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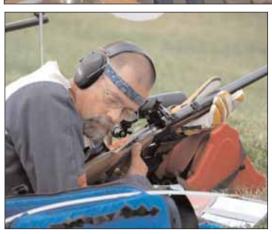








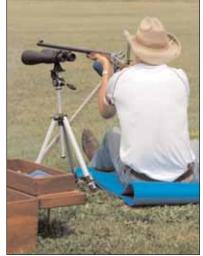














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## DCRA APPROVED MEMBERSHIP FEES - 2011

MEMBERSHIP YEAR, 1ST APRIL 2011 - 31ST MARCH, 2012

Life	Sliding scale	<b>Meeting:</b>	
Under 25 Term	\$265.00	Non-Canadian	\$ 55.00
Annual	\$130.00	Service	
<b>Under 25 Annual</b>	\$ 90.00	(CF Personnel-NSCC only)	\$ 37.00
Associate (Note 1)	\$ 55.00	Postal	\$ 16.00
Limited Associate (Note 2)	\$ 30.00	Pavilion Club	15.00 GBP

#### **DCRA Life Membership Fees (Senior)**

<u>Age</u>	<b>Rate</b>	<u>Age</u>	<b>Rate</b>
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 - This rate is for members competing in BP or NSCC matches only (not full entry in the Canadian Championships OR for members who do not compete but wish to support the DCRA. Both will receive two issues of the *Canadian Marksman*.

Note 2 - Includes insurance but does not include the Canadian Marksman.



# **Correction**

In the last issue of the Canadian Marksman, we identified the figures in George's statue as Sandy Peden, Derek Daines and Dave Letson (l-r).

After consultation with the artist, George Chase, we can confirm that the three figures in the photo are: left Derek Daines, tall one in the centre Sandy Peden, short one in foreground Bryan Kaufman.

If Bryan were facing the camera, you would be able to read the 100 on his chest, celebrating his double possible in the Mackinnon team match.

#### On the cover:

Kent Reeve, winner of both the Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate and the Governor General's Final.

The DCRA would like to thank Scott Fulmer, Peter Redstone, Judy Anderson, Mitch MacLeod, Des Vamplew, Jim Thompson and Mike Corcoran for the pictures used throughout the magazine.

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### **The DCRA Annual General Meeting**

#### Schedule of Events - 2-3 APRIL 2011

2 April Council Meeting at discretion of President - 0930 hours

2 April Annual General Meeting - 1000 hours

2 April Annual Dinner (time and location to be determined)

3 April New Council Meeting - 0930 hours

3 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, 27 March 2010
- 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 2010-11
- 11. Approval of Actions of Council and Executive in FY 09/10
- 12. Report of the Nominating Committee
- 13. Date of next Annual General Meeting
- 14. New Business
- 15. Adjournment

#### **Costs**

Registration \$ 15.00

Accommodation \$ 10.00 / night

(Availability to be confirmed)

# 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 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.



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### TO: <u>ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE DCRA</u>

#### **NOMINATIONS FOR 2011-2012 COUNCIL**

This official notice solicits your nominations for 10 new members to replace those elected in *April 2009*.

The list of names in bold font indicates the members of Council who were elected in 2009 for a two-year term until 2011 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 2010 for service until April 2012.

All PRA's are asked to also submit the names of their Designated Council Members for 2011/12 so that we can avoid nomination conflicts with the elected list.

Nominations must be received or postmarked no later than 18 February 2011.

Aaron Daley Secretary-Treasurer

# COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Elected by acclamation in 2009, term of office expires April 2011

Mr. Des Vamplew, Ontario

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Mr. Alan Clarke, Ontario

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Mr. Andy Kolenko, Ontario

Dr. Roger Mullin, Ontario

#### Elected by acclamation in 2010, term of office expires April 2012

Mr. John Chapman, Manitoba

Major George Harper (Ret'd), Ontario

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NOMINATIONS FOR DCRA	COUNCIL 2011 (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 M	
Proposer:	Signed:
Seconder:	Signed:
I accept this nomination to serve on the DCRA Counci	l if elected: Signed:
To serve on the DCRA Council, if elected, the individual's Biographical information is to be supplied by the <b>nominee</b> included in the ballot for the vote.	membership must be renewed and in good standing. in the space below. This and only this information provided will be

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 18, 2011

# A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Aaron Daley



The DCRA has had another successful year conducting the Canadian Fullbore Championships, the National Service Conditions Championships and assisting the Canadian Forces with its Small Arms Concentration. As the person responsible for ensuring the success of these events, I would hope that, to the average shooter, each of these events ran seamlessly with very little evidence of the work that goes on behind the scenes. In fact, there are many people behind the scenes who make these events a success. In the case of the Canadian Fullbore Championships there are close to 70 people to thank, including office staff, target marking staff, range staff, and quartermaster staff. While the only constant over the past four years has been change (sometimes making running the matches a challenge), along with it has come many benefits.

Early in my tenure at the DCRA we saw the departure of our long time bookkeeper. Fortunately, we were able to find our present part time bookkeeper, Kathy Corcoran, who has been instrumental in bringing the accounting and membership lists into the 21st century. While a team effort, Kathy has also been heavily involved in the stats during the Canadian championships, Service Conditions Championships and the CF Small Arms Concentration.

Finding a new leader for the QM team became my next challenge. Most people have no idea how hard the QM team works prior to and during the matches. The QM team has always been a team composed of younger guys, usually university students willing and able to handle manual labour in the pouring rain or in the searing heat of the dog days of summer in Ottawa. As we all know, university students tend to move on from manual labour jobs once receiving their education. With two years of interim leaders we were again very lucky to find Andrew Campbell and Jason Lafontaine. They are also university students and past members of the QM team who are excellent leaders and understand the importance of communication and, more importantly, succession planning for the QM team.

I would be amiss if I did not mention the one person who does not get paid for his work for the Canadian Championships: the Programme Chairman. He is the person who decides what matches are shot, what prizes are given and how the ten days of shooting is conducted - a tall order to be sure. Our long suffering and infinitely knowledgeable programme chairman, Jim Thompson, retired his position to Dan Chisholm this year. Dan has his own vision for the DCRA programme and, while with any change there are always growing pains, I think the transition has been a smooth one and Dan will continue to tweak the programme

to suit the changing needs and the composition of shooters.

Just when I thought that things were on course, our Chief Range Officer, Keith Bornn also decided that it was time to retire. He gave us many years of excellent service and left with a legacy of a very safe and well run range. Again we were very lucky that Bill Kedziora found us and decided to take up the challenge. In his first year, with new ICFRA trial rules and an experienced team backing him up, he has established himself as the range safety authority. Bill has been an excellent and very experienced addition to the DCRA team and I can only hope for many years of service from him. Again I think the transition has been a smooth one.

The only team that has not changed, during my time, or in the past 27 years for that matter, has been our trusted target markers from Smith's Falls. Pat Quinn deserves our continuing gratitude for his unwavering commitment to the DCRA. His target markers are second to none in the shooting world.

I must admit I am not sure if all of this change has happened because of me, in spite of me, or because people were confident enough that the ship would continue to sail without them. Of course I hope the latter is the case, but who knows? I am confident, however, that these transitions affected neither the quality of shooting nor the shooting experience for the average shooter.

I am not confident, though, that I have been able to bring about much organizational change at the DCRA. As an institution the DCRA is a strong and proud organization with many years of history behind it. Unfortunately I do not think that it has evolved to its full potential as an organization that nurtures the interests of all types of modern day shooters. The organization has maintained its focus of target rifle shooting, both to its benefit and to its detriment. Unlike in British society for instance, target rifle shooting in Canada is not a sport that is promoted in private (our public) schools and in other areas, but shooting in general has, in fact, suffered under various political and societal pressures.

To be fair, the DCRA is also suffering from severe volunteer burnout. Without a significant number of new members entering the sport it is difficult for the organization to move forward. The current governance structure does not allow for the dynamic change that needs to take place to revitalize the organization; this, coupled with volunteer burnout, is a recipe for maintaining the status quo. As the numbers of competitors in the Canadian Championship slowly decline, the DCRA deserves more than the status quo. As active membership declines, so too will the DCRA's revenue and its ability to adapt to change - leaving only a small number of the current members to bring the DCRA into the future.

As I announced last year, the 2010 Canadian Championships would be my penultimate matches. For the past four years I have been able to hold this part time position while holding down the job of stay-at-home-dad to my two children. Thanks to the Premier of Ontario my youngest will be in school full time two years ahead of schedule and the time has come to return to full time endeavours. I have truly enjoyed my time serving the DCRA and am certain the next secretary-treasure will be able to take this organization in the direction its members deserve.



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# **National Service Conditions Championship 2010**

#### Keith Cunningham

The DCRA National Services Conditions Championship (NSCC) was held during the period of 25 August - 03 September 2010. After setting the dates once we were asked by the Department Army Training (DAT) to move NSCC closer to the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition (CFSAC). This we did and hope we can do this again next year.

#### Appreciation...

This year, with NSCC closer to CFSAC, and therefore a little further away from CFRC, the office staff had a bit of breathing room. The behind the scenes work that went into the successful completion of these matches continues to be first rate.

Appreciation is specifically extended to Serge Bissonnette, Bill Molnar, Aaron Daley, Betty-Ann Ferguson and Kathy Corcoran who administratively made it work.

But it was the dedicated volunteers who put in ten days of steady hard work who also need our appreciation. It was their efforts and will to "make it happen" that actually made the difference. Special and heartfelt thanks to Dick Smith, Dave Steed (who didn't shoot but volunteered to help as range staff), Steven Stewart and Linda Miller. And this year we got what the shooting sports need - a younger individual to come and help. Aaron Grubin was not only a tyro shooter but a tyro range officer. He did a marvellous job at both and we all really... really... hope he comes back again next year.

I would also extend my appreciation to the Connaught Range staff who provided the ranges for us and provided us with the down range administrative details.

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 must have you to make this work 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.

I have for the past several years been using an e-mail list to contact Provincial Reps, members of the military, range staff and other competitors. I have always received excellent feedback and ideas about the points being raised. I thank you all for your opinions and encourage you to keep replying.

#### The Challenges for this year...

The challenges for this year were primarily as a result of CFSAC's decision to change from the usual course of fire. This resulted in a complex CFSAC match with many props, as many as 11 targets per shooter per match and a match calling for 90 plus shots fired from only 3 magazines. Some wanted NSCC to follow this change and continue to provide the military with a training venue for their new CFSAC. Granted this would have been the best way to go... but the administrative requirements to do this would have been

astronomical. When we departed Connaught on the eve of the CFSAC practice week, there were over 80 General Duty personnel in place, so many range staff were required they were tasking team captains to run matches and there was an administrative tail that enlarged these numbers. It would be interesting to see the final count and the ratio of support staff to competitors. During the week of NSCC, sand bags were being accumulated along the side of "C" range in piles 4 feet high, 4 feet wide and 30-40 meters long in preparation for the many props that would be needed. This was also happening on the pistol range.

The new course of fire for the rifle matches was made available in draft form in the spring but was so poorly written it was difficult to know exactly how they were to be conducted. After some rewrites they were made clearer but they were still complicated. And finally it was decided the CFSAC course of fire would be kept secret and as we were conducting NSCC, "no one" was supposed to know what the exact course of fire would be. As well, new targets (that are not in the system) were being made by work parties. It would be hard for NSCC to provide a CFSAC training venue when no one is supposed to know what is going on until the week after the NSCC matches are completed.

The new CFSAC matches, although providing excellent training, are just too involved for the DCRA to duplicate. We just don't have the personnel, resources or money. In anticipation of this and after consulting the e-mail list of advisors, I made the decision to "stay the course" and conduct NSCC as usual. I cannot begin to tell you how relieved we all were that we did, as it was almost impossible to know what CFSAC was doing... especially after it was announced the rifle course of fire would be a secret.

# So why can't we just shoot alongside the military at CFSAC...?

Well... the short answer is we're not invited to shoot at CFSAC but do shoot alongside the military at NSCC.

Many years ago civilians shot in CFSAC and as slick as it was, to let the military run the CFSAC matches and to have the civilians just fill in and shoot the NSCC matches alongside, it was unfair for the military. They, of course, didn't pay for their entry into CFSAC but did have to pay entry fees into NSCC. So they paid for a second match, but didn't get to shoot it. The scores they fired in CFSAC were forwarded to the DCRA for the NSCC results. This was a great situation for the civilians shooting NSCC as they could only enter NSCC... but the military (who could shoot both CFSAC and NSCC) were being cheated out of shooting a match that they paid for. (Basically, their match entry fees were buying an opportunity to win the NSCC prizes.)

In 2001 and 2002, DAT suggested we shoot two matches back to back. The first would be the NSCC matches and this would be a training match for the military in preparation for CFSAC. This proved to be an outstanding situation. Then in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, DAT decided to not conduct CFSAC and so NSCC continued on its own running the same matches and presenting the Queen's Medal for the Reserve/RCMP, for which the DCRA is responsible.

Then in 2007 DAT decided to conduct CFSAC again but this time civilians were not allowed to shoot alongside the military. DCRA continued to conduct NSCC as close as possible to CFSAC and invited the military to attend, which they did. We made up two classes, one an open class in which everyone shot and a second class for CF only. CF could win the open class, as well as the CF class, giving them two chances at each match. If a CF member won the open class, the next highest CF member won the CF class. These classes were applied to pistol, sniper/precision rifle as well as service rifle. This worked out very well with CF members frequently winning matches in the open class, including important aggregates and the National Championship. If the military members get some training, it seems their only limitation is the old Elcan scope that won't seem to hold a zero and the old Browning pistols and magazines that continually plague the shooter with stoppages.

#### Attendance and results...

Individuals and teams came from the following areas and Units:

Land Forces Western Area Canadian Scottish Regiment (CSR) British Columbia Regiment (BCR) Seaforth Highlanders of Canada (SHC) 3 PPCLI 2 PPCIL 41 SVC BN Loyal Edmonton Regiment (LER) 18 AD RCA 1 SVC BN **LDSH** WATC (Wainright) 15 SVC BN Lake Superior Scottish Regiment (LSSR) National Defense Head Quarters, Combat Small Arms Team, Ottawa National Capital Region Rifle Association, Ottawa Naval Combat Shooting Team, Ottawa Royal Canadian Mounted Police Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association Operational Shooting Association Peel Regional Police US Navy Individuals from British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and the United States

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. This is where civilians who are interested in this style of shooting get to compete at a national level. If you are interested, contact the DCRA for details.

Although detailed results are elsewhere in this magazine and are on the DCRA website, a special congratulations goes to Richard Poaps who won the Service Rifle event and was chaired off the range for the first time. It was a well deserved win and the first time the championship aggregate included the 400 meter phase.

Worthy of "mention in dispatch" is Aaron Grubin who was the service rifle tyro and came in third in the three gun championship. And also, MCpl Kyle Roder, LFWA, who came in third in service rifle (using CF issue equipment) right behind two experienced competitors and in front of another.

We would also congratulate Pte Tim Hiscock, 1RCR, who won the Regular Force Queen's Medal, and Cpl Dave Ferguson, LFAA, who won the Reserve Queen's Medal. Each of you has won a unique medal that no other QM winners have. These were the first medals won with the CF's new course of fire.

#### How thing went this year with suggestions for next year...

#### **Pistol**

This year the Series A matches were the same "Skills Drills" matches as last year. These are well received, shot in relays and are easier to conduct then the scenario based matches. This last point is important with limited volunteer staff.

The Series B matches were scenario based last year and although fun to shoot they are very much harder to conduct. There is a need for props, which have to be built, transported, set up, taken down or changed and with limited resources and personnel it was necessary to change this concept. So this year, these matches were the same as Series A except the timings per exposure were shorter. This did add an interesting dimension to the already challenging matches

All of these matches ran so smoothly that we could have shot a couple more each day. Knowing how many matches to shoot is difficult to judge as it depends on the number of shooters who show up. So next year the plan is to have a pool of 10 of these "skills drills" matches and shoot through them until we run out of time. If there are more shooters then we'll shoot fewer matches and with fewer shooters we'll shoot more matches. (This will have an effect on the prize list, so we may have to amend that as well.)

#### Sniper/Precision Rifle

These matches are well established and have been the same for many years. Operational military snipers have told us they are good ones and if someone can shoot them well, then they are well prepared for actual operations.

Currently the moving target match at 400 meters has no sighters. This match tends to be the "make it or break it" match. If you have a below average performance, then there aren't enough points left in the match to catch up. And as usual the senior shooters have the advantage here being able to better read the wind. It was suggested to us that if we put sighters into this match it would help to even the field between the senior and junior shooters. Even with sighters this is still a challenging match that needs training and practice to do well.

But the most interesting suggested adjustment came from the military participants. They suggested we add another class called, "Designated Marksman". This would be the same course of fire with an "issue service rifle and ammo with any scope". There are lots of details to be worked out and I'll be sending it out to the e-mail list for further discussion.

One other stand-alone match that was suggested was a "Sighters Match". Here the sighters fired in the various matches would be scored on their own score card. If we add sighters to the 400

Moving Target match, there would be 10 sighters in total, which makes for a ten shot match. This could be a very prestigious match as it represents the first 2 shots fired at a given range, the true sniper shots - the rest are just practice. (This match would not be included in the aggregates, but a special prize would be required.)

Rifle

The rifle matches went very well and received lots of positive feedback. We shot the 400 phase this year and this will stay in for next year. The military competitors spoke favourably about the opportunity to shoot at 400 and 500 meters. They claim, based on their experience in Afghanistan, this is a good skill to have. They liked the format of focusing on marksmanship skills.

The FIBUA matches were liked and this year we slowed it down a little to make sure each stage of the match was known and everyone was prepared. But it was the Moving Targets match that received the most positive comments. There is very little opportunity for the shooters to shoot at moving targets and the training value goes without saying. There was the suggestion that sighters be allowed at 300 and 200 meters and to show the fall of shot after each stage.

From an events scheduling point of view, the matches for each of the weapon classes are compartmentalized so there was no overlap between them. This allows competitors to finish one weapon class before moving onto the other. This has worked well and will continue. In general, the plan is to have all the matches remain the same with slight adjustments to streamline or enhance. It is hoped that soon the only changes to the rule book from one year to the next will be the date.

If anyone has any suggestions, please contact me.

#### 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 is 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 E-mail: milcun@sympatico.ca

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# 2010 NATIONAL SERVICE CONDITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

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# <u>Canadian National 3 Gun Champion</u> Keith Cunningham

<u>Pistol Champion</u> <u>James Boa Cup</u> Keith Cunningham Precision Rifle Champion

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Match 1 Open	Richard Smith	50.008	Kettii Cuiiiiiigiiaiii 755.077
CF/RCMP	MS Meliss Maybury	49.001	Deliberate Aggregate - King/Dundonald Cup
Match 2 Open CF/RCMP	MCpl Tatyana Danylyshyn Bdr David Merrick	48.003 48.003	Keith Cunningham 200.030
	David Oakie	48.003 50.006	Snap Aggregate - Sherwood Cup
Match 3 Open CF/RCMP		50.006	Richard Poaps 193.018
Match 4 Open	MCpl Martin Soon MCpl Tatyana Danylyshyn	49.005	Rapid Aggregate - Borden Cup
CF/RCMP	MCpl Kyle Roder	47.002	Richard Poaps 191.025
Match 5 Open	Keith Cunningham	50.006	Fire & Movement Aggregate - Wills/Morkem Trophy
CF/RCMP	MCpl Kyle Roder	49.004	MCpl Tatyana Danylyshyn 183.011
Match 6 Open	Keith Cunningham	50.008	Highest Serving Commissioned Officer - Barlow Cup
CF/RCMP	Cdr Kristof Langland	49.006	Captain Joe Jasper 669.026
Match 7 Open	Richard Poaps	49.005	Top Civilian Stage 1
CF/RCMP	MCpl Kyle Roder	48.005	Richard Poaps 758.075
Match 8 Open	MCpl Tatyana Danylyshyn	49.002	Stage 1 Aggregate - Helmer Trophy
CF/RCMP	MCpl Kyle Roder	44.002	Richard Poaps 758.075
Match 9 Open	Keith Cunningham	50.007	Stage 2 Aggregate - Currie Shield
CF/RCMP	MCpl Kyle Roder	49.005	Keith Cunningham 173.013
Match 10 Open	Keith Cunningham	50.005	•
CF/RCMP	Cpl Mackenzie Murphy	47.003	<b>Service Rifle Team Matches</b>
Match 11 Open	Richard Poaps	48.005	Stage 1 Team of 4 - Gascoigne Bowl
CF/RCMP	MCpl Tatyana Danylyshyn	46.002	K-A-R-D 2878.234
Match 12 Open	David Oakie	47.003	Cunningham, Grubin
CF/RCMP	MCpl Tatyana Danylyshyn	41.001	Poaps, Oakie
Match 13 Open	Keith Cunningham	50.010	•
CF/RCMP	Cpl Yuri Laroche	49.004	Moving Targets (Match 17)
Match 14 Open	Richard Poaps	50.009	K-A-R-D 877.064
CF/RCMP	Pte Gregory Brunsgaard	45.000	Cunningham, Grubin
Match 15 Open	Richard Smith	49.001	Poaps, Oakie
CF/RCMP	MCpl Ian Millar	46.003	
Match 16 Open	Keith Cunningham	50.007	FIBUA (Match 18)
CF/RCMP	MCpl Kyle Roder	48.000	K-A-R-D 1037.086
Match 17 Open	Richard Poaps	242.019	Cunningham, Grubin
CF/RCMP	Cpl Isaac Johnson	205.011	Poaps, Oakie
Match 18 Open	Keith Cunningham	287.027	
CF/RCMP	MCpl Martin Soon	266.020	Falling Plates (Match 52)
200 Phase Aggregate	Richard Poaps	193.015	LFWA "A" 268.021
300 Phase Aggregate	MCpl Kyle Roder	190.012	MCpl Soon, Capt Jasper,
400 Phase Aggregate	Keith Cunningham	195.023	Bdr Merrick, Cpl Murphy
500 Phase Aggregate	Keith Cunningham	193.104	
DCRA 550	Richard Poaps	565.048	
	Keith Cunningham	558.054	

5	Ser	vice	Rifle	Cha	amp	io	ns

Canadian Service Rifle Champion				
1st Place	Richard Poaps	930.085		
2nd Place	Keith Cunningham	926.090		
3rd Place	MCpl Kyle Roder	886.042		

### **Top Canadian Forces / RCMP**

MCpl Kyle Roder 886.042

Des Burke Award

Keith Cunningham 268.021

Tyro Service Rifle Champion

Open Aaron Grubin 654.036 CF/RCMP Cpl Issac Johnson 630.026

## **Precision Rifle- Individual Matches**

Match 60	Michael Coltas	100.010
	Richard Poaps	
Match 61	Kristopher Desrochers	100.007
	Kamran Tabandeh	
Match 62	Michael Coltas	94.009
	Richard Poaps	
Match 63	Kristopher Desrochers	99.009
	Kamran Tabandeh	
Match 64	Aaron Grubin	98.010
	Richard Smith	
Match 65	Keith Cunningham	94.006
	Linda Miller	
Match 66	Keith Cunningham	96.009
	Linda Miller	

## **Precision Rifle- Team Matches**

Falling Plates (Match 67)

Kevin Chou Will Chou

4 Man Team Champions - Major Molnar Trophy

Kristopher Desrochers, 1288.102 Kevin Chou, Will Chou,

Kamran Tabandeh

Cdn. National Precision/Sniper Pairs Champions
-The Molson Macpherson Trophy

Keith Cunningham 665.059 Linda Miller

#### **Precison Rifle Champions**

Precision/Sniper Individual Champion

Keith Cunningham 340.034

Precision/Sniper Tyro Champion

Kristopher Desrochers 325.028

#### **Pistol - Individual Matches**

Match 20	Open	Keith Cunningham	99.014
	CF/RCMP	Bdr David Merrick	94.009
Match 21	Open	Richard Poaps	44.002
	CF/RCMP	Bdr David Merrick	38.000
Match 22	Open	Richard Poaps	60.010
	CF/RCMP	Cpl Dennis Valentine	60.004
Match 23	Open	Richard Poaps	150.030
	CF/RCMP	Bdr David Merrick	139.016
Match 24	Open	Corey Carson	98.009
	CF/RCMP	MCpl Tatyana Danylyshyn	71.002
Match 25	Open	Keith Cunningham	100.014
	CF/RCMP	Bdr David Merrick	94.003
Match 26	Open	Gordon Bryan	43.003
	CF/RCMP	Cpl Shane Sims	36.000
Match 27	Open	Richard Poaps	60.008
	CF/RCMP	Bdr David Merrick	56.004
Match 28	Open	Keith Cunningham	150.027
	CF/RCMP	Capt Ryan Bowerman	146.011
Match 29	Open	Corey Carson	96.009
	CF/RCMP	MCpl Tatyana Danylyshyn	71.002
Match 30	Open	Richard Smith	
	CF/RCMP	Bdr David Merrick	
Series "A'	'Shield	Richard Poaps	447V059
Series "B"	'Shield	Keith Cunningham	443.056

## **Pistol - Team Matches**

**Team of 4 - Commissioner Wood Trophy** 

NCRRA # 1 3489.371 Corey Carson, Gordon Bryan

Richard Poaps, Amy Bovell

Clay Bird - Team of 4

NCRRA#1

Corey Carson, Gordon Bryan

## **Pistol Champions**

#### **Sevice Pistol Champion**

CF/RCMP

Open	Keith Cunningnam	884.110
CF/RCMP	Cdr Kristof Langland	717.031
Tyro Champion Open	Corey Carson	869.088

# **Canadian 3 Gun Champion**

Bdr David Merrick

1st Place Keith Cunningham

2nd Place Richard Poaps

3rd Place Aaron Grubin

706.044

# **The Shotgun Section**

Jeff Kellett

The DCRA sponsored NCRRA Shotgun Section events were held this year on 15 August. What a day to choose! Day one of the CFRC, but driving rains kept the riflemen on their feet (don't ask where) until well after noon, while the shotgunners donned their waders and just went at it.

Entries were down but enough came out to make it all worthwhile, and all the medals were awarded. In the most popular event of 50 targets Tim Kellett took the gold with 48, with Bill Mannarino taking silver and Zachary Andruchow the bronze.

Zachary has just turned 16 and is our youngest shooter - well

done!!

50 Target Event- (L-R) Bill Monnarino, Silver; Tim Kellett, Gold; Zachary Andruchow, Bronze



The 100 target went for competition diehards registering scores with the skeet governing body (NSAA) was won by our

100 Target Event- (L-R) Claude Mondor, Silver; Brad McRae, Gold; Jean Hardy, Bronze



consistently top performer Brad McRae with 99. Our Section Captain, Claude Mondor took the silver with new member (but an old hand) Jean Hardy winning the bronze.

On the evening of 18 August six CFRC shooters turned out to make their bang at 50 targets. Scott Murray and Jeff Lambe both shot 42. You will have to ask them how the tie was broken, but Scott took home gold and Jeff the silver. Perennial supporter Paul Bawden took the bronze. Also coming out were Rick Melling, Tracy East and Wayne Quick.

We thank all participants and hope DCRA will order better weather next year.

# Cadet tackles ultimate army challenge

While most 17 year-olds are pondering what to wear on Halloween, Cadet MWO Alix Voorthuyzen from Esquimalt High School is mulling over what to expect when she reaches Base Camp on Mount Everest.

The teenager, an army cadet from 2289 Artillery Army Cadet Corps, was chosen along with 15 cadets from across Canada to trek the well worn route to the highest peak on Earth. Voorthuyzen flies out of Toronto this Saturday en route to Nepal, where she will complete a mountain bike tour of Kathmandu city. This physical activity will help her acclimatize to the high mountain altitude.

