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A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Aaron Daley
Secretary-Treasurer



A great 2011 shooting season on the way...

The 2011 Canadian Fullbore Championships promise to be an excellent competition. The black powder, fullbore and service rifle competitions are all lining up to be the best they have been since I have been in the match director's chair. While this will be my last set of matches I have no doubt they will be the best yet. It is up to you to make sure that attendance is also good. Encourage new shooters, whether F-Class or Target Rifle.

As you will see in the following pages the DCRA is searching for a new Secretary-Treasurer and match director. It is time for me to move on to other things. If you know anybody in the National Capital Region that might be interested in this position please encourage them to inquire or apply. As it is a part time position spread unevenly over the year the position is perfect for someone who is newly retired or who is looking at getting back into the job market but does not want to be full time.

On the subject of governance I encourage all members to attend this year's AGM. The Friday preceding the AGM there will be a full day 'think tank' held. This is your chance to examine the issues facing the DCRA and to have your say in how the organization works. I truly hope that there is a cross section of members at this think tank as the DCRA needs the opinions of its younger members so that it might utilize some of today's technology to help attract new shooters in the TR and F-Class world.

This year's Black powder and Service Conditions matches are well positioned to attract the maximum number of shooters. Black Powder scoring will now be incorporated into the Canadian Championships scoring program. This will leave Chris Jones to concentrate on his shooting and coordinating the all important

post-match social events. The Service Condition match schedule is very well positioned to attract both civilian and military shooters. Invitations to various law enforcement, military and para-military organizations will go out early this year. If you know of any organizations that should attend this event please tell them about it or tell me who they are. Word of mouth is our best form of advertising.

If you haven't had a chance to look at the DCRA website lately, please have a look. I think the format and the timeliness of the information on our website has improved a lot over the past few years. It is you the members who do the best job at making sure the website is up to date. If you want to see information up on the webpage, let me know. If something is out of date or wrong, let me know about that too. Email any content, information or suggestions to office@dcra.ca with 'website' in the subject line. Keep in mind the webmaster is an amateur, but doing his best!

Finally I want to mention the changes that have taken place in the DCRA office over the past few years. At this point there is one full time position, the office manager and two part time positions, the bookkeeper and the secretary treasurer. Over the past many years the programme director, for the benefit of shooters at large, has tried very hard to keep the costs of shooting from increasing. As a result match fees have perhaps not changed as much as they could have or should have over the past ten years. While I am very proud of the work that is done in the DCRA office, I have spent the last few years trying to change its priorities. Without the increases in match fees the money allocated to office hours has understandably had to decrease, and as a result the time the office staff has to deal with various issues has also decreased. Please keep in mind that the staff will continue to work their hardest for you, they may not get to your issue right away. I would encourage you to volunteer or to continue to volunteer for the organization. The members and volunteers are traditionally the horsepower of any organization. There is a lot that members can help with, including updating policies, bylaws, verifying postal program targets and much more.

Best of luck in this year's competitions, I look forward to coming to the Canadian Championships in the future as a shooter, and as member of the DCRA...not to mention as a volunteer!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The DCRA is always looking for volunteers during the Canadian Championships
If you are available and would like to volunteer, please advise the office.

Volunteers are needed for the Governor General's Leader Board,
prize presentations and many other positions.

Use of Credit Cards for making payments to the DCRA

Credit cards are a convenience to the user and, with the advent of "premium cards" may bring bonuses in the form of travel and other rewards. The use of credit cards for payments to the DCRA has been increasing, with the charges levied for this service by the credit card companies now approaching \$6,000 per annum. The charges levied vary with the type of card, but are around 4% on the average. Up to now, the DCRA has absorbed the charges in its operating budget. However, whilst not wishing in any way to prevent the use of credit cards, the Executive Committee has agreed that the costs of this service should be carried by those who use it, not covered by the membership at large. Effective immediately, the cost of any programme or assessment fees will be shown as two amounts. If you choose to pay by cash or cheque, you will pay the lower amount. If you would rather pay by credit card, the cost will be 4% higher in order to recover the administration fees levied by the card issuers.

Please be advised that this policy will be in effect only for programme and assessment fees, there will be no change to kit shop purchases and we will continue gratefully to receive credit card payments for any and all donations.

Bisley Team 2012

Unfortunately, because of the Marksman deadline, following the approval of the revised procedures for Bisley Team Selection, which are published in this issue of the Marksman and on the DCRA web site, it has not been possible to include a message from the 2012 Bisley Team Officers. This note is to act as a reminder to those interested in applying for the 2012 team.

The Team Officers are:

Commandant Bob Best

Adjutant Paul Dudzinski

both from British Columbia. They may be contacted via the DCRA Office.

Both Target Rifle and F Class shooters are welcome to apply for the Team, as described in the procedures.

For those who do not shoot in the Canadian Championships, the deadline date for applications to be received in the DCRA Office is 30 September 2011.

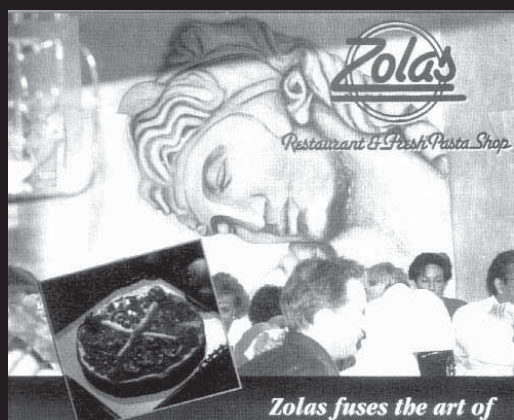
The selection process will start immediately after the Canadian Championships.

If anyone has any questions on this, please contact me through the DCRA.

Jim Thompson

Chairman, International Teams Committee, DCRA

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Our 2011 Programme largely follows from 2011. One minor tweak concerns the Warm-ups over the first two days. In any given morning or afternoon you may buy as many **Squadded Practice** slots as you wish, **OR** you may enter any of the **Warm-up Matches** (Gooderham, Sierra Canadian Long Range Challenge, etc). The entry form has been modified to show you these alternatives.

During the Grand Aggregate we will continue to offer a walk-up practice target every day, either in the morning or in the afternoon, depending on the availability of spare markers.

We will continue to squad all **F-Class** competitors on the same relay and physically together on the range, and F-Class will continue to use special “one-ring-in” (~1-MOA 5-ring) F-Class targets. Also, later in the week's shooting, **all team matches will allow F-Class** entries or alongside participation; see blog or Programme for full details.

We are now in the third year of our three year trial of **ICFRA Rules** for TR and F-Class. Our rules (DCRA-original, plus modified ICFRA TR, plus modified ICFRA F-Class) can be downloaded for free as a large .PDF file from the DCRA website, or a **printed rule book** is available for \$10.

For **.223 Rem rifles** in both TR and F-class, please note that there is no longer a bullet weight limit.

Just like 2010, we are “**merging**” the **ICFRA F/TR class into the Canadian F/Farquharson class**, using the least-restrictive rules from each, in essence “**heavy bullets OK, tripods OK**”. Somewhat more wordily, you may shoot any weight bullet with your .223 Rem or .308 Win, and you may also use any type of front rest that is legal for F/Open.

Social. Please consider buying a ticket to our “**Meet and Greet**” dinner on the first Saturday evening in the tent which is a great way of welcoming new shooters to our match and meeting up with the year after year regulars. Last year we invited a large contingent of Cadets to the dinner and initiated a “meet your Junior/Senior Pairs partner” theme. We hope that we can cement a lasting relationship to some of the younger shooters and see them too take up target rifle shooting as a lifetime pursuit.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in August, and would love to hear any comments, questions or suggestions you might have (email dmc@danielchisholm.com).

Please come shoot with us in August, and get your entry in now to let us know you'll be coming. At certain key dates we will make final decisions on staffing, after which we can only accept entries on a space-available basis.

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Selection Trials for the Commonwealth Games, Scotland, 2014

The next Commonwealth Games will be held in Scotland in late July 2014. At the time of writing, the dates for the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships (CSFC) have not been confirmed by the CSF, but it is likely that they will be in the same time frame in 2013. Hence, both events are likely to come after the Bisley Meeting but before the Canadian Championships. This means that 2013 is not available for the Canadian selection process.

The DCRA Executive Committee has approved the following recommendations of the International Teams Committee with respect to the process to select the two fullbore shooters to represent Canada in 2014.

- a. On the assumption that the dates of the CSFC in 2013 will be in late July, there will be a two-year Selection Trial be held at the Canadian Championships starting in 2011.
- b. In 2011, all eligible Canadians will be regarded as being in the Selection Trial. The Selection Aggregate will be the Canadian Target Rifle Championship, less the 800m and 900m ranges of the Beckett, Alexander and Gibson.
- c. In 2012, the top 20 shooters from 2011 will be invited to take part in Part 2 of the Trial. Registration, along with a \$50 registration fee, will be required. Shooters in the top 20 who do not wish to participate will be replaced in order of the scores from 2011. The \$50 fee will go into the Overseas Teams Fund (OTF), which is dedicated to the support of our Commonwealth Games endeavours. All 20 shooters will be squadded in the same relays of the Canadian Championships, so that they will shoot shoulder-to-shoulder. Scores in the Canadian Target Rifle Championship will be added to the scores made in 2011. In addition, there will be an additional full day of shooting, firing Stages II (10 at 300-500-600) and III (15 at 800-900) of the CWG event, held on the Sunday following the conclusion of the Canadian Championships.
- d. After the shooting, with all scores to count, the top two shooters will be named as those selected for the CSFC and CWG. The third shooter will be named as the reserve.
- e. Drugs testing may be required by the SFC and/or CCGA following the end of the Trial. Any fees will be paid from the OTF.
- f. It is intended that all three shooters, with the Manager/Coach, will attend the CSFC in 2013, and the top two shooters with the M/C attend the CWG.
- g. Funding, as far as possible, for attendance at the CSFC will come from the Overseas Teams Fund.

Jim Thompson
Chairman, International Teams Committee



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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE

2011 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

First Thursday, 18th August - AM

The CANLOAN & Rex Goddard (Cadet Teams),
7 rds at 500 and 600y

First Friday, 19th August - AM

Black Powder 10rds at 200y, 300y, 500y
The Canadian 223/556 Championship, 15 rds at 300, 500y
Squadded Practice 300y, 500y, 800m

First Friday, 19th August - PM

Black Powder 10rds at 600y, another 10 rds at 600y
The Sierra Canadian Long Range Challenge Day 1,
15 rds at 900m (twice)
The Canadian 223/556 Championship, 15 rds at 800m
Squadded Practice 600y, 900m

First Friday, 19th August - Evening

The Ottawa Regiment, 15 rds at 800m

First Saturday, 20th August - AM

Black Powder 10rds at 700m, 10 rds at 800m,
another 10 rds at 800m
The Gooderham, 15 rds at 500y and 10 rds at 900m
Squadded Practice 500y, 900m

First Saturday, 20th August - PM

Black Powder 10rds 900m, another 10 rds at 900m
The Army & Navy Veterans, 15 rds at 900m
The Canadian 223/556 Championship, 15 rds at 800 and 900m
The Sierra Canadian Long Range Challenge Day 2,
15 rds at 900m (twice)
Squadded Practice 900m

First Sunday, 21st August - AM

Black Powder International Team Match 30rds 900m
The Tilton, 10 rounds at 300m and 600y

First Sunday, 21st August - PM

THE GRAND AGGREGATE COMMENCES
The Macdougall, 10 rounds at 300m and 500y

First Monday, 22nd August - AM

The Norman Beckett, 10 rounds at 300m
The Colonel John C. Brick, 10 rounds at 500y

First Monday, 22nd August - PM

The Norman Beckett , 10 rounds at 800m
The Colonel John C. Brick, 10 rounds at 600y

First Tuesday, 23rd August - AM

The Letson, 7 rounds at 300m and 500y

First Tuesday, 23rd August - PM

The Coaches Match (TR & F Class Teams), 10 rounds at 900m
The Alexander of Tunis, 10 rounds at 900m
The Letson, 7 rounds at 600y

First Wednesday, 24th August - AM

The President's, 10 rounds at 300m and 500y

First Wednesday, 24th August - PM

The Gibson, 10 rounds at 800m
The President's, 10 rounds at 600y

Second Thursday, 25th August - AM

The Gibson, 10 rds at 300m and 600y

Second Thursday, 25th August - PM

The Provincial (team), 15 rds at 600y
The London Merchants (team), 15 rds at 900m
The Outlander (team), 15 rds at 600y and 900m
The F-Class Thursday (team) 15 rds at 600y and 900m
The Street, 15 rds at 700, 800 and 900m
The Michael Faraday (team), 7 rds at 300, 500 and 600y

Second Friday, 26th August - AM

The Gatineau, 15 rds at 900m

THE GRAND AGGREGATE FINISHES

Second Friday, 26th August - PM

The Commonwealth (team), Under-25 Long Range (team),
Lum Trophy (team) and Algonquin (team) F Class Friday
(Team) ,10 rds at 800 and 900m
The T. Hayhurst , 10 rds at 300, 500 and 600y

Second Saturday, 27th August - AM

The Canada (team), Under-25 Short Range (team), Seniors
(team) and Lansdowne (team): 10 rds at 300, 500 and 600y
The S.J. Perry, 15 rds at 700, 800 and 900m
F Class Friday (team) 10rds at 700, 800, 900m

Second Saturday, 27th August - Noon-ish

The Patron's (F Class Final) 15 rds at 800 and 900m
The Parting Shot (F Class), 15 rds at 800 and 900m
The Parting Shot (TR), Relay 1, 15 rds at 800 and 900m

Second Saturday, 27th August - PM

The Parting Shot (TR), Relay 2, 15 rds at 800 and 900m
The Patron's (Governor General's Final) 15 rds at 800 and 900m

Second Saturday, 27th August - evening

PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Be a Part of Canadian History

Since the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association started in 1868 it has promoted and conducted courses of fire suitable for service conditions firearms. Although they have changed with the evolution of service rifles they have always had one driving force behind them: to develop marksmanship skills.

