with the Canadian Cadet Movement and strive to retain more of these excellent shots in our programmes.

I was pleased to see the Canadian Forces Team return to Bisley in 2007 after an absence of four years and delighted that they were able to stay in the Macdonald Stewart Canadian Pavilion. It was also very encouraging to see the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition resume in 2007. We must work very hard to see these activities continue with greater assistance from the DCRA.

This year I will be passing on the presidency of the DCRA to a successor. While nominations are still pending it would seem that General Ray Romses will take up the task of presiding over this organization with its rich history this coming August. I will be

passing onto to him an organization that is in a time of transition. It is an association that has been in transition for several years now and that is attempting to find its place in a modern liberal society and with an aging membership that is having some difficulty finding new members to maintain our still strong membership.

To lead the organization through this time of transition and into a period of self-sustainment and strength through a strong membership I am happy to introduce Aaron Daley as the newest member of the DCRA team. Aaron will replace Bill Plouffe as the more appropriately named Secretary-Treasurer/ Match Director. Aaron is very familiar with the shooting world. He shot as a cadet on the Cadet Bisley team having won the Cadet Bisley Aggregate, he was the captain of the Canadian Forces Service Rifle Team and has inherited some of his knowledge of the shooting world through his grandfather the late William "Maggie Bill" Beatty. Aaron has come to us after a thirteen-year career in the Canadian Forces. As an infantry officer in The Royal Canadian Regiment he has gained valuable organization and leadership skills that will benefit our organization and take us into the future.

I am happy to report that the Minister of Defence the Honourable Peter Mackay has accepted our offer to be the honorary president of the DCRA and has committed to visiting us during this year's prize presentations in August. This is excellent news as we attempt to reengage the military at the highest levels to stress our relevance and importance to the military shooting programme. Furthermore the military will appoint a subsequent patron of shooting to take over the duties from BGen Stuart Beare. I will attempt to engage Gen Thibault upon his appointment in order to raise the visibility of the DCRA within the Canadian Forces.

In closing, I must gratefully acknowledge the continuing support of Mrs. Liliane Stewart and the Macdonald Stewart Foundation who have assisted the DCRA in so many ways. Finally, it has been my pleasure to be associated with this organization over the past eleven years. The shooting community is made up of a fine group of individuals who have made my tenure a pleasure indeed.

Good shooting in the 2008 season.

## Report of the Executive Vice-President

As Chairman of the Executive Committee, it is the duty of the Executive Vice-President to report to the membership on the activities of the Executive Committee. The full Committee met three times since the last AGM, on 1 April, 16 August and 1-2 December, 2007. In addition the Planning and Priorities Committee met 23-24 October, 30 November, 2007, and 5-6 February, 2008, the World Championship Committee met in February and March, 2007, and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Pavilion at Bisley met 29 March, 19 August, 30 November, 2 December, 2007, and 4 April, 2008. As usual, a lot of business was conducted by e-mail.

### **Membership**

In 2007 we recorded a marked upsurge in members but that was chiefly due to the increased attendance at the Canadian Championships and I expect a return to recent membership numbers this year. However, this does serve to emphasise our

need to recruit more members. This concern was one reason for making membership the topic at the Provincial Rifle Association Workshop yesterday. Some provinces are making significant progress with memberships and the rest must get to work on this critical issue. As Ric Melling has pointed out in his recent excellent articles in the Canadian Marksman, we must not only entice new members to come out and try our sport, we must make real efforts to mentor them. They will stay in the sport only if they feel wanted and they are making some progress with better scores.

And to repeat my comments of a year ago, you have an association run by a few old men. I urge you to get some younger people involved in the organisation of our sport. One of the attractions of target shooting is that it is a lifetime sport. When I took up target shooting, I knew that I would be able to compete for a long time; what I did not realise was that I would be running running the



sport for a lifetime. So please get out there and find some help for your senior executive.

### **Finance**

Ken Westling will be giving you details of our financial position a little later. I can say that financially 2007 was a very good year; however, this was largely due to almost doubling the revenue from the Canadian Championships. For that we can thank the hosting of the World Long Range Championships, which brought about 15 more countries to our matches. The return to more normal revenues this year will point out the importance of greater cost controls on our normal operations and the wisdom of some staffing decisions taken last year.

The Canadian Pavilion at Bisley Limited generated considerably more business in 2007 and a large increase in profit. This was primarily due to the efforts of the new managers, Gary and Julia Evans, for which we are very grateful. All profits are being ploughed back into the Pavilion for vital repairs to the roof, the veranda posts, the chimney and some essential items for the kitchen. The good news is that this required maintenance is being done without dipping into DCRA funds.

### **Staffing**

Last year the decision was taken to reduce operating costs by reducing office staff. This has not been an easy task, particularly when one is dealing with long-term employees who have demonstrated such great loyalty to the Association. We had decided not to implement changes until after the August matches, because we knew that we needed a full staff plus additional temporary help to handle the much larger number of competitors in 2007. Bill Plouffe stepped down from the Executive Director's position in September. We had decided not to employ a full-time Executive Director and started a search for a half-time Secretary-Treasurer, who would be the Match Director during the Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships (CFRC) and the National Service Conditions Championships (NSCC). It took considerably longer than planned to fill this position but I believe that we have found an excellent candidate in Aaron Daley. Aaron comes to us as a graduate of Royal Military College with 13 years of service in the Canadian Army, including two overseas tours. He is a former winner of the Cadet Bisley Aggregate and shot at Bisley with the Cadet Bisley Team. He was also captain of the 2000 Canadian Forces Team to Bisley, so he knows competitive shooting from both the shooting and administration sides. This should serve the DCRA in good stead in the future. Aaron joined our organisation in February.

I shall be forever grateful to Dr. Jim Thompson who covered the interim period as Acting Executive Director and continues to assist Aaron in the changeover. At this point I wish to move a vote of thanks to Dr. Jim Thompson for his invaluable assistance to the DCRA during this re-organisation.

As for the rest of the staff, Betty Ann Ferguson has agreed to stay on full time as Office Manager and Peter Vaughan has agreed to a part-time contract looking after accounting during most of the year and full-time work doing the match statistics during the CFRC and NSCC. We are particularly grateful to all our staff for their co-operation during this difficult and stressful period.

### **Shooting**

The Shooting Committee reports will have full details of the various committee work, but I shall briefly summarise some of the significant items. The Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley was led by Commandant Pat Vamplew and Adjutant Dr. Roger Mullin, who

set a new standard for the Adjutant's work. Alain Marion continued his distinguished career with wins in the Elkington, the Brigadier, the Sudan and yet another placing in the top 50 of the Grand Aggregate.

As our President noted, the Canadian Championships were dominated by the Great Britain Rifle Team, which won the Canada and Commonwealth Team Matches, with Toby Raincock winning the Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate. The exception was Dr. Tom Whitaker of the USA winning the Governor General's Prize. In the World Long Range Championships the GBRT continued its dominance winning the Palma Trophy with David Luckman winning the World Individual Championship. Great Britain also won the Under 25 Team Championship and the Veterans Championship with the USA winning the Under 21 Championship. At this point I must recognise the efforts of the World Championship Committee, Dr. Jim Thompson, Serge Bissonnette, Bill Molnar, Tud Kaulbach, Bill Plouffe, and Ken Westling.

After a four-year absence the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition (CFSAC) was revived in September, preceded by the National Service Conditions Championships. We are planning to continue both these events in 2008.

### **Legislation**

The current minority government remains committed to reversing the firearms registration requirements of its predecessor but cannot do more than extend the amnesty on registration requirements for another year. Despite the amnesty, I recommend that you keep your licences and registrations current because some police forces continue to treat all aspects of the firearms legislation as remaining in full effect and can make your life difficult if they perceive infractions. I have been doing my best to keep the membership informed of developments. I must again urge you to keep your members of Parliament apprised of your concerns on this issue.

### **Acknowledgements**

On behalf of the DCRA I thank Neville Cooper for his generous donation of a quantity of match ammunition to be used for prizes for new young shooters in the Canadian Championships. I wish to extend my personal thanks to the membership and to the Executive Committee for their support over the past year, to the DCRA office staff, Betty Ann Ferguson, Peter Vaughan and Bill Plouffe for their hard work in a busy year, in particular to Dr. Jim Thompson for filling in after Bill Plouffe left and assisting in the turnover to Aaron Daley, to Col. Cyr for his interest in and support for the World Championships and to the CRPTC staff for their efficient operation of the ranges and their co-operation throughout the year.