"This expedition is a once-in-a-lifetime trip that I never expected to go on," said Voorthuyzen. "To get the chance to represent Canada and climb to the base camp of Mount Everest is a great honour. It's worth the days of school I will miss."

From Kathmandu the cadets will be airlifted to Luka to participate in a cultural visit in Khumjung and Kunde Sherpa Village before they trek to Everest Base Camp.

Voorthuyzen holds a gold fitness ranking within the cadet physical fitness program, which is a minimum requirement to attend any international experience.

The army cadet expedition is the top cadet activity that challenges youth to new levels, and is the culmination of at least four years of training, requiring a superior level of fitness and maturity. This international expedition provides cadets with the opportunity to exercise self-reliance, leadership and the spirit of adventure, says Lt Lisa Currie, SPO Public Affairs Office (Land).

Voorthuyzen has had an outstanding cadet career, she adds, having spent the past summer competing as a member of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet National Rifle Team in Bisley, UK. Her second place finish in the competition has earned her an invitation to compete on next year's team.

The Cadet Marksmanship program teaches cadets self-discipline, builds confidence and allows them to compete equally in a recreational sport that is gender neutral.

The Cadet Marksmanship program has produced several world class athletes, such as Canadian Olympians Pat Vamplew and Mike Ashcroft and Commonwealth Games participants Des Vamplew and Garry Bowman.

Voorthuyzen may one day join this group as she has just received notice she will join the Canadian team for competition at the 2011 World Long Range Championships in Brisbane, Australia. Of the 42 person team, she is one of eight members on the roster for the under 25 category.

To help with the costs of competing in Australia, the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association will contribute 20 per cent to her airfare and accommodation, rifle licenses, ammunition and shipping costs. But she will still require several thousand dollars before this dream is a reality. She has started her own website in search of community donations - http://alix.voorthuyzen.com

If you would like to assist Voorthuyzen visit her website.



Cadet MWO Alix Voorthuyzen prepares to trek Mt Everest as part of a 16 person cadet expedition. She is also looking for financial donations so she can represent Canada at next year's World Long Range Championships in Brisbane, Australia

-Ben Green, Staff writer (reprinted with permission from CFB Esquimalt Lookout magazine

# Black Powder Matches 2010

#### In appreciation

2010 saw the return of Black Powder competition to the annual Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships, due in no small part to friends and supporters on both sides of the Canada-US border. In particular I would like to thank Dave Gullo, Davis Hicks, Frank Monikowski, Thomas Matpack and Sandy Post for promotion by various means of the matches, Serge Bissonnette and Dan Chisholm for encouraging reinstatement of the BP Championship as part of the DCRA program, and finally Aaron Daley, Kathy Corcoran and Betty-Ann Ferguson in the DCRA office for their administrative support.

#### The year the balloon went up

Friday the 13th, opening day for the BP matches, coincided with the final day of experiments with UAVs by DND (which apparently either didn't get the memo about the matches or chose to ignore it). The most obvious Unwanted Aerial Vehicle was a large white blimp tethered behind the left corner of "A" range, the presence of which led to some confusion during the latter part morning and more than one suggestion that special prizes be awarded for punching holes in something other than paper. Despite the airborne distraction, Dave Gullo, Frank Monikowski and Ray Hanson of the US took the top three spots in the Short Range Aggregate. Ray and Frank joined Davis Hicks in winning the Loyalist Cup Short Range team match, with Dave Gullo, Chris Jones and Glen Kaye in second.

Bob Albert, along with Canadian newcomers Sandy Post and Ted Rosene, took Bronze for their team effort.

The Wilf Black Match for original arms was won by Glen Kaye with a Peabody, followed by Frank Monikowski and Chris Jones with Springfields.



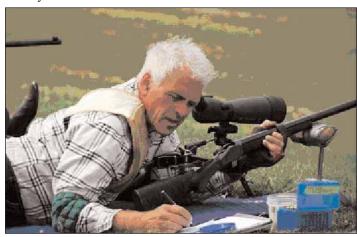
Saturday's Long Range events opened with Frank Monikowski winning the the 700m match, followed by Dave Gullo and Davis Hicks. The BP Long range match at 800m was taken by Canadian Chris Jones, with second and third awarded to Davis and Ray Hanson. The afternoon's 900m stage, despite bizarre conditions that confounded many competitors, was again dominated by Americans with Dave Gullo, Ray Hanson and Frank Monikowski taking the top three positions.

Friday's Loyalist Cup team standings were repeated Saturday in competition for the Long Range team Ranger Cup.

Individual competition ended with Dave Gullo, Ray Hanson and Frank Monikowski taking Gold, Silver and Bronze respectively in the Long Range Aggregate, and Dave Gullo winning the Grand Aggregate, followed by Frank and Ray. Finally, a special award

for best performance by a first year competitor was supplied and presented by Dave Gullo of Buffalo Arms to Ivan Duval of the United States.

Our good luck with weather ended Sunday, when thunderstorms and torrential rain resulted in delays and ultimately cancellation of the day's events.



#### What's next?

Over the course of the last several months I have alluded in print to several changes to the Black Powder program I felt would be necessary to retain its viability. Some, intended to make the matches more economically attractive to both competitors and the Association, were implemented during this year's matches, but the most dramatic changes involve the DRCA rules pertaining to Black Powder.

Current DCRA Black Powder rules were designed to acknowledge the difficulties faced several decades ago by those wishing to engage in formal BP competition at the time of its reintroduction by the DCRA. Black Powder shooting at long range in the 1970's and 1980's was hobbled by a lack of equipment and components for, and basic knowledge of, a form of shooting whose time was felt by many to have come and gone. This resulted in a need to improvise or modify what was available at the time to emulate the performance of original rifles and loads without insisting on the use of original equipment (which would have been exorbitantly expensive and exclusionary) or modern historically accurate recreations (which by and large didn't exist). As interest in BP gained momentum (due in no small part to the efforts of DCRA members), so did the incentive on the part of manufacturers to address the lack of appropriate and historically consistent products. Today's BP shooters now have a wealth of choice in supplies with which to equip themselves without resorting to the compromises needed in the not too distant past. The reasoning behind several of our existing rules is no longer valid, and they are long overdue for change to address the current state of Black Powder competition worldwide.

As this is written (September 2010), proposed amendments to the current DCRA BP rules have been forwarded to the DCRA Executive for their approval, which I anticipate will be forthcoming. Several are simply clarifications of existing rules, but three major changes effective in 2011 should be noted for current and prospective competitors, these being:

- 1. Duplex loading (the use of a smokeless powder primer under a main charge of black powder) will no longer be accepted in National level matches,
- 2. Only plain based, non-gas checked bullets will be allowed, and finally,
- 3. The 2011 matches will introduce a class for scoped BP cartridge rifles.

None of these changes will affect the majority of attendees at the National Championships, but will bring us closer to compliance with what have become internationally accepted rules concerning ammunition and its constituent components. The specifics of all amended rules and the new Scoped Cartridge Rifle class will be available as you read this in the new Black Powder section of the DCRA website.

In conclusion, this year's match, despite a few minor glitches and the inability to shoot on the final day, was a success. It was particularly gratifying to see a dramatic increase in new Canadian



competitors. I sincerely hope that this year's experience represents a resurgence of interest and participation in what many feel is one of the finest competitions of its kind internationally. Black Powder at Connaught will be back next year, and we look forward to seeing more friends, old and new, at that time.

Chris Jones Black Powder Chairman

# 2010 BLACK POWDER RESULTS

Wilf Black			Short Rang	e Aggregate	
Gold	Glenn Kaye	43.03	First	Dave Gullo	141.07
Silver	Frank Monikowski	42.03	Second	Frank Monikowski	139.09
Bronze	Chris Jones	38.02	Third	Ray Hanson	136.10
<u>Victorian</u>			Long Range	e Aggregate	
Gold	Dave Gullo	49.03	First	Dave Gullo	133.06
Silver	Frank Monikowski	47.03	Second	Ray Hanson	128.05
Bronze	Ray Hanson	44.03	Third	Frank Monikowski	127.04
Creedmoor			Loyalist Cu	р	
Gold	Frank Monikowski	48.03	First	H2M - Hanson	393.19
Silver	Ray Hanson	46.03		Monikowski, Hicks	
Bronze	Dave Gullo	46.01	Second	Mixed Up Clowns	361.07
				Jones, Gullo, Kay	
Wimbledon			Third	The Gultchers	325.00
Gold	Dave Gullo	46.03		Albert, Rosene, Post	
Silver	Ray Hanson	46.03	Ranger Cur	<u>o</u>	
Bronze	Frank Monikowski	44.03	First	H2M	379.15
			Second	Mixed Up Clowns	358.11
BP-700			Third	The Gultchers	220.01
Gold	Frank Monikowski	49.02			
Silver	Dave Gullo	47.04	Cartridge R	Rifle Class Grand Aggregate	
Bronze	Dave Hicks	47.02	First	Dave Gullo	274.13
			Second	Frank Monikowski	266.13
Long Range			Third	Ray Hanson	264.15
Gold	Chris Jones	45.01			
Silver	Dave Hicks	44.02			
Bronze	Ray Hanson	43.02		North American Trop	hv
				Dave Gullo	<u>iiy</u>
<u>BP-1000</u>				Dave Gullo	
Gold	Dave Gullo	44.01			
Silver	Ray Hanson	39.01		_	
Bronze	Frank Monikowski	36.01	C	longratulations to	all!!

# The 128th Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships

Daniel Chisholm, Programme Chairman

We fired our 128th Annual Prize Meeting at Connaught Ranges from 13-21 August 2010 and then the America Match on 22 August, the latter helping to boost our attendance a bit. We had 251 entering our Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate versus 238 last year and just under 200 the year before. After a couple of years post-2007 absence we very much welcomed the return of the Great Britain Rifle Team to Connaught, a 21-shooter squad captained by Jane Messer. The USA sent a very strong team led by Dan Simpson, who along with Canada's team led by Bob Pitcairn would make sure that any victory the Brits might achieve would be very well earned. Unfortunately for the first time in a very long while the BDMP was unable to send a team, with longtime Connaught shooter Guenther Boehme being the only familiar German face on the range this year. Rounding out our international visitors we welcomed our small but regular group of shooters from Jamaica and Bermuda and also one shooter from Hong Kong.

Almost a hundred of our shooters were Athelings, Canadian and British cadets and their staff. They definitely made a welcome contribution to the average age on the range.

Also, this year about 60 Cadets attended the Meet and Greet Dinner on 1st-Saturday. Hopefully next year even more senior shooters will also attend and take this opportunity to rub shoulders with our younger shooters before the matches get well underway. We drew more F-Class shooters this year, attracted no doubt by the America Match Alongside F-Class. Interestingly the F-Farquharson/F-TR shooters outnumbered the F-Open shooters by sixteen to eleven in the Grand Agg. It was particularly nice to see a much stronger emphasis on F-Class teams shooting, with three very sound F-Class teams present this year. The Canadian team was captained by Dale Rathwell, the USA team by Darrell Buell and the team from South Africa by Jannie Els.

2010 is the second year of our three year trial of ICFRA rules and in a bit of a surprise development we completely sold out of our stock of printed rulebooks - we'll have to have more on hand next year! In one of the few exceptions in our ICFRA rules trial, we continue to use our DCRA-1997 target system and also its F-Class variant.

We had a new Chief Range Officer this year, with Bill Kedziora taking over the "north of the fence" side of our operations. It was nice to see Bill get things running with the usual degree of smoothness by the time the Grand Aggregate got underway. Our previous CRO Keith Bornn was sighted from time to time in the Cadet Camp and it was nice to still see his usually smiling face on the range.

What would a match report be without some mention of the weather? Our newfound awareness this year of lightning dangers was almost immediately confronted with particularly strong Ottawa thunderstorms. We ended up cancelling all of First-Sunday's shooting, the first time in a very long while that a whole day of shooting was lost. We also cancelled half of the shooting on Thursday afternoon and had several delays or near-delays due to weather.

2010 saw the return of Black Powder shooting to our match. Sixteen BP competitors fired from 200 yards to 900 metres on the

first three days of our matches, it was good to see that Chris Jones was able to successfully re-start participation in the DCRA Thousand Yard Black Powder Programme.

We cancelled our 300m ISSF-style match this year, which made 1st-Saturday morning's schedule a bit lighter and 1st-Friday's particularly light. Sierra's sponsorship of that match has been moved to the Sierra Canadian Long Range Challenge. We also tried out Squadded Practice for the first two warmup days which had its teething problems but will probably be back next year.

GBRT captain Jane Messer converted a "5" in the Ottawa Regiment match so all her 75v14 got her was a shootoff against Scott Fulmer and his 75v14. Jane won, but the standard was set for a week of very high scores by some seriously competitive visiting shooters.

Kent Reeve of Cary, North Carolina won both major individual TR titles, winning the Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate and also the Governor General's Prize. There must be something in North Carolina that sets shooters on fire because in the F-F/F-TR combined class Jeffrey Rorer of Winterville, North Carolina also pulled off a double win of the Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate and the Gov. General's F-Class. In F-Open class the Grand was won by Gord Ogg of Waterloo, Ontario and the Gov's F-Class by Dawie Westhuizen of Sunland, South Africa.

In teams shooting the GBRT took the first of the three big team matches at stake, winning the Commonwealth Match and presumably carrying out the first step of their plan to win all three. Canada was able to stop that by winning the Canada Match which was a very high scoring match with only one point between the first and third place teams. GB was not to be thrown off, they carried through and won the America Match.

The America Match Alongside F-Class was won by team USA. Many thanks to Aaron Daley, Betty Ann Ferguson and Kathy Corcoran in the DCRA office who worked some very long days to make it all happen. Stats and scoring ran seamlessly this year with Mike Corcoran returning for his second year. The QM staff run by Andrew Campbell and Jason Lafontaine did a fantastic job, and Pat Quinn, Brent Rotondo and over forty of the World Famous Smiths Falls Girls gave us the usual first rate target service.

#### DCRA 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 Canadian Championships.

Paid up, Under 25 members who have submitted an entry form for the Championships 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 <u>not</u> eligible for a bursary.

Applications must be received by 15 April. 2011

Applications must be received by 15 April. 2011 Contact the DCRA for an application form at office@dcra.ca.

# 128TH DCRA CANADIAN FULLBORE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### H.E. The Governor General's Prize Kent Reeve, Cary, NC, USA

# The Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate (Cdn Open Target Rifle Champion) Kent Reeve, Cary, NC, USA

#### <u>The Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate - Top Under 25 Canadian Winner</u> Catherine Choquette, NRT (NCRRA)

# The Canadian Target Rifle Champion (Bisley Aggregate) Roger Romses, Keswick, ON

#### The Canadian Masters Championship Roger Romses, Keswick, ON

#### The Des Burke Target Rifle Award Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC

#### F Class Final

Open - Dawie Westhuizen, South Africa

F/Farquharson - Jeffrey Rorer, USA

# The Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate (Cdn Open F Class Championship) Open- Gordon Ogg, Waterloo, ON F/Farquharson - Jeffrey Rorer, USA

#### **Canadian "F" Class Championship (Bisley Aggregate)**

F Class - Gordon Ogg, Waterloo, ON F/Farquharson - Darin Stewart, QC

Alexa	nder of Tunis		The G	Gibson		
TR	Trevor Hengehold, USA	50V4	TR	David Luckman, UK	150V25	
	Scott Riles, USA	49V7		Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	150V21	
	Carlton Hardin, USA	49V4		David Armstrong, UK	150V21	
F/O	Gordon Ogg, Waterloo, ON	47V3	F/O	David Westhuizen, SA	147V16	
F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	44V2	F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	143V14	
Army	& Navy Veterans		The G	Gooderham		
TR	David Luckman, UK	74V9	TR	David Armstrong, UK	125V17	
	Nigel Ball, UK	74V8		Tyler Sangster, Amherst, NS	125V15	
	Paul Sykes, UK	74V8		Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	125V14	
F/O	Gordon Ogg, Waterloo, ON	71V5	F/O	Leo D'Amour, Laval, QC	122V14	
F/F	Dale Carpenter, USA	69V2	F/F	Dale Carpenter, USA	114V12	
The N	orman Beckett		The G	The Governor General's Qualifier		
TR	Ian Hogg, Stratford, PE	100V16	TR	Kent Reeve, USA	255V36	
	Christopher Haley, UK	100V16		Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	255V35	
	Faisal Rahman, Pickering, ON	100V16		David Armstrong, UK	255V33	
F/O	Gordon Ogg, Waterloo, ON	98V7	The "	F" Class Final Qualifier		
F/F	Darin Stewart, St. Armand, QC	97V8	F/O	David Westhuizen, SA	252V28	
The C	Colonel John C. Brick		F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	252V26	
TR	Steven Thomas, UK	100V17	The L	etson		
	Kent Reeve, USA	100V17	TR	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	105V17	
	Fazal Mohideen, Pickering, ON	100V17		Theodor Vlad, NRT (QC)	105V16	
F/O	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	98V11		Jane Messer, UK	105V16	
F/F	Darrell Buell, USA	98V11	F/O	David Westhuizen, SA	104V10	
The G	Satineau		F/F	Dale Carpenter, USA	103V7	
TR	Roger Romses, Keswick, ON	75V9	The M	Tacdougall - Rained Out		
	Laurie Hearn, St. Joseph's, NL	75V9	The C	Ottawa Regiment		
	Don Coleman, Gagetown, NB	75V8	TR	Jane Messer, UK	75V14	
F/O	Dawie Westhuizen, SA	73V9		Scott Fulmer, USA	75V14	
F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	75V7		Robert Best, Richmond, BC	75V13	

The C	Ottawa Regiment		The C	Connaught Aggregate	
F/O	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	74V9	F/O	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	280V20
F/F	Mark Anderson, Kamloops, BC	74V4	F/F	James Thompson, Whitevale, ON	382V14
The P	Patron's		The J	ack Gorrie Tuesday Aggregate	
TR	Kent Reeve, USA	149V20	TR	Trevor Hengehold, USA	154V11
	James Paton, White Rock, BC	149V19		Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	153V18
	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	149V16		Kent Reeve, USA	153V18
F/O	Dawie Westhuizen, SA	146V13	F/O	Donald McGinnis, Penetanguishene, ON	150V13
F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	143V11	F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	146V11
The S	J. Perry		The C	Szowski Aggregate	
TR	Ric Melling, Hong Kong	224V25	TR	Gerard Decosta, USA	224V23
	Peter Dobell, Chilliwack, BC	221V24		Kent Reeve, USA	222V27
	Alexandre Hamel, Shannon, QC	221V22		Roger Romses, Keswick, ON	222V19
F/F	Alwyn Marx, SA	205V8	F/O	Gordon Ogg, Waterloo, ON	216V14
	President's		F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	210V15
TR	David Armstrong, UK	150V25		Oick Hampton Monday Aggregate	
	Paul Sykes, UK	150V23	TR	Kent Reeve, USA	200V31
	Gary Alexander, UK	150V23		Steven Thomas, UK	200V27
F/O	David Westhuizen, SA	148V18		David Luckman, UK	200V26
F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	150V17	F/O	Gordon Ogg, Waterloo, ON	194V17
The S			F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	191V17
TR	Robert Reil, USA	218V15		Frank Jermey Award	
	Peter Church, USA	217V18	TR	Samuel Hines, ACLIM	678V45
	Roy Cole, USA	216V24		Klondike Aggregate	
F/O	Mark Iwanochko, Etobicoke, ON	211V15	TR	Kent Reeve, USA	353V49
F/F	Darin Stewart, St. Armand, QC	199V11		David Luckman, UK	352V42
The T	<b>'ilton -</b> Rained Out		E/0	Trevor Hengehold, USA	351V32
			F/O	Gordon Ogg, Waterloo, ON	343V30
	<b>AGGREGATES</b>		F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA  Maple Leaf Aggregate	337V28
The A	aggregate for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century		TR	Kent Reeve, USA	320V51
TR	Paul Sykes, UK	1141V136	IIX	David Armstrong, UK	320V31 320V38
	David Armstrong, UK	1141V126		Steven Thomas, UK	320 V 38 318 V 46
	Trevor Hengehold, USA	1138V121	F/O	David Westhuizen, SA	313V29
F/O	Barry Price, Munster Hamlet, ON	1096V83	F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	312V32
F/F	Dale Carpenter, USA	1075V76		AcCulloch Trophy	J12 V J2
The A	All-Comers Aggregate		TR	Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	501V56
TR	Kent Reeve, USA	505V74	110	Peter Jmaeff, Regina, SK	498V36
	David Armstrong, UK	505V66		Scott Riles, USA	497V51
	David Luckman, UK	503V72	F Clas	ss Donald McGinnis, Penetanguishene, ON	490V45
F/O	David Westhuizen, SA	498V51		W.A. Milroy Aggregate	.,
F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	495V51	TR	Steven Thomas, UK	250V35
	Gil Boa Aggregate			Roger Romses, Keswick, ON	250V25
TR	David Armstrong, UK	200V31		Kent Reeve, USA	249V38
	Paul Sykes, UK	200V29	F/O	Marius de Champlain, Rimouski, QC	248V28
	Kent Reeve, USA	200V28	F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	246V27
F/O	Dawie Westhuizen, SA	198V16	The P	Polar Bear Aggregate	
F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	195V19	TR	Kent Reeve, USA	542V78
	Forces TR Championship			David Luckman, UK	539V63
TR	Shannon Carlton, Innisfil, ON	712V66		Gerard Decosta, USA	539V56
	Champlain Aggregate	0.5.47.70.4	F/O	Gordon Ogg, Waterloo, ON	524V44
TR	Paul Sykes, UK	274V34	F/F	Jeffrey Rorer, USA	522V47
	William Adams, Mission, BC	273V32	The S	Short Range Aggregate	
E/C	Christopher Haley, UK	273V28	TR	Jane Messer, UK	185V33
F/O	Leo D'Amour, Laval, QC	262V20		David Luckman, UK	185V31
F/F	Dale Carpenter, USA	256V20		David Armstrong, UK	185V28
	Connaught Aggregate	4003727	F/O	David Westhuizen, SA	185V22
TR	Ronald Michon, USA	499V27	F/F	Mark Anderson, Kamloops, BC	184V17
	Denis Lee, Jamaica	491V32			
	Ric Melling, Hong Kong	295V29			

The Te	ess Spencer Trophy		The Cadet /Jr. Open Short Range Aggregate	
TR	Jane Messer, UK	718V100	Thomas Smith, BCRT	502V51
	Judy Anderson, Kamloops, BC	717V74	Theodor Vlad, NRT (QC)	501V61
	Katherine Jack, UK	717V68	Gareth Davies, BCRT	500V62
Royal	Rifles Challenge Cup		The Cadet /Jr. Open TR Championship	
TR	Judy Anderson, Kamloops, BC	717V74	Alexander Bryson, UK	717V73
	Stephen Hunt, Burlington, ON	715V78	Gareth Davies, BCRT	713V78
	Catherine Choquette, NRT (NCRRA)	712V68	Jack Alexander, BCRT	713V74
Strach	an Challenge Trophy		The Canadian Cadet TR Championship	
TR	Gareth Davies, BCRT	713V78	Catherine Choquette, NRT (NCRRA)	712V68
	Jack Alexander, BCRT	713V74	Theodor Vlad, NRT (QC)	709V76
	William Hutton, BCRT	709V67	Christopher Chevrier, NRT (QC)	709V61
The W	esthead Trophy		The Russell G. Potter Memorial	
TR	Andrew Wheeler-Hebert, ACLIM (ON)	689V50	Alexander Bryson, UK	717V73
	Alex Talbot, ACLIM (QC)	689V46	• •	
	Xavier Barrette-Lecoin, ACLIM (QC)	686V41	<b>INTERNATIONAL TEAM</b>	1S
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	Henry Day, UK	501V66	Great Britain	1193 V 142 1192 V 164
	Theodor Vlad, NRT (QC)	501V61	USA	1192 V 104 1192 V 154
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	Alexander Bryson, UK	220V17	The Commonwealth Match	11/9 / 138
	Henry Day, UK	218V14	Great Britain	1173V112
	Jack Alexander, BCRT	217V21		1173 V 112 1171 V 113
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	Henry Day, UK	719V80	The Outlander	110/098
	Alexander Bryson, UK	717V73		978V88
	Gareth Davies, BCRT	713V78	GB Captain's Team USA	976V81
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TR	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	287V24	Canadian Under 25 Team	378V20
IK	Ian Hogg, Stratford, PE	285V24	Under 25 International Short Range	378 V 20
	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	283 V 24 283 V 24	Great Britain	1186V155
T F	Gary Cassidy, Forest, ON	282V14	Canadian Under 25	1180 V 133
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	Paul Bawden, Fergus, ON	400V16	Ontario	2994V349
	Sandy Peden, Victoria, BC	226V19	British Columbia	2974V298
F/O	Norbert Yakey, USA	340V12	ATPQ/PQRA	2960V283
F/F	Mark Fletcher, Ottawa, ON	413V34	The Carling Breweries Match	00.47.700
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	Alex Talbot, ACLIM (QC)		ATPQ/PQRA British Columbia	
	Andrew Wheeler-Hebert, ACLIM (ON)	484V36	The Ladies' Pairs	543V41
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THE C	Robert Tayler, ACLIM (ON)	638V48	Old Hearns - Laurie & Cheryl	293V28
	Braeden Huget, ACLIM (BC)	637V54	Ontario - Carlton/Moogk	293 V 28 290 V 28
	Alex Talbot, ACLIM (QC)	633V40	ATPQ/PQRA - Tremblay/Lariviere	290 V 28 290 V 22
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Mons Gold	824V87		Steven Thomas & Alexander Bryson	999V124
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Purples Rifle Club	970V100	Class A	Ontario Snipers	100V8
The Victoria Rifles			Faisal Rahman & Gary Bendik	
London & Middlesex - Red	874V88	GI D	Coach: Fazal Mohideen	0.57.70
North London Rifle Club - Red	871V72	Class B	Lady Vee's	95V3
London & Middlesex - Blue	868V71		Renee Paquette & Megan Jones	
ATPQ/PQRA	864V67	CI	Coach: Davinia Upshall	02772
		Class	The Wolfs	93V2
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The Buell		Class	USA	85V5
Team Lewis Gun	2566V87	F/F	Dale Carpenter & Jeffrey Rorer	JJ 7 J
Team RPA	2529V84	1/1	Coach: Darrell Buell	
Team Enfield	2490V69		Court Durin Durin	
Team Bren Gun	2466V72			
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British Cadet Rifle Team (BCRT)	773V62		•	
Royal Canadian Army Cadets (RCAC)	768V43			

# Advance Notice of Nominations and Elections for Canadian Teams

During the winter 2010-2011, members of the DCRA Council will be asked to make nominations for, and, as required, to vote on, candidates for the following:

## Team Captain, America Match (TR)

match to be held in the USA in 2012, dates and location to be confirmed

## Team Captain, America Match (F Class)

match to be held in the USA in 2012, dates and location to be confirmed

### Team Commandant and Adjutant, Bisley Team (TR)

for July 2013

While the nominations must be made and voted on by DCRA Council members, it is not a requirement that Team Officers themselves be members of Council.

Any full DCRA member in good standing is eligible for nomination.

Any member interested in being nominated for one of these positions is invited to contact a member of Council.

The DCRA office (office@dcra.ca) will provide a list of Council Members on request.

The Call for Nominations will go out in December 2010, with the aim of having nominations received and any voting completed prior to the DCRA Annual General Meeting.