This 143 years of Canadian history continues today with the National Service Conditions Championships (NSCC). These matches are the only ones of their kind in the world. Nowhere else can civilians shoot alongside military competitors in competitions involving deliberate fire, snap shooting, rapid fire and run downs. In fact, at Bisley the NRA shoot a few similar matches for civilians only but they are not allowed to use semi-automatic rifles. Instead they use AR type rifles which have been modified to shoot like bolt action rifles. In Australia and New Zealand they are not allowed to use semi-automatic rifles and have similar courses of fire using only bolt action service rifles. In the United States, what they call Service Rifle matches does allow the use of semi-auto service rifle look alikes and include the use of heavy leather and canvas shooting jackets and slings. They shoot at round bullseyes and have a very limited course of fire. They are not allowed to use optic sights.

At NSCC we shoot service/tactical rifle, operational/duty pistol and precision/sniper rifle. Each weapon class can be shot individually for its own National Championship or you can shoot in all three for the National 3-Gun Championship.

There are two classes: The open class in which everyone shoots and the CF/RCMP class which is for CF/RCMP personnel only shooting issue equipment.

The Service Rifle matches involve deliberate fire, snap shooting, rapid fire and run downs from each distance 200, 300, 400 and 500 meters. There are also moving target matches at 300, 200, 100 and at 50 meters. And tactical rifle matches at 100, 75, 50 and 25 meters. The best rifle for these matches is any AR/semi-auto type rifle with an optic sight that will elevate back to 500 meters.

The Precision/Sniper rifle matches shoot from 200 to 800 meters. Here you will get rapid follow-up, agony snaps, moving targets, snap shooting and deliberate fire. The best rifle for these matches is any bolt action/semi-auto that will group minute of angle or better.

The Pistol matches involve "skills drills" type matches where you need to be able to not only shoot well but be able to properly handle your pistol to succeed. The best pistol for these matches is any which are logical and practical for operations.

There will be prizes in each class for each match, for aggregates, teams and champions. More information about the courses of fire and other details can be found in the NSCC rule book on the DCRA website. As well a booklet summarizing NSCC can also be found there and will be available for hand out shortly.

If you have specific questions about NSCC contact:

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The Canadian Forces Combat Shooting Team in Bisley 2010



Photo credits to Ryan Steacy and Joe Jasper



The Canadian Forces Combat Shooting Team in Bisley 2010

Captain Joe Jasper, (adapted from a previous article for the Western Sentinel)

Canadian Forces soldiers in July 2010 returned to Canada after a very busy summer of shooting, it was not combat but it was close enough to achieve mental stress, physical exhaustion, and thousands of empty brass casings. In fact, this military adventure even ended in Canadian soldiers bringing home medals, accolades, and giant trophies. This endeavour started with the noteworthy success of the Land Forces Western Area Combat Shooting Team performance at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Concentration (CFSAC) in 2009 where successes in both the main competition and the Canadian Army Small Arms Meeting (CASAM) led to the Western Area Combat Shooting Team being given the honour of providing the core of the teams to international competitions in Australia, the United States, and most importantly the Central Skill at Arms Meeting (CENTSAM) in Bisley, United Kingdom. Top CF shooters on the team came from British Columbia to Nova Scotia and included the 2009 Reserve Queen's Medalist, the next two runners up, five of the six Letson Cup winners from 3 PPCLI. Several more of the best Service Rifle shooters in Canada rounded out the team including Cpl Dave Ferguson who would go on later that summer to win the 2010 Reserve Queen's Medal. The Canadian Forces Combat Shooting Team's (CFCST) shooting skill backed up with excellent cohesion and team morale this year proved to be a deciding winning factor in success at Bisley.

CENTSAM, is the military Service Rifle portion of the larger Imperial Meeting in Bisley and needs no introduction to military competitive shooters worldwide. The British Army's Operational Shooting Competition (AOSC) is shot simultaneous to the National Rifle Association's events and utilizes Century range and the Pirbright and Ash ranges at the nearby British Army Brunswick Camp. CENTSAM is really a combination of the AOSC and the NRA events, shot only by serving regular, reserve, and international teams. This year saw British Army regular and Territorial Army teams joined by teams from the Canadian Forces, New Zealand Army, Sultan of Oman's Armed Forces, and Falkland Island Defence Force teams.

This year the team had a majority of first timers at Bisley and the team had to contend with a condensed training period. One week in Wainwright, Alberta was all the coach had to gel the team into a tight squad of competitive combat shooters. The coach, WO Dave Oakie was well up to the task. A two time Queen's Medalist and four time Bisley team veteran was recently honoured by being awarded the Edmonton Garrison Coach of the year for 2009 and won the 2009 Army Coach of the Year at the CF Sports awards in Ottawa. Coach Dave was the LFWA Head Coach for the last two years and his team won the Top CF Sports Team for 2009. Coach Dave whipped the Bisley troops into shape quickly, scraping off the rust of half a year without shooting at a national competitive level.

Ironically, busy operational tempo keeps soldiers so busy these days they do not have time to train marksmanship, especially at an advanced competitive level. Reservists are often left to train mostly on their own time and money and they all will often still come together to form a national shooting team capable of shooting beside the best shooters in the world. Happily, despite Coach Dave's almost 30 year absence from the Bisley shooting scene,

this year was still a great success story for the troops.

The competition is fun and challenging, but at times could be easily described as brutal. Temperatures soared into a humid 30+ degrees every day. All matches were shot in full armour including helmets, ballistic vests, plates, and tactical equipment. Physically exhausting tasks are a normal precursor to most matches. The Whitehead Cup involves a 500 meter sprint in full battle kit in three minutes followed by a 500 meter run and shoot event. The Parachute Regiment Cup involves a four man team in full kit carrying a 70 kg dummy 300 meters, and reloading magazines with trembling hands and heaving lungs all within six minutes. The team then sprints 100 meters with heavy ammunition cans to the firing point where they commence a 500 meter rundown. It was an incredible feeling to prove to yourself that you are fit enough and skilled enough to do those tasks and then under competitive and timed stress shoot your issued C7A2 rifle at a man size target at half a kilometre away (500 meters) scoring hits every time.

This year's team pulled off impressive victories including some major trophy wins. Cpl Ryan Steacy from LFWA's British Columbia Regiment pulled off the biggest individual win by capturing the Queen Mary match win. The incredible trophy is a twin award of silver pitchers and plate combos that was originally awarded at Wimbledon, the original location of this legendary competition in the 1800's. The award is allegedly insured for about four million British pounds and the original twin pitcher/plate combo has now been separated with part of the other half awarded at the famous tennis competition in Wimbledon.

3 PPCLI's Cpl Leander Volz also had an impressive victory with the paratrooper pulling off a gold medal win in the Standing event, an extremely difficult event that was won with him shooting a possible.

Cpl Dave Ferguson (1 NSH) was the lead scorer (another possible) on a gold medal team win of the Brinsmead match which saw a massive silver shield and gold medals awarded to Cpl Dave Ferguson (1 NSH), Cpl Ryan Steacy (BCR), Cpl Kyle Roder (BCR), and Capt Joe Jasper (3 PPCLI) with scores of 50, 49, 48, and 47 out of 50 which edged out the rival Omani team by a narrow margin.

Numerous other silver and bronze medal wins in the Territorial Army, Regular Army, and NRA matches mark this as a highly successful year for the CFCST. The Canadian Forces possesses world-class shooters, coaching, and support to compete at the center of Service Rifle shooting in the Commonwealth if not the world. Hopefully back in Canada with more victories such as these, a passion for Service Rifle and other marksmanship pursuits will be restored to former glory in the Canadian Forces as a training vehicle, recreation, and sport that is truly representative of a soldier's lifestyle. Special thanks from the CFCST must go out to the DCRA for their gracious support in letting the CF team stay in the MacDonald-Stewart Pavilion during the competition. Staying in this fine piece of history made our team the envy of all the competitors and Gary and Julia were exceptional hosts. Best of luck goes out to 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment who will take the lead on the 2011 team and the rest of the team who make the short list, bring home the gold!

Capt Jasper is a member of the CF and a great supporter of the DCRA NSCC competitions.

This article is being published as part of our service theme.

2011 National Service Conditions Championship Competition Schedule

The National Service Conditions Championship (NSCC) will be held during the week prior to the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition (CFSAC). Pistol 26-27 August; Precision/ Sniper Rifle 28-30 August and Service Rifle 30 August-3 September. These matches will decide the Canadian National Champion in each weapon class and the Canadian National 3-Gun Champion. All members of the military are encouraged to attend making the bid for National Champions even more exciting and providing an opportunity for warm up matches prior to CFSAC. There is an Open class (all competitors) and a CF/RCMP class. To attend you need only to join the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA) by paying the appropriate membership fee and enter the matches in which you wish to compete.

Thursday, August 25

1800-1830 Pistol Competitors meeting

Friday, August 26

0730-1200 Pistol Matches Series "A"
1300-1700 Pistol Matches Series "A"
1800-1830 Last One Standing Match

Saturday, August 27

0730-1200 Pistol Matches Series "B"
1300-1700 Pistol Matches Series "B"
1800-1830 Pistol Prize Presentation

Sunday, August 28

0730-1200 Sniper/Precision Rifle Set Up
Basic zero as time will allow
1300-1700 Sniper/Precision Rifle Walk Back
1800-1830 Sniper/Precision Rifle Competitor's Meeting

Monday, August 29

0730-1200 Sniper Precision Rifle Matches 60, 61, 62
1300-1700 Sniper/Precision Rifle Matches 63, 64, 65
1800-1830 Tie Shoots

Tuesday, August 30

0715 Group Photo in front of DCRA office
0730-1200 Sniper/Precision Rifle Matches 66, 67
Tie Shoots
Sniper/Precision Prize Presentation
1300-1700 Service Rifle Walk Back
1800-1830 Service Rifle Competitors Meeting

Wednesday, August 31

0730-1200 Service Rifle Matches 1-4
1300-1700 Service Rifle Matches 5-8
1800-1830 Tie Shoots

Thursday, September 1

0730-1200 Service Rifle Matches 13-16
1300-1700 Service Rifle Matches 9-12
1800-1830 Tie Shoots

Friday, September 2

0730-1200 FIBUA / Falling Plates
1300-1700 Moving Target Match
1800-1830 Tie Shoots

Saturday, September 3

0730-1200 Service Rifle Stage 2 (all eligible competitors in 2 relays)
1300-1700 Service Rifle Prize Presentation



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THE DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION 2011 NATIONAL SERVICE CONDITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

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Name: _____ First Name: _____ Rank/Title: _____

Personal/Home Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____ Country: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Home: (____) _____ Work: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Canadian Firearms Licence No.: _____ Exp.date: _____ (d/m/y)

*Non-Resident Firearms Declaration No. _____

(Number to be issued by Canadian Customs: form to be presented at competition when picking up score cards)

<u>Weapon/Class</u>	<u>Civilians & military firing personal weapons</u>	<u>CF/RCMP firing issue</u>	<u>DCRA tyro</u>
Pistol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Precision/Sniper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service Rifle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: All competitors will be eligible for Open Class prizes.
Only CF/RCMP competitors using issue weapons are eligible for CF/RCMP prizes
No one is eligible for any tyro class if they have shot NSCC before, even if they are a CFSAC tyro.

FEE SCHEDULE AND PAYMENT

MEMBERSHIP Annual \$ 130.00 Non-Cdn. Civilian \$ 55.00 Already member
 Associate Membership \$ 55.00 (competing in NSCC only)
 Service (Cdn. & Foreign Military, Police) \$ 37.00

MATCH FEE

<input type="checkbox"/> Service Rifle	\$ 40.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Precision Rifle.	\$ 40.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Service Pistol	\$ 40.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Rule Book	\$ 10.00	\$ _____

ACCOMMODATIONS, (if available) (FOR CIVILIANS, POLICE & RCMP)

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____
Accommodation required: Barrack
_____ nights at \$40.00 /night (includes 3 meals per day - *no rooms only*) \$ _____
Gender: Male Female Share with: _____
You will be advised as soon as possible if hard quarters will not be available,
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Military personnel - please contact the DCRA office regarding accommodations
TOTAL (Canadian dollars only)..... \$ _____

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2011 NATIONAL BLACK POWDER CHAMPIONSHIP

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Friday, August 19 - Sunday, August 21, 2011

Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Country: _____ PC/Zip: _____

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Cell:(____) _____ e-mail: _____

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(Non-Resident Firearms Number to be assigned by Canada Customs; temporary permit must be presented by competitor when picking up match tickets)

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OR Already member.....\$ _____

Accommodations.....\$ _____

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_____ # of nights @\$40.00/night Military Quarters (includes 3 meals/day)

Gender: Male Female Share with: _____

Awards Luncheon (\$12.00 includes one drink).....\$ _____

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For further information: please contact Mr. Chris Jones, phone 613-820-4749
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The 2011 Dominion of Canada Rifle Association National Black Powder Competitions
Connaught Range and Primary Training Centre
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Event Programme

Friday, August 19 - "A" Range - The Short Range Aggregate

AM	The Wilf Black Match or warm-up - 200 yards The Victorian Match - 300 yards The Creedmoor Match - 500 yards	PM	The Wimbledon Matches I & II-2 x 600 yards Competitors Meeting
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Saturday, August 20 - "C" Range - The Long Range Aggregate

AM	The Black Powder 700-700m The BP Long Range Matches I & II-2 x 800m	PM	The BP 1000 Matches I & II-2 x 900m Awards Ceremony
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Sunday, August 21 - "C" Range

AM	The International Team Match 3 x 900m	PM	Luncheon
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Programme Notes

WILF BLACK CLASS (MILITARY AND SPORTING) – Any original (not replica) unmodified sporting or black powder military rifle on regular issue, either breech or muzzleloading. While this class rifle can be fired in other matches, no special prizes will be awarded for doing so.