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**2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
ASSEMBLEE GENERALE ANNUELLE 2008  
SATURDAY, 5 APRIL 2008  
HELD AT CONNAUGHT RANGE, OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

Chairman: MGen (Ret'd) Tom de Faye  
Recording Secretary: Aaron Daley

**In Attendance**

Paul Reibin, Maj (ret'd) Colin Brown, Frank Jeremy, Murray Sloan, Leo Poulin, Steven Stewart, Bob Kierstead, Daniel Chisholm, Peter Jmaeff, Douglas Potter, Julie Belanger, Peter Westlake, Edson Warner, Fred Nachbaur, Vaino Varve, Edith Vamplew, Pat Vamplew, Des Vamplew, Andy Kolenko, Chris Jones, Dale Rathwell, Jacques Dugas, Jacques Denis, Alan Clark, Roger Mullin, Alain Marion, LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar, Serge Bissonnette, Ken Westling, Stan Frost, Jim Thompson

**ITEM 1: Call to Order/Opening remarks**

1. MGen (ret'd) Tom Defaye called the meeting to order and with a minute of silence recognized the members who have passed away over the past year. Those members included Gilles Brousseau, Fritz Salesky, Henry (Hank) Carty, Jack Clinton, Bill Sharman, Ena Goodacre, Derek O'Dell.

2. The chairman addressed the meeting. His opening remarks are attached as annex A.

**ITEM 2: Statutory Declaration of Notice of AGM**

3. At the request of the chairman the statutory Declaration was read by the recording secretary. The act of incorporation of this association 63-64 Victoria Chapter 99 (assented to July 7 1900) requires an Annual General Meeting of the members of the association. Moreover, Chapter 7 of the By-laws states that an Annual General Meeting will be held to deal with certain specific business. The summer fall 2007 Canadian Marksman announced that the meeting would be held at Connaught Ranges on Saturday, 5 April 2008 at 1000hrs. This meeting now assembled fulfils all these requirements

**ITEM 3: Approval of Agenda**

4. Mr Paul Reibin asked that the following points be considered in the agenda:
- a. Referral from BCRA regarding funding for young people to attend CFRC.
  - b. 2009 F Class team to Bisley

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| <b>Minute 01/08:</b> It was moved by Mr Paul Reibin seconded by Bill Molnar that the agenda with the above additions, be approved.<br><p style="text-align:right"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |
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**ITEM 4: Adoption of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

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| <b>Minute 02/08:</b> It was moved by Jaques Dugas, seconded by Paul Reibin that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of March 31, 2007 be approved.<br><p style="text-align:right"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |
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**ITEM 5: Annual Report**

5. The Chairman pointed out that all members received a copy of the annual report upon registration and suggested that each member review this document at their own convenience
6. Bill Molnar asked that NCRRA membership numbers be separated from ORA and PQRA membership numbers. The annual report is attached as annex B.

**ITEM 6: Reports from the Provincial Rifle Associations**

7. The provincial rifle associations provided their reports from West to East. The reports are attached as annex C. The president noted that reps from Alberta, Nova Scotia, PEI and Newfoundland and Labrador were unable to attend however Nova Scotia has submitted a report to the AGM.

**ITEM 7: Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee**

8. Mr Stan Frost, Executive Vice President, gave a detailed overview of the activities of the association during the past year. His report is attached as Annex D.

**Minute 03/08:** It was moved by Stan Frost seconded by Paul Reibin to recognize and thank Jim Thompson for his tenure as interim Executive Director. His efforts have been much appreciated by all staff and members of the association. **CARRIED**

Shooting Committee

9. Serge Bissonnette as the International Team Committee chairman suggested that it be to recommend to council that all bylaws and regulations affecting international team selection be reviewed.

**Minute 04/08:** Motion to make this recommendation to council by Alain Marion seconded by Paul Reiben. **CARRIED**

10. Discussion: Roger Mullin asked that the motion be clarified. He also expressed his concern about the proposal to have junior members on teams based on the high level of financial commitments. He suggested that international teams be an opportunity to encourage membership growth rather than win matches.

11. Jim Thompson agreed with Roger Mullin and clarified that this motion is for the International team committee to examine the bylaws (see clarified motion above).

12. Alain Marion expressed that past teams since 2003 have in fact been encouraging younger members despite team scores declining.

13. Tom Kets stated that he agrees that junior members should be encouraged to compete on international teams despite the possible lowering of team scores.

South Africa 2009:

14. So far only 2 members have shown interest. With this level of interest DCRA will not likely endorse a team.

F Class 2009:

15. Interest has been shown to field an F class team to the world Championships for 2009. A team captain has not yet been established. This team Captain will be identified prior to the middle of April 2008 as identified by Paul Reibin. Paul Reibin has been identified as the interim representative for this team. Jim Thompson suggested that Council must now decide on who the team captain will be.

Commonwealth Games 2010 Team:

16. Top five will again be identified from this year's annual prize meeting, these scores will be added to the scores from previous years and years to come to establish the team. No news has yet arrived from India as to the progress of the arrangements for a range in India. There was some pessimism expressed by Jim Thompson about whether the fullbore component of the games will actually take place. Peter Westlake pointed out that it has been published that only top 4 will be taken to the games. Serge Bissonnette stated that the 5th position will be reserved for a manager and as an alternate. Due to this published policy this will have to be changed by the Executive.

CFRC TR/F Class

17. Please see report by Jim Thompson attached as annex E.

2007 Bisley Team:

18. Pat Vamplew reported that the team had 18 team members and 2 staff and included 4 new members. It was a very cohesive team, with bad weather throughout the matches. Alain Marion won two aggregates and an individual award while there were no team matches won. Pat Vamplew thanked publicly Roger Mullin and Peter Westlake for their great service to the team.

2007 Palma:

19. The Team report was read by Alain Marion.

2008 Bisley Team:

20. Jim Thompson reported that the team list is complete Members include:

Commandant: Sandy Peden

Adjutant: Jim Thompson,

Coaches: Dave Adams, Bob Best

Technical Advisor: Derek Daines



**Shooters:** Serge Bissonnette, Ontario; Peter Dobell, British Columbia; Paul Dudzinski, British Columbia; Stan Frost, Saskatchewan; Carl Ganter, Alberta; Laurie Hearn Newfoundland; Jeff Jenkins, Nova Scotia; Al Katona, British Columbia; Roger Mullin, Ontario; Scott Murray, Ontario; Brian Page, British Columbia; James Paton, British Columbia; Greg Perron, British Columbia; Peter Redstone, Alberta; Ray Smeltzer, Nova Scotia; Steven Spinney, Ontario; Ken Westling, British Columbia, Frederick Yip, British Columbia. Planning is going well and all is in order for the team.

America Match:

21. Des Vamplew reported that 11 people have so far shown an interest in the matches held in Raton, NM, USA. Planning is going well while they are still looking for financial commitments from members. They continue looking for members to join the team. Anybody that is interested can contact Des Vamplew. The match promises to be attended by UK, US, and Australian teams. This is the first time Canada will have participated since 1992.

Winter Postal Programme:

22. Julie Belanger stated that match 1.8 closed a few weeks ago and that the Youth of the Commonwealth, stage two is ready to be sent out. Julie on behalf of the association wished to thank The Royal Canadian Legion for their generous grant to the DCRA to help with the winter postal matches.

Black Powder:

23. Chris Jones stated that this year's attendance fell well below the projected sixteen with eleven competitors completing the entire course of fire. The reduction in this year's attendance was, with one exception, attributable to illness and reflects the increasing median age of our competitors. The course of fire implemented last year to address a projected increase in range utilization by other disciplines on the first day was followed again without difficulty or complaint on the part of competitors. Canadian participation remains low but appears to be rising. American participation remains at a relatively constant level, although a small increase in newcomers prompted by word-of-mouth advertising on the part of program proponents south of the border helped to a small degree in offsetting this year's attendance shortfall of regular participants, and demonstrates continuing American support of these matches.

Service Conditions Matches:

24. Serge Bissonnette reported that the NSCC matches are still very healthy and that the matches will be held again in conjunction with the CFSAC matches. One of the shortcomings of the service conditions is that the provinces do not maintain service condition matches. This may be due to the fact that the matches are ammo intensive. Overall the program is doing well.