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1.	Kent Reeve, Cary, NC, USA	299V43	26.	Judy Anderson, Kamloops, BC	293V24
2.	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	299V36	27.	David Rose, Putney, London, UK	292V31
3.	James Paton, White Rock, BC	298V40	28.	Shannon Carlton, Innisfil, ON	292V30
4.	Paul Sykes, Cambridgeshire, UK	298V38	29.	Katherine Jack, Berkshire, UK	292V28
5.	David Armstrong, Woking, Surrey, UK	298V37	30.	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	292V24
6.	Fazal Mohideen, Pickering, ON	298V34	31.	William Adams, Mission, BC	291V31
7.	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	298V34	32.	Steven Thomas, Cowbridge, Wales, UK	291V31
8.	Roger Romses, Keswick, ON	297V32	33.	James Postle, BCRT Commandant	291V28
9.	Trevor Hengehold, San Clemente, CA, USA	296V32	34.	Ian Hogg, Stratford, PE	291V28
10.	Nigel Ball, Portsmouth, Hampshire, UK	296V29	35.	Gareth Davies, BCRT	291V25
11.	Gary Alexander, Swindon, Wiltshire, UK	295V41	36.	Thomas Smith, BCRT	291V25
12.	Gary Bendik, Pickering, ON	295V40	37.	Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	290V31
13.	David Dyson, Huddersfield, UK	295V35	38.	Alan Warner, Keene, NH, USA	290V27
14.	Henry Day, Ely, Cambridgeshire, UK	295V30	39.	Megan Jones, Connaught Staff (ON)	290V27
15.	Gerard Decosta, Litchfield, NH, USA	294V31	40.	John Deane, Hertfordshire, UK	290V25
16.	Simon Harding, London, UK	294V29	41.	William Hutton, BCRT	289V28
17.	Stephen Hunt, Burlington, ON	294V28	42.	Nicolas Beaulne, Connaught Staff (QC)	289V25
18.	Daniel Chisholm, Keswick Ridge, NB	294V28	43.	Peter Griggs, Gloucestershire, UK	288V33
19.	Tyler Sangster, Amherst, NS	294V25	44.	Justin Skaret, Tucson, AZ, USA	287V30
20.	David Luckman, Clifton, Avon, UK	293V39	45.	Theodor Vlad, NRT (QC)	287V30
21.	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	293V36	46.	Jack Alexander, BCRT	287V28
22.	Christopher Haley, Hertfordshire, UK	293V34	47.	Catherine Choquette, NRT (NCRRA)	281V24
23.	Martin Whicher, Woking, Surrey, UK	293V32	48.	Deen Mohideen, Scarborough, ON	280V22
24.	Bruce Roth, Berkshire, UK	293V30	49.	Roger Mullin, Cobourg, ON	154V13
25.	Robert Best, Richmond, BC	293V26	50.	Peter Jmaeff, Regina, SK	149V12

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1.	Kent Reeve, Cary, NC, USA	727V101	26.	Katherine Jack, Berkshire, UK	717V68
2.	David Luckman, Clifton, Avon, UK	724V94	27.	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	716V87
3.	David Armstrong, Woking, Surrey, UK	722V88	28.	Scott Riles, Thousand Oaks, CA, USA	716V76
4.	Roger Romses, Keswick, ON	722V81	29.	Ron Sekellick, Canton, CT, USA	716V73
5.	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	721V87	30.	Stephen Hunt, Burlington, ON	715V78
6.	Trevor Hengehold, San Clemente, CA,USA	721V85	31.	Christopher Haley, Hertfordshire, UK	715V77
7.	Steven Thomas, Cowbridge, Wales, UK	720V85	32.	Bruce Roth, Berkshire, UK	715V55
8.	John Deane, Hertfordshire, UK	720V81	33.	James Paton, White Rock, BC	714V79
9.	Gerard Decosta, Litchfield, NH, USA	720V77	34.	Peter Church, Dearborn, MI, USA	714V76
10.	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	720V75	35.	Peter Jmaeff, Regina, SK	714V46
11.	Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	720V75	36.	Stacey Tamulinas, Circle Pines, MN, USA	713V82
12.	Paul Sykes, Cambridgeshire, UK	719V87	37.	Gareth Davies, BCRT	713V78
13.	Gary Alexander, Swindon, Wiltshire, UK	719V82	38.	Jack Alexander, BCRT	713V74
14.	Henry Day, Ely, Cambridgeshire, UK	719V80	39.	James Postle, BCRT Commandant	713V69
15.	Jane Messer, East Sussex, UK	718V100	40.	John Friguglietti, Lincolnton, NC, USA	713V67
16.	Ian Hogg, Stratford, PE	718V92	41.	Catherine Choquette, NRT (NCRRA)	712V68
17.	Daniel Chisholm, Keswick Ridge, NB	718V81	42.	Shannon Carlton, Innisfil, ON	712V66
18.	Gary Bendik, Pickering, ON	718V79	43.	Tyler Sangster, Amherst, NS	711V67
19.	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	718V79	44.	Paul Dudzinski, Victoria, BC	711V66
20.	Nigel Ball, Portsmouth, Hampshire, UK	717V82	45.	Laurie Hearn, St. Joseph's, NL	711V65
21.	Peter Griggs, Gloucestershire, UK	717V80	46.	Robert Best, Richmond, BC	711V63
22.	Fazal Mohideen, Pickering, ON	717V79	47.	Simon Harding, London, UK	711V63
23.	Judy Anderson, Kamloops, BC	717V74	48.	Peter Westlake, Innisfil, ON	711V60
24.	Alexander Bryson, Woking, Surrey, UK	717V73	49.	Pierre Tremblay, St Brig de Laval, QC	711V58
25.	David Dyson, Huddersfield, UK	717V69	50.	Andy Tikkanen, Calgary, AB	711V50

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

Mark your calendar now! The Canadian Championships will be held on Friday, August 19 to Saturday, August 27, 2011.

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

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# **CANADIAN TARGET RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP** (BISLEY AGGREGATE) 2010



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1.	Roger Romses, Keswick, ON	870V92	26.	Don Coleman, Gagetown, NB	850V77
2.	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	869V103	27.	William Adams, Mission, BC	849V80
3.	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	865V103	28.	Theodor Vlad, NRT (QC)	848V88
4.	Fazal Mohideen, Pickering, ON	865V95	29.	Mike Wong Shui, Mississauga, ON	848V78
5.	Gary Bendik, Pickering, ON	864V94	30.	Alexandre Hamel, Shannon, QC	848V74
6.	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	864V94	31.	Jacques Dugas, Quebec, QC	848V72
7.	James Paton, White Rock, BC	863V98	32.	Megan Jones, Connaught Staff (ON)	847V71
8.	Daniel Chisholm, Keswick Ridge, NB	863V91	33.	Stan Frost, Saskatoon, SK	847V71
9.	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	863V86	34.	Catherine Choquette, NRT (NCRRA)	845V76
10.	Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	861V89	35.	Peter Dobell, Chilliwack, BC	843V64
11.	Judy Anderson, Kamloops, BC	861V83	36.	Antony Betts, Barrie, ON	842V71
12.	Ian Hogg, Stratford, PE	860V103	37.	Andy Kolenko, Agincourt, ON	842V64
13.	Stephen Hunt, Burlington, ON	860V85	38.	Serge Bissonnette, Almonte, ON	842V60
14.	Laurie Hearn, St. Joseph's, NL	857V74	39.	Steven Spinney, Scarborough, ON	840V55
15.	Shannon Carlton, Innisfil, ON	856V82	40.	Fred Ellis, Ottawa, ON	839V70
16.	Robert Best, Richmond, BC	856V73	41.	Frederick Yip, Richmond, BC	838V62
17.	Pierre Tremblay, St Brigitte de Laval, QC	856V69	42.	Scott Murray, Arnprior, ON	836V74
18.	Tyler Sangster, Amherst, NS	855V79	43.	David Dixon, Strathroy, ON	836V57
19.	Ron Dawson, Winnipeg, MB	854V80	44.	Dale Luchuck, Bassano, AB	836V56
20.	Paul Dudzinski, Victoria, BC	854V79	45.	Deen Mohideen, Scarborough, ON	834V68
21.	Andy Tikkanen, Calgary, AB	854V56	46.	Nicolas Beaulne, Connaught Staff (QC)	834V60
22.	Peter Westlake, Innisfil, ON	853V68	47.	Sandy Peden, Victoria, BC	832V71
23.	Gord Hulbert, Weyburn, SK	852V62	48.	Thomas Maynard, Merlin, ON	831V50
24.	Faisal Rahman, Pickering, ON	850V83	49.	Cindy Tremblay, Toronto, ON	829V64
25.	Greg Perron, Victoria, BC	850V80	50.	Marc Landreville, North Glengarry, ON	826V62

# THE ALL-COMERS AGGREGATE 2010



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1.	Kent Reeve, Cary, NC, USA	505V74	26.	Nigel Ball, Portsmouth, Hampshire, UK	499V59
2.	David Armstrong, Woking, Surrey, UK	505V66	27.	Catherine Choquette, NRT (NCRRA)	499V56
3.	David Luckman, Clifton, Avon, UK	503V72	28.	James Paton, White Rock, BC	499V56
4.	Patrick Vamplew, Whitby, ON	503V67	29.	Christopher Haley, Hertfordshire, UK	499V56
5.	Steven Thomas, Cowbridge, Wales, UK	502V68	30.	David Dyson, Huddersfield, UK	499V54
6.	Fazal Mohideen, Pickering, ON	502V64	31.	James Postle, BCRT Commandant	499V52
7.	Thomas Smith, BCRT	502V52	32.	Tyler Sangster, Amherst, NS	499V51
8.	Des Vamplew, Scarborough, ON	501V71	33.	Shannon Carlton, Innisfil, ON	499V50
9.	Henry Day, Ely, Cambridgeshire, UK	501V66	34.	Bruce Roth, Berkshire, UK	499V43
10.	Paul Sykes, Cambridgeshire, UK	501V66	35.	Ian Hogg, Stratford, PE	498V68
11.	Trevor Hengehold, San Clemente, CA,USA	501V65	36.	Lauren Crowson, BCRT	498V59
12.	Gary Alexander, Swindon, Wiltshire, UK	501V64	37.	Faisal Rahman, Pickering, ON	498V51
13.	Theodor Vlad, NRT (QC)	501V61	38.	John Friguglietti, Lincolnton, NC, USA	498V50
14.	Alain Marion, Gatineau, QC	501V60	39.	Peter Westlake, Innisfil, ON	498V47
15.	Gary Bendik, Pickering, ON	501V56	40.	Peter Jmaeff, Regina, SK	498V36
16.	Robert Pitcairn, Chilliwack, BC	501V56	41.	Jane Messer, East Sussex, UK	497V71
17.	Katherine Jack, Berkshire, UK	501V54	42.	Stacey Tamulinas, Circle Pines, MN, USA	497V64
18.	Roger Romses, Keswick, ON	500V62	43.	Alexander Bryson, Woking, Surrey, UK	497V56
19.	Gareth Davies, BCRT	500V62	44.	Martin Wicher, Woking, Surrey, UK	497V56
20.	John Deane, Hertfordshire, UK	500V61	45.	Justin Skaret, Tucson, AZ, USA	497V55
21.	Stephen Hunt, Burlington, ON	500V59	46.	Judy Anderson, Kamloops, BC	497V52
22.	Peter Griggs, Gloucestershire, UK	500V57	47.	Scott Riles, Thousand Oaks, CA, USA	497V51
23.	Paul Tremblay, Quebec, QC	500V54	48.	William Hutton, BCRT	497V51
24.	Scott Fulmer, Liverpool, NY, USA	500V46	49.	Simon Harding, London, UK	497V48
25.	Daniel Chisholm, Keswick Ridge, NB	499V61	50.	Wayne Forshee, Senoia, GA, USA	496V55

# The America Match Target Rifle

# The America Match Alongside F Class

Great Britain 2389V315 United States 2354V274

David Luckman Dale Carpenter Henry Day Paul Phillips Katherine Jack Jim Murphy Paul Sykes Don Nagel **David Armstrong** Jeffrey Rorer Nigel Ball Chris Ozlins Stephanie Ward Robert Bock Gary Alexander Larry Taite Thomas Steven Darrell Buell David Rose Bryan Otey

Martin Whicher Michelle Gallagher
Simon Harding Steve Knutson

Martin Townsend

Jane MesserCanada2323V235Harvey DominicTerry Perkis

Darin Stewart
Claude D'Astous
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Paul Van Duyse
Leo D'Amour

Marius de Champlain Bruce Condie Mark Iwanochko

Dale Rathwell Don Hall Gordon Ogg

Daniel Chisholm South Africa 2286V193

Alwyn Marx Johann Faber Marthinus Boshoff Willem O'Neill Dawie Westhuizen Jason Joshua David Westhuizen Jannie Els

United States 2377V280

Wayne Forshee
Justin Skaret
Tyrel Cooper
Kent Reeve
Gerard Decosta
Trevor Hengehold
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Robert Best

Peter Westlake

James Paton

Ian Hogg

Robert Mead Raymond Gross Steve Hardin

# **CANADIAN RIFLE TEAM TO BISLEY 2010**



Back row: Geoff Woodman, Thomas Maynard, Raymond Smeltzer, Paul Bawden, Scott McGinnis, Mitch McLeod, Marc Landreville Middle row: Barry Langille, Des Vamplew, Fred Ellis, Steven Spinney, Roger Mullin, Art Grundy, Lorne Fisher, Andy Tikkanen, Wayne Quick Front row: Stan Frost, Scott Murray (Coach), Jeff Jenkins (Adjutant), George Harper (Commandant), Fred Nachbaur (Vice-Commandant), Serge Bissonnette (Head Coach), John Mashall (Coach)

As Commandant of the 2010 Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley, I am pleased to submit the following summary of events: I would like to express my gratitude to the DCRA Council for selecting me and providing me with a most memorable highlight of my shooting career. I feel particularly honoured to have been chosen for this, the 150th Anniversary Meeting of the NRA(GB). Thanks also to the DCRA office staff for their hard work and support of our team; Betty Ann Ferguson, who did a superb job on the team booklet, Kathy Corcoran and Aaron Daly.

Thank you to my very capable Adjutant, Jeff Jenkins, who attended to the myriad of responsibilities associated with his job; Serge Bissonnette, Head Coach; Assistant Coaches Scott Murray and John Marshall; and thanks to Vice Commandant Fred Nachbaur for his support and goodwill.



Members of our 2010 Canadian Rifle Team included:

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Honorary Commandan			QC			
Commandant	Maj (	Maj (Ret'd) G.R.Harper, CD				
Vice Commandant	Mr. F	Mr. Fred Nachbaur				
Adjutant	Mr. Je	Mr. Jeff Jenkins				
Head Coach	Mr. S	Mr. Serge Bissonnette				
Coach	Mr. Jo	Mr. John Marshall				
Coach	Mr. S	Mr. Scott Murray				
Team Members						
Mr. Paul Bawden	ON	Mr. Scott McGinnis	ON			
Mr. Fred Ellis	ON	Dr. Roger Mullin	ON			
Mr. Lorne Fisher	BC	Mr. James Paton	BC			
Mr. Stan Frost	SK	Mr. Wayne Quick	ON			
Mr. Art Grundy	ON	Mr. Raymond Smeltzer	NS			
Mr. Marc Landreville	ON	Mr. Steven Spinney	ON			
Mr. Barry Langille	NS	Mr. Andy Tikkanen	AB			
Mr. Mitch MacLeod	PE	Mr. Des Vamplew	ON			
Mr. Thomas Maynard	ON	Mr. Geoff Woodman	NL			
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A six man team of early arrivals was entered in the North London Invitational shoot. This friendly engagement and dinner was once again a highlight of our trip to Bisley with North London posting the winning scores. A special gift provided by our Adjutant was presented along with a plaque and souvenirs.

An eight man team, which included two members of the Prairie Provinces team, competed in the 34th International Target Rifle Match between Wales and Canada held at the Rogiet Moore Range, South Wales. A four man team was also dispatched to the Northern Counties. The host teams were the winners in both instances and most hospitable as they have always been.





























Team photos were taken on the morning of Thursday, 15 July, the first day the entire team was assembled at Bisley.

The team Barbecue was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Steven Spinney and his Committee. Special thanks go to all Committee Chairs and their Members for the excellent support and cooperation throughout our Bisley stay.

Although our team shooting successes were limited, we did field a winning team with our participation in the 150th NRA Anniversary Imperial Meet, maintaining the historic ties and traditions between the DCRA and the NRA of GB. In all international team events GB were the victors and on behalf of the team I congratulate them on their stellar performance.

We participated in Friendly Matches with the RAF and the Barbarians, and managed a win against the Barbarians. In concurrent matches against the City Rifle Club and the Sussex Home Guard we posted a win against the Sussex Home Guard.

Our team was in full attendance at the Army Target Shooting Club for the NRA Reception on Friday 16th July. A presentation was made of a framed print of the "THE SHOE TREE" donated by the artist, LCol (Ret'd) W.J.Molnar. A contribution of 600 GBP was made in support of the Clock Tower Restoration Fund on behalf of the DCRA and the 2010 Canadian Rifle Team by Mr. Stan Frost, Executive Vice President of the DCRA.

On Sunday, 18 July the Canadian Team held their reception. A financial contribution was received from Commandant Major Rob Matte, of the RCAC Team in support of the Reception. All team members helped in preparing the Pavilion for the event. Our Team Members were assisted by the Cadets in hosting our visitors. The receiving line greeted approximately 300 guests. There was plenty of beer, spirits, wine and food for all and it was a very successful evening.

On 20 July "we went to London to see the Queen"! It was a lovely hot summer day and we were all dressed in our finest; Azul Harper, Sandy Maynard, Fred Nachbaur, Mitch Macleod, Scott McGinnis, Marc Landreville and I attended the Queen's Garden Party. It was a memorable event as we met the Duke of Edinburgh who came over to speak to "The CANADIANS" distinguished by their Stetson hats. We saw the Queen and other members of the Royal Family. Approximately 11,000 people were in attendance.

On Wednesday, 21 July we hosted the Ladies Sherry Party. It was well organized and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

This year's Gerry Ouellette award was presented by Art Grundy, a lifelong friend of Gerry's, to Cadet Catherine Choquette for the top Canadian under 25 competitor in the NRA Grand Aggregate. Gerry's widow, Judy Ouellette and family members were in attendance for the presentation.

On Saturday evening, 24 July, the Queen's prize winner, Wg Cdr David Calvert was carried in the chair by his team mates to the pavilion and greeted by the Canadian Team. He was presented the traditional punch and fitted with the white Stetson from the bison's head. In accordance with tradition David then fired the cannon. Subsequent firings included Chris Fitzpatrick (because Chris had won the Queen's prize in 1990 but had been rushed off on RAF duty and unable to fire the cannon that night), Jim Paton, High Canadian in the Imperial Grand Aggregate followed by Fred Nachbaur, Vice Commandant, two Canadian cadets, Brendon Newgard, winner of a CCRS Gold medal, Catherine Choquette, winner of the Gerry Ouellette award. I too fired the cannon. A smaller cannon belonging to the Sussex Home Guard was fired as

well. Canadian Cadet David Chadwick, winner of a silver NRA medal for the Chairman's Prize, was invited to fire this cannon.

It should be mentioned during the latter part of our stay approximately 1/3 of our team members contracted an illness, affecting our lungs. One team member required medical attention while at Bisley. Reports from several team members after returning home confirmed lung infections and pneumonia, certainly a detractor from an otherwise enjoyable trip to Bisley.

The final Team dinner was held on the evening of 25th July. MC for the evening was Paul Bawden, who did an excellent job. Special dinner guests included Mr. Rick Wharton, author of the book "Salvage of the Century" and Mr. Joe Wharton, nephews of our Fred Nachbaur. Rick gave a wonderful account of his recovery from HMS Edinburgh of 5 ½ tons of Russian gold which sank with the ship during WW2.

As Commandant, I then presented the individual award to the high Canadian in the Grand Aggregate (11th), Jim Paton. This award, a Seiko watch with the DCRA Crest and suitably engraved was donated by Taing Jewelers. Watches were also presented to John Marshall for 7 consecutive decades as a Bisley team member and Raymond Smeltzer as the most improved team member (12th in the Agg).

I would like to say this was a very cohesive team, full of fun and camaraderie making it a very enjoyable experience for both Azul and me. Thank you to all members of the team; it was YOU who made the difference!

Major (Ret'd) George R. Harper, CD Commandant, 2010 Canadian Rifle Team To Bisley

# Adjutant's Summary Report

The following summary covers the main items for the Bisley team 2010. A detailed Adjutant's Report has been submitted to the DCRA separately.

Peter Westlake was kind enough to run a "blog" on the DCRA website during the Imperial Meeting.

The team members were issued with a seven-piece outdoor/indoor jacket, two golf shirts and one shooting hat for their team events.

During the team's visit to Bisley souvenirs/gifts inscribed "Canadian Rifle Team, Bisley 2010" were presented at all major matches and competitions.

The DCRA staff produced excellent team booklets and they were duly distributed around Bisley.

For 2010, the Commandant and Coaches decided not to hold a training camp due to the non-availability of most team members. Team members were responsible for arranging their own air transportation; team members arrived between 7 - 15 July.

New communication intercom equipments were purchased for both Bisley and future Palma teams. The Bisley set was left at the pavilion for future years.

12 collapsible chairs with Canada marked on each seat were purchased for the Bisley team to use in team matches.

A new flagpole and two Canadian Flags were purchased to replace the missing flagpole.

The availability of shooting mats at the pavilion proved to be a great asset in assisting team members with reducing the amount of equipment to be packed and shipped.

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# **Bisley 2010 Head Coach Report**

Head Coach for any of our teams has the role of personnel manager in trying to obtain the maximum results from the member of the Team.

This year's Commandant, George Harper, had done an admirable job in filling the team nominal role; now it was my job to try and coax the best out of them.

I approached two valued shooters to assist me in getting maximum results. The two shooters were John Marshall and Scott Murray. Both readily agreed to help placing the Team needs ahead of their own individual shooting pursuits.

The Team members responded admirably to the four coaches' letters which dealt mainly with the preparatory steps of winter training, equipment maintenance and spring training.

The first team match, against the North London Rifle Club was two days after the first group's arrival at Bisley and every member on the ground was used. Steven Spinney deserves special mention on this, as he had arrived that Friday at 7:30 am and was willing to get into the harness right away. We did not take possession of the Challenge Cup but it was our first team "drill".

For the weekend, the group then divided into two units; one going to Wales and the other to the North. In both cases the unit teams were excellent guests leaving the honours to their hosts.

Upon return to Bisley a few more members of the Team had arrived and we then participated in the RAF Match. Due to the Team van being used to ferry people from the airport to Bisley, we had to use a team member's car to shuttle people back and forth to the Pirbright Range taking up too much time and thus our last shooter was not able to shoot. Takes a bit of wind out of one's sails. The next team match was against the Barbarians and this match went in our favour. Two changes on line responsibilities were initiated. The first was that the coachs were not to touch the shooters sights, this was the plotters responsibility. This ensured that the correct sight settings were registered, which are critical if any record of the shoot (paper or plotomatic) has any relevance. The second was that once a shooter had the "go ahead command" from a coach the only person who could call a "hold" was the Head Coach. There are sound reasons for this and a simple 'roles & responsibilities' exercise is highly recommended in our team shooting procedures.

We did not shoot a Team Match for the next six days. During this time I indexed the Team members' Imperial Grand Agg scores to last year's DCRA Grand scores and correlated the average. There was not much difference between them. I got together with John and Scott and to see if they had any observations on individual performances.

I decided that I would cut a team for the Overseas which would be the same group that I would use for all the other team matches with the objective: a respectable showing in the Australia Match. The coaches were asked for their preference in plotters. I then published the Team lists for the Kolopore, MacKinnon and Australia matches under the heading of "IF WE HAD TO SHOOT THIS MATCH TOMORROW THIS IS THE LINEUP". It gave all the positions from Coaches to Resister Keepers. I felt it was better to have it aired rather then have the "Midnight Express" when the list would only come out the night before the particular match and ignoring the human factor of rejection. It

gave me enough time to meet with Team members who deserved an explaination of "why".

The Team performance leading to the Australia Match was respectful but the members were down on themselves for not doing better. I addressed this at the next Team briefing, "do not try to pit yourself against any other shooter. Just try to improve your performance every time you go out there. You have to compete against yourself. To put things in perspective our last shooter showed up two days before the start of the Grand and Dave Richards British Team to Canada 2011 has already had a practice" I did not do this to discourage but to persuade them to look inwards for improvement. The cruel fact is right on the score boards. It was to give them some time to recover and get on with the job. If there was anything that the coaches would have wished for was more time with the shooters but that is not today's reality(?).

In the final analysis, our team average per member on team matches was;

Prior to Australia Match	Australia Match	
300  yards = 49.3,	48.9	
500  yards = 48.9,	48.6	
600  yards = 47.5,	47.7	
900  yards = 47.8	47.6	
1000  yards = 45.9	47.6	

In the final analysis I was happy with the Team's performance. To take a group of people who are so committed to something, that they put their own money down to make work for themselves, follow orders, obey rules and not complain is quite a refreshing experience.

I would like to thank everyone who was a member of the 2010 Team who shot, kept scores, register kept, sorted ammo and especially those selfless souls who sat through all team matches looking down a lens trying to make a Head Coach look good. It was my pleasure to work & play with you.

-Serge Bissonnette, Head Coach 2010 Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley

# A special thanks from the 2010 Bisley Team!

The team would like to thank Anne Molnar for very generously providing the hand crafted name plates for our team members.

Thanks also go to Peter Westlake for becoming the team 'Blogger in Residence'.

# 2011 Canadian World Long Range Rifle Team Team Roster Announced

Congratulations to all the DCRA members who have participated in the DCRA team building program which we have carried out during the past two years. Each member has contributed to the betterment of Canadian Target Rifle shooting. It is unfortunate that we cannot include everyone in the WLRC team that goes to Brisbane. It was no easy task for the team captains to select members from such a fine group of shooters. We feel that each member has increased their skill level and improvements to their shooting performance in the past two years. We encourage all members to continue their development in the upcoming 2015 WLRC training program.

The training program is showing positive results, not only a general improvement in their individual shooting but also with successful performances in international team shooting events during 2010. There is still much work to be done but with effective training and a willingness to be innovative we can overcome many of the weaknesses that have plagued us in the past two decades.

The team captains have utilized every resource available to select the team shooters and coaches that will be the best to represent Canada at the 2011 World Long Range Championships. Every participant in the DCRA training program was given a thorough review in their shooting and coaching progress that has been made in the past two years.

We believe it is a great honour to be selected to the Canadian WLRC team. With that honour goes an even greater responsibility to train harder in our upcoming training programs to elevate their shooting performances to the highest world elite level possible in 2011. A great deal will be asked of each team member in the 2011 training year. As team captains, we know that everyone is committed to the challenge of being an elite world class shooter.

We ask each team member to take pride in what they have accomplished so far but recognize it for what it is; it is a step in your shooting ladder to the next level.

The team captains are most appreciative in the trust and authority given to us by the DCRA to develop and select the 2011 WLRC team. We have worked closely with each other to implement the best training plan and team selection process in order to earn the DCRA trust. Our program has resulted in the announced team selection roster list. We are proud of each member selected. We promise that we will work diligently in the next 12 months to make all DCRA members proud of your Canadian WLRC team.

Laurie Hearn - U25 Team Captain Dave Adams - Veterans Team Captain Bob Pitcairn - Open Age team (Palma)

#### **Active Team Members**

Dave Adams*	BC
Judy Anderson	BC
Ed Bergsma*	BC
Tony Betts*	Ontario
Serge Bissonnette*	Ontario
Shannon Carlton	Ontario
Don Coleman*	Atlantic (NB)
Peter Dobell*	BC
Paul Dudzinski	RC.