PLEASE NOTE: The Wilf Black is a stand-alone match with a separate prize list. Those not shooting for record may use the match for warm-up or initial elevation determination.

CARTRIDGE and MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE CLASS – As defined by DCRA Rules Chapter 19. No distinction will be made in competition for individual awards; however, each class will be recognized separately in the Short Range, Long Range and Grand Aggregates, with an award structure described below.

BPCR SCOPED RIFLE CLASS – Effective in 2011, any Cartridge Rifle, as defined by DCRA Rules, and equipped with a telescopic sight consistent with DCRA Rule 19.09 ("BP Sights"), will be recognized in a new class, eligible for Aggregate awards if no less than three in-class entries are registered, and Individual Awards if no less than five in-class entries are registered.

Concurrent team matches may include one BPCR Scoped Rifle Class competitor only per team.

In the Wimbledon, Long Range and BP 1000 matches, the highest score for each of the two matches per range will be entered on the prize list.

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2011 Black Powder Program Changes

Individuals entering the National Black Powder Championships should be aware of rule and procedural changes that will be introduced this year. Briefly, the most significant are:

1. Duplex (smokeless primed) loads are no longer permitted. Only pure black loads with plain based lead alloy bullets will be allowed,
2. allowable combinations of rest, slings and crossed sticks have been revised and,
3. a new class for BPCR Scoped Rifles has been added.

Detailed rule changes and the 2011 Match Announcement may be viewed on line in the Black Powder section of the DCRA web site (www.dkra.ca), or obtained by contacting the DCRA office or Program Chairman.

Chris Jones
Black Powder Program Chairman

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- * Sports administration
- * Project management
- * Small business & financial management
- * Shooting sports
- * Military relations
- * Fundraising

Details:

The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for running the DCRA office with an office staff of two. This person is also the match director each year when the DCRA conducts its National Fullbore Rifle Championships at Connaught rifle ranges.

Further this person is responsible for liaison between the DCRA and outside agencies, such as the military, affiliated provincial rifle associations, other national shooting bodies, and government and non-government agencies. The candidate should have excellent interpersonal skills, be well organized and be able to use Microsoft Office and Excel proficiently.

Bilingualism would be an asset.

For further information please contact:

Aaron Daley

Secretary-Treasurer of the DCRA

at 613-489-3338 or

by email at adaley@dcra.ca *or* office@dcra.ca

Deadline for receipt of applications is April 30, 2011

Policies for the selection of the annual Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley

By a mail, fax and e-mail vote, the DCRA Executive Committee has approved the following policies and procedures for the selection and formation of the Bisley Team. The two vital sections are contained in paragraphs 3 and 4. The former deals with the selection of the TR Team, and the latter with the addition of F Class shooters to the Bisley Team. We hope that all DCRA members will now be aware of the opportunities available to them to become members of the Bisley Team.

1. Appointment of Team Officers: The object is to have the Team Officers (Commandant, Vice-Commandant, if required, and Adjutant) formally announced at the DCRA AGM in the spring two years before their tenure. The appointments for 2012 have been made; for 2013, the process is under way; for 2014, nominations will be invited during the winter 2011-12, and so on. Nominations are made by, and a vote held as required, members of Council. However, there is no requirement that a nominee must be a member of Council. All team officers and members of Canadian Teams must be full (annual or Life) conjoint members of the DCRA.
2. Once appointed, all Team Officers will be placed on the appropriate DCRA mailing lists and kept informed of the development of each year's team. There needs to be a greater continuity of effort and less need to "re-invent the wheel" each year. Having, for example, the 2012 and 2013 Team Officers familiar with matters to do with the 2011 Team could significantly assist their work for 2012 and 2013.
3. **Formation of the TR Team:** It is a fact that, in recent years, it has become very much more difficult to fill the Bisley Team. With a smaller base of TR shooters, increasing costs of travel both in Canada and overseas, and the lure of other shooting events, such as the World Championships, simply choosing 18 shooters from the list of the Canadian Target Rifle Championship (CTRC) is no longer feasible. And yet, the CTRC as a primary means of selection of the Team is an important aspect of maintaining the entry into the Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships (CFRC), which is such a vital aspect of the overall DCRA annual operating budget. The Commandant is already given considerable discretion to fill out the team, and increasingly has to use this discretion. However, it is perhaps not clear to the general membership what options are open to them for joining the Bisley Team. Here are criteria to be followed for the formation of the TR team:
 - a. **Primary selection from the CTRC:** The number of shooters to be approached immediately after the CFRC will be reduced from the top 50 to the top 35. If 18 people (accepted in order of placing in the CTRC) from this 35 accept, the team is then filled. Letters would be sent out immediately after the CFRC, with a return date for acceptances, including first deposit, by 15 October.
 - b. **Applications** from individuals who are part of the National Training Group: By notices in the Marksman (see below) and on the DCRA web site, and by the encouragement of the Coordinator for the National Training Group, such individuals would be invited to apply for the team whether or not they compete in that year's CFRC or if they finish out of the top 35 of the CTRC. Such applications must be sent to the DCRA for the attention of the Commandant not later than 30 September following the CFRC.
 - i. The National Training Group must be supported and coordinated by the DCRA.
 - ii. It must represent an ongoing commitment to Canadian Team shooting.
 - iii. The DCRA Executive shall appoint a Coordinator for the National Training Group. In the interests of continuity, the Coordinator will normally be the DCRA appointed Captain of the next Team to World Long Range Championships. The Captain may designate another person to act as Coordinator. Any such designation must be approved by the Executive Committee.
 - c. **Nominations** from Provincial Rifle Associations of shooters who have not competed at the CFRC or who finish outside the top 35 of the CTRC: Such nominations, which must include the agreement of the individual to join the Team if selected, must be sent to the DCRA for the attention of the Commandant not later than 30 September following the CFRC.
 - d. **Applications** from any other individuals wishing to be considered as a member of the Team: Such nominations, which must include the agreement of the individual to join the Team if selected, must be sent to the DCRA for the attention of the Commandant not later than 30 September following the CFRC.
 - e. Any nomination/application for any individual who has not shot the CFRC during the previous five years should contain a brief summary of recent shooting history, e.g., performance in PRA events, participation in goodwill teams, etc.
 - f. Once the replies from the initial invitees (i.e. from the top 35 in the Canadian Target Rifle Championship) have been received, the Commandant has a free hand and may take whatever steps that he/she may deem to be appropriate to fill out the team from any other applications or nominations.

4. **F Class shooters:** It is approved that F Class shooters be made members of the annual Canadian Team to Bisley. Ideally, since the F Class International Match at the Imperial Meeting is for four shooters, there should be at least four or more F Class shooters. However, if there were fewer than this, they would compete as individuals in the F Class matches. The F Class shooters will be full members of the Bisley Team, pay the same assessment and have all the same responsibilities and privileges. They will take their share in Team duties, and while not normally being able to shoot in the TR team events, they could do any other sort of duty, such as coaching, plotting, and support. Currently, the Bisley F Class International Match is on at the same time as the Kolapore, but there may be a small number of TR shooters available to assist the F Class Team in that match. **It is, therefore, agreed** that the total number of shooting members of the Bisley Team be increased from 18 to up to 22 with the addition of four or more F Class shooters.
- a. **Primary selection from the F Class Canadian Championship (FCCC) at the CFRC:** The number of shooters to be approached immediately after the CFRC will be the top 6. If 4 people (accepted in order of placing in the FCCC) from this 6 accept, the team is then filled. Letters would be sent out immediately after the CRFC, with a return date for acceptances, including first deposit, by 15 October.
 - b. **Applications from individuals who have applied for membership in the Canadian Teams for the next F Class World Championship (FCWC):** By notices in the Marksman (see below) and on the DCRA web site, and by the encouragement of the DCRA-appointed Captain of the FCWC Teams, such individuals would be invited to apply for the team whether or not they compete in that year's CFRC or if they finish out of the top 6 of the FCCC. Such applications must be sent to the DCRA for the attention of the Commandant not later than 30 September following the CFRC. If a National Training Group for F Class shooters is eventually established, the criteria will be similar to those outlined in 3 (b) above.
 - c. **Nominations from Provincial Rifle Associations** of shooters who have not competed at the CFRC or who finish outside the top 6 of the FCCC: Such nominations, which must include the agreement of the individual to join the Team if selected, must be sent to the DCRA for the attention of the Commandant not later than 30 September following the CFRC.
 - d. **Applications** from any other individuals wishing to be considered as a member of the Team: Such nominations, which must include the agreement of the individual to join the Team if selected, must be sent to the DCRA for the attention of the Commandant not later than 30 September following the CFRC.
 - e. Any nomination/application for any individual who has not shot the CFRC during the previous five years should contain a brief summary of recent shooting history, e.g., performance in PRA events, participation in goodwill teams, etc.
 - f. Once the replies from the initial invitees (i.e. from the top 6 in the FCCC) have been received, the Commandant, with advice from the FCWC Captain and others, may take whatever steps as may be appropriate to fill out the team from other applications or nominations.
 - g. Initially, applications from F(Open) and F(F/TR) shooters will be treated equally. However, in the future, some split of these F Classes may be used in the selection process.
5. **Publicity of Selection Process:** In the Spring Marksman of the year before the team in question (i.e. in Spring 2011 for the 2012 Team), the Commandant will write a short article outlining the selection procedures as above, and inviting all those interested to be in touch with him/her. At the same time, the Commandant may wish to announce the names of Coaches, if these have been selected, and to outline any special events. This information will also be placed on the DCRA web site.
6. **In summary,** team selection will remain primarily on the basis of scores made in the CTRC and FCCC at the CFRC, while other opportunities for selection are made more apparent to the membership. F Class shooters are added to the Canadian Bisley Team. The Commandant is given a free hand to fill the team if 18 places are not filled from the top 35 in the CTRC or if at least 4 F Class places are not filled from the top 6 in the FCCC.
7. **A comment on Finance:** The DCRA has only very limited funding to support any of its teams, including Bisley. This situation is likely to continue until new sources of outside funding can be found. Although, potentially, the Macdonald Stewart Pavilion might be a source of funding for the Team, it will be years before this becomes a reality. Much work needs to be done on the building and there is a large debt payable to the DCRA. From the relatively meagre operating profits, it is not likely that there will significant income for the Team any time soon. Hence, the Bisley Team must continue to be largely self-supporting. The Team is not charged for accommodation in the Pavilion, and there are small grants from DCRA Committed Funds for each year's team. Appointing Team Officers somewhat further in advance should provide them with a bit more time to seek outside support.

Jim Thompson
Chairman, DCRA International Teams Committee
February 2011



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Wind Flags and the "50 Club"

For the last few years at Connaught you may have noticed a new set of wind flags. These were specially made of heavy cotton, 15 feet long, and were placed on all the wind flag poles across all three ranges. This removed the difficulty experienced in the last few years, when we had insufficient numbers of flags for a complete set, and where the ones we did have were an eclectic mixture of lengths, colours and cloths. Once the "new stiffness" had come out of the cloth, with some rain and wind, the flags met with general approval. Judging the wind may not have become any easier, but some of the uncertainty due to the variation in previous flags was removed.

The purchase was been made possible by a grant from the DCRA "50 Club". Some members may not be aware of the "50 Club", so this generous purchase allows the DCRA not only to thank the Club but also to put in a word of encouragement for eligible people to sign up as members.

The Club was established some years ago, with the aim of providing funds "for capital projects anywhere in Canada, which benefit shooting".

Any member or friend of the DCRA who has reached the age of 50 is eligible to join the Club and make an annual donation of the

person's age in dollars. The DCRA may issue a receipt for the donation for tax purposes. Each year, as the person's birthday approaches, the DCRA will send a congratulatory card and invite the member to make a new donation, \$1 more than the previous year.

Applications for funding of projects by the Fund should be sent to the DCRA which forwards them to the Club. The Club has formed a small committee which considers applications and makes recommendations to the DCRA for expenditures from the Fund. The Fund is designed to be self-sustaining, with donations matching possible expenditures. Clearly the more donations that are received, the more the Fund is able to do to support shooting. We encourage all those who are not members, but who have reached that magic age of maturity, to join this effort; we encourage all those who have been, but who are no longer, members to return; and we thank all those who have loyally supported the Club over many years. And for those who are below the age of 50, you are welcome as "Junior Members", paying \$50 per year until you reach the half-century.