Coaching Committee:

25. Peter Westlake reported that there has been little movement in the coaching committee

ISSF Committee:

26. Jaques Dugas reported that likely only 10 people will show up for these matches this year.

Under 25 Committee:

27. Pat Vamplew reported that each year a presentation is made to the Cadet Bisley team. This year they are happy to report that there has been interest from several members to become members of the DCRA or their provincial association. Pat Vamplew mentioned that the cadet camp organization has asked that they would prefer to deal with a single representative from the DCRA during the matches. This representative has been identified as the Secretary Aaron Daley.

Technical Committee:

28. Serge Bissonnette on behalf of Jack McKellar stated that Standard Operating Procedures should be adopted for technical specs regarding TR.

Rules Committee:

29. Roger Mullin reported that the article in the current marksman (winter 2008) represented the current report from the rules committee. In particular the new ICFRA rules should be adopted. Some of these changes include new trigger weights. These changes will necessitate the need to have lighter trigger weighing devices to be created to comply with these new rules. Also, that the ICFRA rules do not put a restriction on the total weight of the rifle.

30. Another major difference refers to message 6 to the butts. Under the new rules a failed challenge will be given a zero score for that shot.

31. The final substantial rule change has to do with drug testing and levels of drugs allowable in the body. F Class regulations at ICFRA have not yet been adopted by the executive. Due to the fact that "Farky" class does not exist under the ICFRA rules. Mr Mullins recommended looking at the ICFRA or the World Anti Doping Agency website for further information.

Administration Committee:

32. General: LCol Bill Molnar (Ret'd) reported that the DCRA administration office changes seem to be working well so far.

33. Property: LCol Bill Molnar (ret'd) stated that the SFC rent has recently gone up. The headquarters building is 14 years old and is need of some work. Serge Bissonnette and others will be taking care of some of these repairs. It has been noticed that the roof may need to be replaced. The building is in need of a new sign, this is being looked into. The carpeting may need to be replaced; this is also being looked into.

Millenium Fund Committee:

34. LCol Bill Molnar (ret'd) stated that this fund stands at \$141,000 it has been noted that people can take advantage of donating capital gains from stocks to avoid capital gains taxes. More will be looked into for this. Charitable receipts would be issued for the entire amount.

PR/Marksman Committee:

35. LCol Bill Molnar (Ret'd) stated that more articles are needed to make this publication more robust. Advertising has been hard to come by due to reluctance of advertisers to be associated with shooting sports. Members are reminded to patronize establishments that advertise with the Marksman.

Website Committee:

36. It was proposed by Serge Bissonnette that a local person (Mr Short) be retained to redesign the website for payment with a life membership. The secretary stated that he will follow up on this as soon as possible.

Hall of Fame Committee:

37. Colin Brown put forward a nomination for Paul Tremblay to be inducted into the DCRA Hall of Fame. He has met the criteria for inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

**Minute 05/08:** It was moved by Colin Brown seconded by Alain Marion to induct Paul Tremblay into the DCRA Hall of Fame **CARRIED**

38. Alain Marion stated that Hall of Fame criteria for Canadian Forces Service Conditions matches be examined to reflect changes to the service condition rules stating that members may no longer be in the matches for more than 5 years.

**Minute 06/08** It was moved by Alain Marion, seconded by Stan Frost to thank the following people and organizations for their valued support to the DCRA:  
Her Excellency The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D. for her generous contributions towards the prize list, and for serving as our Patron.  
The Minister of National Defence and the staff of the Department for their cooperation and assistance during the year and for hosting the World Long Range Championship reception together with the Ottawa Support Group and Connaught Range  
The Macdonald Stewart Foundation for their continued support by contributing to the prize list, and hosting the Macdonald Stewart - DCRA dinner, and above all for their continued generous interest in and support of the Macdonald Stewart Pavilion at Bisley.  
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To Colt Canada Ltd for their support of the NSCC  
To Sinclair International for their contribution of prizes for the 2007 Individual World Long Range Championship  
To Mr. Ian Cheeseman of LVA Communications for paying the entry fees for all the teams entering in the Under 21 and Under 25 Championships.  
And to the many individuals, too numerous to list, who have contributed time and money towards our activities.  
Son Excellence le Très Honorable Michaëlle Jean, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., pour sa généreuse contribution à la liste des prix et pour avoir été un des Patrons de l'Association.  
Le Ministre de la Défense et le personnel de son ministère, pour leur coopération et leur aide durant l'année pour être hôte de la Réception du Championnat Mondial de Longue Portée 2007, en collaboration avec le groupement de support d'Ottawa et le groupement du polygone de tir Connaught.  
La Fondation Macdonald Stewart, pour leur contribution à la liste des prix, pour le dîner Macdonald Stewart et surtout pour l'intérêt et la générosité qu'ils manifestent dans l'entretien du Pavillon Macdonald Stewart à Bisley.  
La Banque de Montréal, pour sa contribution à la liste des prix.  
L'Association des Brasseurs du Canada, pour son trophée et les prix en argent.  
Sierra Bullets, pour sa contribution à la liste des prix provinciale et national pour la compétition "Sierra 300m Championnat".  
Colt Canada pour sa contribution à compétitions de tir aux armes portatives  
À Sinclair International pour leur contribution de prix décerné au Championnat Mondial de Longue Portée 2007  
À Monsieur Ian Cheeseman de LAV Communications pour avoir verser les fonds nécessaires pour les frais de souscription pour toutes les équipes engagées dans le Championnat de moins de 21 et le Championnat de moins de 25.  
Ainsi qu'à toute les personnes qui ont contribué de leur temps et de leur argent pour assurer le succès de nos activités **CARRIED**

### **ITEM 9: Adoption of Financial Statements and Reports**

38. The comptroller, Mr Ken Westling stated that the current reports were somewhat difficult to finalize this year due to problems with the financial statements from the Bisley Pavilion. This is the first time that the pavilion financial statements have been a part of the DCRA financial statements. Please see financial statements attached as annex X.

39. Mr Ken Westling presented the attached 2006/07 Financial Statement and reviewed the expenditures and income statements.

**Minute 07/08:** It was moved by Mr Ken Westling and seconded by Mr Paul Reibin that the 2006/07 Financial Statement be recommended to Council for approval.

**CARRIED**

### **ITEM 10: Presentation of Budget**

**Minute 08/08:** It was moved by Mr Ken Westling and seconded by LCol Bill Molnar (ret'd) that the 2007/08 budget and projection to 2010/11 be recommended to Council for approval.

**CARRIED**

### **ITEM 11: Approval of Actions of Council and Executive Committee for FY 2006/07**

**Minute 09/08:** Motion that the actions of the council and the executive committee during FY 2006/07 be approved. It was moved by Alain Marion seconded by Paul Reibin.

**CARRIED**

### **ITEM 12A Report of the Honours and Awards Committee**

40. It was moved by Maj (Ret'd) Colin Brown and seconded by Mrs. Edith Vamplew that, MGen Tom de Faye, in recognition of his outstanding and long service as President of the DCRA; having provided outstanding leadership and integrity and been a gentleman and friend to us all, be appointed as a Life Governor of the DCRA.

**CARRIED**

41. It was moved by Maj (Ret'd) Colin Brown and seconded by LCol (Ret'd) Bill Molnar that, Mr. Kenneth Westling, in recognition of his many years as the DCRA Comptroller and remains one of our very best marksman provincially, nationally and internationally, be appointed as a Life Governor of the DCRA.

**CARRIED**

42. It was moved by Maj (Ret'd) Colin Brown and seconded by Mr. Stan Frost that, Mr. Paul Reibin, as one of our better known and liked shooting brothers, a member of Council and Executive Committees for many years and a supporter of marksmanship to young and old, be appointed as a Life Governor of the DCRA.

**CARRIED**

### **ITEM 12B Reports of the Nominating Committee**

**Minute 10/08:** Motion to accept the following appointments to the association was made by Peter Westlake and seconded by Edith Vamplew. See Report of the nominating committee attached as annex G

**CARRIED**

### **ITEM 13 Next AGM:**

43. The next Annual General Meeting will be held 28 March 2009

### **ITEM 14 New Business:**

44. Paul Reibin brought forward a question by Don Hall for funds to help new shooters come to the DCRA. Jim Thompson stated that the John Brick Bursary is available for new shooters. This fund has not been used in the past and should be used for these purposes.