Peter Dobell\* BC
Paul Dudzinski BC
Fred Ellis\* Ontario
Lorne Fisher\* BC

Laurie Hearn\*\* Atlantic (NL)
Justin Hearn\*\* Atlantic (NL)
Ian Hogg Atlantic (PEI)
Steve Hunt Ontario

Jeff Jenkins\* Atlantic (NS)

Alpar Katona BC

Barry Langille Atlantic (NS)
John Marshall\* Atlantic (NS)
Deen Mohideen\* Ontario
Fazal Mohideen Ontario
Ken Nelson\* Alberta (BC)

Jim Paton BCGreg Perron\*\* BC Don Pitcairn BC Robert Pitcairn\* BC Faisal Rahman Ontario Ontario Roger Romses Tyler Sangster\*\* Atlantic (NS) Ray Smeltzer Atlantic (NS)

Mirko Teglasi Brisbane-Queensland

Des Vamplew Ontario
Alix Voorthuyzen\*\* BC/Ontario
Tom Walters BC

Peter Westlake Ontario
Mike Wong Shui Ontario
Geoff Woodman Atlantic (NL)
Nielson Woodman\*\* Atlantic (NL)
George Wright\*\* Ontario
Fred Yip\* BC

#### **Reserve Pool**

Nelson Berry\*\* BC
Gary Bendik Ontario
Robert Best BC

Dan Chisholm Atlantic (NB)

Peter Jmaeff\* BC
Roger Mullin\* Ontario
Ray True BC
Ken Westling\* BC

Age Team Eligible:

\* - Veterans

\*\* - Under 25

# **Insuring Reloaders**

In the light of due diligence, as it pertains to the reloading reality in our sport, I came across this artice.

-Serge Bissonnette

As part of my due diligence, I was reviewing the legal requirements of gunpowder and primer storage. To my dismay, I realized I was not in total compliance and made the required corrections to my containment system.

As a reloader, I thought it would be a good idea to ensure there was adequate insurance coverage on my house. I sent a request to my broker asking that, if I was reloading ammunition in my house, are there any issues? The reply was astounding. Absolutely, in no way, shape, or form would my insurer cover me. And, if I was to even have "explosives" on the premises, I would have no coverage If the insurer knew there was gunpowder on the property (not just in the house), my insurance would be null and void.

I was shocked. My broker informed me that all the carriers they have would be the same, no exceptions. Consequently, I don't have any "explosives" in my home.

Clearly, reloading done in a safe environment is a legal practice. However, our insurers deem it to be such a high risk that they provide zero coverage.

-Frustrated Reloader

#### **Associate Editor Ray Blades responds:**

I did a bit of digging with the insurance industry. Loading bullets is not really different to storing them. After going through the homeowner's insurance-policy wording, standard for all Ontario and not just one company, there's no exclusion in there about bullets or loading of bullets.

The only issue that was raised is if you're loading bullets for others. Your insurer could consider this a business and that could be excluded under your policy. If you plan on storing reloading supplies at your home, it's best to clarify the full scope of your coverage with your insurer.

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# Congratulations!!

We are pleased to announce that the DCRA Honours and Awards Committee
has awarded a 60 year badge to Edith Vamplew
and 50 year badges to Robert Pitcairn and Sandy Peden
to commemorate their long membership in the DCRA.
Congratulations are also extended to
Dr. Roger Mullin who was made a Life Governor of the DCRA.

# CANADIAN WORLD LONG RANGE TEAM FUND

The DCRA would like to remind you that you can donate funds to the World Long Range Team Fund.

You will be issued an income tax receipt for your generous donation to the team.

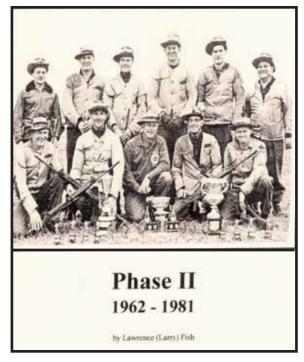
Help us to develop and build our Canadian teams for the 2011 World Long Range Championship (WLRC) being held in Brisbane, Australia. You can designate your tax deductable donation towards:

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This is the 13th installment of "Recollections of a Marksman, Phase II 1962-1981" by Lawrence (Larry) Fish

bout 1979 Sniper Rifle competitions were incorporated into Athe Reserve Force Small Arms Competitions. It had taken about three years from my conducting User Trials on the C3 rifle until they were issued to the Reserves, but we were ready. With my Central Militia team up to Camp Borden at every opportunity, leading up to RFSAC, we practiced hard for the rifle matches and also taught promising candidates the fundamentals of sniper rifle shooting; a dramatic change from their fixed and open-sighted FN's. Our sniper rifle candidates were captivated by the weapon and some of them, despite repeated warnings about eye relief from the optic, soon sported crescent cuts to the eyebrow. In fact, these became accepted as a mark of distinction indicating membership in the sniper fraternity. Our training came home to roost when, at the Reserve Force Small Arms competitions our 4-member team won the Mid-Range match, the 300, 500 and 600 meters match as well as the All-Range Sniper Team Championship.

Also in '79 I received a directive from Central Militia Area to conduct sniper training for the Ontario Provincial Police who had recently developed Tactical Response Units; TRU teams. After meeting with the overall team leader I, along with Rick Irvine, conducted an introductory meeting with the five teams at the Keele St and highway 401 precinct in Toronto. The teams had been brought in from across the province with their weapons, Winchester 70's, in their black police vans.



After introductory comments, where it became evident that they were a keen and somewhat cocky lot, I asked if their rifles were zeroed. This produced a somewhat bewildered reaction. But one of them blurted out, "She'll hit anything up to a hundred yards!" "She's dead on!"

"Let me see your rifle." I requested and watched as he removed it from its long leather case. As he drew it out the adjusting knobs could faintly be heard clicking over. "Are you still sure it's zeroed?" I asked. "Sure thing, she was right on last time I used her. She'll hit anything up to a hundred yards."

Checking the scope knobs I found they would rotate fairly readily so I asked him what the 100 yard reading should be on the scope. Looking somewhat non-plussed he asked what I meant by a reading. With that I pointed out that every time his rifle was drawn out or replaced in the case the scope knobs could be rotated, thus changing the reading and thus the point of aim. "Unless you know and read your scope settings before you shoot, in a tactical situation, you're likely to hit the hostage instead of the bad guy."

So Rick and I started from scratch to teach them shooting theory and finished by strip taping every rifle butt for them to record zero settings for windage and elevation settings for each distance to be fired. "And by the way" I informed them, "when we go shooting it won't be at a 100 yards range, we start at three hundred and move back from there, just in case you have to deal with a hostage situation on the runway at Toronto International Airport.



We took them out to Winona range and got them started. They were all good, short range marksmen, but they had a lot to learn, particularly about wind effects. By the time we had them shooting at 500 yards, some days later, they had reached the limit of their capability, but that was far beyond their previous ability. We, and I believe they, had a great time. At the end of training the OPP Commissioner hosted a celebratory dinner for the teams at which Rick and I were the guests of honour.

That was the first of several police forces which sought our help as they adopted special weapons teams and I found myself conducting training for these disparate groups at Niagara-on-the-Lake and Camp Borden. I believe that after each course every one of those policemen had a far better understanding of marksmanship skills and confidence in his ability to hit that at which he was aiming

In the next couple of years, until my retirement from the Armed Forces, my team of snipers continued to win most of the sniper competitions at the Connaught, annual service weapons competitions which by this time were called Canadian Forces Small Arms Competitions, or CFCAC, which by then included the Regular Force, the Militia and, as I uncertainly recall, the RCMP.

# Group centering methods

Alain Marion

Since it was popularised by Gerry Ouellette in the late 1950's, the most widely accepted group centering method has been and still is the graph system.

About 20 years ago, George Chase invented the plotomatic. George, being as much of an entrepreneur as he is creative, started selling his invention for 100\$ apiece

He showed it to me and explained how it worked.

I was intrigued enough to make one.

That winter, I dug out 5 year's worth of Bisley and Canadian Championship plotting diagrams. Then, using the plotomatic, I went through all the plot sheets and relived all those matches.

I found that there was very little difference in the results. However, once or twice a year, I would lose a point that I had saved using the graphs. Not once did I save a point with the plotomatic that I had originally lost with the graphs. It may sound insignificant, but one of those points made the difference between winning and losing the Grand Aggregate in Bisley in 1990.

Another annoying thing with George's invention is that, once in a while, I would run out of minutes on the wind and end up writing in grass. I had plenty of space with the 20 minutes I have on the wind graph of my 1000 yards plotting sheets.

In addition, at the end of each string, I had a complete record. Had I used the plotomatic originally, I wouldn't have been able to make this comparison.

Finally, I found that the graphs were at least as fast, because they give you all the information you need on the target diagram and on the graphs. You don't need to write down the shot values and the changes in the right hand column, which I haven't done in 35 years. With the plotomatic, those things have to be written down if you want to know your score and where the shots have actually landed. This is essential if you and your scorer disagree on your results.

As far as I'm aware, I'm the only one who has made this kind of study before making a decision as to which system to use. The traditionally minded ignored the plotomatic or became vehemently opposed to it. Others adopted it and quietly went on their way.

A third group however, took off on a plotomatic crusade with the zeal of southern preachers. These people went around, making absurd statements such as "The plotomatic pulls in the corner shots", "You will improve you average by two thirds of a point per range", and "You don't have to be as accurate a plotter with the plotomatic".

This fanatic frenzy reached a culminating point in a coach's report about a team that had lost every match it had entered, including one by more than 40 points. It read: "A key factor, and indeed, in the success of the team at Bisley, was the use of the plotomatic" I always thought that a team success was measured by the number of matches it won, not by the number of people the coaches converted to the use of their favourite toy.

Their claims are not supported by any empirical evidence. In the 20 years since George came out with his design, several people, including 2 Canadians, have each won more national and international competitions using the graphs, than all the plotomatic users in the world put together. Again this year the Canadian Target

Rifle Championship was won by Roger Romses using the graph method. In fact, the top 7 places were claimed by people using that system.

In team competition, the British win more often than any other country and they use the graphs.

When a target using the plotomatic does better than the other targets on the Canadian team, the ploto-crusaders make sure that fact is widely published. Interestingly, when the reverse is true, as was the case in Bisley in 2009 and in Ottawa in 2010, they conveniently avoid the subject. Again, the fact that the British team had won using the graphs was never brought up.

Lately, the plotomatic boys, realising they weren't gaining much ground, opted for the final solution. They decided that you couldn't be on the Palma team unless you used the plotomatic. Furthermore, they convinced the cadet authorities to go to that system.

The reason for this campaign? My guess is that they're looking for a shortcut to success and they are under the delusion that, if they find the right gadget, it will replace real hard training and true dedication. It could also be control, but I like to think that we're better than that.

Although I do prefer the graph method, it isn't the plotomatic I object to, but the aforementioned ridiculous claims that people make about it.

We seem to have lost track of the fact that these two group centering methods are just tools.

I'm the first to admit that, in a team situation, the difference between the two is insignificant, if there is any. Our team performances will suffer much more from forcing the coaches to use s a system they don't like or trust, than they would from any difference between the two.

Let each coach decide which group centering method he wants to use, and we'll have the best of both systems.

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The team photograph was taken on Thursday 15 July 2010; this was the first day when the whole team was assembled at Bisley. A fifteen-seater team van was rented for three weeks. While this turned out to be cost effective, it was not the most flexible way of operating transport and it is recommended that two 8 seater minivans would be more flexible to meet team requirements.

The Canadian Reception, Ladies Sherry Party, BBQ, final dinner and team visits; all went smoothly and were enjoyed by the team. The DCRA Office obtained all relevant permits and licences for individual team members before departing from Canada.

I'd like to thank the Commandant, Coaches, DCRA office staff, and all the team members for their patience and fantastic support. It was a great honour and a privilege to be part of this amazing experience. You all deserve a hearty naval "Bravo Zulu" (Well Done).

Jeff Jenkins, Adjutant 2010 Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley

# The Macdonald Stewart Canadian Pavilion at Bisley

James C. Thompson

The Canadian Pavilion, often described as the most impressive of all the historic buildings on Bisley Camp, was constructed in 1897, almost entirely from materials shipped from Canada. The building is owned by the DCRA on land leased from the NRA of Great Britain.

For many years, the only use of the building was to accommodate the annual Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley in July. For the rest of the year, the building was closed. The DCRA employed resident caretakers whose job was to keep an eye on the building for most of the year and to assist the team when it arrived for the Bisley Meeting.

Increasing costs for operating, taxes, upkeep and renovations persuaded the DCRA a few years ago that more use must be made of the facility in order to generate income. To meet health and safety requirements and to improve facilities, substantial works were done in the early part of this decade. The DCRA created a subsidiary company, the Canadian Pavilion at Bisley Limited (CPBL), registered under the UK Companies Act, to operate the building. A Management Team was appointed by CPBL to generate business, particularly for functions and special events, as well as to provide bed and breakfast accommodation for shooters at Bisley and other visitors.

The building remains in the ownership of the DCRA and is operated by CPBL on behalf of the DCRA members. The Official Canadian TR Team has first priority on the use of the Pavilion during the Bisley Meeting, while DCRA members are welcome to visit and make use of it year round, as the facilities permit. The purpose of this short article is to outline for DCRA members the procedures for the use of the building under the aegis of CPBL.

#### **During the Annual Bisley Meeting**

Official Canadian Teams, recognised by the DCRA, have priority for the use of the Pavilion during the Bisley Meeting. Such teams include the annual DCRA TR Bisley Team, the Canadian Forces Bisley Team, and, as appropriate, the Canadian F Class Team (as in 2009), Under 25 Teams, Veterans Teams, Black Powder Teams and so on. Allocation of rooms is managed by the DCRA Bisley TR Team Officers, in conjunction with any other teams. If space is available, other individuals may stay in the building with an order of priority

- Other Canadian shooters taking part in the Bisley Meeting:
- Spouses of members of Official Teams;
- 3. Spouses of other Canadian shooters;
- 4. Others who may apply for accommodation in the Pavilion during the Bisley Meeting.

Permission for people in the above categories will be determined by the Commandant of the DCRA Bisley Team. Interested persons should apply to the DCRA Office, which will forward the requests to the Commandant. Early application is advisable, since the available space in any given year may be quite limited. Official team members receive accommodation and meals paid from the assessment that they pay towards the overall costs of the team. All others will pay for accommodation and meals, at rates agreed between the Management Team and CPBL, and directed by the Bisley Team Officers.

Non-team members staying in the Pavilion form part of the "Canadian Family" at Bisley. They are expected to fall in with team traditions and habits, but they are welcome and participating partners of the Canadian Teams. From time to time, the official team will be engaged in some activities which are important to team cohesion or are traditional functions and while these may be slightly disruptive on occasion, they should be understood and respected by all.

All persons staying in the Pavilion are required to be or to become DCRA members. A special pavilion membership category has been created for those who are not active DCRA shooters.

The operation of the Pavilion during the Bisley Meeting is in the hands of the Management Team, working in close conjunction with the DCRA Bisley TR Team Officers. All residents are required to show respect and courtesy to each other and to the staff. The best atmosphere is one of camaraderie and inclusiveness within the Pavilion, with all residents feeling at home in their home away from home.

#### **Outside the Bisley Meeting**

The operation of the Pavilion is delegated by CPBL to the Management Team. Applications for accommodation, meals or special events should be made directly to the Management Team or through the DCRA Office, which will pass on such requests to the Management Team. Rates are set by the Managers, with approval from CPBL. All those using the facilities must be or become DCRA members as above. At present, the building is not centrally heated nor is it well insulated. Use of sleeping accommodation in the winter is thus very limited, However, the ground floor rooms have some heating, so that functions and receptions may be held all year round. Contact information for the current Managers, Gary and Julia Evans, is: phone (0)1483-474641;

#### e-mail: canadianpavilion@hotmail.co.uk.

There are many shooting activities at Bisley during most of the year. DCRA members might wish to consider visiting Bisley outside the main Meeting, staying at the Pavilion, taking part in events at Bisley and using it as a base for other touring. The CPBL encourages you to do so!

#### **Support**

With increased use and income, some necessary improvements have been made to the Pavilion in recent years. However, as with any wooden structure, now well over 100 years old, there is always more work to be done, some of it very expensive. The DCRA encourages members to support their home at Bisley through donations. For information on how to do this, and for the possible issue of receipts for tax purposes, please contact the DCRA.



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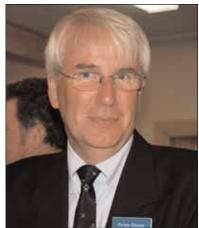












































































#### PGW Defence Technologies Inc. Western Canada F Class Championship

The summer of 2010 brought a very notable first to Canadian F Class shooters. The PGW Defence Technologies Inc. Western Canada F Class Championship took place from July 8-11, 2010 at St. Charles Range in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The match ventured into new territory for the DCRA and F Class in particular. The event was one of the first ever DCRA sanctioned events held outside Connaught and the first ever F Class only regional competition anywhere in Canada.

The match was the convergence of ideas. Ian Hames, the DCRA Western Canada F Class director was searching for a site to hold a regional match. The DCRA had suggested establishing a regional F class match somewhere in Western Canada and he was in the process of identifying a suitable range and a Provincial Rifle Association willing to take on the responsibility of running the The DCRA and Ian wisely recognized that regional matches were a means of tapping into the growing interest in F Class and providing a competitive opportunity to shooters not yet inclined to make the trek to Ottawa for the CFRC. At the same time, Les Dolhun and the Manitoba Provincial Rifle Association had partnered with PGW Defence Technologies Inc. to host the inaugural Manitoba F Class championship at St. Charles Range in July 2010. When Les and Ian learned of each other's initiatives things rapidly fell into place with the DCRA agreeing to sanction the Manitoba championship. The result was the birth of the inaugural Western Canada F Class Championship.

The competition attracted 45 shooters from across Canada. Participants attended from Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and four competitors who made the trek south from Arviat, Nunavut. Competitors were almost evenly divided between F Open (21) and F/TR (24) and ran the gamut from rookie shooters at their first competition to longtime seasoned competitors including national F Class champions.

All firing was done at long range. The format was a modified Palma each day with the distances getting progressively longer. Friday's matches were 2 and 15 at 800, 900 and 1000 and a second 2 and 10 at 1000. Saturday 's matches were 2 and 15 at 900 twice followed by a 2 and 15 and then a 2 and 10 at 1000. Sunday's matches were 2 and 15 at 900 and 2 and 15 twice at 1000. High possible score was 775 -155V.

Competition for top honours in both F Open and F/TR was very stiff with F TR being decided on a V count tie-breaker after the final match on Sunday. The weather co-operated and for the most part brought bright sunshine and wild, gusty prairie winds.

Barry Price of Munster Hamlet, Ontario took first place and a

DCRA gold medal in F Open with a score of 743-61. Second place in F Open and a DCRA silver medal went to Marc Thibault of Kamloops, British Columbia with a 734-65V. Third place in F Open and a DCRA bronze medal went to Les Dolhun of Winnipeg, Manitoba with a 728-45V. Terry Perkins of Kincardine, Ontario took first place and s DCRA gold medal in F TR with a score of 689-49V. Second place in F/TR and a

silver went to Matt Wolf of Mascarene, New Brunswick with a 689-28. Third place in F/TR and a DCRA bronze medal went to Paul McIllveen of Westfield, New Brunswick with a 687-32V. The Dave Rumbold High V Bull awards and \$50 cash prizes were won by Terry Perkins in F/TR (49V) and Marc Thibault in F Open (65V). There were also awards given out to the top three F Open and F/TR scores in the 800, 900 and 1000 yard aggregates.

The competition was a success and planning is now underway to make the championship an annual event. I have no doubt it will quickly become the must attend match for F Class shooters across the country. The 2011 Western Canada F Class Championship will be hosted by the BCRA at Volks Range in Chilliwack, British Columbia July 1 to 4, 2011.

The match would not have been possible without the generous support of many volunteers and PGW Defence Technologies Inc. who donated a complete PGW Coyote tactical rifle system in .308 Winchester as a raffle prize and provided additional financial and logistical support to the match organizing committee.

The match received significant corporate support from a host of Canadian and US businesses, all eager to see the match succeed. On behalf of the DCRA, MPRA, and all competitors I want to extend a huge thank you for your generous support to PGW Defence Technologies Inc. (www.pgwdti.com), Adams Lake Rifle Barrels Inc. (www.riflebarrels.ca), Mystic Precision (www.mysticprecision.com), Hirsch Precision (www.hirschprecision.com), Sightron rfiflescopes (www.sightron.com), Hi-Pro Precision (www.hiproprecision.com), Kreiger Barrels Inc. (www.kreigerbarrels.com), Shilen Barrels Inc. (www.shilen.com), Berger Bullets (www.bergerbullets.com), Ultimate Accuracy / Lyle Linkaitis (204) 785-2609, Cabelas Canada (www.cabelas.ca), Nightforce Optics (www.nightforce.com), Urban Tactical (www.urbantactical.com), Applied Ballistics (Brian Litz) (www.appliedballisticsllc.com), Get Some Tactical (www.getsometactical.com) and Redding Reloading Equipment (www.redding-reloading.com). -submitted by Les Dolhun



l-r, Grand prize winner Glen Taylor holding his new PGWDTI Coyote Tactical rifle and Steven Altstadt, owner PGWDTI.



## Adventures in India The 2010 Commonwealth Games Fullbore Events

Jim Thompson

Iam writing this account just a few days after returning from India. There has not been time for long or reasoned thought on all that took place, so there may be some things to change/add/delete later on. Since the Commonwealth Shooting Federation (CSF) Championships took place in April, after the publication of the Spring Marksman, I will also include some comments on that earlier event.

For each of these two Championships, I kept a daily "blog". Many readers have looked at these, but here are the two links in case you are interested: www.cancsffb2010.blogspot.com and www.2010cwgfbcan.blogspot.com A daily blog is like a diary - a collection of spur of the moment thoughts and off-the-cuff views - so do take some of what I said with a grain of salt!

My role in both events was as "Chairman of the Range Jury", essentially the Match Committee in more usual parlance. The main function of the Jury is to deal with protests concerning the conduct of the competitions. Decisions of the Range Jury may be appealed to a higher level, the "Jury of Appeal", whose decision is final. The Jury members also had a number of other tasks, which I'll outline below. In October, the Jury members were Prafull Dhamani (India) and Cliff Mallet (Jersey). We were part of a group of "Technical Officials (TO)" which included Phil Harrison (England - "Classification Juror" - score and stats verification), John McDiarmid (Australia - CRO), Keith Bornn (Canada - RO) and Peter Turner (England - RO). There were also Indian appointees as ROs, for equipment control and other duties. The out-of-India group (the International TOs) worked very closely and cordially together as a team throughout the three weeks of practice and competition.



The Technical Officers Group - Mr. Dhillon in the centre

The Indian Coordinating Manager on the spot for the Fullbore Event was Lt. Gen. Tejinder Singh Dhillon, the retired former commander of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and a bundle of energy and enthusiasm. Mr. Dhillon had put his heart and soul into the development of the new range, the first 1000 yard range in India outside the military, and to the putting on of the fullbore shooting. I believe it fair to say that, if it had not been for the indefatigable efforts of Mr. Dhillon, and those of Graeme Hudson, President of the CSF, there would have been no range and no fullbore shooting in the Delhi 2010 CWG.

This report will be written from my perspective as an official, in which I was a "neutral" not a member of the Canadian Team. I have suggested to Sandy Peden that he, Jim Paton and Des Vamplew, put together some reflections from the Team point of view.

**Location** The Fullbore Shooting Events were conducted on a newly constructed 1000 yard range on the CRPF Academy Campus at Kadarpur, south of New Delhi.

Accommodation In April, all the shooters and officials were housed in a Junior Officers Residence at CRPF. This had the advantage of having everyone in the same location and being very close to the range. It is best described as being similar to a rather run-down college residence. The food was good, but the cleanliness and hygiene of the place were somewhat questionable. For the Games themselves, the shooters and team officials were in the Athlete's Village in New Delhi. This accommodation had received very mixed if not hostile reviews prior to the Games, but, I am told, was much better than had been feared. The ITOs were put into the Westin-Sohna Hotel, which is further away from New Delhi. This was a very fine, almost obscene, oasis in the midst of rural land and chaotic towns and villages. For the stressed-out ITOs, the hotel, along with libations of Kingfisher beer and single malt Scotch, was a life-saver! The blog offers some more descriptions of the hotel, and of the journey between it and CRPF.

The Range The range was designed as a "no danger area" facility, due to the lack of sufficient space for a danger area. After considerable to-ing and fro-ing, it was set up with a single firing point, with movable banks of electronic targets. Behind the firing point, there is a substantial building, with space for spectators, media, offices, firearms storage, competitors' lounge, medical room and other support services - a very impressive set-up. There are concrete baffles along each side of the range, various baffles and stacks of sandbags at intervals along the range floor, and a high wall at the end. Wind flags are down both sides in between the side baffles. It was felt in April that the flags were not heavy enough, so the cloth was doubled for October. There are no overhead baffles to prevent high shots, so there was careful checking of sight settings by range staff before each distance, and strict enforcement of the horizontal bolt closure rule. There are lines of low hills to the left and back of the range, but it is open to the right. Sentries were posted all around to keep people from straying too close. I was not aware of any major problems with the safety of the range. The range faces south, into the sun. This made visibility quite difficult sometimes, especially on the fairly frequent days when there were haze and smog and blowing dust. The concept of the range is an exciting one, since it may offer the possibility of construction of 1000 yard ranges in areas where full safety zones are not possible. I intend to discuss the ideas with the CFO during this winter.



Behind the firing point, showing printer station and spectator areas

The Weather It did not rain at all during either of the two periods of practice and competition. Generally, it was sunny, though usually a hazy sun, with few clouds. In April it was very hot (~45C+ on the range by mid-morning) but also very dry. In October, it was warm (~35C) and a bit more humid. The humidity decreased as the event progressed, with the ground drying up after the monsoon rains, which had ended just before we got there. In April, an awning was placed over the firing point to provide some protection for the shooters. This did not happen in October - with the somewhat cooler temperatures it was perhaps less essential, and it also provided a clearer view of the firing point for the media. The lack of rain was fortunate in that the target operation and electrical connections never had to be put to the test in wet weather. In view of all the subsequent problems with the targets, this was probably a very good thing.

The Targets There were 20 target lanes. Each target frame was 8' wide by 6' high, made with very solid and heavy wood. The target legs were quite long to provide the correct shooting height and safety angles. In order to reach the centre of a target face, one had to go up a ladder. Each target had a front and back panel, held apart by the frame. In the space between the two panels was the electronic equipment, microphones and receivers, for detecting the shots. The rigidity of the frame was necessary to minimize flexing and possible interference with the sound field in the cavity. Wind pressure on the large surface area of the target can cause quite significant flexing and distortion. After April, Sius Ascor had installed additional spacers to try to keep the cavity open, so they too recognized this as a potential problem. Each panel had two sides, with an aiming mark pasted on. Depending on the particular set-up, the shooter could thus be presented with a 300y, 300m (ISSF), 500/600y, or long range aiming mark. There were no scoring rings on the target, since the position of the shot was detected by the electronics in relation to the centre of the target. The scoring rings were defined electronically in the central computer system, ICFRA dimensions being used, except for the 300m, which was only used in April. From the target, cables went down to ground level, and were then connected through buried conduits to monitors on the firing point, to a set of printers behind the firing point and to the central computer. Each shooter had a monitor to view his shots and those of his partner, and a hand controller to work his part of the system. The monitors were sometimes a little hard to see against the sun, but covers were placed on them to improve this.

