



# Winter / Spring 2008

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# INTRODUCTION

James Thompson

## Staff Matters

We are delighted to announce that Mr. Aaron Daley has accepted the position of Secretary-Treasurer and Match Director of the DCRA (The Secretary, for short). More information about Aaron appears in this issue of the *Marksman*. This position, which is part-time, in accordance with the re-structuring of the DCRA administration and management, supersedes that of Executive Director.

I am sure that all members will welcome Aaron Daley to the DCRA and support and assist him in this new challenge.

For me, this means that my temporary sojourn as Interim Executive Director will soon come to an end. I would like to thank all those who have worked with me since last September, especially Betty Ann Ferguson and Peter Vaughan, and the members of the Planning and Priorities Committee. To those who were not happy about my taking on this responsibility, I can only say that you will not have to put up with me for much longer, so that you will soon be able to sleep more peacefully at night and at other times. Doing this job has been a strange experience for me, but it has given me a much greater sense and appreciation of what goes on behind the scenes at the DCRA. We don't know how much we have to be thankful for.

Peter Vaughan has agreed to remain with us, as part-time Accountant and Statistician. Betty Ann Ferguson remains as full-time Office Manager. With these changes, there will inevitably be a period of re-adjustment and settling down. All our staff will need our support, patience, understanding and assistance.

## Winter Postal Programme 2007-08

The Winter Programme is well underway, with Julie Belanger and her group getting ready to mark targets and review scores. We have been fortunate in receiving a significant grant from the Royal Canadian Legion to support entries from Cadet Teams and Individuals. We have been able to lower entry fees and increase prizes for cadets. While the grant came a little late to make a significant impact this year, we hope that it will stimulate increase

entries in the future. We are most grateful for this support and warmly thank BGen Duane Daly for making it possible.

## Looking towards Summer 2008

Details of the 2008 CFRC and entry forms may be found in this issue of the *Marksman*, and are also on the web site. Please keep an eye on the latter for announcements of any changes in the CFRC. Please note also the changes in camping at Connaught, rules for meals and accommodation at Connaught, the Commonwealth Games Trial and the F Class Tournament. And, *please, get your entries in early!*

## Future International Teams

In addition to the annual Team to Bisley, Canadian shooters may be interested in being members of teams under consideration for:

### **The America Match**

to be held at Raton, USA, in September, 2008;

### **The South African 80th Anniversary Championships**

to be held at Bloomfontein in March-April, 2009;

### **The TR World Championships in Australia,**

October (tentative) 2011.

More details of these are on the DCRA web site.

## DCRA Annual General Meeting

The Notice of and Agenda for the AGM were printed in the last issue, as were the Nomination Forms for Council. Due to the cost of putting on an evening meal by the Connaught kitchen, we will not hold the Saturday evening dinner there. We will book a table at a local restaurant and encourage as many as possible to get together that evening. Details will appear on the web site in due course. Finally, those attending the Meetings who wish to have accommodation at Connaught are required to inform the DCRA as quickly as possible, since it may be in short supply. We hope to be able to arrange rooms, along with breakfast and lunch, but we cannot do this at the last moment.

Jim Thompson

Soon to be ex-Interim Executive Director

## The New Secretary-Treasurer and Match Director of the DCRA



We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Aaron Daley to the new position of Secretary-Treasurer and Match Director of the DCRA. This position, with its somewhat indigestible title, call it DCRA Secretary for short, supersedes that of the Executive Director. The position is part-time, with a year-round appointment, but with a much greater intensity of work during the busy summer months.

Aaron Daley retired from the Canadian Forces in 2006, following a busy 13-year career. He attended Royal Military College, obtaining a degree in Political and Economic science. He served as an infantry officer with the Royal Canadian Regiment in Canada and in Bosnia. He also served as a staff officer at National Defence Headquarters with the office of Protocol and Foreign Liaison responsible for hosting and escorting foreign dignitaries on defence related and other visits to Canada.

He is no stranger to shooting, the grandson of the late WM "Magpie Bill" Beatty, he has been a member of the 1992 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Team to Bisley, captain of the 2000 Canadian Forces Team to Bisley, and a member of NCRRA and the DCRA.

We welcome Aaron Daley to the DCRA and are looking forward to him sharing his experience and enthusiasm with us.