45. Pat Vamplew brought forward the fact that motor homes are no longer permitted on the Connaught camp. Alternatives must be discussed to accommodate shooters that come with large motor homes. Tent trailers will likely continue to be allowed on the camp. Alternative accommodations for these motor homes are available on the DCRA website.

46. Leo Poulin mentioned that at the Bisley Pavilion each of the provincial coats of arms are displayed except Nunavut. This situation should be rectified. This will be handled by the 2008 Bisley Team

### **ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT**

47. The meeting was adjourned by the president and seconded by Paul Reibin.



**DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
L'ASSOCIATION DE TIR DOMINION DU CANADA  
SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
CONNAUGHT RIFLE RANGE  
SUNDAY, 17 AUGUST 2008**

Deputy Chairman: Jim Thompson  
Recording Secretary: Aaron Daley

**In attendance:** Jim Thompson, Stan Frost, Ken Westling, LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar, Fred Nauchbar, Colin Brown, Edson Warner, Patricia Roberts, Paul Reibin, John Chapman, Murray Sloane, Peter Redstone, Carl Ganter, Andy Tikkanen, Peter Jmaeff, Vicki Hall, Peter Papisideris, Daniel Chisholm, Conrad Leroux, Bob Pitcairn, Maj (ret'd) George Harper, Pat Vamplew, Edith Vamplew, Ric Melling, Dale Rathwell, Marius de Champlain, Roger Mullin, Jacques Dugas.

**ITEM 1: OPENING REMARKS**

1. Jim Thompson on behalf of Tom de Faye welcomed the members. Mentioning that this meeting is mainly for the benefit of the general membership.

**ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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| <b>Minute S01/08:</b> Motion to approve the minutes as they appear in The Canadian Marksman by John Chapman seconded by Paul Reibin. | <b>CARRIED</b> |
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**ITEM: 3 REPORT OF EVENTS**

2. **2008 Bisley Team:** Jim Thompson read a letter from Sandy Peden reporting on the 2008 Bisley experience. The letter is attached.

3. Stan Frost announced that the **2010 Bisley team** Commandant will be Maj (Ret'd) George Harper. His Adjutant will be Jeff Jenkins the Assistant Commandant will be Fred Nauchbar.

**ITEM 4: NEW BUSINESS**

4. Announcement of **2008 Match Committee:** Murray Sloane, Bob Pitcairn, Ric Melling, Don Coleman, Dale Rathwell, Des Vamplew, Frank Lelear

5. **Des Burke Match Committee:** Peter Jmaeff, Ken Westling, Jacques Dugas

6. Paul Reibin mentioned that he will be working hard to recruit an F class team so that it may be sanctioned and compete at the NRA matches.

7. Ric Melling stated that he was very upset at the fact that none of the membership made the cadets feel welcome at the meet and greet. More should be done in the future to make the cadets feel more comfortable.

8. Bill Molnar mentioned that the restaurant Zolas advertises in the Canadian Marksman and provides meal coupons for any members that want them. Also the NCRRA will host a corn boil on Wednesday, 20 August 2008

9. **2011 Palma:** Bob Pitcairn announced that he will meet tomorrow night with the members of the team to provide information and answer questions. He added that an add will go in the marksman to recruit people to the team; he will announce the training programme in November.

10. Mr Pitcairn suggested that the Captain of the 2011 Veterans team will be elected. The election will take place in November.

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| <b>Minute S02/08:</b> Motion from Paul Reibin to thank the office staff for all the dedicated and hard work that they perform and that they have provided in the past. Seconded by Stan Frost. | <b>CARRIED</b> |
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12. Jim Thompson updated the group on the Commonwealth Games trials. All people listed on the score board are eligible to shoot the trials on the final Sunday. He mentioned that it is not a certainty that full bore shooting will actually take place during the games in India. It is, however, looking more certain as time passes that the fullbore component of the games will take place.

13. The CSF championships will take place in February 2010 prior to the games in India. Talks are starting with SFC regarding the selection of the 300m ISSF matches which will likely take place at the commonwealth games site prior to the games.

14. Bob Pitcairn mentioned that BCRA will adopt the ICFRA targets as of 2009.

**ITEM 5: ADJOURNMENT**

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| <b>Minute S03/08:</b> Motion by Peter Redstone seconded by Bill Molnar | <b>CARRIED</b> |
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# Annual Report FY 2007

This report is submitted by the Secretary of the DCRA by the authority of the Executive Committee to provide an overview of the programmes, activities and financial status of the DCRA during the fiscal year 2006/2007. It should be read in conjunction with the reports of the Shooting and Administration Committees and reports in the Summer/Autumn 2007 issue of the Canadian Marksman. The Financial Statements for the 2006/2007 fiscal year are provided in the report of the Finance Committee.

**Winter Postal Program:** The 2006/07 DCRA Winter postal program included entries from Cadets, Juniors and Seniors (Open Class). Entries during the 06/07 were on average with past years with only slightly lower numbers. With a grant from the Royal Canadian Legion for the 2007/2008 Postal Program, participation patches will be purchased for competitors. We hope to continue this in future years with the continued support of the Legion.

The Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley 2007 led by Pat Vamplew was successful in many respects with many individual successes. Results are posted on the web site of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain ([www.nra.org.uk](http://www.nra.org.uk)). The 2007 team was the first team to share accommodations with the Canadian Forces Team. This arrangement will continue again this year and in future years as long as there is minimal conflict with the DCRA requirements for accommodations. This was also the first year of operation of the Bisley Pavilion under the management of Gary and Julia Evans. Reports from the team indicate that Gary and Julia went out of their way to make the team feel at home.

The Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition (CFSAC) was revived in September after an absence of four years. The DCRA National Service Conditions Championships (NSCC) were held again this year prior to CFSAC. Attendance was up from the previous two years with a total of 209 competitors. The NSCC results appear on the DCRA web site ([www.dkra.ca](http://www.dkra.ca)), which also provides a link to the CFSAC web site. These matches continue to be a warm up for the CFSAC shooters and an excellent course of matches for civilians interested in this type of shooting. These matches will continue in 2008 in September to coincide with the CFSAC matches.

The 125th Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships by all reports were a great success. With 592 entries this was the highest attendance at the matches since the mid '70s. The matches were well organized and well run with the help of many volunteers, staff and crew. Teams from many nations attended in celebration of the 125th anniversary matches but more importantly to compete in the world long range championships. National Black Powder championships were held as part of the CFRC programme. The Canadian 0.223/5.56 Championship and the Long Range Challenge were also held but with a compressed schedule due to the additional event. The World Long Range Championships were held in conjunction with the CFRC matches and again by all accounts were a great success. The members of the Great Britain Rifle Team under Captain Martin Townsend distinguished themselves, winning the Canada, Commonwealth and World Team Championships, as well as the Grand Aggregate (Toby Raincock) and the World Individual Championship (David Luckman). Dr. Tom Whitaker of the USA won the Governor General's Prize and the World Veterans Championship. Great Britain captured the World Veterans and Under 25 Team

Championships, while the USA Young Eagles won the World Under 21 Team Championship. Detailed results of both the Canadian and the World Championships are available on the DCRA web site. The next World Long Range Championships will be held in Australia in 2011.

The ISSF 300 Metre Competitions in the provinces and at the Canadian Championships continue to have good support and participation. Sierra Bullets were again the generous sponsors of the events, donating bullet prizes for these matches. The DCRA is most grateful for this support.

The Chief Range officers Keith Bornn and Gord Caffery and range staff, Pat Quinn and his Smith's Falls butts crew are all commended for their proficiency and hard work during the extended matches in 2007. The number of cadets and cadet instructors participating in the National matches remained high, and they proved themselves to be capable representatives of Canada in the Under 25 and Under 21 event.

A separate company, the Canadian Pavilion at Bisley Limited, was incorporated several years ago to operate the Macdonald Stewart Canadian Pavilion as a self-supporting business. Members of the Bisley Team continue to stay at the pavilion during the GBNRA matches; however, during the rest of the year the facility is marketed as accommodations and event venue. In the past fiscal year this plan has started to produce results. Although the building demands much maintenance, we are able to accomplish this without dipping further into DCRA funds.