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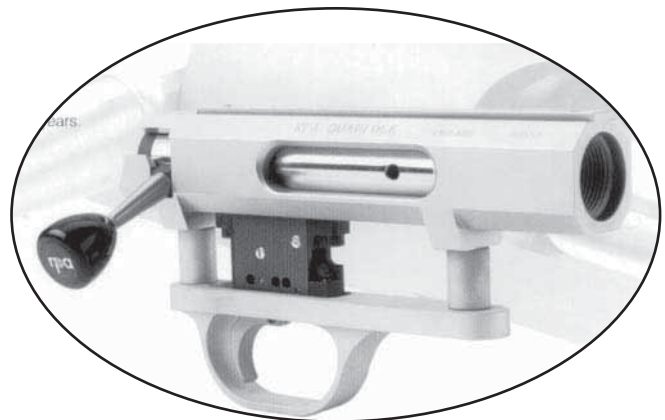
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Update on George Harper

As some of you may have heard, long time DCRA member and Commandant of the Bisley 2010 team George Harper has suffered a major stroke. At present he is in the St. Vincent Continuing Care Hospital. His speech and long term memory are quite good and his short term memory seems better than before the stroke!

His biggest challenge at the moment is left side paralysis and weakness.

He is undergoing physio therapy and approaches it with his trademark humour and optimism.

If you have the time he would love a visit as he is upbeat and confident he will get better.



Please feel free to visit George or drop him a line at:

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*On behalf of all the members of the DCRA,
we wish George a full recovery!!!*

Dr. Jack Vickery

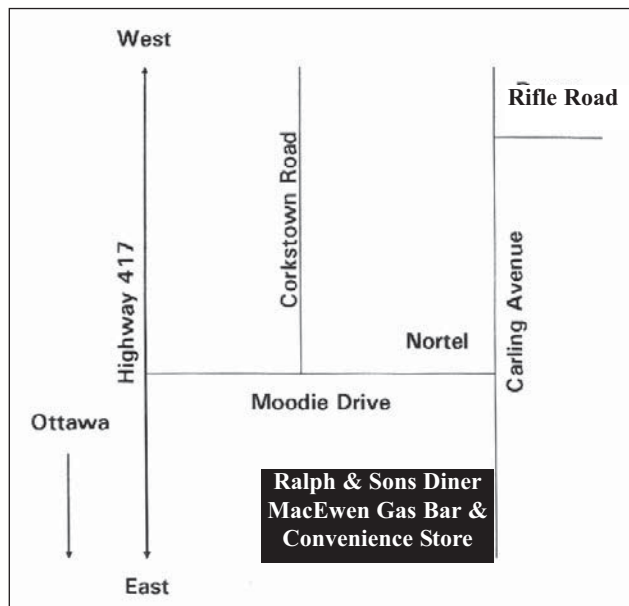
Following his election as an Honorary Life Member of the DCRA last year, we have heard from Dr. Vickery thanking the DCRA for this recognition. In his letter, he provided some interesting information about himself and his father, who for many years was CRO for the DCRA and ORA. He also sent some fascinating photos some of which we hope to publish in future issues.

Major C.H. ("Vick") Vickery joined the ORA in 1912. Come next year, 2012, these two members of the Vickery family will have achieved 100 years of continuous membership. Major Vickery was badly gassed at Ypres in 1918, but lived to be 87. He was a school principal, but during the summer he ran the ranges for the DCRA and ORA.

Jack Vickery joined the ORA in 1937. He won DCRA gold and ORA silver medals before becoming a Range Officer assisting his father. As he puts it, "I wanted to play hockey and basketball at University and I was also coaching the U of T rifle team. I ran out of time to shoot!" He became a successful dentist in Toronto, but he has always maintained his memberships and his interest in our sport. One of his fondest memories is the great fellowship amongst the members.

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CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Connaught Rifle Range, Nepean, Ontario, Canada
August 19 to 27, 2011

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please use BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS)

<p>DCRA Use only</p> <p>Competitor # _____</p> <p># _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Customs letter</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Scoring program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D-base</p>	<p>SURNAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____</p> <p>ADDRESS: _____</p> <p>CITY: _____ PROV/STATE: _____</p> <p>COUNTRY: _____ POSTAL/ZIP CODE: _____</p> <p>TELEPHONE: HOME: (____) _____ WORK: (____) _____</p> <p>FAX: (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____</p>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Canadian Firearms Licence No. _____ Expiry date: _____</p> <p>*Non-Residents: The Non-Resident Firearms Declaration (JUS909) to be presented at competition before picking up squadding tickets.</p>
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	<p>GENDER: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <small>If you will be under 25 on 1 April 2011 and were undergoing full time education during the immediately preceding term, check this box <input type="checkbox"/></small></p>
	<p>AGE: <input type="checkbox"/> Under 19 (J) <input type="checkbox"/> 19-24 yrs. (M) <small>Date of birth: _____ / _____ / _____</small></p> <p><small>(on 1 Sept 2011)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> 25-64 yrs. (X) <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or over (O) <small>dd mm year</small></p>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>2011 DCRA TARGET RIFLE CLASSIFICATION (No classification for F Class)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master (M) <input type="checkbox"/> Expert (E) <input type="checkbox"/> Sharpshooter (S) <input type="checkbox"/> Greenshot (G)</p> <p>2011 PROVINCIAL TARGET RIFLE CLASSIFICATION Province: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master (M) <input type="checkbox"/> Expert (E) <input type="checkbox"/> Sharpshooter (S) <input type="checkbox"/> Greenshot (G)</p> <p>OR Your Home Country NRA Classification (non-Canadian):</p> <p>Country: _____ Classification: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Honours only” - squadded with TR, not eligible for any medals or awards, any rifle allowed</p>
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<p>Cdn. Cadet Target Rifle Agg.</p>	<p>CITIZENSHIP: Rule 1.01(5): “Canadian means a Canadian citizen, a member of the Canadian Forces, or landed immigrant who has been a resident of Canada for at least one year prior to the first day of the Meeting.”</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Canadian under Rule 1.01(5) (A) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Canadian (X)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CADETS (RCAC-ACLIM) (C) <input type="checkbox"/> ACF (UK) (Z)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2011 RCAC BISLEY TEAM (B) <input type="checkbox"/> ATHELINGS (UK) (Y)</p>
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<p>Potter</p>	<p>1. 18 or 19 years of age on 19 August 2011? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Veterans</p>	<p>2. 60 years of age or over on 1 September 2011? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>CDN Forces</p>	<p>3. Serving Member of the Cdn. Forces (Regular) or Reserve on active duty or CIC? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

DCRA MEMBERSHIP

(compulsory for all competitors. Indicate membership category and whether PAID or NOT PAID)

Records checked

Check PRA Fee

Prepare Card

Advise PRA

DCRA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED. CHOOSE ONE:

Life Member - please pay \$ 18.00 for Insurance

Annual Full (over 25 on 1 April 2011)- \$ 130.00 Annual Under 25 (under 25 on 1 April 2011)- \$ 90.00

Non-Canadian Member - \$ 55.00

IF MEMBERSHIP IS NOT PAID,

CARRY AMOUNT FORWARD TO PAGE 4, LINE D\$ _____

Provincial Rifle Association Membership (where applicable)

Member of _____ Provincial Rifle Association Paid Not Paid

Category: Life Annual Full Annual Under 25

ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

Military Quarters

Camper/Tent*

Share with: _____

GENDER: Male

Female

Arrival date: _____ Departure date: _____

Accommodation

Accommodation: _____ # of nights @ \$8.00/night for Camper/Tent (no meals included) \$ _____

Accommodation: _____ # of nights @\$40.00/night for Military Quarters (includes 3 meals per day) \$ _____

Please note: a) DCRA will supply a combination lock for each room. If you plan on using your own lock, please be prepared to leave a key with the office for use by your room mate and return the combination lock to the DCRA office;

b) For those competitors who are not in quarters, **lunch only may** be available for cash in the kitchen.

*** - We very much regret to advise that the Connaught authorities have decided to permanently close the family camp-ground at the Range. This is to allow construction to start on a new building at that location. After discussion, it has been agreed that Connaught will provide limited space for tent-trailers and private tents elsewhere on the range property. However, RVs, caravans or 5th Wheels will not be permitted. Those wishing to stay in the latter type of vehicle will have to use commercial off-site camping facilities. The nearest to Connaught is the Municipal Campsite (613-828-6632). Early reservation is strongly recommended.**

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Carved Hip of Beef buffet dinner with all the trimmings

on Saturday, August 20, 2011 x \$ 35.00 each \$ _____

Vegetarian meal requested

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TOTAL ACCOMMODATIONS & MEET AND GREET DINNER

(carry forward to page 4, Line E).....\$ _____

PLEASE READ THESE NOTES CAREFULLY

1. This form must be completed in all applicable sections and signed by the competitor.
2. DCRA membership is compulsory for all entrants.
3. Payment must be made by Money Order or Cheque in Canadian dollars drawn in favour of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association or with Visa, Master Card or American Express. Payment may not be "post-dated" beyond June 30, 2011. Completed entry form and payment must be sent to: **The DCRA, 45 Shirley Blvd., Nepean, ON K2K 2W6**
4. Entries postmarked after Friday, June 30, 2011 will be subject to a late entry surcharge of \$75.00 except for
 - (a) Members of official International Target Rifle Teams from outside Canada, provided that such teams have notified the DCRA in writing by no later than June 4, 2011, of their participation and strength, have submitted entry forms to the DCRA and have agreed to pay all fees in bulk on arrival at Connaught.
 - (b) National Army Cadet Camp
5. Late entrants may be denied accommodation and/or the opportunity to compete, since space is limited.
6. \$100 deposit is a non-refundable deposit after June 30th, 2011.
7. Entries that are withdrawn will be charged as follows:
 - a) 50% of total entry fee if the notification of withdrawal is received by the DCRA after 4pm on July 23, 2011
 - b) No refund will be given for a withdrawal after August 2nd, 2011.

CFRC WARM-UP EVENTS Fri-19th-Sat 20th August 2011				TOTAL
Friday & Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Canadian 223/556 Championship 90 shots (300y, 500y, 600y, 800m, 800m, 900m) (cannot also shoot Practice or Long Range Challenge) <input type="checkbox"/> TR <input type="checkbox"/> F/O <input type="checkbox"/> F/F	\$110.00	\$
Friday AM	<input type="checkbox"/>	300y Practice (one only 35 minute slot)	\$ 14.00	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/>	500y Practice (one only 35 minute slot)	\$ 14.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	800m Practice (20 minute slots) -- # of slots _____	\$ 8.00 ea	
Friday PM <i>Choose Long Range Challenge</i> OR <i>any combination of practice</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sierra Canadian Long Range Challenge Part 1 30 shots at 900m (2ss 15 twice) <input type="checkbox"/> TR <input type="checkbox"/> F/O <input type="checkbox"/> F/F	\$ 45.00	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/>	600y Practice (20 minute slots) -- # of slots _____	\$ 8.00 ea	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	900m Practice (20 minute slots) -- # of slots _____	\$ 8.00 ea	
Friday Evening	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ottawa Regiment (15 shots at 800m) <input type="checkbox"/> TR <input type="checkbox"/> F/O <input type="checkbox"/> F/F	\$ 30.00	\$
Saturday AM <i>Choose Gooderham</i> OR <i>any combination of practice</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gooderham 15 shots at 500y and 10 shots at 900m <input type="checkbox"/> TR <input type="checkbox"/> F/O <input type="checkbox"/> F/F	\$ 40.00	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/>	500y Practice (20 minute slots) -- # of slots _____	\$ 8.00 ea	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	900m Practice (20 minute slots) -- # of slots _____	\$ 8.00 ea	
Saturday PM <i>Choose Long Range Challenge and/or Army & Navy</i> OR <i>any combination of practice</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sierra Canadian Long Range Challenge Part 2 30 shots at 900m (2ss 15 twice) <input type="checkbox"/> TR <input type="checkbox"/> F/O <input type="checkbox"/> F/F	\$ 45.00	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Army and Navy Veterans Match (all may shoot) 15 shots at 900m <input type="checkbox"/> TR <input type="checkbox"/> F/O <input type="checkbox"/> F/F	\$ 30.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	900m Practice (20 minute slots) -- # of slots _____	\$ 8.00 ea	
		TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD TO LINE A, PAGE 4		\$

Please check bulletin board for availability of practice targets after Saturday.