Use of the Scoring System Electronic targets have been successfully used for many years, especially in smallbore and 300m events. There are several electronic set-ups on fullbore ranges around the world. Generally, on the latter ranges, targets remain fixed, while shooters move from firing point to firing point. Monitors are used to spot the positions of shots, but there is no direct link with scoring. Conventional match tickets are used for this. The additional requirements for the Kadarpur Range were that: the scoring would be done by the central computer system; shooters would fire alternately in pairs (not singly as in ISSF events); there would be two convertible sighters (not unlimited non-convertible sighters as in ISSF).



Target Line

Use of the Hand Controllers There were several primary things that a shooter had to do during the shoot: ensure that that the target was "his", with an arrow on the monitor screen pointing to his name and position on the firing point; once he had fired, ensure that the use of the target was passed over to the other shooter; ensure that, once sighters were completed, the system was told to enter "match" rather than "sighter" mode; ensure that sighters were converted correctly in accordance with the instructions; and at the end of the shoot sign off to complete the process. This was an unfamiliar process for most fullbore shooters and it took some getting used to. Some shooters never did come to grips with it at all. Of all shooter errors, those concerned with "button pushing" were the most common.

**Squadding** In April, the entry was relatively small, with several teams and individuals being caught by the shift of date from February, and by the extensive disruption caused by the eruption of the volcano in Iceland. For October, there were 21 teams in the Pairs, and 42 shooters in the Individual. It is worth noting that, as is usually the case, the Fullbore entry was the largest of all the shooting events, and larger than that in many other sports. With 20 targets on the range, this meant that there had to be two relays (details). I had offered to do the squadding, and had done considerable preparatory work. Once the numbers had been confirmed, the squadding was completed in India during the practice period. Provision was made for left-handers and it was made sure that no two shooters from the same country ever shot together. Draws

were held to assign teams and individuals to particular relays, alternating daily between 1st and 2nd relay. The numbers meant that 10 or 11 targets in the centre of the range were used, with those outside being spares. After the 600 yards matches, new draws were held putting the top 10 pairs or 20 individuals into the 2nd relay for 900 yards. After 900, a final draw was held, with the same split, but also placing the top ranked shooters into the centre of the range. This was to allow the TV and other media to focus on the leaders more easily.

Movement of the Targets The original concept for the range had the targets on wheels and being able to be easily moved along tracks. However, this was not done and the targets had to be carried from distance to distance. The idea in April was to fire the events in conventional order (300-500-600 on one day, 900-1000 on another). The Pairs event was to be completed first and then the Individual. However, it soon turned out that the weight and bulkiness of the targets required a lot of labour for moving them and took considerable time. Since, for other reasons, it became essential to finish shooting before the full heat of the day hit in midmorning, it was therefore decided to fire all stages of events at one particular distance on one day, move the targets in the evening, fire the new distance the next day and so on. This meant that, on the last day, the final parts of both the Pairs and Individual would be fired at 1000 yards. This same format was adopted for October. For practice sessions, the target layout was determined at the end of each day and the targets shifted in the evening for the next day. Although the heat was less, shooting went on all day due to the necessity for two details in each of the Pairs and Individual events, so there was no time in the course of the day to move targets. In addition, it is not certain what effect, if any, the movement of the targets has on the working of the electronics. Inevitably, there is some shaking and banging of the frame, and it is possible that some of the subsequent problems were caused by this.



Moving targets - note the bend! (photo by Keith Bornn)

Scoring and Results In principle, the system, when used correctly, would, when a shot was fired, show the position of that shot on the monitor, assign it to the firer, enter it into the central computer system and cause a print out on the printer for that particular target at the station behind the firing point. The central computer also records the time of each shot to the nearest second, a piece of data which sometimes assists in identifying and sorting out cross fires. The print out shows the values of the shots for each shooter, the position (X-Y coordinates) of each shot and the total scores. At the end of the shoot, the firer checks the print out and initials it as valid, accepting his score. His shots may be shown on display TV monitors for the benefit of spectators and the media. It

should all happen nearly instantaneously, providing immediate results and standings in a competition. In practice, it did not work so well in these events.

Backup Scoring and Resolution of Shooters' Errors It was decided in April to use conventional match tickets for the individual competition. I designed the match ticket for both events. Printing was done in India. Shooters filled these out for each other in the usual way and brought them to the printer station after the shoot. A Jury member was assigned to each printer station to match up the match ticket with the printed slip, receive any comments on untoward incidents from the Range Officer, and send the score to stats. Nearly all problems with converted sighters and failure to transfer control of the target, so called "button pushing errors" were sorted out with the use of the match tickets in comparison with the printed slip. If a shooter had a shot that did not register on the target, he was told to immediately enter a zero (to fix the time), given a provisional extra shot and told to carry on. If the next shooter's shot did register, then the first shooter was deemed to have missed or cross-fired; if the next shooter's shot did not register, then the target was deemed to be faulty and the shooters were usually moved to another target, firing extra sighters and not being penalised for the missing shots. Extra shots that arrived on a target were generally due to crossfires. The time of the extra shot could be examined in conjunction with missing shots on other targets. In several cases, cross-fires were pinpointed in this fashion. All such problems meant that the score being recorded in the computer was incorrect and would have to be sorted out subsequently. Sometimes this took considerable time in examining cards and slips, so that the ambition of instant and correct results became considerably less attainable.

Target Problems Notwithstanding the above issues, which were sorted out relatively easily, the most major concerns were with the accuracy, reliability and consistency of the target system in detecting and measuring the positions of shots. There were a number of significant matters of concern in this vital area. Since there were no butts, in the conventional sense, there was no back up. If the shots were not recorded properly by the electronic system, the results of the whole shoot were placed in jeopardy.

- 1. Did the target accurately measure and record the positions of shots? This was partially checked by a process that we called "verification". At 300 yards, a 300 yard target centre (supplied by the DCRA) was accurately centred and taped over the aiming mark on the target. Five shots were then fired at the target. The positions of the shots as measured by the electronic system were then compared with the positions of the bullet holes on the target. All 20 targets were measured in this way. For some the coincidence of all shots was excellent, with agreement within a few millimetres; for others the agreement was less good or rather bad. Targets for use were categorised in this way, and the best ones chosen for use in the match. Due to subsequent target failures, many of the less good or bad targets had to be pressed into use during the competitions.
- 2. Did the "optical" and "electronic" centres of the target coincide? We called this "calibration". This was important to avoid significant shifts of zeros in case of a move of the shooter from one target to another. In the cases where there was good performance from verification, it was found that the horizontal (wind, X-coordinate) coincidence was good; the vertical coincidence was less good, but nearly all the targets had a deviation of some 20-

30mm. This is about 1/3 minute at 300 yards. Hence, although the electronic centres could have been shifted by the Sius technicians, it was decided not to meddle with this. Calibration could not be done for the targets where verification results were poor.

- **3.** Once the competitions were under way, it was not possible to repeat the verification or calibration exercises. Many of the targets deemed to be less good had to be pressed into use when supposedly better targets failed. In the end, it was impossible to know which targets were functioning properly.
- Did the target record spurious (non-existent) shots, or record shots in the wrong position, or not record shots that were actually on the target? These questions were much more difficult to answer satisfactorily. Ideally, there should be a separate, independent record of the shots on the target, by means of a "backing sheet". This is attached to the rear of the target and should show all shot holes made since new. These could be compared physically with the positions of shots recorded electronically. It is in effect a verification of a whole shoot. However, in practice, because of what backing paper was available, only a strip down the centre of the target could be backed. In addition, the height of the targets above the ground made it difficult to put up and take down the sheets in reasonable time, so they were only changed half way through and at the end of the day. Finally, with two relays firing, the number of shots through the backer was quite large (typically 84 plus blow off shots) in the morning session), so that detailed analysis was made extremely difficult. The backers were thus almost useless, apart from trying to identify the occasional very high or very low shot. More useful was the practice initiated in the last three days of taking digital photographs of the target a number of times each day. Shot holes in the white could be clearly seen, and by comparison of before and after photos, the presence or absence of new shots could be established. In several cases, shots recorded electronically simply did not exist as shot holes, so the replacement provisional shot was allowed. This could only work for shots in the white of the target, since the photos did not pick up shot holes in the black. It was reasonably argued by several shooters that, if the electronic system was showing spurious shots in the white, then it was probably doing the same in the black, but this could not be verified. There built up, therefore, in the minds of many of the shooters a lack of confidence in what the targets were recording and a doubt as to what were the true scores being made. The answers to those questions will never be known.
- 5. When shooters experienced a number of unrecorded or apparently spurious shots, they were usually moved to another target under the instructions of the Range Officer. In one or two cases shooters had to move more than once during their shoot. Disruption and loss of concentration was inevitable. At the end of each day, the ITOs met to review which targets seemed to be working and which were not. With the shift of distance, apparently better working targets were moved into the centre of the range. However, it generally transpired that, on the next day, targets that had previously worked well became suspect, while those that had been set aside worked more satisfactorily. It was entirely unpredictable. There seemed to be a special jinx on target lanes 6-10, so that on almost every day shooters had to be moved from those positions, no matter that the targets placed in those locations had worked well elsewhere the day before.
- 6. The reasons for the failures are probably many, with many more unknown at this time. Some of the possibilities

include: electrical failures and power surges; poor electrical connections; heat; wind, especially when it blew on the face of the target, perhaps closing the sound cavity; disruption of the target during the move from one distance to another; accumulations of dust and debris in the cavity; and so on and so on. We will never know.

7. Inevitably, there were complaints and protests from shooters and their managers, followed by complaints about complaints. I will not go into details of these, except to say that that Range Jury did not have an easy time of it. By and large, I think everyone, especially the shooters, recognised the difficulties that we were all experiencing. The general attitude was one of good sense, good sportsmanship and understanding. For that we must all be grateful.

Media Coverage & Medals Presentations Much had been done to try to have as much media coverage as possible, including live TV of the Finals. In the end, it probably did not work out as planned. The disruption of scores caused by the target issues created inaccuracies and delays. These meant that broadcast schedules could not be met. Statistical information from the computer system was incorrect and late. And, as one person pointed out, the use of electronic targets meant that nothing appeared to be happening down range! Images could be shown of shooters firing, but there was no movement of the target, nothing visible on the target, and only a possibly incorrect shot shown on the TV monitors, themselves quite difficult to watch against the sun. Mr. Dhillon had caused a magnificent ceremonial chair to be constructed for the chairing of the winner. This was used for the first (and only?) time in the gathering darkness after the medals had been awarded. The CRPF Band did not quite manage "See the Conquering Hero Comes", but important fullbore tradition was upheld as Parag Patel was carried off by his fellow competitors. The ideas for the final day were good, but, largely thanks to the targets and delays, the implementation fell short of expectations. All in all, the events in October were run as well as they possibly could be given the very difficult circumstances. The staff worked extremely hard, always on behalf of the shooters, and the shooters responded with goodwill. The organisation was good, transport arrangements usually worked well, and the venue offered great possibilities. If the targets had worked properly, it could have been a superb competition.

However, the inadequacies and failures of the electronic target system cast a very dark shadow over the whole event. It is a tragedy that the results were tainted and that they will forever remain in question. That is not to take anything away from the medal winners - they were all notable shooters who shot very well. What is in question is what might have happened to those who got caught by bad targets and who made scores quite out of line with the rest of their performance during the week. When people go through rigorous selection procedures, train for many years, and give up time and money to represent their country, they do not deserve to be met with this type of situation. If nothing else, all the teams are owed formal apologies from those responsible.But overall, it really was an enormous experience! Being at the Opening Ceremony will leave memories for years, as will the chaotic traffic through Gurgaon and Sohna! I arrived home jetlagged and exhausted, with dark thoughts of the many frustrations and of the long days of hard work. I wish that there had not been all these problems, but I would not have missed being part of CWG Delhi 2010 for anything.

## THE INDIA EXPERIENCE 2010 2010 Commonwealth Games Fullbore Report

The 2010 Commonwealth Games are now history.

I would like to thank the D.C.R.A. for allowing me the privilege of being a part of our Fullbore team to the 2010 Commonwealth Games in India. As a coach I looked forward to being there and to see our shooters on the podium while listening to our National Anthem. It was a pleasure and honor for me to work with such talented and dedicated shooters as Jim and Des.

Our event took place over a five day period with each day featuring one range. The original plan was to have the electronic targets move from range to range on a rail system. This did not happen. All the 300yd ranges were shot on the first day (Pairs, Queen's 1 and Queens 11) The targets were then disconnected and carried by hand to the 500 yards for the next day of competition, where the same procedure was carried out. Five ranges. Five days, two relays for each event. The temperature each day was 100F or more.

After the results the electronic targets gave in April, we had been assured the targets were now in working order. For the first few days of short range it appeared this may be so. Des and Jim were shooting at their usual level. During the short ranges the competition was very tight but we were only down one point and in first place by four V's...This was to change drastically at the 900. Our first shooter down was Jim. Des was coaching and it seemed that no matter what decisions he made, they were wrong. Jim's group was very big with shots appearing in places that one would least expect. Des called for several 'provisional shots' (This means that you are disputing a shot and are allowed an extra shot at the end. Then via electronic evidence a decision is made as to what shot will count). This random shot indication affected four of the leading teams. In some cases the affected team changed to other targets for the second shooter. If you were lucky to get a working target you managed to save your team from going any further down in the standings. After this range four countries issued a protest and requested a re-shoot. The Full-bore Jury granted this request. In our re-shoot we had a working target and

Des coached Jim to a 75.7. A lot different than the initial score of 65. This moved us into third by two points and back in the race. But this was not to be. Other countries did not think to protest and were left with their original scores. They protested that our reshoot should not have been allowed. This protest was upheld by the Jury of Appeal. Now we were back to Jim's 65 with three provisional shots. OUR THREE PROVISIONAL SHOTS WERE ALLOWED TO BRING OUR SCORE TO 68. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE GRANTED THOSE SHOTS DUE TO A TARGET MALFUNCTION. Leaves one to wonder how many other shots were affected by a malfunction.

Some teams were fortunate they shot on working targets. It was the luck of the draw, but what a way to run a shoot! The Australian team was doing very well and moved into first place with a pair of 75's at 900 - the luck of the draw and very good shooting. But, on the next day it all changed. They drew a target that just did not work. The result, a 57.1V & 53 1V. Go figure! Seven of the top teams were eliminated because of faulty targets!!!

The malfuctioning targets took their toll on the Individual results as well.

Individual results Paton 21st... Vamplew 25th Pairs results Canada 6th

It was a bad event, but through it all I watched Jim and Des respond with all their effort in trying to bring some honor to the situation. They represented our country with pride and with dignity. I was there as the Manager/Coach. My job was to look after them but I think that it ended up with them looking after me.

Sandy Peden Manager/Coach 2010

### WHAT A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

Des Vamplew

Sandy and I met up at the Toronto International airport on Monday evening, September 27th and flew the first leg of our trip to Brussels, where we had a three-hour lay over before completing the Jet Airways flight to New Delhi. In total, we spent 16 hours in the air along with other members of the Canadian Commonwealth Games team's girl's field hockey and men's boxing team. Canadian athletes only started to arrive in Delhi the day before, after the on-site Canadian CWG officials and RCMP security team recommended travel be delayed a few days until the cleanup of the athletes' village had been completed. Jim Paton flew in the day before us along with Sue Verdier, the Technical Director of the SFC, who we will fondly mention throughout the report. Jim had actually hoped to arrive a few days earlier to get over jet lag he'd experienced during his trip in April. Sandy and I were met at

the Delhi airport late Tuesday evening by Sue Verdier and other Canadian staff members, who would be making many late night trips to the airport over the next week to greet and help process athletes, staff and coaches through Indian customs, onto buses and out to the athletes' village.

Jim was up and out early the next morning to check out the range after a day of rest while Sandy and I slept in a bit and then spent the day getting ourselves acclimatized to the village, attending welcome meetings, collecting late bits of team kit and getting unpacked. Our suitcases and equipment arrived at our building around 9am. The athletes' village complex included 28 newly built apartment buildings, two of which would house the Canadian team that was 400 strong. Over 6,000 people from 71 Commonwealth Games Associations around the world would call

this home over the next three weeks. Each building consisted of seven floors with four apartments per floor. The apartments included a kitchen, large living/dining room area that had a large flat screen television and three bedrooms each having its own bathroom. Everything was finished in marble and was quite impressive. Two people shared a room so there were six people in each apartment. Jim and I shared a room while Sandy was housed in the building next to us and bunked with fellow SFC shooting coach Richard Lanning. Our roommates included two pistol shooters and two shotgun shooters (a father and son duo). We all got along well, became good friends and would usually gather round the television at the end of a busy day to talk about each other's daily experiences on the ranges.

One of the useful pieces of kit each Canadian member was supplied with was a cell phone and team directory. They came in handy, allowing everyone to be more efficient with their time especially if you were looking for someone. Instead of running all over the place trying to find answers to a question, they were only a cell phone call away.

The athletes' village was built beside a swamp area located close to the Yamuna River. Mosquito's were reported to be an issue especially in the evening so bug repellent was recommended, especially with concerns of dengue fever outbreaks in certain areas of New Delhi, but organizers did a good job of spraying the village and outlaying areas to make sure it was never a problem. The dining hall was large and open 24 hours a day, offering a very impressive selection of food to fit any appetite. Cafeteria stations offered Asian, pasta, tandouri, African, Indian, vegetarian and Western menus. The Australian contractor, who handled the last Games in Melbourne, did a great job in assuring Delhi belly was never a major issue. However Sandy did become ill after the first week and was bed ridden for a couple of days. At first he thought he'd come down with Delhi belly but later felt he'd been hit with a bout of food poisoning.

The village had an International Zone that included a general store, retail shops, banking services, post office, camera shop, hair salon, florist, ice cream parlour, a games room, TV lounge, internet café (that was always packed), bar and disco along with a large seated entertainment area and stage that hosted different bands each night that athletes could use as a place to hang out. This and the dining hall became the focal point of interaction. The village also included a large training area for athletes including a 50x25m training pool, leisure pool, track, throw field, gymnasium for weightlifters, wrestling and boxing. Meeting rooms were abundant for all countries to take advantage of.

The Canadian Operations office was located on the main floor of the building Jim and I lived in. We cannot say enough about the great job the Canadian staff did in making sure that everyone's requests were taken care of. They worked long hours and always did their best to make sure all questions were answered and taken care of. They are real pro's and established a family feel very early on. The same must be said for the medical team that was located on the second floor. Jim and I dropped in a couple of times for medical support and the doctors, assistants and masseurs were always busy taking care of injury's and aches. Once the competitions started we observed the field hockey and rugby players being attended to with major bruises, scratches and ligament sprains.

The Canadian shooting staff included JP Huot, our Team Manager and Sue Verdier. They did a great job of supporting Sandy, Jim and I. If we wanted to arrange a trip or had questions about travel, they would have the answers or take care of it for us. All the other shooting sports were located at the Dr. Karni Singh shooting facility. We never had a chance to make it out to observe some of the other competitions but we did visit the facility when our rifles were being locked up at the end of our competitions. It has to be one of the top five shooting facilities in the world. It includes state of the art smallbore, air gun and pistol ranges and skeet & trap facilities. Again, every building is finished in marble. No wonder India is producing some of the best marksman in the world right now.

We settled into a routine after the first couple of days. Up at 6am, followed by breakfast and on the bus out to the range by 7:30. The trip to the Kadarpur fullbore range usually took one hour and 20 minutes during morning rush hour through New Delhi, a city of 20 million people. Security was huge. There were always four to six armed police vehicles escorting us. The passing lane became a dedicated CWG's lane so local traffic was not allowed to use it but boy would the locals try. Sirens and horns would usually be blaring as we made our way through the traffic. Police stood guard on the streets and were usually situated every 200 yards when not travelling on a highway. The police co-ordination to stop traffic at corners and roundabouts must have been incredible and the traffic back-ups created as we passed were quite something. During the trip we usually never stopped.

Once at the range, Jim and I would collect our equipment from the lock-up, sign for our rifles and set-up shop usually in the shaded permanent stands located behind the firing line rather than inside the air-conditioned shooters locker room. While we got ourselves organized Sandy would draw our ammunition for the day and weigh it. Each round and piece of brass had to be accounted for at the end of the day. Half the targets would usually be set up at one of the shorter distances (300 or 600) and the remainder at either 900 or 1,000 so we normally fired twice at each distance every day, once as individuals, together on the same target, calling the wind conditions back and forth and then again coaching each other as part of the prep for the Pairs match. Sandy would sit right behind us and observe our technique. After each practice we'd review each other's performance and Sandy would usually point out something of note we'd need to work on. Discussions included ways to shave off time when we switched over from shooter to coach during Pairs practice, flags and wind angles to watch, observations Sandy picked up while watching some of the other teams or just words of encouragement. It took us a while to get used to the electronic target system. We had to work very hard at not pushing the wrong buttons, some teams never did get used to

The temperature on the range was normally around 110 so you tried to stay in the shade if you weren't shooting. Our shooting jackets, sweaters, headbands and t-shirts were completely soaked after each relay but it would only take 10 minutes in the sun for everything to dry out. We were constantly drinking water or Powerade. A few other conditions we had to get used to on the range included a lack of visibility from smog and the sun shining in the wrong direction. The range was built facing south rather than north meaning the sun was always shining on the back of the targets so you never enjoyed a crisp definition of the aiming mark. Delhi is listed as the fourth most polluted city in the world so if the wind wasn't blowing the smog would settle in over the range making it very difficult to see the targets, especially at long range.

Some days you could hardly make out the target numbers so besides trying to find an aiming mark in the fog you had to make sure you didn't cross fire. Jim mentioned that the visibility was even worse during his trip in April because of a combination of smog and blowing dust. You needed radar. We decided to practice at the long ranges as often as possible in the morning because that was when the visibility was the worst. We wanted to get used to it as quickly as possible.

At the end of the day we'd clean up, hand in our kit to the stores staff and be back on the bus around 4:30 to enjoy another evening rush hour bus ride back to the village. Arrival at the large bus shuttle complex located within the village included going through metal detectors and a physical security check before entering the village proper. We discovered the bar after the first hot day on the range, which was quickly renamed by Jim as the Kingfisher Research Institute named after the brand of beer they sold. Jim would look at Sandy and I and say, "Well, I think we need to continue our studies at the institute" and Sandy would respond, " you can never stop learning" so off we'd go for a couple of cold Kingfishers before dinner to review the day's accomplishments and discuss what needed to be worked on the next day. Sue Verdier, JB and Richard Lanning would usually be waiting for us to hear our stories and to catch up on other team news. After a few days, more teams began to join us at the Research Institute to continue their own studies to the point where we were ready to rename the establishment 'Surrey 2' named after the Surrey Club located in Bisley, which includes one of the busier pubs on the Common. It became a great opportunity to talk with some of the top shooters from around the world. After dinner we would usually head back to the room around 9pm, talk to our roommates for a while, get ready for the next day and be in bed by 10:30pm. The Fullbore Jury included, Canada's Jim Thompson and Cliff Mallett from Jersey. Phil Harrison from England, Chairman of the CSF(FB) Committee, was the Classification Juror, responsible for sorting out the scores prior to their final entry into the computer. The range staff included CRO John McDiarmid from Queensland, Peter Turner, who is the deputy CRO on Century Range during the Annual Bisley competitions and our own Keith Bornn, who just retired last year as our CRO. You couldn't run a competition with a more qualified and experienced staff. All of them performed their duties in a very professional manner, always with a smile on their faces ready to assist shooters wherever possible. They helped to create a positive feel on the range especially knowing there were major issues with the 20 year old unproven electronic target system that was in place. They'd had the same problems with the system during the April competition and recommendations had been made to fix the problems but nothing had been done to remedy them during the six months leading up to the Games. From the first day of practice competitors were questioning the validity of their shots, especially when shooting at the longer distances. Wild flyer shots would suddenly register on a target in the middle of a string usually in the corners or shots would not register on the television screens located at each firing point while other targets just never worked properly so shooters would have to be moved to another target. Targets were constantly been calibrated to make sure the systems were properly centred in the middle of the aiming mark so that if you were moved to another target, organizers wanted to make sure wind zero's would be as centred as much as possible. After a few days of practice Parag Patel and John Underwood from England, along with shooters from India, were asked to fire 5 round groups at 300 yards with DCRA faces taped to the centre of the aiming mark. The groups were then compared to the readouts provided by the computer printouts and the results showed that not all shots matched up properly and values did not match up with the readouts. You just started to hope you were going to be practicing on a target that worked properly.

The Opening Ceremonies were a fantastic experience. The Indians outdid themselves putting on a great show. Sandy was offered tickets located close to the VIP section and Jim and I joined the rest of the Canadian Team for the walk through. All teams left for the ceremonies around 4:30 in the afternoon and spent 2 hours outside the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in tents. Box lunches and water were provided for everyone and it became an opportunity for athletes to network and talk to competitors from other countries. As we got closer to the opening ceremonies teams were asked to line up and were funnelled into the tunnel within the stadium where we had to wait for up to an hour. It started to get a little uncomfortable in close quarters as the temperatures got up to over 100 degrees with little or no air circulation. After a while, people started to peal off their outfits because of the heat. It was a relief when we moved out into the open stadium. We had great seats located on the floor to watch the two hour show. What a night.

After a day off for the opening ceremonies we were back on the range the next day for the official practice days that were scheduled leading up to the competitions. Jim and I found the ammunition to be very dirty due to the powder and sealant used so we started to clean our rifles after every 120 rounds or so. We were using Australian supplied ammunition that included Winchester brass and 155 grain Sierra bullets. A meeting of team managers was held to discuss ammunition used at future CWGs, as proposals had been brought forward to allow hand loaded ammunition produced under strict regulations (i.e. no pre-formed brass) but the motion was not passed because many countries are not allowed to hand load ammunition, which would give those that could a distinct advantage. Instead, recommendations were made to reinforce the present rules in future years. The motion had initially been brought forward because present rules stipulating that all countries have access to the ammunition being provided by the host country at least one year in advance did not happen for these Games because the Indians didn't receive the ammunition until just before the April competitions. Many teams were not impressed that only the Australian and New Zealand teams had the opportunity to test the ammunition.

By the time we had completed the practice portion of the trip, Jim, Sandy and I felt that we were prepared. We practiced shooting in Pairs quite a bit, coaching each other knowing it was our best opportunity to medal. We had a good line of communication, took advantage of each other's styles, cut our transition time down to a minimum and with Sandy's guidance had put a good system in place. When we first arrived, Jim and I were the only team that used a coaching style close to what you would see in a regular coached match. A combination of styles was being used, from teams just taking turns shooting in pairs to coaches lying beside their shooter. We placed the television screen on top of Sandy's fold-up chair (a perfect fit) and then whoever was coaching sat on my little fold-up chair facing the shooter with his telescope extended on the scope rail beside the television screen, everything at eye level. The screens were hard to see due to the glare of the

sun so we had a bit of flexibly by moving Sandy's chair if needed to get the best possible angle. The shooter did not use a scope after a couple of practices once we had confidence in the conditions. By sitting in the chair the coach had a better feel for the conditions, had more flexibility to move around if needed to look at all the flags and television screen and could move in quickly to the shooter to adjust his sights when necessary. By the time the actual competitions began more than ten teams had adjusted their style to as close to ours as they could manage. We both plotted each other's shots on paper plotting diagrams rather than using a ploto-matic. None of the teams competing used one.