Membership for the year starting April 1st, 2006 was reported as follows for insurance renewal:

|                      |            |
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| British Columbia     | 98         |
| Alberta              | 23         |
| Saskatchewan         | 10         |
| Manitoba             | 29         |
| Ontario & NCRRA      | 331        |
| Quebec               | 80         |
| New Brunswick        | 11         |
| Nova Scotia          | 25         |
| Prince Edward Island | 13         |
| Newfoundland         | 12         |
| Foreign              | 328        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>960</b> |

Aaron Daley  
For Executive Committee

# PRA REPORTS 2006/2007

## BRITISH COLUMBIA RIFLE ASSOCIATION 2007 - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The British Columbia Rifle Association has had a very busy and active year. No matter what our personal interests are in the shooting sports, we are able to work mutually together for our common good of the association.

The annual four day BCTR and F-Class Championship event in August had a combined entry of seventy-two competitors. We have now hosted the largest provincial F-Class event in Canada to date. The F Class had thirty- nine competitors with teams from Scotland, Ireland, California, Oregon, Washington State, Alberta and BC. It was very gratifying to see this development as it means a strong future for this sport and our association as well. The Oregon contingent was especially helpful and cooperative in hosting a joint F-Class shoot where the scores from our BC Open Championship Aggregate was carried forward to their event in Oregon the following weekend. Our hats are off to Stan Pate and Bob Pitcairn; the respective match directors for developing this level of international cooperation. They have worked very hard to put F-Class shooting on the map.

The Service Conditions Championship was well attended. I personally participated with my old #4 rifle. It was great fun and I am planning on attending next year. It gave me the opportunity as president to meet some of our membership who I have not known before.

Mike Cooke, our young Tactical Rifle Director, got his feet wet this year and I am sure that he will be able to put this experience to good use in 2008. These two service shooting events are well attended by our police and Canadian Forces personnel. It is gratifying to see such a varied use of Vokes Range and the Nanaimo Military Range under our sponsorship.

The BCRA sent an official Team to the 2007 Canadian CFRC. The team had twenty members. Five of them placed on the 2008 Canadian Bisley Rifle Team by placing in the top eighteen of the Canadian Bisley Aggregate. The 2008 Bisley team is commanded by our BCRA member Sandy Peden. If the selection process goes below eighteen shooters then we could have up to ten members on the 2008 Bisley Team. It will have a definite western flavour.

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation of ASU Chilliwack and CFB Esquimalt for the use of their range facilities. Our association with Pacific Region Cadets continues with our continued support in the conduct of the BC Cadet Air Rifle Championship. The BCRA also offers a postal small-bore championship each winter. The 300 meter BC ISSF Championship continues to be well attended. We use the format where the championship is hosted alternately each year by the Kamloops KTSA and the Mission Rod and Gun Club. The hope is that this will help to increase attendance even more.

I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of the association to all our members who take time from their busy lives to assist the BCRA and bring us the shooting events we all like to participate in. They are the backbone upon which we all depend.

Dave Adams  
President

## MANITOBA PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION 2007/2008 REPORT

We are still able to use St Charles Range but remain frustrated by the number of times that we lose a range date only to then find out that it is not used by the military. Our St Charles Agreement comes up for renewal in May and I am eagerly waiting to see what obstacles are placed in our way. We continue to have a good relationship with 17 Wing but at the moment we are restricted to only 2 members being authorised to draw the key to the range, which means if we are both away, other members are unable to shoot. I am hoping we can come to a compromise and get more members cleared to draw the key. For your interest, all the wind-flag poles were removed from the range this year. When I asked the question why, I was told that there are no flag poles and wind flags on the battle field. I then asked how the soldiers are trained to read the wind. Silence was the answer. I wonder if those in high places in Ottawa know.

**Fullbore** We still manage to get a few new members each year but most are F- Class shooters. So far we have been unable to interest them in shooting at the National Championship even though we can offer them a generous travel allowance. I would thank the DCRA for reducing the membership fees for Limited Associate category. I'm sure our members will be happy.

A successful Fullbore Championship was held in August and again Gord Paetkau came out on top, winning the Lt Governors and Grand Aggregate. The Sierra Match was a success this year also but turn out was slightly disappointing even after we rescheduled the date to earlier in June. Members have promised a better turn out this year. Watch this space for an update.

Again we had lots of noise from prospective black powder shooters but non materialized. Maybe this year will be different. We have 5 members from Manitoba proposing to go to Bisley this year as part of a PPRA Goodwill team, being joined by 2 members from Alberta.

John Chapman was again honoured to accept a place on the 2007 Bisley Team.

**Smallbore/Air Rifle** The Air Gun program continues to flourish with Monica Fyfe still remains one of Canada's top shooters. She came 2nd in the Nationals and attended World Cup events in Australia, Thailand and Germany and is now ranked 20th in the World. We are still looking for new premises but everything is far too expensive. We are getting quotes for a 4000sq. ft building which we hope we might be able to build on at a site of a present range complex located north of the city. It might be an exercise in futility but we must try. We continue to rent space at 17 Wing and at a local community club, but we are likely to lose access to the military location as the complex is due to be transferred to Crown Lands for disposal. Indoor and outdoor .22 shooting appears to be a dying breed but a few stalwart members still keep going and even some of the Air Gun shooters are going to give it a try.

**Cadets** We still have a good working relationship with the Cadet organizations and give assistance whenever we are asked. We assist in coaching and we also assist in the running of the Cadet Area Championships. We continue to organize and run the MPRA Cadet Championships in the form of the Carty and O'Neil competitions. This always proves to be a popular shoot amongst the



the Cadet Corps. It is a pity that we are not utilized more by the Cadets; our assistance is all at no charge and we have a wealth of experience. I find it strange that only a few years ago when the big boss from D Cadets attended the DCRA AGM and pleaded for the Provinces to get involved but now it's as if we were a disease. However we will not give up and we will continue do whatever we can to help.

Sport Manitoba continues to give us great financial support and we thank them for it. The 13 Bingos a year we are allotted to work is a great source of extra income for the MPRA and its members. We continue to get enquiries from our web site and we advertise 3 times a year in the City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide which remains a good recruiting source for the Air Rifle Program.

The MPRA would like to thank the Department of National Defence, Sport Manitoba and the DCRA and staff for their continued support and assistance. Big thanks also go to both Mrs. Liliane Stewart and the Macdonald Stewart Foundation and Sierra Bullets, for their continued generous support.

We regret to announce the passing on December 6, 2007 of Hank Carty, a life- long member of the DCRA and past President of the MPRA.

John Chapman  
President, MPRA Inc

### **ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007**

Mr. President, ladies and gentleman, on behalf of Lt. Col. Adrian Praysner, I am pleased to give the Annual Report for the ORA for 2007.

We again enjoyed a full program of events for all our disciplines, which included TR, F Class, Practical/Precision, Swiss, ISU, Vintage, Black Powder and Service Rifle. We would like to thank the Commanders of CFB Borden, London, Kingston and Connaught for allowing us to use their facilities throughout the year.

We would also like to acknowledge the support given to us by her Excellency the Governor General of Canada, The Government of Canada and Ontario, the Ontario Council of Shooters and Mrs. Liliane Stewart of the Macdonald Stewart Foundation for their generous donations towards the sport of shooting. I would also like to thank the many donors within the membership who generously support our activities and especially to the DCRA for it's continued support throughout the year.

The Association enjoyed it's 141's year of activity in 2007. We are just finalizing our 2008 program and are pleased to announce that range bookings are complete with few cancellations and are pleased to note that CF participation on ranges is increasing throughout the year. We are going through some trying times with a few of our ranges. Cedar Springs, which used to be a 1,000 yard, 24 target facility has been under construction this past year to turn it into a more multi-purpose training facility which will limit its use to 400 yds. The same plan is in effect for Winona, a 800 yard facility once budgeting is allowed later this year.

We are offering a new non-membership opportunity for non-members to shoot in ORA activities on a trial basis this year to encourage shooters from other clubs to come out and experience all the programs available to members. In order to do this, we are allowing non-members to pay the daily entry fee plus a \$40.00 activity fee of which \$25.00 will automatically be assigned to the

DCRA to cover limited membership and insurance coverage. If the interested shooter wishes to come out again in a couple of weeks they will again pay the daily fee along with another \$40.00 activity fee. After attending four events in a year they will automatically be given a ORA membership that includes no further charges. We will also be asking all participants to sign-in at the beginning of the day in order for the Association to start a log of membership participation.