TARGET RIFLE SERVICES REQUIRED AND PAYMENTS

Please check rifle	ITEM	FEE	Amount enclosed
	A. CFRC WARM-UP EVENTS & PRACTICE		
<input type="checkbox"/> TR <input type="checkbox"/> F/Open <input type="checkbox"/> F/Farquharson	B. GRAND AGGREGATE AND TILTON		
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL COMPETITORS OR <input type="checkbox"/> aged 65 or over as of Sept. 1, 2011	\$ 700.00 \$ 675.00	
	C. AMMUNITION: # of boxes _____ (20 rounds per box)	\$ 30.00/box	
	D. DCRA MEMBERSHIP (Carried forward from page 2)		
	E. ACCOMMODATIONS/MEET & GREET (Carried forward from pg 2)		
	F. FULL RESULTS BOOKLET (Mailed after CFRC to those who have ordered and paid in advance)	\$ 15.00	
	G. CFRC RULE BOOK <input type="checkbox"/> in the mail <input type="checkbox"/> on arrival	\$ 10.00	
	<i>I wish to receive my Program book</i> <input type="checkbox"/> in the mail <input type="checkbox"/> on arrival	N/C	
	H. DONATIONS TO DCRA (Receipt will be provided)		
	TOTAL		\$

- I wish to pay the total amount due now
 I wish to pay in 2 installments - \$100. now and balance on June 30, 2011

**If paying by cheque, please enclose 2 cheques with entry form;
 if paying by credit card, balance will be processed automatically on June 30, 2011**

- I am paying by cheque(s) in the above-noted amount(s).
 I am paying by credit card and authorize the DCRA to add 4% (cost recovery) to the total amount.

Visa Master Card Amex

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Date

Signature

I agree to abide by the Rules and Conditions governing these competitions. I certify that the information entered on this form is correct, and I accept full responsibility for any errors or misinformation. See Rule 26.02. I understand and agree that neither the Department of National Defence nor the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association are responsible in any way for the loss, theft or damage to personal firearms. Notice: Canadian forces administration Order 36-52 requires that the firearms and ammunition used on DND ranges be serviceable and safe and that the Crown is indemnified from all liabilities arising from the use of the DND facility by the DCRA. I certify that the firearms and self-supplied ammunition I will use during the 2011 Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships meet the conditions stated above. I indemnify the Crown from all liabilities arising from my use of Connaught Ranges.

(Date)

(Signature of Competitor)

DCRA Use: Receipt # _____ Date: _____ Initials: _____
 Receipt # _____ Date: _____ Initials: _____

UK Rifle Permits for Goodwill Teams

The DCRA has frequently assisted Provincial and other Goodwill Teams travelling to Britain to compete in the Bisley Meeting in obtaining UK Firearms Permits. By doing this centrally, a "team" permit can be obtained at significantly less cost to the team members than if individual applications had been made. Advantage is also taken of the DCRA's established relationship with the Surrey Police force, which issues the UK permits. Making application for the permits requires considerable office time in gathering information about the rifles to be listed on the permit and in completion of the necessary paperwork. At the same time, the DCRA applies for Canadian Export Permits from the Federal Import and Export Controls Bureau, an administrative requirement that is expedited through an established relationship with the issuing department. In addition, the DCRA undertakes the necessary paperwork and correspondence to ensure that the UK Certificates of Competency, which are required to allow off-shore competitors to shoot on military ranges, are obtained for all team members.

The Bisley Team itself pays a service support charge to the DCRA of approximately \$200 per team member to cover items such as these permits and the many other services provided to the Team by the DCRA Office. Up to now PRA and Goodwill Teams have paid the actual costs of the permits, but have made no contribution to DCRA Office and other expenses. Effective immediately, therefore, the following will apply to PRA and Goodwill Teams who wish the DCRA to apply for the permits on their behalf:

1. Each member of the PRA or Goodwill Team to be listed on the permits must be a **current Full Annual or Life Member** of the DCRA. *Associate or Limited Members will not be included on the permits.*
2. For each member to be listed on the permits, the DCRA will charge \$50 for the Office time and expense to be incurred.
3. In addition, the actual cost of applying for the permits and certificates will be charged to the PRA or Goodwill Team.
4. All conditions must be met before the DCRA will distribute permits to the PRA or Goodwill Team.

Jim Thompson, Comptroller
February 2011



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Response to Group Centering Methods

Keith Cunningham

I recently read the article in the Canadian Marksman (Summer/Autumn 2010) written by Alain Marion about the Plotomatic (EZ-Graf). Although in the end I agree with his conclusion, there's more to the story and I would like to give shooters a more complete picture.

When Linda and I first decided to have these devices made for sale they were called the Plotomatic. We decided to call them the EZ-Graf because the word "Plot" didn't translate well into French. To begin, I'm not sure Alain has the best background to judge the usefulness of the EZ-Graf. I'm fairly confident he didn't use one for very long based on some of the comments he made. I also know Alain well enough to know he is always reluctant to change from something which has worked so well for him in the past and why would he? At the time Alain tried this device he was at the top of his game and certainly it would be illogical for him to change anything.

I think I'm a good judge of both techniques because I graphed for the first 10 years of my TR shooting experience and only then switched over to the EZ-Graf for the last 10-15 years. It took George Chase about 5 years to eventually convince me of its benefits. So I didn't switch because I saw a new and shiny object to pick up, but because I eventually saw the picture it produced was an easier one for me to see and understand, especially when the wind had more than one condition.

I also don't think it's right to judge its usefulness by who is currently winning or losing. We all know we win and lose on our ability to fire perfect shots every time and once that is uniform across the range, it is finally who can read the wind the best. The top 20 positions in any aggregate are often separated by only a few points and this difference is more often as a result of missing a wind change or firing a less than perfect shot. It's very seldom, if ever, due to whether the shooter is graphing or running an EZ-Graf.

The key thing here, is the information provided by either graphing or using the EZ-Graf is exactly the same. Only the final picture providing this information is different. For myself and many others, that picture was the reason I started using the EZ-Graf.

When Linda started TR, I thought it would be best to show her graphing. She is mathematically inclined and I figured she would grasp it quickly. However, during the matches she was having trouble keeping up with it when there were only two to the point. I told her to do both the elevation and windage graph for a few shots and then carry on with windage only. She said she wanted to do both and what was that machine I was using and why can't she use it. So I got her an EZ-Graf and spent 10 minutes showing her how to use it. In her first match with it, she had no problem keeping up and very much liked the picture it provided and thought it was much easier to see what the wind was doing. She also said why in hell did I put her through graphing when I knew about the EZ-Graf.

We have heard this same sentiment from everyone we have taught about its use. We do a wind reading course each spring hosted by NCRRA. We spend a few hours teaching everyone how to use it, the little tricks for easier use and we do exercises so everyone can see the picture it is offering. We find this is the only way to best

understand its use and see the benefits. We don't force it onto anyone but in the end everyone uses it, if not based on their own experience with it, then based on the comments by those who are using it. We have sold EZ-Grafs to shooters in the USA, Great Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Bermuda, Jamaica, Germany and of course, Canada.

We also have done an extensive study into the use of the EZ-Graf, I suspect even more than Alain has. Re-plotting graphs onto the EZ-Graf is a useful exercise but only when the shoot you are reliving was a less than stellar one. If you initially kept all of your shots inside the bull, then you won't get a different picture by using the EZ-Graf. And of course, this exercise doesn't take into account what the wind was really doing and whether you saw the changes or not. It also assumes every shot you fired was a perfect one. It does show you if your group is centered as well as it should be and shows you this picture clearly and more quickly. So, if you had been centered better and sooner, you might have picked up a couple of points. For someone who is as experienced as Alain, and who has told me he does focus on being centered, re-plotting his old matches would be moot. However, for the less experienced it does show the benefit of being centered better and faster and will often produce an extra point or two.

Alain makes the point about running out of room in high winds. The solution here is a simple one and we teach it on our courses. We have target replicas that fit in the EZ-Graf which are of different scales. We use a bigger replica when the winds are calm and steady. When the winds are strong or variable we use a smaller replica with a longer slide. It is easy to get 20 minutes or more of windage on the EZ-Graf.

At the end of each match, Linda and I do a "match post-mortem". We reshoot the match looking at decisions made and trends to improve our next match. At this time and as part of this exercise we transfer the shots to paper. We have, currently, a record of every match we shot in, dating back to when we first started using the EZ-Graf. If you want such a written record, while using the EZ-Graf, you can have it.

Alain makes the point that you need such a record in the event of a disagreement on the score. Firstly, the use of such a record to settle a dispute after the match is over, is illegal. If match committees are using them to help make a decision, then they are wrong and are breaking a rule. These plotting sheets are for the shooter's use and not considered an official record. Such disputes on the score are to be dealt with on the firing line and before the next shot is fired. The score of each shot is to be announced as to what the scorer thinks the value is and what he is writing down on your score card. If you disagree with it, then at that time you challenge it. All of the older shooters will remember a good shooter who, whenever he had a shot just out of the bull would record it on his plot sheet as just inside. He would then question his score at the end of the match and have the inexperienced scorer change his final score. Imagine something like this being used to make a final decision in a match committee meeting. In the end the scorer has the final word.

It has been proven many times by many people that the EZ-Graf is faster. By the nature of the EZ-Graf, you have only one function

to do - plot the shot, and you get the information for both wind and elevation. Recording the sight settings and the score are extra. With graphing you have three entries to complete to get to the same information - plot the shot, do the elevation graph and then the windage graph. Recording the sight settings and the score are extra. So, you have to ask yourself, have you ever stopped doing the elevation graph in order to keep up with the windage graph, especially when shooting with a fast F-Class shooter? The reason you have had to do this is because graphing has more things to do and is therefore slower.

At the end of a match when using the EZ-Graf, one can easily see at a glance the extreme spread of the group for elevation, the amount of wind used and needed, whether the group was centered and what the mean elevation and windage should have been. From this glance you can see what you need to improve on for the next time. The one picture that really shows up clearly for me is how often I would have been better off finding the mean of the wind and leaving it there.

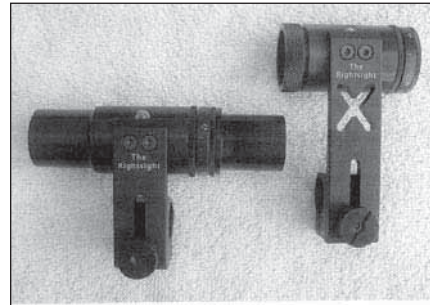
In the end, I too wouldn't want to force anyone into using the EZ-Graf, for the same reason I wouldn't want to be forced into going back to graphing. The information you get is the same and it's just a matter of which picture is the clearest for you to see. Then where you place in the agg will depend on what you do with that picture.

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DCRA members inducted into the CF Sports Hall of Fame

On Saturday, November 6, 2010 two members of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association were inducted into the CF Sports Hall of Fame.

The CF Sports Hall of Fame was established to recognize serving and former members of the CF who brought fame to themselves and honour to Canada and the CF through their participation in sports.

Congratulations to the newest DCRA members to join the group - PO Martin Cashin and LCol Alan Markewicz who join a long list of distinguished members of the DCRA.

2010 Petty Officer, 1st Class M. Cashin
2010 Lieutenant-Colonel A. Markewicz
2002 Staff Sergeant (Ret'd) R.B. Cathline

1997 Lieutenant-Colonel W.J. Molnar
1995 Captain R.A. Pitcairn
1994 Captain K.A. Cunningham
1994 Captain P.B. Vamplew
1991 Major G. Harper
1991 Warrant Officer R. Surette
1982 Captain A.A. Parks
1982 Major R.W. Hampton
1980 Colonel J.C. Brick
1976 Private S.J. Perry
1971 Captain G.S. Boa
1971 Major G.R. Ouellette
1971 Lieutenant Colonel D.T. Burke
1972 Private T.H. Hayhurst

NOMINATIONS APPROVED FOR INDUCTION OF 12 MEMBERS TO THE DCRA HALL OF FAME, SERVICE CONDITIONS CATEGORY

Tud Kaulbach

The December 2009 meeting of the DCRA Executive Committee approved the nominations of 12 members for induction in the Service Conditions Category of the DCRA Hall of Fame. In order to qualify a member must accumulate a minimum of 75 points. (See other Criteria in Hall of Fame Website)

A major challenge for the selection committee continues to be access to records of service conditions matches, many of which are not accessible since they are held by the Department of National Defence. Notwithstanding, the selection committee has been able to confirm from our records the qualification of the following members.

During the 2010 Service Conditions Competitions at Bisley, a member of the Canadian Forces Bisley Team, Robert Ryan, from British Columbia, won the prestigious Queen Mary, which also qualifies him for entry into the DCRA Hall of Fame.

There are undoubtedly others who meet the criteria for selection to the Service Conditions Hall of Fame. Any former or current competitor who has access to their records and feel that they meet the criteria are invited to apply to the DCRA Hall of Fame Committee for consideration for selection.

Investigations are ongoing to determine an appropriate occasion for Investiture of the above members in the DCRA Hall of Fame. At present there appears to be only two options; one, during the Annual Service Conditions Matches at Connaught, and two, during the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

The DCRA congratulates all members on their selection to the Service Conditions Hall of Fame.

- Lieutenant Colonel Desmond Burke** - 7 Queens Medals (Member of the Target Rifle Hall of Fame)
- Lieutenant Gil Boa** - 3 Queens Medals (Member of the Target Rifle Hall of Fame)
- Sergeant Joseph Daigle** -3 Queens Medals, Grand and Queen Mary
- Major Edson Warner** - 5 Queens Medals
- Sergeant Laval Mercier** - 3 Queens Medals, Grand Aggregate and Queen Mary
- Chief Warrant Officer Jacques Dugas** - Service Grand Aggregate at Bisley
- Captain Ken Ferguson** - 7 Queens Medals
- Captain Keith Cunningham** - Several Hundred Points (Member of the Target Rifle Hall of Fame)
- Warrant Officer Ron Surette** - 6 Queens Medals
- Warrant Officer Mike Gray** - 5 Queens Medals, 243 Points
- Mr. Andrew Webber** - 102 Points
- Corporal Roy** - Queen Mary Trophy - Bisley 1997



by Lawrence (Larry) Fish

This is the 14th installment of "Recollections of a Marksman: Phase 11- 1962-1981" by Lawrence (Larry) Fish.