The matches included 5 days of competition, each one at a different distance. There were 21 teams competing (19 teams competed in 2006 at Melbourne) on a 20 target range so the Match Organisers decided to go with 2 relays. I think they were relieved at only having to use 10 or 11 targets per relay because so many of the targets were malfunctioning. They weeded out as many of them as possible by keeping track of the targets that were causing the most amount of trouble. The Pairs competition was fired in the morning, followed by individual matches in the afternoon. Each day the teams would alternate shooting first and the same system was used for the individual matches until we moved back to the long ranges where the top teams were then re-squadded to shoot on the last relay. A fair devised system.

The Fullbore Jury understood what they were up against with the electronic targets and tried to do their best to make the competition as fair as possible under the circumstances. Rules were in place to take this into account. For example, if a shooter felt that a hit showing up on the screen was not theirs or if the hit did not register at all, the shooter had the option to bring this to the attention of the RO, who allowed the shooter to fire a provisional shot that could be fired at the end of the competition and after being checked at the end of the shoot and was warranted the provisional shoots were allowed. In other cases, if the target was malfunctioning on a more regular basis a re-shoot was allowed after the shooter had sent in a written protest to the office within one hour of the end of the shoot. Once the competitions started though they were under the gun as shooters were letting the RO's know every time they felt there was an issue on their target. It would really come to a head once we moved back to the longer distances. The problems only intensified because shooters were getting frustrated with target malfunctions but the staff kept positive trying to solve each problem and protest.

After the first three days of competition at the short ranges, Jim and I found ourselves in first place in the Pairs competition being down only one point, 4 V's ahead of Scotland. I had run into some bad luck the day before at 500 yards when I cross-fired in the individual match. Sandy put a protest in on my behalf because the target did not register a hit but we were told the next day that I had shot 3 targets over from target 7 onto target 10.Jim and I discussed it that evening and when I told him what target I had cross-fired onto, he said, "that's the target we had just finished shooting on an hour before in the Pairs match". After listening to Jim say "shoot on target 10" for 15 minutes, I must have lined up on that target. It's not hard to do especially with the targets much closer together than on traditional ranges. It was a costly mistake that I paid dearly for in the individual aggregate and especially where I would be squadded for future relays.

The next day we shot at 900yards. Right from the beginning of the Pairs relay we found that our target was registering bad shots and

found other teams around us were also calling out to the RO's asking for provisional shots. Tempers were showing after the relay, as some teams were very upset with how their targets had malfunctioned. Some of them were moved to other targets to finish the competition. Sandy put in a protest and we were awarded a re-shoot on Jim's portion of the Pairs match along with four or five other teams that had experienced the same problems. Jim shot a fantastic score of 75 in the re-shoot. Our confidence in the system had been re-born. However, it looked like it would be short lived because one of the teams put in a protest about the reshoots the following morning, which a number of teams agreed to sign. On the final day of the competition, there was now a tense feel on the range. Some teams felt they'd had a bad shoot the day before but did nothing about it on the day of the competition except complain instead of putting a protest in as was laid out in the rules. Jim and I did not want to listen to the squabbling that could be heard in the shooters lounge as we were trying to focus on the 1,000 yard Pairs match that was ahead of us. We were now in fourth place.

I was very proud of how we performed in the final of the Pairs match. We were again unfortunately squadded on a bad target. Jim was down one point after eight shots and then the target started to call very low outers and high magpies. I ended up having to ask for four provisional shots before we had finished but in the end we thought Jim had shot a very solid 72 that was one of the top scores on the relay. We asked if we could be moved to another target for my portion of the Pairs match due to the target malfunctions, which the RO staff agreed to. Jim then coached me to a 72. It was one of the most determined shoots I'd ever been involved in, wanting to break perfect shots especially with the pressure factor in play and because of a bright glare my front sight was picking up from the sunlight. After the competition many of the top teams





were coming up to ask what our scores were and it looked like we had gained significant ground. After doing the math, we thought we'd placed second, 2 V's behind New Zealand, however all hell was about to break loose.

Graeme Hudson, the President of CSF (Commonwealth Shooting Federation), who had spent most of the week at the Dr. Karni Singh facility, came out to the range to review the protest, as Chair of the Appeal Jury. He and two members of the Jury revoked all decisions made that morning and the day before by the Fullbore Jury, stating that if a target had a hit on it, the value would be upheld, no matter where it was on the target. In other words, if you shot on a malfunctioning target, too bad, it's yours. A meeting was held by the shooters during lunch to discuss the decisions and rumours coming down. Opinions were all over the map. Some felt "you should take the cards you are dealt" no matter whether you shot on a good or bad target, others told of the hard work they had put in to get to the event and were not happy to just let it lie knowing we were dealing with an imperfect system, while others wanted to boycott the individual final that was yet to be shot to show their displeasure in how the whole competition had turned upside down. It was not pretty. In the end, Parag Patel was the well deserving winner of the individual Gold medal, finishing with a pair of impressive 73's at 900 and 1,000. He said after the final that he just felt lucky that he'd never shot on a bad target. Many others left the range completely bewildered by the decisions that had been made on that day including the Australian team. They both shot 75's in the 900 yard portion of the Pairs match but the next day registered a 53 and 57 in the 1,000 yard final. Is that result based on the quality of shooter or the target you shot on? The only observation I can make is, would this ever be allowed to happen in an International smallbore competition. Not on your life.



The next day Jim, Sue Verdier and I attended the men's field hockey final between India and Australia. It was the first time we'd been able to get out to any of the other events. The stadium was packed with excited Indian fans, as field hockey is huge in India. They were trounced by Australia 8-0, who are the current World Champions. That evening Jim and I took part in the Closing Ceremonies while Sandy took it easy, probably staring at a wall trying to figure out what had happened the day before. At the

ceremonies Richard Lanning mentioned that Sandy had used some colourful language when he'd come in the night before when Richard asked him how the day had gone. Again, the Indians put on a wonderful display during the Closing ceremonies. The next day included a lot of packing and a trip to downtown New Delhi to do some shopping and sight seeing with Jim, Sue and Wynn Payne, who was a member of the Canadian smallbore team, before meeting up with other members of the rifle team for our seven hour journey to pick up our rifles at the Karmi Singh facility lock-up and then to be processed through the airport security before heading home.

The final outcome of the competition will be discussed for years to come but hopefully lessons will be learned from it. The use of electronic targets in such an important and prestigious international fullbore competition should never be allowed again until proven tests have been carried out to assure their consistent reliably.

The Indians were wonderful hosts. Our trip was one we'll never forget even though we're still shaking our heads at the outcome. The main thing is we performed to the best of our ability and worked together as a team. Jim, Sandy and I got along royally throughout the three week trip making sure each other was well taken care of.

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### 2009/2010 DCRA POSTAL PROGRAM RESULTS

		CADET MATCHES	
Match 1.3	Gold	242 Granby, Granby, QC	1530
Cadet Air Rifle Team	Silver	CC 2449 - Rock Forest, Sherbrooke, QC	1525
	Bronze	2958 RCACC, Kars, ON	1520
Match 1.4	Gold	Jesse Fleet, 2610 RCACC Sheet Harbour, NS	390
Cadet Air Rifle Individual	Silver	Felix Perrault, 242 Granby, Granby, QC	389
	Bronze	Ellen Kim, 907 White Rock RCACS, Langley, BC	388
	Top Expert	Joshua Ellis, 1944 EME RCACC, Borden, ON	369
	Top Expert	Erica King, 2537 The Battlefords, North Battleford, SK	368
	Top Expert	Eric Kitigon, 3004 RCACC, Cambridge, Bay, NU	367
	Top Expert	James Lawson, 2958 RCACC, Kars, ON	367
	Top SS	Joe McFadden, 1944 EME RCACC, Borden, ON	349
	Top SS	Derek Lambert, 2610 RCACC Sheet Harbour, NS	348
	Top SS	Morgan Hawthorne, 2647 RCACC, Oromocto, NB	347
	Top SS	Zachary Cote, 2958 RCACC, Kars, ON	347
Match 1.8 - Stage 1	1st place	1944 EME RCACC, Borden, ON	1502
Air Rifle Team Match for the	•	907 White Rock RCACS (Pink) Langley, BC	1468
Youth of the Commonwealth	3rd place	2958 RCACC, Kars, ON	1455
Match 1.8 - Stage 2	1st place	2958 RCACC, Kars, ON	1512
	2nd place	1944 EME RCACC, Borden, ON	1483
	3rd place	907 White Rock RCACS (Pink) Langley, BC	1479
		WAYOR MATCHES	
		JUNIOR MATCHES	
Match 2.3	1st place	2958 RCACC, Kars, ON	1546
Junior Air Rifle Team Match	•	907 White Rock RCACS (Pink), Langley, BC	1530
	3rd place	284 RCSCC Marconi, Mount Pearl, NL	1504
Match 2.4	Gold	Michael Diaz, 2958 RCACC, Kars, ON	391
Junior Air Rifle Individual	Top Expert	Zachary Cote, 2958 RCACC, Kars, ON	368
	Top Expert	Courtney Gray, 284 RCSCC, Mount Pearl, NL	366
	Top SS	Christie Wong, 907 White Rock RCACS, Langley, BC	348
	Top SS	Sarah Gunderson, 907 White Rock RCACS, Langley ,BC	346
		OPEN MATCHES	
Match 3.1	1st place	Castors Charlesbourg, Quebec, QC	2338
Open Smallbore Rifle Team	2nd place	NMHMRA, Stewiacke, NS	2337
r	3rd place	PEIRA	2294
Match 3.2	Gold	Gale Stewart, Castors Charlesbourg, Quebec, QC	596
<b>Open Iron Sight Smallbore</b>	Silver	Raymond Smeltzer, NSHMRA, Stewiacke, NS	590
•	Bronze	Bruce W. MacDonald, Cameron Rifle Assoc., MB	590
	Top Expert	Barry Langille, NSHMRA, Stewiacke, NS	581
	Top SS	Leo Poulin, Cameron Rifle Assoc, MB	543
	Top MM	Wayne Zylik, APRA	457
Match 3.3	Gold	Bruce W. MacDonald, Cameron Rifle Assoc., MB	596
<b>Open Any Sight Smallbore</b>	Silver	Gale Stewart, Castors Charlesbourg, Quebec, QC	596
	Bronze	Barry Langille, NSHMRA, New Glasgow, NS	592
	Top Expert	Matthias Hamelin, Castors Charlesbourg, Quebec, QC	572
	Top Expert	Darrell Grant, Cameron Rifle Assoc., MB	569
	Top Expert	Chris Taggart, APRA	566

Match 3.4 Open Pairs Smallbore	Gold	APRA Service Rifle Chris Taggart/Jason Irving	562
	Silver	APRA Service Rifle Rob Harrison/Wayne Zylik	486
Match 3.6	Gold	Rob Harrison, APRA Service Rifle	597
Open Air Rifle Ind.	Silver	Jason Irving, APRA Service Rifle	557
	Bronze	Chris Taggart, APRA Service Rifle	548
	Top SS	Wayne Zylik, APRA Service Rifle	500
	Top Marksman	Zoryana Cherwick, 2958 RCACC, Kars, ON	399
Match 3.8	Gold	Mark Anderson, KTSA, Kamloops, BC	599
<b>Open F Class SB</b>	Silver	Paul Reibin, KTSA, Kamloops, BC	597
	Bronze	Bill Flintoft, Chilliwack, BC	594



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If you know of a corps that may be interested in competing in our matches, please pass the information on.

For further information, please check our our website (www.dcra.ca) or contact the DCRA office at 613-829-8281; office@dcra.ca.

Congratulations to all participants in the DCRA Postal Program!





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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 5, 2011 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.

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#### Postal Programme Memberships

Individual (Senior) Membership

Cadets and Junior Memberships

Match No. & Name	Individual 1st team	Each Additonal Team	Remarks
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 -	\$ 45.00		8 members to count
Youth of the Commonwealth			

\$ 16.00

\$ 30.00

No Charge

**Junior Air Rifle** 2.3 Junior Air Rifle Team

2.4	Junior Air Rifle Individual	\$ 5.00			
<u>Op</u>	en 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			

\$ 25.00

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.

4 members to count



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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**

#### Ontario

The Ontario Rifle Association would like to thank Sierra Bulletmakers and the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association for all their help in supporting our Ontario Rifle Association Sierra ISU Match.

The day was pleasant with unseasonably cool temperatures. The wind was ranging from  $\frac{3}{4}$  right to  $\frac{1}{2}$  min left. In the end the winner of the 2010 Sierra ISU match was Fazal Mohideen with a 596/600 in the TR class and Norm Barber with a 597/600 in the F Open Class.

Thank you to all the members of the ORA who participated in the match this year and we hope to see them back next year!

<u>Name</u>	1	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Grand Agg
Fazal Mohideen	199	199	198	596
Faisal Rahman	191	196	193	580
Antony Betts	191	194	194	579
Deen Mohideen	191	194	194	579
Abdul Rahman	191	195	186	572
Cindy Tremblay	187	190	186	563
Gary Bowman	187	189	184	560
Stephen Hunt	184	189	182	555
Dillan Corbett	182	185	184	551
Bryan Bolinar	185	174	162	521
F Class				
Norm Barber	200	200	197	597
Thomaz Bledowski	195	195	200	590
Bill Mitchell	197	195	197	589
Roy Ginn	194	199	194	587
John Ingoldsby	198	195	193	586
Michael Chung	199	190	196	585
John Cook	183	186	182	551
C. Richardson	23	130	121	274



#### Nova Scotia

The match was held on July 1, 2010 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 four classes of competitors permitted:

TR - Target Rifle	Bert McDonald	413/450
F(R) - 'F' Class Restricted	Andy Webber	446/450
F(O) - 'F' Class Open	(No entries in 2010)	
SR - Service Rifle	Alan Ferguson	404/450

Weather conditions were light wind with sunny sky and temperatures in the low twenties.



Thanks to Sierra Bulletsmiths for their continued support.

### **SIERRA RESULTS**

#### Manitoba

Another successful Sierra Match was held Sunday 12 September 2010 at the St. Charles Rifle Range and is now in the record book. Fortunately the weather gods got rain out of their system on Saturday so that seventeen (17) MPRA shooters could enjoy one of the nicer (read sunny) days at the Range in some time, even if it was a little breezy with the westerly winds blowing more or less constantly at up to 20 mph.

Shooters this year inclued those in four rifle classes:

TR - 5 F/TR - 5 F/O - 4
Service Rifle - 3 (including one venerable 303 SMLE)

And at the end of the day, Ron Dawson edged Dave Paetkau for top honours in the TR class, Dave Tomlin, who apparently flew in from overseas (Nigeria I think) just to attend the Match, won the F/TR class, Kelly Kunzleman shot a perfect 450 to win the F/O class and Barry Hamilton smoked his competition in the Service Rifle category. For the record, Barry was not shooting the SMLE!

Self marking was the order of the day but none-the-less everyone enjoyed the day and the experience



Three shooters (Ron Dawson, Dave Paetkau and Abe Sengmany) are missing from the group photo; rumour is that they may have left early because of wind burn.

The MPRA, especially all the competitors present for the Match, would like to thank the Sierra Bullets organization for their continued support and generous donation of Sierra 155 gr. bullets.

-submitted by Murray Sloane

#### **British Columbia**

The 2010 BC ISSF Championship was hosted by the Mission & District Rod & Gun Club with this years' event attracting 30 competitors from throughout our province. The course of fire was five relays of 15 shots over two days on the Club's new 300 yard ICFRA dimension targets with a maximum possible score of 375 - 75v. The F-Class shooters were treated to a 32.5 mm V-Bull. This year, a new trophy plaque was also introduced to our program and awarded to the winner of the two-day aggregate in the F-Class (F-TR) category. The Don Hall Award is dedicated to our dear friend and fellow F-Class shooter who now resides in Ottawa. The Winners were:

Target Rifle Ed Bergsma (372 - 41v)
F-Class (F-TR) Brian Mylleville (367 - 39v)
F-Class (Open) Denis LaPierre (370 - 56v)

The complete match results can be viewed on the British Columbia Rifle Association website; www.bcrifle.org.



Brian Mylleville BC ISSF Director

The BCRA and our competitors would like to thank
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The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association and the provincial rifle associations are most grateful to Sierra Bulletsmiths for the continued support!

### Opening Remarks of BGen Romses at 2010 AGM

Welcome everyone to our 2010 DCRA Annual General Meeting. I thank all of you for taking the time and, in many instances, traveled long distances to be with us today and to further the interests of our Organization.

This past year has seemingly passed in a flash but on the whole been a successful one.

On the Bisley front in July, we saw participation by both our traditional Canadian Rifle Teams (Team Commandant was Peter Westlake and Team Adjutant Jacques Dugas) and our Canadian F-Class Rifle Team (Team Commandant was Bill Flintoft and Team Adjutant was Dale Rathwell). Our unqualified thanks go to these gentlemen and to all team members and coaches for representing Canada and the DCRA so well. I say well, despite challenging weather this year our Canadian Rifle Team achieved very good results as evidenced by Jim Paton placing fourth in the Queen's Prize and every single member of our F-Class Rifle Team won at least one match. Now unfortunately, the Canadian Rifle Team had only 15 members but the good news was that our Canadian representation was significant given the presence for the first time at Bisley of our F-Class Rifle Team. I'm also happy to state that this year's 2010 Bisley Rifle Team is on track for more traditional numbers of 24 team members.

This past year saw another successful Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championship in August 2009. Indeed, we had 234 competitors fire in the Grand. We also had this year full participation from the Germans and the USA. Unfortunately, there was no GB rifle team but they are slated to be back this year in 2010. Overall, we had entries from across Canada, the British Cadet Rifle Team (the Athelings), Canadian and UK (ACF) cadets, and many cadet instructors. Overall, our numbers were an increase from 2008.

The DCRA National Service Conditions Championships was held immediately prior to the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition and was well executed and participated in. On the CFSAC front the DCRA did, unfortunately, not win the competitive bidding process to conduct it but I can report that having

attended the last day and awards presentation, along with Bill Molnar, it did go well. The fact we did not win the competitive bid last year will have no effect on this year as the CF will not be outsourcing the competition this year.

Also on the cadet front our Winter Postal Programme this past year was very successful. Our participation doubled for Match 1.3 and increased in all other matches. This increase can be attributed to more aggressive notification of the competition directly with Army Cadet Corps and through the Army Cadet League. Suffice to say, the DCRA must continue to cater to the cadet shooting organization and to improve cooperation with the cadet movement in general and it is, indeed, a good work in process - so that we can retain more of these excellent shots in our shooting programme.

All of the above to say we did have a successful year. Do we, however, continue to be confronted with challenges such as increasing membership, finances, and the Bisley Pavilion (to name but several) - of course we do. All of us working collaboratively will ensure we gradually make some headway on these. In closing, let me, on your behalf; acknowledge the continuing support of Mrs. Liliane Stewart and the Macdonald Stewart Foundation who have assisted the DCRA in so many ways over the years and the Royal Canadian Legion for their generous financial support to our Winter Postal Programme.

Lastly, let me just state that it is a pleasure being your President and a part of the DCRA. We have an excellent organization with a sound history. We must continue to serve the provincial rifle associations and shooters alike but this is your organization and it takes all of us to ensure this is indeed the case. Last, but not least, thanks to the many of you who are filling various DCRA leadership positions on the various committees, etc. Your dedication and effort over the past year has been tremendously appreciated by all of us.



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### Report of the Executive Vice-President

The Executive Vice-President reports to the membership at the Annual General Meeting on the activities of the Executive Committee. The full Committee met three times since the last AGM, on 5 April, 14 August and 5-6 December, 2009. In addition the Planning and Priorities Committee met 6 December, 2009, and 26 March, 2010, and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Pavilion at Bisley Ltd met 17 August, 4 December, 2009, and 26 March, 2010. As usual a lot of business has also been conducted by e-mail.

Our President, General Romses, has continued his excellent service to the DCRA in matters involving the Department of National Defence, the Cadet organisation, service conditions shooting and our relationship with Canadian Defence Liaison Staff in London. We are delighted that General Romses has been able to join the team at Bisley for a few days in each of the past few years. The DND range use issue has not been fully resolved but DND staff has far more critical matters to deal with at the moment.

Col Cyr has retired from the position of Commandant of Connaught Range and Primary Training Centre and Col Sénéchal has replaced him. Col Cyr was of immense help to the DCRA during his tenure and we hope that we can establish as good a relationship with Col Sénéchal.

#### **Membership**

Membership continues to be the vital issue for the DCRA. The new Membership Committee has plans for introductory shoots in every region with a view to get past Cadet Bisley Team members and other Cadet shots back into the game, as well as attract other new members who were not exposed to cadet shooting. The main burden for recruitment must fall on the Provincial Rifle Associations and clubs because few people are prepared to jump into a sport at the Canadian Championship level run by the DCRA. That said, the DCRA is prepared to give whatever assistance is needed to recruit new members. Some provinces are making significant progress with memberships and I congratulate them. But all of us must work on this critical matter. To recruit and retain new members, experienced shots must be prepared to put considerable efforts into coaching and assisting the new recruits. As I have said on so many occasions in the past, we need some new blood on the Council and the Executive Committee. We must put some of our talented and enthusiastic young people to work, replacing some of the tired old men who have been handling your affairs for a very long time. Think about some new faces when it comes time to nominate people for Council and Executive.

#### **Finance**

Ken Westling will be briefing you on our financial position a little later. Although the entry in the Canadian Championships improved over 2008, we suffered a financial blow when the contract to run the CFSAC matches was awarded elsewhere. Because of budget constraints, it is not clear how CFSAC will be run this year. However, DCRA has kept service shooting alive in the past when the Canadian Forces could not afford it and we are prepared to assist in whatever manner is required this year.

The Canadian Pavilion at Bisley Limited continues to generate good business, although because of bookkeeping shortcomings, we have had to retain an outside bookkeeper, which adds to the operating costs. However, the additional revenue is needed to cover the costs of some vital maintenance work on the Pavilion, notably roof supports and likely a new roof in the not-too-distant future.

#### **Staffing**

The DCRA accounting position changed hands twice in rapid succession in early 2009. After Peter Vaughan's retirement Laura Henderson stepped in but soon found a full-time job. We were fortunate to find Kathy Corcoran. Coming in part way through the year with minimal handover, Kathy found herself on a steep learning curve, but has soldiered through very well. Kathy brought in husband Mike who handled the stats during the championships and did a stellar job. Aaron Daley has continued his solid work as Secretary-Treasurer and through all the turmoil Betty Ann Ferguson has continued her excellent work as office manager.

#### **Shooting**

The Shooting Committee reports will have full details of the work of the various committees, but I shall briefly summarise some of the significant items. Commandant Peter Westlake and Adjutant Jacques Dugas led the Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley. Unfortunately, due to some late drop-outs, it turned out to be the smallest team in my memory, totalling only 15 people. Despite everyone having to do double duties, the Team acquitted itself well, with Jim Paton winning the Daily Mail, Stan Frost winning the Freddie Payne Memorial, Steven Spinney tying for the Times with 50.10 but placing second by a V in the tie shots, Emmanuel Gauvin winning a bronze cross in the Grand, one member getting into the Donaldson Memorial Final, three members getting into the St. George's Final, and three members getting to the Queen's Final. In addition, Brian Page of BC, shooting as an independent, won the Daily Telegraph. The commercial ammunition by RUAG was a vast improvement over recent years.

2009 marked an important DCRA first when Bill Flintoft captained the first DCRA F Class team to compete abroad, taking part in the Imperial Meeting at Bisley and the World F Class Championships. The team did an outstanding job with every member winning at least one event. In the World Individual Championship, Matt Wolf finished seventh and in the F(TR) Team Championship Canada was narrowly edged out of the bronze medal by Ireland.

Attendance at the Canadian Championships was up a bit from 2008. Congratulations are due to Des Vamplew, winner of the Canadian Target Rifle Championship (Bisley Aggregate), Gord Ogg, winner of the Canadian F Class Championship, Wolfgang Schultze of Germany, winner of the F Class Open Championship, Kelly Bachand of the USA, winner of the Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate, Shannon Carlton, winner of the Walter M. Stewart Under 25 Prize, and Daniel Chisholm, winner of the Governor-General's Prize.

The National Service Conditions Championships were held between the TR Championships and the CFSAC. Attendance was down because of the separation from the CFSAC. Our congratulations to Keith Cunningham, the National Service Rifle Champion, to PO1 Marty Cashin, winner of the Regular Force Queen's Medal, the first Navy shooter to do so, and to MBDR William MacKeigan, winner of the Reserve Queen's Medal.

Because of dwindling attendance and the accompanying financial losses, the Black Powder competitions were not held as part of the Canadian Championships in 2009. Chris Jones has kindly volunteered to try to drum up more interest in Black Powder shooting and is organising the matches for 2010 with the one proviso that sufficient advance entries be received to guarantee breaking even financially. Chris has made contact with some groups of Black Powder shooters who have not shot our matches in the past and has had some interesting replies. We wish Chris every success in reviving what was the original DCRA shooting discipline.

#### Legislation

I would draw your attention to the fact that the government has extended the amnesty on long-gun registration for yet another year and continues to waive the cost of licensing. However, I would caution you to maintain your licences and registration at no cost, in case you meet an over-zealous law enforcement officer who could create problems if your paperwork is not in order. A private member's bill, C-391 to abolish the long-gun registry, is now before Parliament. It has passed second reading with the help of some opposition members who supported the bill but is now going into committee hearings. It is important that your Members of Parliament hear your views on this issue, particularly so if they are opposition members. So keep those cards and letters flying to Ottawa.

#### Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Association I thank Mrs. Stewart for her continued support. I also 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, Laura Henderson, Kathy Corcoran, and Aaron Daley, for their hard work, to Cols. Cyr and Sénéchal and the CRPTC staff for their efficient operation of the ranges and their co-operation throughout the year.

#### **Closing Note**

Finally, when this job was passed to me from Dr. Jim Thompson, I stated that I did not want to emulate Jim, who had filled the post for 12 years. I failed in that first objective, because I have now entered my 15th year in the job. I have developed some health problems over the winter and I now feel that I am not giving the job the effort that it needs. I do want to continue shooting but it remains to be seen how effective that might be. I have decided to make 2010 my last year as Executive Vice-President. I am setting the next AGM as the absolute deadline for leaving the position but I will happily step down if the Nominating Committee comes up with a candidate before then.

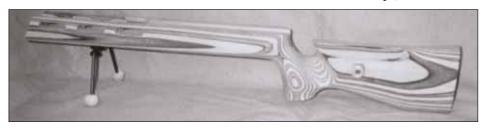


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### THE DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION L'ASSOCIATION DE TIR DOMINION DU CANADA

#### MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, 27 MARCH 2010 HELD AT CONNAUGHT RIFLE RANGE, OTTAWA

Chairman: BGen (Ret'd) Ray Romses, President Recording Secretary: Aaron Daley, Secretary-Treasurer

#### In attendance:

Dr. Jim Thompson, Stan Frost, Doug Potter, Pete Jmaeff, Maj (ret'd) Colin Brown, Don Hall, Roger Romses, Alan Clarke, Edson Warner, Tracy East, BobKierstead, Steven Stewart, Leo Poulin, Murray Sloane, Dr. Roger Mullin, Andy Kolenko, Dale Rathwell, Scott McGinnis, Alain Marion, Tony Katz, Alexandre Hamel, Jacques Dugas, LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar, Fred Nachbaur, Thomas McKinnon, Ken Westling

#### ITEM 1:

Opening remarks by BGen (ret'd) Ray Romses and moment of silence for members and friends passed away over the past year. (please see attached annex A)

#### ITEM 2: Statutory Declaration of Notice of AGM read by Secretary-Treasurer.

#### ITEM 3: Approval of Agenda

Mr Don Hall asked if he could be added under new business for a 15-20 minutes presentation entitled "DCRA Turnaround".