We have had a lot of success encouraging new shooters to come out and experience the sport at longer distances than they might have in the past. In the past five years we have offered introductory courses and membership to over 300 new shooters. The big job we are working on now is developing programs to retain those new members because we are experiencing an almost 80% turnover rate. They'll come out to try the sport out but if you don't offer them a carrot of entertainment, interest is lost and they move on. We have six dates planned for this year. We have developed a three Level training program that includes an introductory awareness and safety program with a half-day of classroom and a half-day 200 yard course of fire. Level 2 includes a further half-day classroom program along with 300 and 500 yard shooting. Level 3 is a coaching based full day range course put on by Pat Vamplew. Experienced ORA members are involved with shooters throughout the course and are on the firing line working one on one throughout.

On the competition front, 2007 was again a very busy year for all disciplines. Our weekend schedule was full during the whole season. We hosted our 125th Provincial Championship, which again was a big success with competitors shooting in TR and F Class categories. Entries included shooters from the UK, Australia, USA along with a strong representation from the Connaught cadet course. Congratulations to Pat Vamplew and John Kajfes for winning the TR and F Class Lt. Governor Generals gold medals respectively. At the national level Pat Vamplew captained the Canadian Bisley team this year with Roger Mullin as his adjutant and Peter Westlake as head coach along with fellow Ontarians Gary Bendik, Serge Bissonnette, Bruce Bullock, Vicki Hall, Peter Hornsby, Jeff Lambe, Tom Maynard, Scott Murray and Steven Spinney.

The DCRA was host to the Palma World Championships in August with over 400 of the top shooters from around the world in attendance. Connaught was alive with activity for over two solid weeks of competition. Congratulations to Keith Cunningham who won the Canadian Bisley Aggregate and the Long Range Challenge Match while Ontario did very well winning the All Comers, Carling Breweries, Ladies Pairs, London Merchants, MacDonald Stewart, Steinhardt, Aylmer Gard and Provincial Team Matches during DCRA competitions. Fazal Mohideen finished fourth in the final of the World Championships. The Palma team included thirteen Ontario residents, which placed fifth. It was the finest run competition I have ever attended. The DCRA and especially Jim Thompson, the Match Director is to be congratulated for all their efforts in making the Matches such a premier event.

In closing, on behalf of the ORA, I would like to express my thanks to all members and friends who made the year a success.

Des Vamplew  
ORA, Chairman of Council

## QUEBEC PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

### (PQRA/ATPQ)

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We enjoyed a rewarding shooting season in 2007 with good participation in our shooting program.

#### **SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:**

##### **1. Target scoring for the Cadet Matches:**

In March and April, PQRA members scored targets at zone and final matches of the Cadet shooting program. I would like to thank our members who generously gave their time to support these activities.

##### **2. Shooting program:**

All our matches were held as planned on Batoche Range, CFB Valcartier, with a somewhat larger entry level than last year and many competitors from the USA. We enjoyed fairly good weather most of the time.

##### **3. Support to Cadet program:**

The PQRA continues to support the Cadet air rifle program with four levels of pins awarded as prizes to participating cadet corps.

##### **4. Mont St-Bruno Ranges situation:**

Future use of the facilities will probably be for training purposes by DND personnel, with very little, if any, shooting involved.

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

PQRA's financial situation is stable. However our membership doesn't grow as much as we would like. We do get quite a few new members (mostly F-class shooters), but sadly we lose some older active members every year.

#### **NEW ACTIVITY FOR 2008:**

Our newly elected president, Mr. Jacques Denis is working on a new shooting program designed for hunters, as we see a market for increased membership from this group of recreational shooters.

We are confident that the newly reduced Associate membership fees to the DCRA will help us attract more new members to our ranks, mainly recreative shooters.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank warmly Mr Jacques Dugas and Jacques Denis for their faithful support during my mandate, their assistance is deeply appreciated. I wish Mr. Denis a rewarding and successful term as president of the PQRA.

#### **VOTE OF THANKS:**

At the PQRA's last AGM on January 13th 2008, a vote of thanks was unanimously adopted to acknowledge the constant and much appreciated support from the following institutions:

- The Department of National Defence, for the use of the military ranges.
- The Macdonald Stewart Foundation and Mrs Liliane Stewart for their generous donation to our Association.
- Madame the Governor General of Canada for Marksmanship medals.
- The DCRA and its staff for their dedicated and continued support.

Jean-Claude Thériault  
President PQRA

## NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

### REPORT 2006 November 1 to 2007 October 31

#### **PREAMBLE**

The year 2006-2007 was the fourth year of the Association's new business model that will sustain and support core activities for both the immediate and long term. This new business model places the burden of ongoing funding requirements on the shoulders of the members, and abandons the concept of survival based on the generosity of others. The most drastic change was the application of an 'equity surcharge' to all senior memberships. This amounts to two hundred dollars per senior member for four years in addition to the regular membership fee. After a member's full equity contribution is made, that member's membership fee will revert to the standard amount. The year 2006-2007 saw approximately sixty percent of our senior membership completing their 'equity surcharge' obligation.

#### **FULLBORE TARGET RIFLE**

If not for the availability of our Bull Meadow 'A' range, range closures and restrictions would have severely impacted our Fullbore Target Rifle program. The Debert Range remained closed and the Bedford Range requires the posting of 'sentries' on trails and potential public access points. In addition, the 500 and 600 yard firing point remained restricted to two lanes, effectively reducing the maximum range to 400 yards. As it was not practical to conduct practices and matches on the Bedford Range all Fullbore Target Rifle activities were held at our Bull Meadow facility.

TR matches held at Bull Meadow included the Kennedy, the Inter-Maritime Trials, the Victoria Day Match, the Canada Day Match, the Purdy, the Sierra ISSF Match along with the 133rd Annual Prize Meet and the Irish Cup match. These TR matches were well attended as a result of extensive promoting of 'F' Class which resulted in an increased number of entries. 'F' Class competitors competed for their own series of medals but were not eligible to win historic trophies traditionally competed for by Fullbore Target Rifle competitors. The influx of new shooters contributed significantly to the pool of volunteer workers within the Section and generated additional Section funds through collected match fees.

#### **HUNTING / OPEN RIFLE**

The 2007 outdoor season was reasonably successful. Activities were scheduled on a regular basis at our Bull Meadow facility. Silhouette with .22 rifle at Bull Meadow continued to prove to be popular. This Section has proven to be an effective vehicle to attract new shooters into the Association. Once new members joined our Association and participated in organized 'open' practices, they were encouraged to try their hand at the competitive disciplines. This method has proven to be effective.

#### **SMALLBORE**

The Provincial Indoor Championships were held in Stellarton in April at the Pictou County Military Rifle Association range. There was a good turnout for these matches compared to previous years. The Provincial Outdoor Championships were held at Bull Meadow in May.

#### **SERVICE ARMS**

With the exception of the Navy/NSRA Challenge match held at Bedford, all Service Rifle and Precision Rifle matches were held at the Bull Meadow Range. In total there were six standard Service Rifle matches, two sponsored Service Rifle matches, five Precision Rifle matches and one CQB match. The Section has

has active and enthusiastic participation and cooperates successfully with local Canadian Forces units.

Three NSRA members attended the 2007 DCRA NSCC matches  
**HANDGUN**

All NSRA weekly matches were conducted at the Associations Bull Meadow range facility. Four major competitions were held. These were the 'McDonald's Challenge', the 'Bob Sirtonski Memorial Match', the 'Aubrey Gammel Memorial Match' and the Nova Scotia Provincial Handgun Championships.

#### **CADET/DND ACTIVITIES**

In 2007 we were not requested to provide any support for the Canadian Cadet Marksmanship matches.

The Association was contracted to staff and manage the Land Force Area Atlantic Service Rifle and Service Pistol competition held at Aldershot in May 2007.

#### **PROMOTION and MEMBERSHIP**

In 2007 the Association continued to promote its activities by operating its telephone based information service, its website and publishing our 'On Target' newsletter.

NSRA membership showed a good increase from its 2006 level of 91 annual members. For the year ending October 31, 2007 our membership was 104 individuals. It is encouraging to see a slow but gradual recovery of our membership numbers from the low point in 2003-2004 which directly related to the revised membership fee structure.