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Dr. Jim Thompson  
Chairman CFRC Programme Committee

Details of the Programme and entry forms may be found in this issue of the *Canadian Marksman* and on the DCRA web site. The full CFRC programme and schedule are on the web site. The Programme and Rules Booklet will be mailed in advance to those who enter in good time. These notes are designed to point out the main changes for this year.

**1. The CFRC** will start on Friday 15th August with the Final of the Governor General's on Saturday 23rd August. The Programme will be similar to that offered in 2005 and earlier years. Essentially that means a more relaxed schedule than in the past two years, with more time between relays. Please note that under the schedule, the 223/556 Championship and the Long Range Challenge will both be fired over two days on First Friday and First Saturday. It will **not** be possible to combine the 223/556 Championship with either the Long Range Challenge or the Sierra ISSF 300 metre Championship. But it **is** possible to fire in both Long Range Challenge and the Sierra ISSF 300 metre Championship.

**a.** The Coaches Match will be revived this year and fired in the early afternoon of First Tuesday.

**b.** A new Seniors Team Match will be fired on Second Saturday alongside the Canada Match. This is for teams of 4 TR shooters, plus a Captain and Coach, all of whom will be 60 years of age or older on 1st July 2011. This is to start the preparations for the Canadian Seniors Team in the next World Championship in Australia. National teams, and teams from regions of Canada may enter this match. For 2008, to help get it going, there will be no entry fee.

**c.** The Coulter, Harrison and Otter Trophies will be re-assigned for individual Under 25 shooters in the All Comers Aggregate, Gzowski Aggregate and Canadian Open TR Championship respectively. Medals will be awarded to the top shooter in each event.

**d.** Early and Late Short Course Aggregates will again be offered for those who cannot complete the full Grand Aggregate.

**e.** The Grand Aggregate will be squadded for a maximum of 280 TR and F Class shooters, first come - first served. This number may be revised, upwards or downwards, as entries are received. Once the final decision is taken on the number of butt markers, there can be no further change and entries may be closed.

**2. The Commonwealth Games Selection Trial** will finish on Sunday 24th August with a full day shoot for the top 24 shooters entered in the Trial. The scores that day will be added to the scores made in the selection aggregate in 2007 and 2008. Please refer to the 2007 and 2008 DCRA Programmes for details of the selection aggregate. The names of the 24 shooters who qualify to shoot in the Sunday Final will be announced on Second Thursday afternoon following completion of the Gibson. Scores made in the Gatineau, and the Governor General's Final or Bisley Qualifier will count in the overall aggregate. From the total scores in the Trial, the top four (4) shooters will take part in training sessions in 2009. The Games will be in India in October 2010, with the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships being held in 2009. There will not be any fee for entering the 2008 selection stages. However, Canadian shooters will be asked to register for the trial on the CFRC Entry Form. Those in the trial may be subject to random drugs testing in accordance with Commonwealth Games Rules.

**3. The Canadian Open F Class Long Range Shooting Tournament** will be held from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th August. This will be similar in format to that held in 2006, with both individual and team matches. Targets as close as possible to those likely to be used at the 2009 F Class World Championships at Bisley will be used. As in 2006, entries will be accepted from F(O), F(F) and TR shooters, with scoring based on the system used in 2006. For F(O) shooters, the ICFRA F Class scoring rules to be used in the 2009 F Class World Championship may apply. *Please note that this event will only be held if there are at least 40 paid-up entries in the hands of the DCRA by 1st May 2008.*

**4. Accommodation and Meals at Connaught.** As is apparent to all who go to Connaught, the base is an increasing busy place. Our arrangements for accommodation and meals have to fit in with the overall staffing levels and mesh with military priorities. There are some changes this year to which we will all have to adapt.

**a.** The family camping area is being permanently closed to allow construction of a new military facility on that site. There will be no space available for RVs, caravans or 5th wheels. Those wishing to stay in the latter type of vehicle will have to use commercial off-site camping facilities. The nearest to Connaught is Ottawa Municipal Campground, 411 Corkstown Road, Nepean, Ontario. Seasonal inquiries from May to October phone 613-828-6632 or Ottawa Parks Reservation Toll free 1-800-668-7275.