1979 Reserve Force Small Arms Competition and the General Dextraze Trophy

On the Central Militia Area team's arrival at Connaught ranges, Ottawa, I had to resolve, immediately, a problem with one of the team's appearance. The person in question was a policeman in his civilian occupation who was working undercover which required him to affect the appearance of the street culture of that time. His hair was down to his shoulders which looked rather bizarre on a man in military uniform, but he obviously could not have it cut.

I called on the Camp Commandant, explained the situation and gave him the individual's police badge number. After his initial perturbation the Commandant very reluctantly gave permission for the man to remain on the team to compete, but insisted that the individual contrive to arrange as much hair as possible under his beret. With a sigh of relief I thanked the Commandant since the person in question was not only one of the team's best rifle shots, but also excelled in the other weapons too. However, he got some peculiar looks from other competitors, one of whom risked a black eye when he called him "Sweetie", but we completed the matches without incident and our policeman made several trips to the dais to receive awards. He would later win the Queens Medal in two successive years, but by that time thankfully, sans long hair.

Our CMA team's main purpose, since the Reserve Force Small Arms Competitions had now embraced the entire range of small arms, had been to win the overall competition, the Dextraze trophy, which involved a combination of all scores by all five weapons; rifle, sniper rifle, sub-machine gun, pistol and LAR, or light machine-gun. We had won the Rifle component almost annually and the Sniper Rifle overwhelmingly in its previous, opening year, but the overall championship required consistency with all weapons. So it was that the team members were highly motivated.

Once more we won the Rifle team component as well as the Snapshooting team event. As for the Sniper team events, we won them all; 4-member and 2-member in their varied configurations. The make-up of those separate teams included Irvine, Bean and Fish, an almost total population of Lorne Scots.

The final scores of all events revealed that Central Militia Area was in a dead heat with Secteur del Est, Quebec. This was a million-to-one possibility after so much shooting of so many rounds through so many weapons. But it had to be resolved.

At the Match Committee meeting, on which I served, one of the members suggested a sudden death shoot-off between a rifle shooter from each team. I pointed out that this was not only a rifle competition, it was all arms and would be unfairly resolved by placing the enormous responsibility on the shoulders of two unfortunate rifle shooters. So I proposed a win-win solution to the Match Committee chairman, a Regular Force Colonel. Why not award the Dextraze jointly to the two teams and have each team retain the trophy for six months of the following year? The committee voted in favour and CMA received the trophy for the first six months.



The presentation of the General Dextraze trophy for top scoring team in the all-arms competition for 12 member teams. The Central Militia Area finished in a dead heat with Secteur del Este and the Match Committee decided each team should hold the trophy for six months.

Though he was unaware of it at the time, Captain Rick Irvine's shooting had won him a place on the 1980 Canadian Army team to Bisley. Previously restricted to the Regular Force, places on this team had been opened up to include Militia personnel whose score totals were at the top of the RFSAC prize meeting. Rick had pulled it off.



Captain Richard Irvine and Warrant Officer Larry Fish carrying off the top four-member sniper team trophy of which they were both members.



A Governor General Lansdowne Silver Medal - A Marksman's Memento

Ron Cheek

This is one of two silver medals won for marksmanship by Private Orvill S. Stanton of the 60th Battalion, Missisquoi, Quebec. The match was shot in Montreal over a three-day period in August, 1887 with a field of over 2000 competitors. The Governor General's medal was the overall first prize. Stanton's other medal, the D.C.R.A Affiliation Medal, was a second prize in another category.

Orvill Stanton (1848-1938) was a farmer, cabinet-maker and avid sportsman who lived in my hometown of Stanbridge East, in Quebec's Eastern Townships. He was a member of the Active Militia in the early years after Confederation. And he was a crack shot.

Governor Generals' Medals have been awarded for marksmanship since 1873 (the Earl of Dufferin). Dufferin's gold, silver and bronze medals were first, second and third prizes in annual competitions. After Dufferin, (until 1985) only silver and bronze medals were awarded for marksmanship, the silver then becoming first prize. Each Governor General, of course, has had his or her own distinctive medal designs.

According to Freeman Clowrey (*Medals of the Governors General of Canada*, Sherbrooke, 1981) the Marquess of Lansdowne awarded only 301 silver medals over his entire term as our third Governor-General (1883-1888). Many would have been for academic achievement but some were also provided as gifts to the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (D.C.R.A.) to be awarded for marksmanship in provincial matches. The D.C.R.A. sent one Lansdowne medal per year for four years (1884 through 1887) to each of the seven affiliated provincial associations. Thus, Private Stanton's Governor General's silver medal is not only beautiful but it is one of only 28.¹ It is also distinct because of its edge engraving.

The Lansdowne medal, struck in 1884, was designed and minted by the famed medallist house, Wyon, of 287 Regent Street, London, England. It is sterling silver, weighs 74.4 grams and has a diameter of 51 millimetres. The reverse bears Lansdowne's personal coat of arms surrounded by the legend:

"Presented by His Excellency The Governor General"

The obverse design is the beautifully executed conjoined portraits of the Vice-regal couple with the legend:

***"Marquess of Lansdowne C.C.M.G Gov: Gen: of Canada
Marchioness of Lansdowne 1884 "***

A careful examination of the medal with a magnifying glass will reveal the names "J.S. & A.B. Wyon" on each side. These names are located below Lansdowne's bust on the obverse and on the inside of the circle just opposite "His" on the reverse. "J.S." was Joseph Shepherd Wyon and "A.B." was his brother, Alfred Benjamin Wyon. J.S. actually died in 1873, well before this medal design was even contemplated, but nonetheless, the names of both

famous Wyon brothers are on the medal.

The Lansdowne medal sits in a velvet base in a handsome, silk-lined box with the Wyon crest on the inside cover.



First Prize : the Governor General's Silver Medal
Edge engraved: ***"P.Q.R.A., 1887 PVT. Stanton 60th. BATTn."***



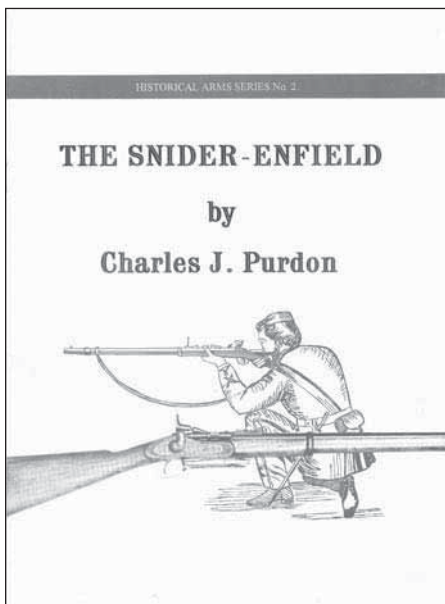
Firearms, the Militia and Shooting Competitions of the Time

Charles J. Purdon (*The Snider-Enfield, Historical Arms Series No.2*, which is available at militaria shows) tells us that, prior to the development of the breech-loading rifle, muzzle-loading guns were used. These were thought to be very efficient and it was some time before the British military establishment changed over to the use of breech-loading rifles. Although the development of breech-loading firearms was under way from the early years of

¹ D.C.R.A. records indicate that these totaled just 27, since there is no record of a medal being awarded in Ontario for 1885, however, records from the Office of the Governor General show there was indeed a medal awarded by Ontario in 1885. DCRA records remain incomplete in this detail.

the nineteenth century, it was the development and production of Sharps carbines and rifles (and the demonstration of their lethal efficiency) during the American Civil War that finally convinced the British military the days of the muzzle-loader were over. Design competitions were held through 1864-65 to convert the then standard issue .577 calibre British Army Enfield muzzle-loaders into breech-loaders. A design by a Dutch-American merchant named Jacob Snider was adopted and a new cartridge was developed. Thousands of the muzzle-loaders were then converted.

At about the same time as the Snider-Enfield conversions were under way in Britain, the Active Militia was being organized in Canada in response to indications of threats from below the border. This was just at the end of the American Civil War and before Confederation. Threats of invasion were one of the forces that brought about the eventual unification of the British North American provinces into Canada. Purdon tells us: *"In the fall of 1865, there were indications that serious troubles might be caused by The Fenian Brotherhood attacking Canada in the name of the Irish Republican Army. In March, 1866, 10,000 militia men were placed under arms and an urgent request was sent to England for breech-loading arms."* Thousands of Snider-Enfields were shipped to Canada. These arms became very popular and, with later improvements, were used in all parts of the British Empire over a period of more than 50 years. In 1875 there were more than 60,000 in Canada alone.



There was, in fact, a serious Fenian raid on Ridgeway, Ontario in 1866. There was also a much lesser known May 24-25, 1870 Fenian raid at Eccles Hill in Quebec's Eastern Townships. Volunteers from the Home Guard, the 60th Battalion Militia, and the Army repulsed this attack. An armed and well-trained local Militia was indeed needed. The threat from the Fenians remained for some time.

In 1868, the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association was established. Its aim (pardon the pun) was to encourage and develop firearm proficiency and expert marksmanship by hosting competitions. This national association also supported the establishment of provincial and territorial rifle associations, including the Province of Quebec Rifle Association (P.Q.R.A.).

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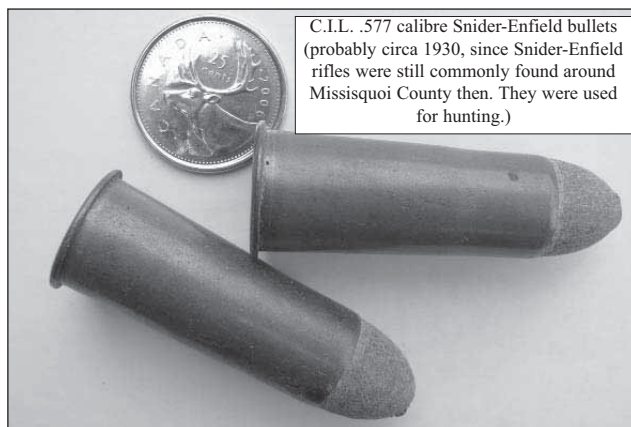
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Orvill Stanton likely joined the 60th Battalion Militia and became interested in competitive marksmanship in the late 1870s or early in the 1880s. Militia membership was a prerequisite for many competitions. At the time he won the Governor General's medal, he was an expert with both of the military rifles of the time, the .577 calibre Snider-Enfield and the newer Martini-Henry. Matches were shot on rifle ranges at distances varying from 200 to 600 yards, in various shooting positions. The 200-yard bull's eye was eight inches in diameter. The 600-yard shooting distance would have been a real challenge; the bull's eye was three feet in diameter. This may seem large, but at 600 yards it is not much to look at. Consider the necessary trajectory of a very heavy lead bullet, more than a half-inch in diameter and nearly an inch long, to hit a target at such a distance. Wind, which could blow a bullet several feet to one side or affect the trajectory distance, also had to be factored in. I have read somewhere in the history of Snider-Enfield shooting competitions that, at the maximum range, a man could stand atop a two-storey house, halfway between the shooter and the target, directly in line, and be perfectly confident the bullet would pass over his head! This may be a slight exaggeration, but only slight.



1887 P.Q.R.A Competition Held in Montreal

The D.C.R.A. maintains excellent records in the form of annual reports at its Connaught Range headquarters in Ottawa. I readily found listings showing Private Orvill Stanton's medal achievements. There were also details of national competitions in Ottawa in which Private Stanton's name appears, and a report on the 1886 Wimbledon competition in England. He was a member of that year's Canadian Team and he acquitted himself well. Private Stanton was still successfully competing at least into 1889.

Old P.Q.R.A. annual reports, held at the National Library in Ottawa, provided the details of how Private Stanton's two medals were won. This took place at the 1887 Annual Matches of the

² The writer of the 1887 P.Q.R.A. Annual Report despairs that this meet was to be the last that could be held at these ranges, which would now be in the heart of Montreal. Soon after, the City of Montreal built a dyke to prevent flooding. This destroyed the ranges' use at longer distances. The P.Q.R.A. had to hold its 1888 Annual Match in Ottawa, at the Rideau Ranges. In the 1880s, Ottawa matches were shot on a now forgotten rifle range that was located literally in today's downtown Ottawa. The Rideau Ranges were situated beside the Rideau River, along Range Road. This area is just west of Rideau Hall and east of Parliament Hill. This street is now a lovely, tree-lined "embassy row" with a long park on one side. Few Ottawans today would realize why the street is called Range Road. The 1889 P.Q.R.A. Annual Match was held back in Montreal at "the new range in Cote St. Luc", which is also now long forgotten.

P.Q.R.A., which were held at "the old ranges at Pointe St. Charles" during August 9 -11. ² Rifles used were generally Snider-Enfields, at various distances and in various shooting positions. Other matches required that competitors shoot with the Martini-Henry. In one match, the type of rifle was optional. There were 2,029 individual competitors and 43 teams entered. This was no small event!