Motion G01/10: to approve the agenda with additions made by LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar; seconded by Jacques Dugas. CARRIED

### ITEM 4: Adoption of Minutes of the DCRA Annual General Meeting of 4 April 2009 and the Semi Annual General Meeting of 16 August 2009.

**Motion G02/10:** to adopt the minutes of the DCRA Annual General Meeting, 4 April 2009 and SAGM, 16 August 2009 by Stan Frost; seconded by Jacques Dugas.

CARRIED

#### ITEM 5: Annual Report

The annual report will be published in the Marksman and on the DCRA website. (please see attached annex B)

#### ITEM 6: Reports from Provincial Rifle Associations:

Newfoundland- No report submitted

Prince Edward Island- No report submitted

Nova Scotia- No report submitted

New Brunswick- presented by Mr Bob Kierstead (please see attached annex C)

Quebec- presented by Mr Alexandre Hamel (please see attached annex C)

Ontario- presented by Mr Andy Kolenko (please see attached annex C)

NCRRA- presented by LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar (please see attached annex C)

Manitoba- presented by Mr Murray Sloane (please see attached annex C)

Saskatchewan- presented by Mr Doug Potter (please see attached annex C)

Alberta- No report submitted

British Columbia- presented by Mr Don Hall

Mr Edson Warner mentioned the upcoming Summer Olympic events in 2012 involving shooting that include Men's and women's air rifle and pistol. He also mentioned the Canada Summer games to be held in Sherbrooke, QC in 2013.

#### ITEM 7: Executive Vice President Report and Committee Reports

*a. Executive Vice President Report* read by Mr Stan Frost announcing among other things his resignation from the Executive Vice President position. (please see attached annex D)

- **b.** Chairman of the Shooting Committee report submitted by Serge Bissonnette and read by the Secretary- Treasurer (Please see attached annex E)
  - i. National/International Teams committee: This report presented by Dr Jim Thompson (please see attached annex F)
- **ii**. <u>Canadian Championships (TR/F Class) committee:</u> This report was submitted by Mr Dan Chisholm and presented by Dr Jim Thompson (please see attached annex G)
- **iii**. Winter Programme committee: This report was presented by the Secretary Treasurer on behalf of Peter Westlake. This report mentioned the DCRA effort to solicit Army Cadet corps participation in the DCRA postal matches in order to revitalize the programme. Entries were sent to all of the Army Cadet corps this year and over the next two years they will be sent to the Navy and Air Force Cadets. As a result participation in the matches was good with more than double the participation in match 1.3, as this match was offered free of charge to entice new participation.
- **iv**. <u>Black Powder committee:</u> This report was presented by the Secretary Treasurer on behalf of Chris Jones. It was mentioned that the black powder matches would be held this year as part of the Canadian Championships. Participation is anticipated to be very good with potentially 30 competitors.
- v. <u>Service Rifle Committee:</u> This report was presented by Secretary-Treasurer on behalf of Keith Cunningham. He mentioned that NSCC would continue to be held again this year in its traditional form run by Mr Keith Cunningham as the Chief Range Officer. The military has solicited DCRA help in running CFSAC this year, as it will not be put out to bid for a contract. The DCRA is in negotiation with the military to potentially run the stats for the competitions.
  - vi. Coaching Committee: No report submitted.
- vii. <u>ISSF Committee:</u> It was reported by the Secretary Treasurer on behalf of the Mr Daniel Chisholm that ISSF matches would not be run this year due to lack of participation/interest. Sierra bullet donations would be redirected to the Long Range Challenge Match.
- **viii.** <u>Under 25 Committee:</u> This committee report was presented by Pat Vamplew. Laurie Hearn is the leader of the under 25 team to the World Championships. She is accepting applications to go to Australia in 2011.
- ix. Rules Committee: This report was presented by Dr Roger Mullin. The DCRA will be continuing with the trial of the ICFRA rules entering its second year. So far this has been very successful. In two years we shall vote on the adoption of the ICFRA rules. At this point we shall have to take the points in the DCRA rule book that do not appear in the ICFRA rulebook and add them to the ICFRA/DCRA rulebook for Canada once adopted.

After careful consideration the ICFRA rules committee will not adopt an F/F class, but we shall trial the F/F class encompassing the most lenient conditions of F/TR and F/Farquharson. A vote will be necessary in a few years if we are to adopt this as F/F.

The Planning and Priorities Committee had discussed the so-called "F/factory class" allowing shooters to use factory equipment; it was suggested that in future years we should consider implementing this class. Dr Mullin will research the parameters around such a class

Issue of anti doping continues at the national level. All shooters should continue to fill out the TUE form and submit it with their Canadian Championships entry form. The TUE form is posted on the DCRA website.

Finally, in 2011, in Australia, ICFRA will review their rules and there will be several points brought forward including the rule concerning message 6 (lost challenges result in loss of the shot). The rule will likely be changed to the Canadian method of only losing a \$2 challenge fee for the challenge rather than the shot.

Dr Mullin also mentioned that he had heard that as a result of the potential abolition of the firearms registry, Ontario and Quebec were considering forming their own firearms registry. This could result in many problems for shooters including potentially out of province shooters with firearms in Ontario or Quebec.

- c. Administration Committee: This report was presented by LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar.
- **i.** <u>Property Committee:</u> LCol Molnar reported that new carpeting was installed over the winter in the DCRA headquarters building and we have acquired the new logo sign, which will be erected on the front of the building once the weather improves.
  - ii. Millennium Fund: The December letter resulted in \$16,000 added to the Fund.
- **iii.** SFC Liaison Committee: This committee report was presented by Stan Frost. He mentioned that unfortunately the SFC would not provide any funding to DCRA CSFC participants in India.
- d. Hall of Fame Committee: LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar reported that the Hall of Fame has been reorganized and is now being displayed in the DCRA headquarters. Alain Marion is working on the translation of the Hall of fame bios. The committee is also working on the Service Rifle Hall of Fame, but is running into difficulty because of lack of records being provided by the military.
- *e. Membership Committee:* Pat Vamplew reported that ORA is using social networking media to organise a range day on 26 June 2010 that will attract former cadets and junior members. He mentioned that there were several ideas and proposals put forward at the Provincial workshops the day before and that it is up to the individual provinces to implement these strategies.

#### ITEM 8: Vote of Thanks was presented by Mr Alain Marion.

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.

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. The Bank of Montreal for their contribution towards the prize list.

To Sierra Bullets for their generous contribution to the ISSF Provincial and National 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.

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'entretient du Pavillon Macdonald Stewart à Bisley.

La Banque de Montréal, pour sa contribution à la liste des prix.

Sierra Bullets, pour sa contribution à la liste des prix provinciale et national

Ainsi qu'à toute les personnes qui ont contribué de leur temps et de leur argent pour assurer le succès de nos activités.

Motion G03/10: to accept the vote of thanks as read at the AGM by Mr Alain Marion; seconded by Mr Jacques Dugas. CARRIED

ITEM 9: Adoption of Financial Statements: Financial particulars were presented by Ken Westling, the DCRA comptroller. He mentioned that our previous accountant retired after FY 2008. The replacement was not well briefed and unfortunately had to leave for another job. Our present bookkeeper has made a conscientious effort to update much of the information that was missing from previous years but there is still much work to be done. While our books are not large they are very complex with international teams and the large payroll in August (please see attached annex H). Ken also stated that he was resigning from the position of comptroller.

Motion G04/10: by Mr. Ken Westling to recommend for approval by council the financial statements for FY 2008-2009 ending 31 October 2009 as presented; seconded by LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar.

CARRIED

#### ITEM 10: Approval of Budget for FY 2009-2010 (see attached annex I)

**Motion G05/10:** to recommend for approval by council the Budget for FY 2009-2010 and the five-year forecast by Ken Westling; seconded by LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar. **CARRIED** 

#### **Discussion:**

BGen (ret'd) Ray Romses suggested an amendment to the motion that we submit a budget that does not reflect a deficit for the future. This suggestion was withdrawn.

It was suggested by Dr Roger Mullin that the DCRA members should be expressing concern over the state of the financial situation. Should we consider changing the structure of the office or the structure of Canadian Championships entry fees or expenses?

Pete Jmaeff suggested that we should be making more money from the Bisley Pavilion. Jim Thompson stated that unfortunately the association does not yet have enough information about the structure of the building and how to handle the management issue to be able to move forward with the pavilion business plan.

Mr Tom McKinnon asked if we could ask the Macdonald Stewart Foundation for more money to bring the pavilion into a condition where more money can be made. Mr Stan Frost stated that we are working on a plan for this if it becomes necessary.

Mrs Tracy East asked if teleconferencing had been considered as a cost-cutting measure. She also asked if we could get rid of the butt marking costs by using high school students' required hours of community service. The Secretary-Treasurer said he would look into this suggestion.

Mr Jacques Dugas mentioned that surpluses from the 2009 Bisley team should go toward the DCRA to repay the grants that were issued first.

Colin Brown suggested that we shoot one less range per day and adopt competitor marking.

Pat Vamplew suggested that we have competitor range officers.

Andy Kolenko suggested that we initiate another revenue generator such as another event. No suggestions were made as to what this event could be.

Steven Stewart suggested that competitors be given the option of opting out of target marking.

It was pointed out that a reduction in shooting would require a reduction in entry fees.

#### ITEM 11: Approval of Actions of Council and Executive in FY 2008-2009

**Motion G06/10:** to approve the actions of Council and Executive in FY 2008-2009 moved by Mr Edson Warner; seconded by Mr Doug Potter

CARRIED

#### ITEM 12: Report of the Honours and Awards Committee

Maj (ret'd) Colin Brown presented the following individuals for consideration for awarding of Honorary Life membership by the AGM:

Maj (ret'd) Gord Caffery- former long serving Chief Range Officer;

Maj (ret'd) Keith Bornn - retiring Chief Range Officer;

Mr Pat Quinn - long serving Chief Butts Officer;

Dr. Jack Vickery - long time DCRA member and former assistant range officer.

**Motion G07/10:** to award the following individuals Honorary Life memberships as approved by the outgoing council by Maj (ret'd) Colin Brown; seconded by Dr. Jim Thompson CARRIED

Maj (ret'd) Colin Brown suggested that Dr Roger Mullin be considered for the position of Life Governor as recommended by Council. Roger has been a long time target rifle shooter of the highest quality, many times a member of the Bisley Team and other international teams as well as a tireless worker on the council and executive of the DCRA. He has shown great devotion to the cause and his advice and wisdom has been much appreciated by his colleagues

**Motion G08/10:** by Maj (ret'd) Colin Brown to make Dr Roger Mullin a Life Governor of the DCRA; seconded by LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar.

**CARRIED** 

<u>ITEM 13: Report of the nominating Committee:</u> The report was tabled by Dr. Jim Thompson on behalf of Peter Westlake. (please see attached annex J)

**Motion G09/10:** that the Patron and slate of honorary appointments as presented in the report of the Nominating Committee be approved, by Dr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Stan Frost.

CARRIED

#### Nominations for active officers 2010-2011

**Motion G10/10:** that BGen (ret'd) Ray Romses be elected President and Chairman of Council, by Dr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Frost.

CARRIED

Motion G11/10: that Mr. SE Frost be elected Executive Vice-President, by Dr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Ken Westling.

**CARRIED** 

Mr. Frost drew attention to his previous comments that he only agreed to serve until the earlier of the next AGM or the appointment of his successor.

Motion G12/10: that Mr. Ken Westling be elected Comptroller, by Dr. Thompson, seconded by LCol (ret'd) Molnar.

**CARRIED** 

In view of Mr. Westling's notice that he wished to step down, Dr. Thompson volunteered to accept the Comptroller's position for a maximum of three years, during which time he would bring some new members onto the Finance Committee.

**Motion G13/10**: that the members of Council as presented by the Nominating Committee be approved, by Dr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Frost.

CARRIED

#### Nominations for the nominating committee:

Dr Jim Thompson proposed three members to be elected by the AGM (2 additional members to be elected by the Executive Committee). They include:

Mr. J. Chapman

Mr. D. Vamplew

Mr. D. Chisholm

**Motion G14/10:** that Mr. John Chapman, Mr. Des Vamplew and Mr. Daniel Chisholm be elected to the Nominating Committee with two further members to be added by the Executive Committee, by Dr Jim Thompson; seconded by Mr. Frost. **CARRIED** 

ITEM 14: Date of next AGM: The chairman announced that the date of the next AGM will be Saturday, 2 April 2011

#### ITEM 15: New Business.

Mr Don Hall asked to make a presentation to the AGM. His submission entitled the DCRA turnaround. (Please see Appendix? submission entitled "DCRA Turnaround")

#### **Discussion on DCRA turnaround:**

Dr Mullin asked Mr Hall how the mechanics of the suggested "think tank" would operate. Mr Hall suggested that this process is not going to be an easy one; but that everything must be put on the table and hard decisions must be made about the future of the organization.

LCol Bill Molnar suggested that a lot of very smart people have already considered the future of the DCRA in developing a five-year plan. Why would this think tank make any difference?

Mr Tom McKinnon suggested that something must be put in writing that comprehensively addresses the problems and the possible solutions.

LCol Molnar suggested that the five-year plan that exists right now was considered over a year, and suggested that a think tank may not come up with anything different. Mr Hall responded by saying that many of the ideas that have come out over the past 30 years have continually been shelved.

Mr Alain Marion suggested that this think tank may be a good place to start and that something must be done. He also suggested that cadets might not be the place to retain members as cadets are not often willing to pay the costs associated with shooting sports, which can be very expensive.

#### **Further discussion:**

Dr Mullin suggested the DCRA governance model does not perhaps reflect the current size of the organization. Perhaps a change to the organization could facilitate faster decisions. The organization should be run by younger people as the current executive is burned out and has been running the organization for too many years. This should be referred to council for discussion, as there will be members who disagree with the idea of making the governance structure smaller. People must step up to the plate.

Mr Tom McKinnon suggested that provincial reps could help out the executive.

Leo Poulin countered that the provincial reps are fully employed in their provinces.

Alain Marion suggested that perhaps the governance structure is indeed too big and that the structure could be made smaller. In the past it has been very difficult to get things done with the current structure.

**Motion G15/10:** to refer the issue of streamlining the Association's governance structure to Council, by Dr. Roger Mullin seconded by Alain Marion

CARRIED

#### **Further new business:**

Mr Pete Jmaeff asked if there was a RSO manual in existence that details RSO courses and responsibilities. The Secretary-Treasurer will look into it and get back to Mr. Jmaeff.

Mr Bob Kierstead thanked the DCRA for the recent induction of Ron Surette into the DCRA service conditions Hall of Fame. He is very thankful for having been inducted. Dr. Thompson noted that much of the credit is due Mr. Kierstead.

Mr Dale Rathwell asked a variety of question regarding the F-Class America Match and funding. Is there any funding for F Class shooters in the America match? What are his guidelines for choosing a team? Dr. Jim Thompson replied that the DCRA pays the entry fees for Canadianteams but otherwise does not fund teams shooting at Connaught Range. Dr. Thompson and Mr Rathwell will discuss the issue further at a later date.

#### ITEM 16: Adjournment:

Motion G16/10: to adjourn, by LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar; seconded by Mr Jacques Dugas.

CARRIED

#### SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONNAUGHT RIFLE RANGE 2000 HRS SUNDAY, 15 AUGUST 2010 BUILDING 23, CONFERENCE ROOM

Deputy Chairman: Jim Thompson Recording Secretary: Aaron Daley

In attendance: Stan Frost, Daniel Chisholm, Tracy East, John Chapman, Pat Vamplew, Peter Jmaeff, Roger Mullin, Bob Pitcairn, Andy Kolenko, Bill Molnar, George Harper, Paul Reibin, Edie Vamplew, Sandy Peden, Stephen Hunt, Steven Spinney, Ron Dawson, Andy Tikkanen, Alexandre Hamel, Jacques Dugas, Ric Melling, Frank Lalear, Matt Wolf, Anthony Betts, Peter Dobell, Roger Romses, Peter Westlake, Shannon Carleton, Des Vamplew, Conrad Leroux, Ian Hogg

#### ITEM 1: Chairman's opening remarks

1. Jim Thompson opened the meeting with remarks and mentioned that BGen(ret'd) Romses could not attend but sends his best wishes.

#### ITEM 2: Approval of the minutes of the SAGM 16 August 2009

Motion S01/10: to approve the minutes by Paul Reibin seconded by Bill Molnar.

**CARRIED** 

#### **ITEM 3: Report on events**

- 2. 2010 Bisley Team Report: George Harper submitted attached report. George thanked the DCRA for the priveledge of leading the team.
- **3.** 2011 Bisley Team Commandant announcement: 2011 Bisley team commandant will be Mr Stan Frost supported by Dr. Jim Thompson as his adjutant.

#### ITEM 4: Questions and answers from the floor

- **4.** Pat Vamplew thanked the match committee for the sound decision on the weather today.
- 5. Bob Pitcairn the leader of the 2011 Palma team reported that they have been running training camps and performance has been very good. The training instruction has helped in considerably in improving the performance of the members. The 2011 team

members would be announced by October 1. Bob asked when the 2015 team captain would be announced? Jim Thompson replied that the policy was to name the 2015 captain by early 2012. Bob Pitcairn mentioned that he would like to pass on the training plan to the new coptain, maintain the continuity of the shooting training plan.

- 6. Peter Dobell wanted to know if DCRA members are covered by the DCRA insurance policy at foreign shooting events. Jim Thompson noted that this issue had been referred to the Secretary-Treasuer by the Executive. The Secretary-Treasurer noted that he had invited our insurance agent to come to the range this week to observe our activities. Bob Pitcairn stated that members of the BCRA shoot extensively in the USA and the BCRA policy cover this. Ric Melling noted that an insurance package was a strong draw to new members and further stated that the GBNRA policy covers all shooting activities at home and abroad. It was suggested that an expert such as Jim Bullock review our policy to see what in fact our policy covers.
- 7. Paul Reibin thanked the DCRA staff for the excellent job that they do to organize the event.
- 8. Bill Molnar announced the NCRRA corn boil and invited all to attend.
- **9.** Peter Dobell observed that the condition of the range washrooms was deplorable. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that he would follow up on it.

#### **ITEM 5: Adjournment**

Motion S02/10: to adjourn the meeting byLCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar; seconded by Steven Spinney

**CARRIED** 

### **Annual Report FY 2009**

This pro forms 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 2008/2009. It should be read in conjunction with the reports of the Shooting and Administration Committees and reports in the Summer/Autumn 2009 issue of the Canadian Marksman. The Financial Statements for the 2008/2009 fiscal year are provided in the report of the Finance Committee.

The 2008/09 DCRA Winter Postal Programme was expanded this year and entries for this year's programme were sent to all of the Army Cadet Corps in Canada. This was part of an effort to revitalize the programme. As a result the entries into match 1.3 more than doubled as this match was offered for free to new cadet corps in the postal programme. As usual, participation included entries from cadets, juniors and seniors (Open Class). Continuing to use the grant provided by the Royal Canadian Legion for the 2009/2010 Postal Programme, entry fees for Cadets have been reduced and participation patches have been purchased for competitors. This legion money allowed us to offer match 1.3 free to new cadet corps. We hope to continue this in future years with the continued support of the Legion. Over the next two years we will be offering matches and sending packages to all of the air cadet corps and all of the navy cadet corps respectively.

The Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley 2009 led by Peter Westlake was successful in many respects. Results are posted on the web site of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain (www.nra.org.uk). The 2009 team again shared accommodations with the Canadian Forces Team. This arrangement may continue again this year and in future years as long as there is minimal conflict with the DCRA requirements for accommodations.

The DCRA National Service Conditions Championships (NSCC) were held this year, this time prior to the CFSAC programme. Because of the separation from CFSAC attendance was down from the previous two years with slightly more than 70 competitors. The NSCC results appear on the DCRA web site (www.dcra.ca). These matches continue to be a warm up for the CFSAC shooters and an excellent course of fire for civilians interested in this type of shooting. These matches will not be held in

conjunction with the CFSAC matches in 2010, but will be held on their own the week prior to the CFSAC matches. Unfortunately, the military has decided to adopt a new course of fire for CFSAC that seems to be somewhat complex; we will run the NSCC matches independently for now.

The 127th Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships by all reports were a great success. With 250 entries this was a rather average year. National Black Powder Championships were not held in 2009 due to low attendance in 2008. Black Powder will again be held in conjunction with the 2010 CFRC programme. The Canadian 0.223/5.56 Championship and the Long Range Challenge were held in conjunction with the CFRC programme. Daniel Chisholm won the Governor General's Prize and Kelly Bachand (USA Young Eagle) won the Grand Aggregate. Detailed results of the 127th annual matches are available on the DCRA web site. The Chief Range officer Keith Bornn and staff, Pat Quinn and his Smiths Falls butts crew are all commended for their proficiency and hard work during the matches in 2009. Don Ogden took on the job of QM this year with excellent results. The Chief Range Officer (CRO), Keith Bornn, indicated that this would be his last year as CRO. He has been the CRO for more than eight years and a range officer for more years than that and we thank him for his excellent service to the DCRA. The number of cadets and cadet instructors participating in the Canadian Championships remained high, and they proved themselves to be capable representatives of Canada in all the team matches. This was the first year for the new shooting programme chairman, Mr Daniel Chisholm. Dan did an excellent job scheduling and squadding the matches.

Membership for the year starting April 1st, 2008 was reported as follows for insurance renewal:

British Columbia	100	Quebec	62
Alberta	13	New Brunswick	5
Saskatchewan	8	Nova Scotia	8
Manitoba	40	Prince Edward Island	6
Ontario	219	Newfoundland	12
NCRRA	267	TOTAL	740

-Aaron Daley for Executive Committee

#### PRA REPORTS - 2010 AGM

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA RIFLE ASSOCIATION 2009 - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The British Columbia Rifle Association (BCRA) has pursued a very active and busy shooting program this year. All our chairmen and directors have worked hard to bring the membership varied and fun shooting programs. We are indebted to them all for their hard work and dedication. All of our matches were well attended and some excellent scores were achieved. I hope that all of the membership experience a personal best in their shooting career. There is no greater feeling in this sport that attaining a personal best score.

Many of our members enjoyed success at the national and international level this year. Bill Flintoft captained the 2009 Canadian F-TR Team to the World F-class Championships at Bisley this year and his team won many awards. Paul Reibin, one of our long time members and Life Governor, was the team coach. Congratulations to your Canadian team. At the CFRC, the BCRA was aptly represented by our members in attendance. Six team championships and a number of individual wins were the highlight. Especially important was that in both our shoulder to shoulder and the concurrent teams BC NRT Cadets participated and helped us to our victories.

In 2010, a Great Britain Target Rifle Team will be attending our BCTR Championships. There is also the likelihood of a GB F-class team attending as well. Their attendance will greatly enhance our BCTR and F-class championship. Please take every opportunity to attend and compete in this event. The fellowship and level of competition that these visiting teams bring to our competitions will greatly add to your own shooting enjoyment this year.

Our Vice President, Mr. Peter Dobell, with his able assistants on the membership committee has been able to improve our membership services substantially. I think we have all noticed the improvement. We have also initiated an out reach program to the cadet shooters who participated in the Connaught Cadet Shooting programs. This is now starting to bear some fruit with cadet full-bore shooters showing interest in shooting our programs in our three regions. This will require your support to help these young shooters when they attend any of our matches. Please be helpful to their cause as they are the future of our sport.

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation of the Chilliwack Area Support Unit and CFB Esquimalt for the use of their range facilities. Our association with Pacific Region Cadets continues with our support in conducting the BC Cadet Air Rifle Championship. The BCRA also offers a postal small-bore championship each winter. The 300m BC ISSF Championship continues to be well attended. This match was successfully held at the Kamloops Target Sports Facility. The BC ISSF Championship will cycle move back to the Mission Rod and Gun Club for 2010.

I look forward to our 2010 shooting season as I am sure all or you are. Our Activity Chairmen host excellent shoots so please try to attend as many as you can. When asked to lend a hand please do so. We are all volunteers and without your help many of our programs would not exist.

I have had a double honour of being elected as Canadian Veteran's Team Captain to train and compete in the 2011 World Long

Range Championships (WLRC) in Brisbane, Australia. Secondly, I was chosen to be the National Training Coordinator for all of the WLRC national training programs being conducted by the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA) prior to the 2011 WLRC. It is my hope that the experience that I will gain will enable me to advance our marksmanship training effectiveness for the BCRA membership.

-Dave Adams - President

#### SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION 2009 - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SPRA events for the 2009 season went off largely as planned. Mr Keith Skerdhal organized and ran a one day match for F Class. Participation had to be limited to 36 shooters and was full by the end of April. It was viewed as a good start and we will see about doing this again in the future.

Our thanks to the DCRA, the office staff, Mrs Stewart and the Macdonald Stewart Foundation.

-Doug Potter

### MANITOBA PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION 2009 - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The MPRA continues to thrive and memberships continue to increase albeit not in huge numbers. We seem to be able to attract and convert hunters to F Class but cannot persuade them to travel to Ottawa to compete in the Nationals.

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting the PGW Western Canada F Class Championships. Details are on the DCRA and MPRA websites and also in the Marksman. The only factor that will affect the shoot will be if we do not get the minimum of 40 competitors signed up by the cut off date. The entry fee of \$400 seems high but \$125 or this is going towards cash prizes and there is an F Class rifle as a prize, donated by PGW.

The Canadian Forces staff set up at St Charles has changed this year and they are trying to introduce a Range Control function. It appears to be working and we have established a good working relationship with those in charge; after having to explain who we are, what we shoot and how different we are from the military.

We have recently lost the use of our Air Rifle ranges at Kapyong Barracks and Riverview Community club but have managed to find another venue close to the airport. It's not as big as we would like but we have 24hr access, 7 days a week.

Our 2009 Provincial Championship was well attended and Bruce MacDonald won the Lt Governors Medal for TR and Brian Snowball and Les Dolhun won their respective F class championships.

John Chapman is taking a PPRA team of 12 to Bisley for the NRA 150th Anniversary Imperial meet.

The Sierra shoot was well attended and we can only hope that Sierra continue their support.

Our Air Rifle program continues to flourish and Monica Fyfe, who is doing well in the United States where she is attending Jacksonville State University on a full shooting scholarship, has just finished 2nd at the Canadian Air Gun Grand Prix.

In December, four MPRA members conducted a Train the Trainer / Coach the Coach course for Cadet Instructors in prone shooting. 12 instructors attended , coming from as far as Thunder Bay and Alberta. Access to the Cadet Programs still remains a problem but we do what we can when asked to do so; we continue to assist in the Cadet Provincials Matches and still organize and run the Carty and Whitehead MPRA Cadet shoots.

The MPRA continues to be well funded by Sport Manitoba with our funding for the next 4 years now having been confirmed. We also benefit from generous Bingo revenues from the MB Lotteries Commission.

We continue to get many enquiries from our web site and advertisements in the City Of Winnipeg Leisure Guide that is published 3 times a year.

The MPRA would like to express its thanks to Mrs Liliane Stewart and the Macdonald Stewart Foundation and Sierra Bullets for their continued generous support. We would also express our thanks to the Department of National Defense, Sport Manitoba and the DCRA and staff for their continued support and assistance.

-John Chapman President MPRA

#### ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION 2009 - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of Lt. Col Adrian Praysner, the President of the ORA I am pleased to make the following presentation. The ORA was able to enjoy a full program of events in 2009 for all disciplines that included TR and F Class, Practical/Precision (which includes shooting with a scoped rifle at distances from 300 to 900yds in a program that includes competitions in deliberate, snap & moving target events), Swiss, ISU, Vintage, Service Rifle and CQB.