#### **RANGE DEVELOPMENT**

With 2005 marking the completion of the key elements of our Bull Meadow Range Complex, our 2007 focus was on enhancements and maintenance projects such as a covered firing line on the 50 meter range, sodding of firing lines, road upgrades and siding of target sheds. We now have operational a twenty position 50 meter handgun-smallbore rifle 'B' range, a ten position 100 meter general purpose 'C' range and a three station modified trap 'D' range for shotgun along with the 'jewel' of the complex, the 800 meter 'A' gallery range with seven position firing lines at 100, 200, 300, 400 500, 600, 700 and 800 meters.

The completion of 'A' Range allows us to fully support Target and Service Rifle activities which are viewed as the core sections of the Association, with traditions reaching back to our founding in 1861.

Fundraising and work is ongoing to provide for aesthetic and operational enhancements.

#### **GENERAL**

For the year 2006-2007 NSRA obtained its liability insurance from the National Firearms Association.

The Association continued a 'con-joint DCRA membership policy' in 2007. While the policy does not make all NSRA members DCRA members, it provides for Associate DCRA membership, at no additional cost, for those NSRA members who compete in Fullbore Target Rifle and national Service Arms events. The purpose of this policy is to strengthen the relationship with the National organization while providing a service to those marksmen whose competitive shooting disciplines are effectively governed or organized by the DCRA.

## **ROYAL NEW BRUNSWICK RIFLE ASSOCIATION** **REPORT TO DCRA - AGM 2008**

During the year since our last DCRA AGM, I am pleased to report that shooting sports in the province of New Brunswick are "Right on Target".

The Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association is in the 142nd year of continuous operation as a target shooting sport association. In spite of the significant challenges present to the operation of shooting sport activities in Canada today, we continue to succeed, and dare I suggest we view the future with cautious optimism.

Our association embraces various shooting disciplines throughout our province in addition to our Full Bore program, including, Small Bore, ISSF Pistol, IPSC Pistol, Cowboy Action shooting, Bench Rest shooting, and Shotgun disciplines.

Our Full Bore program, which is the foundation upon which our longevity has been built continues to maintain a small but passionate, loyal and competent following in New Brunswick. During the past year our Full Bore program again operated a full schedule of shooting events. Members of our Full Bore section participated in events throughout New Brunswick and the Maritimes, as well as DCRA championships here at Connaught. Three of our Full Bore members participated in a volunteering capacity during the Palma competition held at Connaught. Our Full Bore section hosted the Maritime Championship during the past season.

Our Small Bore discipline, which had been dormant for a time, is beginning to show signs of recovery. Small Bore shooting events have been conducted around the province even during this long, cold winter with our record snowfall accumulation. As snowfall accumulation surpassed the snowfall removal ability of most shooting clubs, Small Bore enthusiasts climbed snow banks and walked into some of our outdoor ranges to thumb their noses at Old Man Winter's attempt to spoil their shooting fun. We have a Small Bore provincial championship scheduled this season as we did last season. So we are optimistic about a revived interest in the Small Bore discipline in New Brunswick.

Within our pistol disciplines our IPSC program attracts the largest following, with a full schedule of events throughout the season. Members of our IPSC discipline participate in competitions up to the National Championship level, and we have had IPSC members participate internationally. We have a relatively small group of pistol shooters following some of the ISSF pistol disciplines. The Cowboy Action shooting events are continuing to attract a few new participants each year.

Our Youth Air Gun program spent the past year establishing a solid base from which to conduct an ongoing year round target shooting program for young air pistol and air rifle target shooters. We place a priority on our Youth program as the Small Bore and Full Bore shooters of the future will potentially be developed from within our youth air gun program. During the next year we will continue to grow our base of youth and experienced volunteer supporters at the local club level.

In New Brunswick we enjoy a positive and supportive relationship with the Chief Firearms Officer and his staff. This positive working relationship is of course beneficial to the firearms community throughout New Brunswick. The New Brunswick Minister of Public Safety established a working Provincial Advisory Committee on Firearm related matters. This Advisory Committee includes the Chief Firearms Officer with members of



the Firearm community appointed by the Minister. I am currently a member of the Minister's Advisory Committee. During my tenure on the Minister's Advisory committee many issues of concern to the firearm community have been raised and successfully resolved to the satisfaction of firearm owners. I applaud the Minister and the Chief Firearm Officer for their support in dealing with the firearm community in New Brunswick.

My Executive committee and I in RNBRA look forward to the expansion of our Youth program attracting many new youth enthusiasts to this great sport of target shooting in New Brunswick. I trust that as our Youth program produces this next generation of shooters, that in future the representatives from New Brunswick to this DCRA AGM, will include members of both genders whose collective ages will not exceed 150 years, as does this current contingent.

Yours in Shooting Sports  
Bob Kierstead Ch.P.C. BA MED  
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## Black Powder at the Canadian Championships

It is a regrettable fact that, for a variety of reasons, entries in the DCRA Black Powder Programme, held during the August Matches, have reached such a low level that the event is hardly viable. Factors such as entry fees, cost of travel and the timing of the event have been cited as some of the reasons for this decline. For many years, this part of the programme has played an important role. It is our link to the origins of the DCRA and to the firearms used in previous times. It has given immense pleasure to numbers of shooters.

Now, however, it is time for a review. Of vital importance will be the thoughts and suggestions of members of the Black Powder community. It is your programme and its continuation must be in accordance with your expectations. It must also, of course, as a part of the overall schedule in August, be financially viable and responsible and must be accommodated as part of the overall match programme.

We need to hear, from all Black Powder shooters, suggestions as to how best this event should be carried on. If lower entry fees might be an incentive, how can the reduced income be reflected in reduced costs of the event? Is August the best time to hold this match? Would another time, earlier or later in the season be more attractive? Is Connaught the most favourable location? Where are the primary centres of interest in Black Powder? Would the event better be held in, for example, Saskatchewan?

Please send your views to the DCRA, attention Programme Chairman and Black Powder Chairman, as quickly as possible. Planning for 2009 is under way and any changes must be decided very soon!



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BALANCE SHEET

OCTOBER 31, 2007

ASSETS

|                                         | <u>2007</u>          | <u>2006</u>          | <u>2005</u>          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash on hand                            | \$ 2,086.30          | \$ 1,321.45          | \$ 3,053.50          |
| Cash in bank                            | 132,961.99           | 80,496.57            | 91,930.17            |
| Accounts receivable                     | 24,299.42            | 2,023.86             | 3,384.88             |
| Pavilion Receivable                     | 33,034.64            | 33,958.64            | 33,338.78            |
| Shares Held Cdn Pavillion at Bisley Ltd | 2,200.00             | 2,200.00             | 2,200.00             |
| Prepaid expense                         | 0.00                 | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |
| Investments (Note 3)                    | 4,702.00             | 9,099.70             | 0.00                 |
| Inventory                               | 41,376.53            | 31,388.25            | 35,842.98            |
| Bar inventory - Bisley                  | 1,987.68             | 2,860.35             | 3,532.78             |
| Fixed assets (Note 1)                   | 4.00                 | 4.00                 | 4.00                 |
| Deferred asset                          | 0.00                 | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |
| Due (to) Committed funds (net)          | <u>0.00</u>          | <u>-65,766.56</u>    | <u>-72,257.89</u>    |
|                                         | 242,652.56           | 97,586.26            | 101,029.20           |
| Committed funds                         | <u>323,372.88</u>    | <u>332,666.48</u>    | <u>336,972.22</u>    |
|                                         | \$ <u>566,025.44</u> | \$ <u>430,252.74</u> | \$ <u>438,001.42</u> |

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

|                                   |                      |                      |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Accounts payable                  | \$ 73,176.81         | \$ 14,696.57         | \$ 1,877.60          |
| Loan payable                      | 0.00                 | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |
| Deferred revenue                  | <u>44,269.64</u>     | <u>42,461.20</u>     | <u>25,527.73</u>     |
|                                   | 117,446.45           | 57,157.77            | 27,405.33            |
| Committed funds                   | <u>323,372.88</u>    | <u>332,666.48</u>    | <u>326,972.22</u>    |
|                                   | <u>440,819.33</u>    | <u>389,824.25</u>    | <u>364,377.55</u>    |
| Members' equity:                  |                      |                      |                      |
| Balance, beginning of year        | 40,428.52            | 73,624.37            | 59,533.45            |
| Surplus (deficit) from operations | <u>84,778.59</u>     | <u>-33,195.85</u>    | <u>14,090.92</u>     |
| Balance, end of year              | <u>125,206.11</u>    | <u>40,428.52</u>     | <u>73,624.37</u>     |
|                                   | \$ <u>566,025.44</u> | \$ <u>430,252.77</u> | \$ <u>438,001.92</u> |