Private Stanton competed as a member of the Active Militia and won a whopping \$52.00 in cash prizes. He placed a close second for his aggregate score in four Militia matches that had been shot at various distances, which won him the silver D.C.R.A Affiliation Medal. He also won the big prize - for the best aggregate score at 600 yards - the Governor General's Silver Medal. The medals were not won with a few lucky shots on one day. These achievements covered his performance over the entire competition, in a huge field of competitors. The Governor General's Silver Medal was the top prize the P.Q.R.A. awarded in 1887.

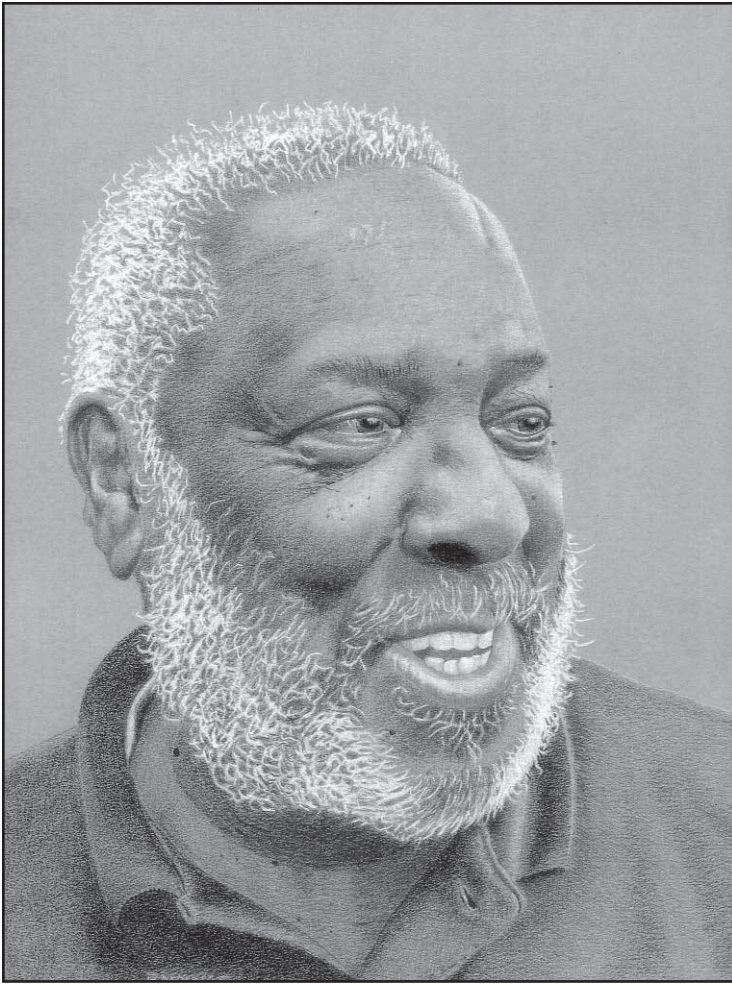
Medals and other prizes were presented by D.C.R.A. President The Honourable Sir Adolphe P.Caron, K.C.M.G., in the hall of the Victoria Rifles new armory "and went off very satisfactorily, reflecting great credit on the committee having the arrangements in charge."

Private Orvill Stanton won his silver medals nearly 124 years ago, when our nation was but 20 years old. At the time, membership in the Active Militia was a much admired and appreciated public service, and necessary to protect Canada from invasions. Proficiency with a rifle was seen as a valuable public asset rather than a danger to society.

Governor General's medals are still awarded for marksmanship, but now in the annual national match in Ottawa as well as in provincial association matches. However, unlike the Lansdowne medal, today's marksmanship medals have a distinctive reverse "marksmanship" design.



Note: This article, by D.C.R.A. member Ron Cheek, was originally published in the May 2009 Canadian Numismatic Journal, official publication of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Society.



NELSON "CAP" SIMONS

Cap is one of the better known riflemen from Bermuda as he excels in the area of "socializing" as well as being a marksman with both rifle and pistol.

"Cap" is a short-form moniker for "Captain Tired" not a military rank, assigned to him by his father when as a youngster he sat and cried rather than remove himself from a small cactus bush upon which he sat while taking a "REST".

While doing his military service in Bermuda, Cap became obsessed with rifle/target shooting, when his small-arms instructor assured him "...you will NEVER beat me at target shooting!!!". We never really knew if he succeeded in beating the instructor, but we can say that as Bermuda's Top Shot over many years, he has beaten everyone else on the Island at least once, with Full Bore and Small Bore Rifle as well as with Pistol. Cap is a "founding" member of the Coral Reefs Rifle and Pistol Club (1963), and will be remembered fondly, since he convinced his father to contribute the property upon which our first "Civilian" range was established, in his back yard. In the early years, most of our activity involved US forces stationed on the Island - naturally many "Social" hours were spent perfecting "Mess Protocols" on one or other of the base establishments.

Since 1976, shooting activity in Bermuda has been restricted to 50 yard, Small Bore Rifle and this provides the single avenue for All Training. He continues among the fiercest contenders. He has traveled extensively to enjoy shooting.

Cap has been a regular Full Bore Rifle competitor at Connaught - DCRA Championships - since early 1990's, and has prepared himself by regular visits to the Caribbean and to Bisley, England. He has been a team-member of the Bermuda squad at Commonwealth Games in Vancouver, B.C., Malaysia, Manchester (Bisley), and Australia. His most recent visit to Canada was prompted by his attempt to once again "Qualify" to represent the Island at the Delhi Commonwealth Games in October 2010.

Cap does not discuss his age, but he was featured in a local - Bendigo, Australia - newspaper article during the 2006 CW Games, as the "Oldest" shooting competitor.

-submitted by S.Walter Trott

This pencil portrait of Nelson "Cap" Simons was done by DCRA Life Governor Bill Molnar. Bill has completed many paintings, including one of the famous Connaught "Shoe Tree" which was presented to the NRA of Great Britain in 2010 by the DCRA in commemoration of their 150th year. Bill was a late bloomer to the art world but as is evident in his work, a truly talented one.

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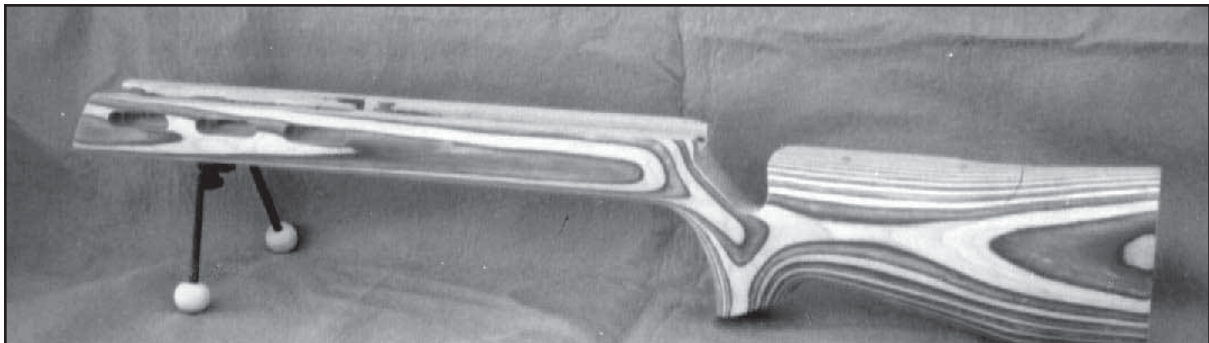
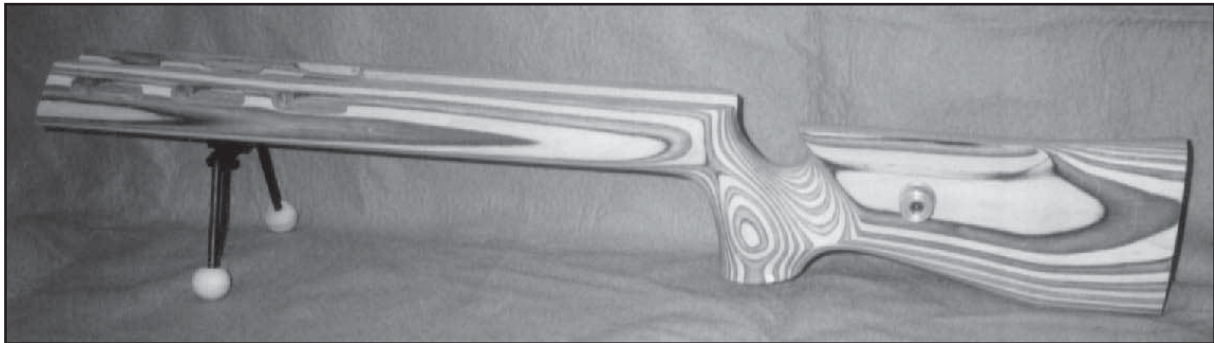


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The following list contains the names of those who, either by performance over the past three years or by declaration as a Life Master, form the Master Class for 2011.

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Adams, Dave	BC	**	Hunt, Stephen	ON	**
Alexander, Gary	UK	**	Jack, Katherine	UK	**
Ambrose, C.E.	BC	LM	Jmaeff, Peter	SK	**
Anderson, Judy	BC	**	Klueh, Christoph	GERMANY	**
Andrews, E.S.W.	BC	LM	Landwehr, Brian	USA	**
Armstrong, David	UK	**	Langille, Barry	NS	**
Bachand, Kelly	USA	**	Langley, Alexander	CHANNEL ISLANDS	**
Ball, Nigel	UK	**	LeBlanc, H.A.	NB	LM
Barwise, Robert	PE	LM	Luckman, David	UK	**
Bayne, Charlie	NS	**	McConnell, E.J.	UK (Atheling)	**
Bendik, Gary	ON	**	McLean, Alwyn	UK	**
Best, Robert	BC	**	Marion, Alain	QC	LM
Bissonnette, Serge	ON	LM	Messer, Jane	UK	**
Brown, Colin M.	ON	LM	Mohideen, Fazal	ON	**
Bryson, Alexander	UK	**	Mowrer, Nick	USA	**
Budbill, Wayne	USA	**	Murray, Scott	ON	**
Bullock, Bruce	ON	**	Mutch, A.K.	NS	LM
Burbach, Waylon	USA	**	Ogden, G.J.F.	UK (Atheling)	**
Carlton, Shannon	ON	**	Page, Peter	BC	LM
Cathline, Ralph	ON	LM	Paton, James	BC	**
Chevrier, Christopher	QC	**	Perron, Greg	BC	**
Chisholm, Daniel	NB	**	Pitcairn, Robert	BC	LM
Choquette, Catherine	ON	**	Postle, J.R.W.	UK	**
Church, Peter	USA	**	Praslick III, Emil	USA	**
Coello, Armando	USA	**	Puckle-Hobbs, FJT	UK (Athelings)	**
Daines, Derek	BC	LM	Rahman, Faisal	ON	**
D'Amour, Leo	QC	LM	Reeve, Kent	USA	**
Dawson, Ron	MB	**	Reil, Robert	USA	**
Day, Henry	UK	**	Rickman, David	Jamaica	**
Deane, John	UK	**	Riles, Scott	USA	**
Decosta, Gerard	USA	**	Robertson, Ian	ON	LM
De la Torre, Andre	USA	**	Romses, Roger	ON	**
Dickenson, Charles	UK	**	Rose, David	UK	**
Dudzinski, Paul	BC	**	Rossignol, Jacques	ON	LM
Dyson, David	UK	**	Rossignol, Nicole	ON	LM
Ellis, Fred	ON	**	Roth, Bruce	SCOTLAND	**
Ferguson, Alan	NS	**	Sangster, Tyler	NS	**
Forshee, Cindy	USA	**	Sekellick, Ron	USA	**
Forshee, Wayne	USA	**	Sewell, Doran	MB	LM
Friguglietti, John	USA	**	Simpson, K.E.	UK (Atheling)	**
Frost, Stan	SK	**	Skaret, Justin	USA	**
Fulmer, Scott	USA	**	Smeltzer, Raymond	NS	**
Gardiner, David	AUSTRALIA	**	Surette, J.R.A.	NB	LM
Glenn, Terry	USA	**	Sykes, Paul	UK	**
Griggs, Peter	UK	**	Tamulinas, Stacey	USA	**
Grundy, Art	ON	**	Thomas, Steven	Wales	**
Haley, Christopher	UK	**	Thompson, James	ON	LM
Hall, William V.	ON	LM	Tikkanen, Andy	AB	**
Harding, Simon	UK	**	Tremblay, Paul	QC	**
Harley, S.H.J.	UK (Atheling)	**	Tremblay, Pierre	QC	**
Harper, George R.	ON	LM	Vamplew, Des	ON	**
Hearn, Laurie	NL	**	Vamplew, Pat	ON	**
Hengehold, Trevor	USA	**	Varve, Vaino	ON	LM
Hogg, Ian	PEI	**	Verchere, W.F.	BC	LM

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Vlad, Theodor	QC (NRT)	**
Walters, Thomas	BC	**
Warner, Alan	USA	**
Wesel, Andrew	USA	**
Westling, Ken	BC	**
Westlake, Peter	ON	**
Wicher, Martin	UK	**
Wong Shui, Mike	ON	**
Woodman, Geoff	NL	**
Yarmoshuk, Bart	BC	**

Palma Book Amendments

Further to an email from Colin Cheshire regarding the amendments to the Palma book after the matches this year, Jim Thompson has agreed to act as the gatherer of the money and pay Colin, on your behalf, while at Bisley this year.