We would again like to thank the Commanders of CFB Borden, Kingston and London for their continued support in allowing us to use their facilities throughout the year. We would also like to thank the cadet Commanders of Blackdown and Connaught for their support during the running of Service events.

We would also like to acknowledge the contributions provided by the Governor General of Canada, The Government of Canada and Ontario, the Ontario Council of Shooters and Mrs Lilian Stewart of the MacDonald Stewart Foundation.

The Association enjoyed its 142nd year of activity in 2009. We introduced a new non-membership opportunity for non-members to experience ORA activities last year and it continued to be a success this past year. It has given interested people an opportunity to come out on a daily basis to try the discipline of their choice to see if they like it. The daily activity fee is \$40 and it's been very popular. The benefit also includes if someone does not want to initially pay the full ORA/DCRA membership fee they can pay as they go and as soon as they come out 4 times they automatically become members and become exempt from future fees.

We just finished displaying at the Toronto Sportsman Show last weekend. It offers us a great opportunity to reach out to the general public that are interested in shooting or want to expose their family to the sport. There were two shooting organizations at the show, us and the Canadian Shooting Sports Association (CSSA). We make sure that each had their brochures on display on their front tables. Two of the most common statements heard from people that drop by the booth include, "I was a cadet 25

years ago and I want to come back out to enjoy the sport" and the second is "I've wanted to try your sport but didn't know where to go to find you". We follow up with everyone that fills out a quick address form with a booklet that describes what the ORA is all about and we encourage those that don't want to leave anything behind to follow up later on our web site. It's interesting that the management of the Sportsman Show, that see hundreds of thousands go through it's doors every year moved the event for the first time in 75 years to the Provincially owned Metro Convention Centre rather than keep it at the City of Toronto owned CNE facilities, that do not support shooting in any way. The City has lost millions of dollars in revenue because of it. Well done Mayor Miller.

Our Intro Program for new shooters also enjoyed a very successful program last year. In 2008 Ric Melling and his staff put 100 people through the course, last year that number increased to 125. I would like to thank Bob Raymond, who took over the reigns of the Intro program from Ric last year after Ric moved onto Hong Kong. He has done a fantastic job for us and has stepped up the teaching quality. We also run a winter program for new shooters, held out of the Burlington Rifle Club. We have a good relationship with the club of which members of the ORA also run Junior programs for the BRA. Three or four full day courses are offered on subjects from basic shooting and equipment, mental management, wind and plot reading and the principles of hand loading. This course is followed up with two range courses early in the season. This year's program included a full classroom of 24 students. After the first class, all signed up for the remainder of the program. These are the future members of the Association. We are trying to educate them on the game as much as possible before they decide what disciplines they are going to enjoy.

It's a lot of work but the ORA is slowly getting better at transforming itself into a teacher of the sport rather than one that just



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goes out and does it. You have to keep growing in order to survive. We now have good, dedicated members running each discipline. As always, that is a large part of success, making sure you have good people working with you. This was the first time in twenty years we have had over 50 shooters out for a daily practice. Our next large undertaking will be to revamp our website. It will become very customer and information friendly.

On the competition front this past year we enjoyed another busy year. Our weekend schedule was full throughout the whole season with many marksmanship accomplishments displayed in each discipline. We hosted our 126th Provincial Championship that included over 50 cadets from Connaught. Congratulations go out to Paul Tremblay of Quebec City for winning both the Mercer Agg and the Lt. Governor's match in TR and to Tomas Bledowski and John Kajfes for winning the F Class honours respectively. At the International level, Peter Westlake was Commandant of the Canadian Bisley Team that included Ontario members Shannon Carleton, Roger Mullin, Scott Murray, Serge Bissonnette, Steve Spinney and Gary Bowman. Ontario was also represented on the Canadian F Class team that competed at Bisley for the first time by Terry Perkins and Bruce Condie. Faisel Rahman captained the Ontario team to Ottawa this year that included many team and individual awards won by TR and F Class members. Ontario won both the Provincial shoulder-to-shoulder matches and the Provincial flag. Special congratulations go out to Des Vamplew for winning the TR Bisley aggregate and numerous matches and aggregates, Gord Ogg for winning numerous F class matches an aggs and to Jim Thompson for the same in the F/F category.

In closing, we would like to thank General Romses for his leadership within the DCRA, to Aaron Daley and the DCRA staff for their continued support.

### NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION RIFLE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2009

NCRRA membership for 2009 was 224. We are implementing a lower priced first time new member category which attracts quite a few people and quite a few stay on the following year. In 2008 we had 60 new members and 40 of them rejoined in 2009. Some were from Serge Bissonnette's new shooter program and others were by word of mouth.

These members were from all four disciplines and most were in Service Rifle and Pistol.

The Target Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun Sections held their regular competitions on the Victoria Day weekend. The shotgun section conducted the Capital of Canada shoot. Competitor numbers were very similar to recent years. There is continuing scheduling interference for some USA shooters and the disappearance of the sixty cent dollar is affecting numbers from south of the border.

The Long Range match was conducted on the first weekend in July. Numbers were not strong as there were fewer competitors from southern Ontario and the USA.

Renovation of the NDHQRA Clubhouse is progressing nicely. The improved walkways, new verandah and new grass improve the outside appearance considerably and the new roof keeps us protected from the elements. Doors are next on the agenda. CRPTC/PWGSC will be continuing the improvements gradually and we should see a much improved facility in the next few years. Serge Bissonnette will continue his new shooter's program on Thursday nights and we anticipate that it will be as successful as

in past years in attracting interest and building the new member slate

Ian Robertson ran another half day hand loading seminar this year. It continues to attract members and some non-members to update their skills or learn how to reload. The exposure appears to be encouragement for new applications for new membership.

Congratulations are due to Leo D'Amour for having won the F Class Governor General's Award and to Dale Rathwell for his hard work as Adjutant of the Canadian F Class Team attending the F Class World Championships at Bisley. In addition to his work, he also placed very high in many of the matches, winning the Donegall and Wimbledon with a 2nd in the Grand Agg.

We wish George Harper, Commandant of the 2010 Bisley Team and his intrepid Vice Commandant, Fred Nachbaur, the very best of luck at Bisley this year. Other regular club members of the team are Scott Murray, Serge Bissonnette, and Fred Ellis. First time Bisley members are Marc Landreville and Scott McGinnis. Out of town members are Stan Frost, Jeff Jenkins (Adjutant), Steven Spinney, Roger Mullin and Jim Paton.

The members of NCRRA would like to thank the DCRA office staff for their assistance throughout the year, the staff of CRPTC for their understanding and flexibility with respect to our use of Connaught Ranges and of course Mrs Stewart for her continuing staunch support to members of DCRA and the PRAs.

#### QUEBEC PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION (PORA/ATPO) - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sommaire des activités 2009 :

#### 1- Cadets

- Notre programme d'épinglettes de mérite au tir ne cesse de croître si bien que nous avons du en faire fabriquer de nouvelles cette année. Ce programme compte 4 catégories soit bronze, argent, or, et or avec couleurs. Elles sont remises aux cadets qui atteignent les standards préétablis à chaque catégorie. Ce programme a créé une autre source de motivation aux cadets tireurs à leur unité au grand plaisir et aux commentaires reçus des instructeurs de tir et commandants d'unités.
- Comme par les années précédentes, nos membres ce sont impliqués dans la correction de cibles lors de 2 championnats de zone et du championnat provincial tenus respectivement en mars et avril. Nous avons pu constater par les résultats que le programme de tir des cadets rapporte des dividendes dans un ordre croissant et ce années après années. Je tiens à féliciter le Capitaine Gonthier et son équipe pour leurs implications au programme tant au niveau provincial que national.

#### 2- Programmes de tir

-En 2009 nous avions toujours 2 programmes : un pour la classe compétition et l'autre pour la classe sportive. Cette dernière a pour but d'enseigner aux membres le tir de façon sécuritaire ainsi que les principales techniques sur des distances de 100 à 300 verges avec le matériel de tir qu'ils possèdent. Ainsi nous espérons développer ces membres afin qu'ils puissent devenir un jour de futur tireurs dans la classe compétition.

-Au niveau pratiques Nos horaires, et ce dans nos 2 classes, n'on presque pas été modifiés pour les besoins de nos militaires. Nous avons eu une bonne collaboration avec le contrôle des champs de tir qui nous ont même attribuer plusieurs pratiques supplémentaires à notre horaire sans en avoir fait de demande formelle. Espérons que nous aurons les mêmes services malgré le

départ prévu d'un contingent militaire assez important cette année.

#### 3- Compétitions

-Contrairement à l'an passé, nous avons connu en général une hausse de participation à l'ensemble de nos compétitions dont certaines plus que d'autres. La mise en place d'une équipe d'expérience : Officier de ligne de tir Officiers de ligne des cibles, Marqueurs et Statisticien font que nos compétitions se déroulent promptement et avec professionnalisme. L'hébergement sur la base et plusieurs autres petites attentions font que la des tireurs qui viennent participer repartent avec le sourire.

#### 4- Administration

-Nous finissons l'année avec un bilan financier stable. Du côté recrutement, nous avons connu une très légère augmentation. La 2e année de la classe sportive, n'a pas amenée un grand nombre de nouveaux membres. à l'aide de quelques remaniements, nous espérons que la situation changera pour 2010.

5- Assemblée générale annuelle :

Suite à notre assemblée générale annuelle de 2009, notre conseil d'administration a fait peau neuve. A la suite du scrutin :

- Le Major Gaétan Duguay qui était Secrétaire Trésorier devient le nouveau Président.
- Le Sergent Alexandre Hamel devient le nouveau Vice Président.
- M. Jean Charles Marcoux devient le nouveau Secrétaire Trésorier. Je crois qu'avec ces changements l'association en sortira gagnante avec cette équipe qui a déjà plusieurs bonnes idées avant même d'être entrée en poste.

Je leur souhaite beaucoup de succès dans l'accomplissement de leurs tâches.

Un vote de remerciement à aussi été adopté à l'unanimité pour le support reçu provenant des partenaires suivants :

- -Le département de la défense Nationale pour l'utilisation des champs de tir
- -La fondation Mc Donald Stewart et Mme Liliane Stewart pour leurs contribution à l'Association.
- -La Gouverneure Général du Canada pour les médailles.
- -L'ATDC ainsi que son personnel pour leur excellent support et collaboration.

#### 1- Cadets

- Our shooting performance-based pin program was so successful that we had to have some more made for this year. There are 4 categories available in this proogram: bronze, silver, gold and gold with colors. These are awarded to cadets reaching a certain score for each category. The program has created an additional motivation for the shooters to the great pleasure of the coaching staff.
- As in previous years, our members were involved in target scoring during zone championships and provincial championships that were held in March and April respectively. Year after year we could see the benefits of the program as the results show. I would like to congratulate Capt Gonthier and his team for their continued involvement at the provincial and national levels.

#### 2- Shooting program

-In 2009 we had 2 programs: one for competition class, the other for sporting class. The later has for objective to teach members about safety and basic shooting techniques at a distance ranging from 100 to 300 yards using their current equipment. Our hope is that someday they might become interested in the competition class.

-As for practice scheduling for our 2 classes, there were hardly any changes mandated by the military. We acknowledge the good collaboration with range control that even allowed for additional practice sessions without us asking. Let's hope that this situation will repeat as there will be another large troop contingent sent this year.

3-Competitions:

-Unlike last year, there was an overall increase in the number of participants to our matches with some more than others. An experienced team of range officer, butt officer, markers and statistician make for a smooth running and add some professionalism to the matches. Housing on the base as well as care and thoughtfulness have brought a smile to the face of many shooters.

#### 4- Administration

-The financial year ends with a stable outcome. There was a slight increase in recruiting. The second year of the sporting class did not provide many new members. With a few changes we hope that we will be able to turnaround this situation for 2010.

5- Annual general meeting:

After our 2009 annual general meeting, our board has renewed as following the officers election:

- -Major Gaétan Duguay (previous treasurer) is now President
- -Sergeant Alexandre Hamel is now Vice-President
- -Mr. Jean Charles Marcoux is now Treasurer

I believe that with these changes our Association will be in great shape, this team having many great ideas right from the start. I wish them all the success to accomplish their job.

A unanimous vote of thanks was obtained from the annual general meeting for the continued support from our partners:

- -Department of National Defense for the availability of their shooting ranges.
- -Mc Donald Stewart foundation and Mrs Liliane Stewart for their contribution to the Association.
- -The Governor General of Canada for the medal awards.
- -DCRA and its personnel for their excellent support and collaboration.

-Jacques Denis PQRA outgoing President

#### **NOVA SCOTIA RIFLE ASSOCIATION**

#### **PREAMBLE**

The year 2008-2009 was the sixth 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.

#### **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 was open during the year but has a maximum distance of 600 yards. 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 these ranges all Fullbore Target Rifle activities were held at our 800 meter 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 135th Annual Prize Meet and the Irish Cup match. All 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.

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

The 2009 outdoor season was reasonably successful. Activities were scheduled on a regular basis at our Bull Meadow facility. 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 seven standard Service Rifle matches, two sponsored Service Rifle matches and five Precision Rifle matches. The Section has active and enthusiastic participation and cooperates successfully with local Canadian Forces units. Four NSRA members competed in the 2009 CFSAC. Third place in the Reserves category was won by NSRA member David Ferguson. The Regular Force Queens Medal was won by Navy Petty Officer Martin Cashin, NSRA Vice-president. Martin is currently deployed to Afghanistan.

#### **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 2009 we were not requested to provide any support for the Canadian Cadet Marksmanship matches.

The Association was not contracted in 2009 to staff and manage the Land Force Area Atlantic Service Rifle and Service Pistol competition held at Aldershot as we had been in 2007 and 2008.

#### **PROMOTION and MEMBERSHIP**

In 2009 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 slight decrease in 2008-2009 from the previous. For the year ending October 31st, 2009 our membership dropped by 8 to 106 individuals from its 2008 level of 114 annual members.

#### RANGE DEVELOPMENT

With 2005 marking the completion of the key elements of our Bull

Meadow Range Complex, our 2009 focus was on enhancements and maintenance projects such as a hardened firing line on the 50 meter range and road and parking upgrades. 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 esthetic and operational enhancements.

#### **GENERAL**

For the year 2008-2009 NSRA obtained its liability insurance from the National Firearms Association.

The Association continued a 'partial con-joint DCRA membership policy' in 2009. 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**

#### **Firearms Office**

During our previous report to DCRA, RNBRA reported on a difficult situation that had arisen within the province regarding the issuance of Authorization to Transport permits to RNBRA affiliated clubs. The Chief Firearms Officer had notified the target shooting clubs throughout the province that the Firearms Office would no longer recognize the RNBRA provincial network of affiliated shooting clubs with respect to the issuance of ATT permits. That policy change was a major departure from established procedure and caused considerable stress and difficulties for RNBRA and our provincial network of affiliated clubs.

I am pleased to report that situation has been successfully resolved. Negotiations between RNBRA, the Firearms Office and the Provincial Firearms Advisory Committee resulted in a resolution satisfactory to all the parties. RNBRA values cooperative relations with our government agencies in our mutual pursuit of public safety in all aspects of Canadian society. We look forward to continuing cooperative relationships between our target shooting fraternity and our government agencies.

#### Provincial Firearms Advisory Committee (PFAC)

The Provincial Government of New Brunswick established a Firearms Advisory Committee to provide advice to the Minister of Public Safety on firearm related issues in New Brunswick. The Minister appointed people to his advisory committee from within the firearms community with expertise in various aspects of firearms such as the various disciplines of rifl/ pistol competition, shotgun shooting, black powder shooting, hunting sports, firearms collecting, gun smithing, gun collecting, and shooting range ownership and operation. We have been informed that the New Brunswick provincial FirearmsAdvisory Committee is the only provincial firearms advisory committee of this kind in the country

The RNBRA is well represented on this advisory committee and as such we are a key player on firearms related issues in the province. The PFAC has been able to contribute advice to the Minister on firearms related issues that has been implemented into government policy relating to firearms issues in the province. RNBRA is optimistic about the continued effective collegial working relationship between the Minister and the firearms community in New Brunswick.

#### Competition

Our competition season was again active with competitions held across a variety of target shooting disciplines including Small Bore Rifle, Full Bore Rifle, Precision pistol, IPSC pistol, Shotgun, Cowboy Action and Air Gun events. Our members participated in local, provincial, interprovincial and national competitions. RNBRA was represented at the DCRA national championship by shooters in TR class and MTR class. RNBRA is excited by the winning of the Governor General's Match at the DCRA national championships by Daniel Chisholm an active member of our association. Daniel has the distinction of having previously won in MTR class at DCRA nationals. The winning of the Governor General's match was the highlight of the competition season for RNBRA.

RNBRA is most pleased to have hosted the first inaugural provincial shotgun championship. Working collegially with our shotgun section the first provincial shotgun championship was successfully held this past fall. Shotgun enthusiasts from around the province were hosted to the inaugural championship at the Fredericton Trap and Skeet club.

#### Air Gun

RNBRA has placed a priority on youth air gun shooting recognizing youth as the future enthusiasts of our target shooting sports. A generation of target shooters have not followed into the ranks of the various shooting sports behind those who followed the previous generations into our sport, a lost generation so to speak. In response we are encouraging the senior shooters of our member clubs to develop emphasis on youth and establish air rifle and air pistol programs. As our clubs have embraced youth air gun shooting our senior shooters are reporting increased excitement in club members working with youth. As our clubs focus attention on the development of youth air gun programs members are coming forward from long periods of inactivity to support the young shooters with time, knowledge and equipment. We are finding the communities will readily support efforts for youth shooting who were not interested in the support of established shooting clubs. We look to this youth priority as a long term focus to recapture the lost generation of youth entering the target shooting sports. The air gun programs are attracting young female shooters in addition to our traditional male dominated sport.

#### Leadership

The successful sustainability of organizations depends on the continuous flow of competent, committed leadership to fill the senior executive positions of the organizations. Identification of competent committed leadership for volunteer organizations has become a challenge for all volunteer organizations. Our young generation of professionals in the work force do not appear to have the inclination of previous generations to volunteer for leadership positions in the community. This is a challenge for our association as it has become for most other volunteer organizations.

On the subject of leadership we have been most fortunate to have

had Colonel Mike Pearson Commander of CFB Gagetown accept the position of Honorary President of the Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association. RNBRA has a very long respectable association with the Canadian Army of which we take great pride, and we are excited with Colonel Pearson's acceptance of our Honorary Presidency. During my meetings with the Colonel I learned that he is knowledgeable with the target shooting sports and with the history of RNBRA.

#### **Range Certification**

Several of our shooting ranges are due for safety inspection and re certification. It is anticipated that some shooting ranges will not meet safety requirements and the facilities have not been maintained to standards and therefore they will not receive certification for operation. There are ramifications under the Firearms Act for members of a shooting club that is not certified for operation, particularly those members with restricted / prohibited firearms. It is therefore in the best interests of shooting ranges and their members to maintain their facilities up to standards at all times. The Firearms Office has the discretion regarding the length of time for range certification. If in the opinion of the inspector the facility has not been maintaining the range up to standards then the range certification period will be of shorter duration. Clubs have found that the costs of maintaining a facility are less then the costs of major upgrades to meet inspection. This is an issue worthy of keeping to the attention of member clubs.

#### **Upcoming Season**

We were blessed with a very mild and moderate winter in New Brunswick with many ranges able to conduct shooting activities throughout the winter months on a reduced scale. We anticipate being on our outdoor ranges earlier then usual and enjoying an extended outdoor shooting season.

-Robert Kierstead Ch.P.C. BA MEd, President Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association

# Next Annual General Meeting

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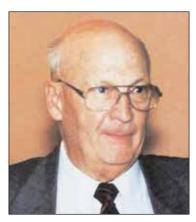
### Farewell to....

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

Duane Salloum 14 September 2010 Jean Dreger-McKeever 8 October 2010

Lt Col (Ret'd) Reginald "Rex" Fendick 23 September 2010

#### Duane Salloum, PhD (26th August 1923 - 14th September 2010)



The DCRA lost one of its most productive Life Governors when Duane Salloum died peacefully in Ottawa at the age of 87, a year and two days after the passing of Verna, his beloved wife of 64 years. Duane's wisdom, wit and keen sense of good taste will be missed by all who had the good fortune of knowing him.

Born in Gouverneur, Saskatchewan, Duane started shooting as a typical prairie boy. His parents died at a young age, so he was raised in his teens by grandparents who had immigrated from Lebanon. Shortly after commencing university studies during WW2, Duane joined the RCAF and trained as aircrew, but hostilities ended before he was called into action. During this time he met and married Verna, who was also in the RCAF.

After the war, Duane obtained a BSc in Mechanical Engineering and an MSc, both from the University of Saskatchewan, and then started work as a production engineer in a pulp and paper mill at Pine Falls, Manitoba. There he took up rifle marksmanship as a serious sport, attending

various Provincial Rifle Association matches before moving up to compete in the DCRA's annual Canadian Championships. Many were the times he drove non-stop to Ottawa and back with a car full of fellow shooters from Manitoba.

Duane joined the Royal Canadian Engineers as a Reserve officer, eventually retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Few shooters know that he won the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct when rescuing a soldier during a freak storm on Lake Winnipeg. The last line of his bravery citation reads, "Lt Salloum refuses all praise for the job, insisting that since he was the senior person present it was his obvious duty to leave the boat and go out to look after a companion." He followed that precept throughout his life.

Duane continued his avid rifle shooting after moving to Montreal in 1962, where he soon became President of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association. He and his son Doug won places on Quebec's Rifle Team, while Verna and daughters Sharon and Pat helped run many PQRA shoots and social functions.

Duane was first elected to the DCRA's Executive Committee in the mid 1960s, and continued to serve ably on it until his death. For the first few years, he and Don McCrea would come down from Montreal to Ottawa and back by train to attend Executive Committee meetings on the first Monday evening of every month. The DCRA's Offices in those days were at 200-1/2 Bank Street; Alan Coulter and then George Patrick were the DCRA's Presidents, while Gord Switzer was Secretary-Treasurer. Giants such as Des Burke, Jim Houlden, Tommy Vamplew, Nelson Colville, Gil Hirst, and Bill Strachan would hold sway in debating and organizing SR(a) and SR(b) shooting with the Lee-Enfield rifle, and its subsequent conversion to NATO's then-new 7.62mm calibre.

Duane moved to Ottawa in the mid 1970s, after obtaining his PhD in environmental engineering at McGill. He soon became a Director General in the Department of the Environment, where he was instrumental in the cleanup of North America's Great Lakes, and travelled extensively to promote world environmental issues.

Duane loved rifle shooting and gave back freely to it. Whenever something needed doing, he would accept yet another voluntary position of responsibility, serving on several important committees and later as President of the National Defence Headquarters Rifle Association and as the DCRA's Comptroller. From 1986 to 1991, he was "Mr. DCRA" itself when he became its Executive Director. Duane laboured ably and devotedly in all these vital roles, both in the trenches and at the helm, and his drive, wisdom and no-nonsense approach constantly produced sound results. While seeking none of the credit, he worked successfully on the creation of Conjoint PRA/DCRA memberships, the rewriting of the DCRA's Rulebook, the establishment and building of an NDHQRA Shotgun Section and Clubhouse, the planning and construction of the DCRA's Headquarters Building at Connaught Ranges, and the recent major renovation of the NCRRA's much-envied Clubhouse at Connaught.

Perhaps one of his greatest contributions was his foresight and expertise in placing the DCRA on a firm financial footing for many years. In the late 1980's, he read the financial climate correctly and made long-term investments of the DCRA's funds in 12% GICs. As a result, when the DCRA's Government Grant ceased, and then GIC returns declined in the mid 1990's, the DCRA was able to sustain itself for a significant time on the interest from Duane's wise investments.

Duane's shooting career brought him much pleasure, and it was with utmost delight that he found himself winning the prestigious Letson Match. But he didn't need the Life Membership that came with that, because he had already been elected a DCRA Life Governor. He won a place on the 1975 Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley, where he managed to abscond with tin beer trays from most of the 54 clubhouses on "The Common". He also attempted Match rifle shooting at 1,200 yards, but couldn't rest his rifle across his ankles ankles in the "back position" (at least, not without risk of blowing his toes off).

In 1977, Duane suffered a heart attack while in South Africa, which prevented him from joining Ontario's Rifle Team to Bisley that summer. Nevertheless, soon after open-heart surgery he was back enjoying himself on the ranges and again working hard for his beloved cause of rifle shooting. He later had a triple bypass operation in Oct 1989. He lost none of his sense of humour, wit, effectiveness or drive due to these medical setbacks, but they did initiate a mellowing in his approach to life.

Trips with Duane to the PQRA's Annual Championships at Mount Bruno were always pleasurable and "interesting". Firstly, there was the problem of getting there, because (despite having lived in Montreal for many years) Duane's directions often produced unexpected visits to the USA border, many miles out of the way. Next, abetted by PQRA bon viveurs Gerard Martin and Jean-Claude Roy, Duane would introduce us to Montreal's finest dining and wining - following which a frantic search would occur to see who's shooting shoes would fit Duane because he'd forgotten his.

Duane again appeared on the international shooting scene as Commandant of Canada's 1985 Bisley and Palma Rifle Teams, when he gleefully rediscovered how much noise, smoke and flame could be produced at night by the cannon outside the Canadian Pavilion. When age and health caused him to stop rifle shooting, Duane took up skeet shooting, pursuing it in his inevitably intense fashion with a top-of-the-line shotgun. He gained considerable enjoyment and recognition in this sport, earning several Canadian and North American titles in various seniors' categories.



Despite his heart attack, open-heart surgeries, typical shooter's hearing impairment, and later frequent dialysis, Duane retained all his remarkable mental faculties. He relearned Arabic in his mid 70s in order to visit Lebanon with his brother Bud, continued competitive shooting into his late 80s, and solved the Ottawa Citizen's most difficult Sudoku puzzles until the day before he died. His last appearance at a DCRA function occurred only a month before that, when he attended the "Meet and Greet" party at the 2010 Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships, reminiscing wittily and enjoyably with many old friends and opponents alike.

Not for Duane were wasted efforts, impracticality, fallacies, self-aggrandizement, or pursuit of the superficial. He was hard-nosed but always fair. He had an ascerbic wit and didn't suffer fools or prima donnas gladly. Despite his (rather apparent) gruff approach to dissenters, he had a heart of gold which was set truly upon the welfare and success of the DCRA. He would say on many occasions "I only have one vote", and then he always used that vote with great wisdom. His keen sense of personal duty prevented most Canadian shooters from realizing just how many debts of gratitude they owe him, even though they will benefit from his efforts and forethought for a long time to come.

When Duane referred to someone as "your friend", you knew he was talking about your worst enemy. But when people say that they will miss "our friend" Duane, you know that their sentiments are genuine.

The DCRA's sincere condolences are passed to his surviving family, together with our great thanks for enabling him to serve the sport of shooting for so long and in so many fruitful ways.

-Submitted by Dave Rumbold

#### Lt. Colonel (retired) Reginald "Rex" Frost Fendick (CD)



Rex died at home in Nauwigewauk, NB on 23 September 2010 at the age of 86. Rex was an accomplished target shooter and won the King's Medal in 1948 for top shot in the Canadian Forces. He was three times a member of Canada's national shooting team at Bisley; once as Commandant of the Cadet corps and as a member of the DCRA team in 1955 and 1959.

Our condolences to his family.

#### Jean Dreger-McKeever



Jean passed away quietly on October 8, 2010. As a young adult, she was an accomplished marksman. In 1964 she won the Bisley Aggregate (Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championship), and was a member of the 1965 Canadian Rifle team to Bisley, England. She was named Calgary's Sportswoman of the Year in 1965.

The DCRA's sincere condolences to her family.



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.



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