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2007

|                                         | Surplus<br>(Deficit)<br><u>2,007</u> | Budget<br>(Unaudited)<br><u>2,007</u> | Surplus<br>(Deficit)<br><u>2,006</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Income:</b>                          |                                      |                                       |                                      |
| Investment income                       | \$ 6,604.59                          | \$                                    | \$ 0.00                              |
| Memberships                             | 64,450.42                            | 55,000.00                             | 52,323.00                            |
| Trading - net                           | 3,243.81                             | 26,500.00                             | 6,828.42                             |
| Winter Competition Memberships          | 12.00                                |                                       | 132.00                               |
| Exchange Differential                   | 684.31                               |                                       | 16.77                                |
| Book Value Adj/See Note 3               |                                      |                                       |                                      |
| National Service Conditions Competition | 5,448.22                             | 9,400.00                              | -124.50                              |
| Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships   | 197,536.94                           | 160,655.00                            | 21,140.82                            |
| Black Powder Championships              | -964.76                              | 1,653.00                              | -1,577.34                            |
| Winter Program                          | 1,920.21                             | 2,200.00                              | 675.35                               |
| America Match                           |                                      | 0.00                                  |                                      |
| Life Members Fund                       | 3,700.00                             | 3,700.00                              | 3,700.00                             |
| DCRA Bldg Fund for 2005                 |                                      |                                       |                                      |
| World Long Range Championships          | -258.39                              | <u>0.00</u>                           |                                      |
|                                         | \$ 282,377.35                        | \$ 259,108.00                         | 83,114.52                            |
| <b>Net expenditures:</b>                |                                      |                                       |                                      |
| Support Services                        | 178,540.25                           | 174,034.00                            | 85,207.89                            |
| Publications                            | 2,662.29                             | 6,000.00                              | 22,515.09                            |
| International teams                     |                                      | 4,200.00                              |                                      |
| Grants to Bisley Team                   | 2,800.00                             | 2,800.00                              | 2,800.00                             |
| Macdonald Stewart Pavilion              |                                      | 0.00                                  |                                      |
| ICFRA Secretariat                       | 325.00                               | 400.00                                | 325.00                               |
| GST expense                             | 13,123.62                            | 5,000.00                              | 5,247.14                             |
| Miscellaneous                           | 148.60                               | <u>300.00</u>                         | 215.25                               |
|                                         | \$ <u>197,599.76</u>                 | \$ <u>192,734.00</u>                  | <u>116,310.37</u>                    |
| Surplus (deficit) from operations       | \$ <u>84,777.59</u>                  | \$ <u>66,374.00</u>                   | <u>-33,195.85</u>                    |

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)



## Farewell to...

We regret to inform you about the passing of the following members and friends of The DCRA since the publication of our last edition.

Ena Goodacre - February 24, 2008

Derek O'Dell - April 1, 2008

Charles A. (Chuck) Cresswell - August 15, 2008

Penny Hall (wife of Bill Hall) - October 3, 2008

**Ena Goodacre** - Ena passed away February 24, 2008 at the age of 96. Bisley was a central part of her life. She loved her Caravan up close to Stickledown, chosen, she said, so she could see the wind flags on Stickledown as she opened her curtains. She was, of course, a fine shot - even coming back after her first major eye operation to score a 50 at 300yards. Her loves at Bisley were, in no particular order, Sussex County, the City Rifle Club, her Canadian friends, and 'her Girls'.

She won the Alton Trophy for the highest Lady in the Grand Aggregate at Bisley twice, in 1973 and 77, and the Canadian equivalent, the Tess Spencer Trophy in 1971 and 1973 - a notable double in '73 you will have observed. She was in the top 50 of the Bisley Grand Aggregate in 1971, and in the Final of the Queens prize in 1967 and 1972. And in 1979 she won the Queens Veterans Trophy for the highest Competitor (Male or Female) aged over 60 in the Queens Prize of that year. It was only right and proper that her prowess in the early '70s was recognised by award of her Great Britain Colours in 1974, being a Member of the Great Britain Team to Canada in that year.

The summit of her shooting Career was her appointment by the NRA to be Captain of the Great Britain Ladies Team which had been invited to tour Australia to celebrate the Centenary in 1988. To save your arithmetic, she will have been 75-ish at the time. I needn't say how she threw herself into this tremendous enterprise, selecting and managing a first class Team (the oldest of whom was more than 40 years her Junior) which acquitted itself with distinction down under. There was an obvious source of pride to her, and in her latter years she would always ask me who I had seen and how they were doing. I fear no contradiction when I say that the members of her Team are deeply saddened by her passing.

Despite failing health and by then extremely impaired eyesight, Ena visited Bisley to be present at the Final of Jim Paton's Queens Prize at the age of 93. She took Tea in the City and was greeted by many friends for, alas, what proved to be the last time. The Shooting world was part of her life to the very last, and the shooting world will miss her, but none more than 'her girls', and her Canadian, City RC and Sussex friends of 45 years and more standing. -submitted by EPJ Harrison

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**Derek O'Dell** - WWII Veteran and superb gunsmith, passed away on April 1st .

I first met Derek when he joined the Lorne Scots Rifle team about 1963. Introspective, but enjoying of a good laugh, he was both a fine shot and a dependable team member. His formidable expertise in gunsmithing made him an invaluable asset to our team. This expertise had its price, as he would likely have made a place on Bisley teams had he not spent so much time on everyone else's rifles. I had been on two Bisley teams before meeting Derek and three more after my rifles received his extraordinary skills. His workshop resonated with his meticulous craftsmanship. The first time he took me into it I was awestruck. The place was so immaculate that I wasn't sure whether to genuflect or remove my shoes.

Derek's passing is a personal loss to me and, I'm sure, to many of his clients in the shooting fraternity. -submitted by Larry Fish

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**Chuck Cresswell** - It was with sadness that we learned of the passing of Chuck on August 15, 2008.

Throughout his life, he enjoyed the camaraderie and spirit of competition he found while being involved in a number of shooting sports and proudly represented Canada at Bisley, England as the Adjutant of the Canadian Rifle Team in 1979. In later years, he became involved with skeet shooting and competed actively and happily in events in Ontario, Quebec and the US. For many years he served as the President of the Ontario Skeet Shooting Association and as a Director of the National Skeet Shooting Association. He worked tirelessly to promote the sport and helped to organize competitive events at small clubs around the province. He was a key organizer of the return of skeet to the Ontario Games and counted among his proudest achievements his contribution to junior shooting in the province. In June, 2008, Chuck was inducted into the Canadian Skeet Shooting Hall of Fame in recognition of his work to build and support the sport in Canada. The shooting world has indeed lost a great supporter. Our deepest sympathies to his wife and best friend, Michèle.



**Penny Hall** - Penny was born 28 August, 1925, near Hepburn , Saskatchewan. In 1944 she joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps and served in Ottawa until 1946. She later worked for the Exhibition Commission, the Armoured Corps School, the Royal Canadian Air Force and Customs and Excise. In August, 1951, she married Captain Bill Hall, a well-known Canadian rifle shot. As a military wife she made homes for her family in Ladner BC, Alliston ON, Ottawa, Kingston, Camp Borden and in Rheydt and Moenchengladbach, Germany. Penny became a good friend to many DCRA members as she accompanied Bill on his shooting tours and was a frequent visitor to Connaught Range to support his efforts in the Canadian Championships. Penny was an enthusiastic participant in any of the social events accompanying the shooting and a willing volunteer to assist in getting the work done. Penny died suddenly on October 3 with her family by her side. She will be sadly missed by her many friends in the DCRA. Our deepest sympathies go out to Bill Hall and the Hall family.

-submitted by Stan Frost

*On behalf of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, we extend our most sincere condolences to the families of our friends and members who have passed away.*

## Long Membership Badges

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association was pleased to award long membership badges to the following members:

**50 Year Badge**

John Marshall  
Bill Garland

**60 Year Badge**

Edson Warner

**70 Year Badge**

Colin Brown  
Bill Hall

## DCRA Life Governors

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, at the Annual General Meeting was pleased to name the following as the newest Life Governors of the DCRA

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