If you wish to take advantage of this arrangement, please ensure that the following is provided to the DCRA:

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2. The number of amendments you wish to purchase.
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Colin has asked for notification by August 1, 2011.

The DCRA office will forward your request and mailing address to him if the office receives same and payment **by June 10th**.

At present Colin does not have plans for a 3rd edition, but if there are enough firm orders he may consider it. Please contact Colin directly (ceefour@btinternet.com) if you are interested in this.

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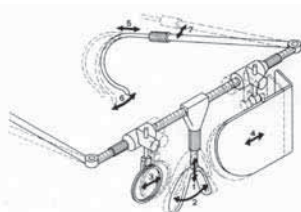
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MAY

7th	All Comers Match	Batouche Range	RNBRA
14th-15th	Vancouver Island Regional TR & F Class Championship	Nanaimo	BCRA
14th	Service Rifle - Webber-Rudland Match	Bull Meadow B	NSRA
15th	Loyalist St. John Westmorland Counties Match	Batouche Range	RNBRA
20th-22nd	Capital of Canada Skeet Championship (56th)	Connaught Ranges	NCRRA
21st	RCR Centennial Match	St Antoine Range	RNBRA
21st-23rd	Precision Rifle (Reid-Irving Match) Target Rifle/F Class (Kennedy & Victoria)	Bull Meadow A	NSRA
21st-23rd	Victoria Day Match	North Star Range	SPRA
21st-23rd	Victoria Day Pistol and Rifle Matches	Connaught Ranges	NCRRA
28th	Kamloops Regional Service Pistol Championships	Kamloops KTSA	BCRA
28th	Vancouver Island Regional Service Rifle Championship	Nanaimo	BCRA
28th	Target Rifle/F Class (Elliot Campbell Challenge)	Bull Meadow A	NSRA
29th	Kamloops Regional Service Rifle Championships	Kamloops KTSA	BCRA
29th	Service Rifle (Gunning Match)	Bull Meadow A	NSRA
29th	Fredericton Centennial Match	Batouche Range	RNBRA

JUNE

3rd	BC Service Pistol Championship	General Vokes	BCRA
4th	Memorial/MacGillivray Match	Batouche Range	RNBRA
4th-5th	BC Service Rifle Championship	General Vokes	BCRA
4th	ISSF Match 300 yds AM, 400-600 yds PM	Batoche Range	PQRA
4th-5th	BCRA ISSF Championship	Kamloops KTSA	BCRA
5th	Military Match	Batoche Range	PQRA
5th	Precision Rifle (Anderson Match)	Bull Meadow A	NSRA
11th	Vancouver Island Regional Tactical Rifle Match	Nanaimo	BCRA
11th	Target Rifle / F Class (Inter-Maritime Trial Match)	Bull Meadow A	NSRA
11th-12th	Saskatchewan Long Range Match	North Star Range	SPRA
18th	IDPA Pistol Matches	Connaught Ranges	NCRRA
18th	Inter-maritime Team Match	St Antoine Range	
19th	Kamloops Regional Tactical Rifle Championships	Kamloops KTSA	BCRA
19th	British Team Match	St Anotine Range	RNBRA
25th-26th	Lower Mainland Regional ISSF Championship	Mission R & G	BCRA
25th	St-Jean Baptiste Match (300-400-500-600 yds)	Batoche Range	PQRA
26th	Team Match AM (400-600 yds)	Batoche Range	PQRA
25th-26th	Precision Rifle - Open Match	Bull Meadow A	NSRA
26th	Stapleford Coleman Match	Batouche Range	RNBRA
30th-3rd July	F Class Western Canada Championship	Homestead Range	
30th-3rd July	F Class Eastern Canada Championship	Connaught Ranges	NCRRA

JULY

1st-3rd	BC Tactical Rifle Championship	General Vokes	BCRA
1st-3rd	TR Long Range Matches	Connaught Ranges	NCRRA
1st	Sierra ISU Match (Service Rifle, Target Rifle, F Class)	Bull Meadow A	NSRA
2nd	Target Rifle, F Class (Canada Day Match)	Bull Meadow A	NSRA
2nd-3rd	Drillers Match, ISSF and Ultra Longs	North Star Range	SPRA
10th	Sierra 300m ISSF Style	St Antoine Range	RNBRA
16th-17th	Lower Mainland Regional TR & F Class Championship	General Vokes	BCRA
16th-17th	RNBRA Annual Prize Meeting	Batouche Range	RNBRA
22nd	Saskatchewan Provincial Championship	North Star Range	SPRA
23rd	Precision Rifle (Twining Match)	Bull Meadow A	NSRA
29th-1st Aug	BC Target Rifle Championship	General Vokes	BCRA
29th-1st Aug	BC F Class Championship	General Vokes	BCRA
30th-1st Aug	Manitoba Provincial Championships	St. Charles Range	MPRA

AUGUST

5th-7th 130th Provincial Championship(300-400-500-600 yds; warm up Fri 15:00)
13th-14th Long Range Challenge
11th-14th Target Rifle F Class - NSRA Annual Prize Meet
19th-27th Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships
21st Service Rifle (Ferguson-Canadian Rifle League Match)
24th Skeet Match
24th Service Rifle (Ishapore/.303 Open Match)

Batoche Range PQRA
North Star Range SPRA
Bull Meadow A NSRA
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Bull Meadow A NSRA

SEPTEMBER

3rd-5th Prairie Provinces Match
3rd-5th Target Rifle /F Class Atlantic Championships
10th-12th Invitation Valcartier Match (300-400-500-600 yds; warm up Fri 15:00)
17th-18th Navy Match & Butchart Team Match
24th Vancouver Island Regional Tactical Rifle Fall Match
24th-25th Frosty Farky Regional Championship
24th-25th Fall Pistol Matches

North Star Range SPRA
Bull Meadow A
Batoche Range PQRA
Nanaimo BCRA
Nanaimo BCRA
Kamloops KTSA BCRA
Connaught Ranges NCRRA

OCTOBER

1st Target Rifle /F Class (Purdy & Irish Team Matches)
8th Precision Rifle - Provincial Championship
15th-16th Service Rifle - Provincial Championship

Bull Meadow A NSRA
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- General Vokes and Nanaimo Range Bookings can change due to military training. Please check before attending.

- Dates not available for Manitoba, Newfoundland at time of printing.

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*As the national governing body for fullbore target shooting,
to promote and support the pursuit of excellence in military and
civilian marksmanship as a positive and significant contribution to Canada,
to the sport of shooting and to the safe handling of firearms.*

The Mission Statement is the keystone to all activities within the DCRA and a guide for the affiliated rifle associations; everything we do is in support of this statement.

The use of the word "promote" indicates a necessity of increasing membership and actively pursuing the implementation of marksmanship training and firearms safety in all our shooting programmes. Additionally there is the requirement to introduce training and development programmes, coaching courses and competitions that are demanding and appealing to the shooting community that support membership and activity.

From this it follows there is a need for a well thought out publicity plan or a "marketing strategy".

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.

Marion Cantlay		Alex Mullin	December 18, 2010
Frank Battershill	November 30, 2010	Jack Holdstock	December 25, 2010
Harry Axam		Diana Van Duyse (wife of Paul)	January 19, 2011
Margaret Axam		Cas le Roux	January 19, 2011
Harrison Peters	December 13, 2010		



Alex Mullin

Alex passed away December 18th, 2010, in London, Ontario, in his 96th year. It was a peaceful passing after a long and active retirement spent constantly at his wife Sylvia's side. Their later years were spent following the exploits of their family and extensively traveling the world.

Alex shot target rifle with the ORA and DCRA throughout the 1970s and accompanied the ORA Goodwill Team to Bisley in 1977, the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. His family went with him; sons Roger and Tim were also on the senior Bisley team that year. Sons Mark and Paul filled out the family representation. In later years Alex would show off his one and only NRA bronze class prize and crow about his \$5000 medal - he paid for the family's excursion, you see.

Together with his four sons, all of whom were in those days active TR shooters up from the cadet ranks, he formed the Mullin Family Rifle Association. Its familiar yellow MFRA t-shirts were seen all over Connaught as the five shot the annual prize meetings year after year and tented in the campgrounds, usually next to the equally active Tremblay clan. While never a major prizewinner, Alex was always enthusiastic and when his papers were sorted Mercer Memorial and Lieutenant Governor's

crests dating back 33 years and more were found along with the aforementioned NRA medal and old trophies from the Brown side of his family. Target shooting is a sport pursued by members of his family back into the late 1800s.

Along with other members of the family, Alex established the Ontario Long Range Aggregate Trophy in 1982, in memory of two family members, Lt. Col. FM Brown, QYR and Lt. Col. JCH Lovelock, REME.

Alex was a graduate of the University of Toronto Schools and obtained a BCom from the University of Toronto followed by his CA in 1938. Alex was a founding member of the chartered accountancy firm Hutchins, Mullin and Blair and a life member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario. His other interests included: computing, which he took up after he retired; music (he was an accomplished pianist); his hobby farm near Durham, Ontario; a villa in Barbados; squash, a sport he pursued well into his sixties, and travel. In 1942 Alex, along with two of age brothers, volunteered as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Canadian Army. Through the CanLoan program Alex was later attached to the British 8th Army. He served in the UK, where he met his future bride, and in the Italian campaign, ending the war in Austria with the rank of Captain.

He is survived by one brother, Robert, his wife of 65 years, Sylvia, four sons, Roger (Diane), Timothy (Suzanne), Mark (Gerri) and Paul (Rose Marie), his daughter Tina (Gunnar) and his eight grandchildren, Sarah, Erik, Anne, Andrew, Nicola, Connor, Frederique and Anais.

-submitted by Roger Mullin

*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.*

John B. (Jack) Holdstock

Jack Holdstock passed away suddenly and unexpectedly from a heart attack on Christmas Day at the age of 74. Over the years Jack had been involved in just about every shooting sport, including fullbore, smallbore, handgun, shotgun, both target shooting and hunting birds and big game. Those of you who were active in smallbore in the 1970s will remember Jack as the Manager/Coach of the National Smallbore Team.

Jack was a Saskatchewan boy who learned to shoot on the family farm at Weyburn by keeping the gophers under control. He spent many years in Saskatoon, both attending University of Saskatchewan, graduating with an engineering degree, and working as a chartered accountant. In 1980 he moved to Kelowna and worked until retirement as Secretary-Treasurer of BC Tree Fruits. Jack was a long-time member of the British Columbia Wildlife Federation, serving as its president and chairman of many of its committees. He was also a Director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association and an outspoken advocate and protector of firearms ownership.

Many of you who did not have the privilege of knowing Jack personally will recognise his name as the source of much of the firearms legislation info that I have been passing on to you for the past many years. Jack was an eclectic reader and I never ceased to be amazed at the breadth of information that Jack reviewed and commented on. His keen insight and concise writing was not limited to firearms issues; he was equally adept at skewering bad wildlife laws, environmental issues, political hypocrisy and junk science. For the last five years he maintained his Total Recoil blog with incisive comments added several times a week.

Jack was an avid golfer who kept himself in superb shape. When I last saw him in October, I would swear he was not an ounce heavier than when he was on the 1975 Pan-American Games Team.

I know I have lost a very good friend and the firearms community has lost a most valuable player. Our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Morag and all of Jack's family.

We all need to keep in mind the words with which Jack signed every e-mail and blog:

The world is run by those who show up.

-Submitted by Stan Frost

Harrison Ross Peters

Harrison was born in Edmonton on the 19th of March 1921.

He lived his childhood years in Cadomin, Alta where father worked as a miner for the Alberta Coal Co. When he was of age he followed in his father's footsteps and became a miner.

During WWII he served with the RCAF stationed in RAF Manston, Kent. As most vets, Harrison did not talk much about the War, except he did mention that is where he learned how to make "cheese boxes" fly.

After the War he returned to Cadomin but as coal was being replaced by petroleum, the Alberta Coal Co., was phasing out the mine. In 1952 he re-enlisted in the RCAF and spent 25 years with them as a Aero-Engine Mechanic.

With the RCAF, he took up Service Rifle shooting, laying claim to the RCAF Queen's medal in 1968. He was part of the RCAF Rockcliffe Rifle Club, along with other notables such as, Bill Garland, Dave Rumbold, Roy Thorburn, Chuck Clarke, Dave Reynolds and Jim Hennock before it amalgamated with the NDHQRA, which he was a Life Member.

In 1977 was hired by the National Art Gallery which was then on Elgin Street, in the artisan shop.

Harrison shot Target Rifle and keep company with the likes of Charlie Collins, Ted Lachance and George Sanderson.

After retiring from the National Art Gallery, he moved to Portland, Ontario and we started seeing less of Harrison at the Clubhouse unless it was to visit Serge Bissonnette. Serge & Harrison were good friends, with Harrison always keeping an interest in Serge's shooting in such ways as loading his ammunition.

After suffering his first stroke he moved in with his daughter Gail, in South Mountain, Ontario where the house was expanded to include a suite for Harrison & Jean.

Harrison died on the 13th of December 2010, at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital from complications arising from phenomena. According to the attending nurse, he had just eaten a full breakfast and while she was preparing the paraphernalia to wash him, she heard him taking a deep breath. When she returned to his bedside, it was clear that the breath she had heard was Harrison's last. He died peacefully on a full stomach.

-submitted by Serge Bissonnette

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