Early reservation is strongly recommended. Following discussion, Connaught has agreed to make some space available for light camper-trailers and private tents. You may request this on the entry form. We don't know where it will be, but there should be electrical power available.


b. Those who wish to stay in the Connaught Barracks should request and pay for this on the entry form. Connaught has decreed that barracks accommodation can only be obtained with an inclusive meal package (3 meals per day) for \$25 per day. Those who pay for this package will receive a meal ticket for use in the Connaught kitchen. Barracks accommodation without meals, or full meals without barracks accommodation, cannot be had. The only dispensation on this that Connaught has allowed is for those, not staying in the barracks, who want lunch in the mess. This will be available daily on a walk-up, cash payment basis.

c. Due to the increasing cost of the Saturday BBQ, as laid on by Connaught, the current plan is not to hold such an event, unless we can arrange to an acceptable (to Connaught) outside caterer to do the meal at a reasonable cost. We will hold the usual Meet and Greet early on Saturday evening, with a cash bar and

finger foods. Each competitor will receive one drink ticket, with the cost of that and the snacks built into the entry fee. If the BBQ can be held, announcements will be made on the DCRA web site. The deadline for receipt of entries eligible for the "Early Bird Draw" is Friday 23rd May 2008. Such entries must be fully paid and in the hands of the DCRA by that date.

Golf cart rentals will be available, but, at the time of writing, we do not have prices. They will be posted on the web site as soon as possible. Golf carts must be booked and paid for in advance. Since we have to contract for a certain number of carts, there can be no refund if the cart is cancelled after this number has been confirmed. We will post the sate for this on the web site.


Please make your entries as early as possible! We try to fine-tune the numbers of hired staff to meet all requirements, but we do not wish to over-hire. At certain dates, decisions will be made on staffing, after which the entry limits will be closed. **We don't want to turn anyone away, but to avoid the chance of this, please entry early!**



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**Summary of Schedule**  
**2008 CANADIAN FULLBORE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**First Thursday, 14th August - AM**

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

**First Friday, 15th August - AM**

Black Powder, 300 and 500/600y  
The Sierra Canadian 300m ISSF Championship, 60 rds at 300m  
The Canadian 223/556 Championship,  
15 rds at 300, 500 and 600y

**First Friday, 15th August - PM**

Black Powder, 200 and 500//600y  
The Canadian Long Range Challenge Part 1,  
15 rds at 900m (twice)  
The Canadian 223/556 Championship, 15 rds at 800m

**First Friday, 15th August - Evening**

\*The Ottawa Regiment, 15 rds at 800m

**First Saturday, 16th August - AM**

Black Powder, 700 and 800m  
\*The Gooderham, 15 rds at 500y and 10 rds at 900m

**First Saturday, 16th August - PM**

Black Powder 'Thousand', 900m  
\*The Army & Navy Veterans, 15 rds at 900m  
The Canadian 223/556 Championship, 15 rds at 800 and 900m  
The Canadian Long Range Challenge Part 2,  
15 rds at 900m (twice)

**First Sunday, 17th August - AM**

Black Powder International (Team), 900m  
\*The Tilton, 10 rounds at 300m and 600y

**First Sunday, 17th August - PM**

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

**First Monday, 18th August - AM**

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

**First Monday, 18th August - PM**

The Norman Beckett , 10 rounds at 800m  
The Colonel John C. Brick, 10 rounds at 600y  
The Canadian 223/556 Championship, 15 rounds at 900m

**First Tuesday, 19th August - AM**

The Letson, 7 rounds at 300m and 500y

**First Tuesday, 19th 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, 20th August - AM**

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

**First Wednesday, 20th August - PM**

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

**Second Thursday, 21st August - AM**

The Gibson, 10 rds at 300m and 600y

**Second Thursday, 21st 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 Street , 15 rds at 700, 800 and 900m  
The Rideau Team, 10 rds at 900m  
The Michael Faraday (team), 7 rds at 300, 500 and 600y

**Second Friday, 22nd August - AM**

The Gatineau, 15 rds at 900m

***THE GRAND AGGREGATE FINISHES***

**Second Friday, 22nd August - PM**

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

**Second Saturday, 23rd 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

**Second Saturday, 23rd August - Noon-ish**

The F Class Final, 15 rds at 800 and 900m  
The F Class Bisley Qualifier, 15 rds at 800 and 900m  
The TR Bisley Qualifier, Relay 1, 15 rds at 800 and 900m  
Second Saturday, 23rd August - PM  
The TR Bisley Qualifier, Relay 2, 15 rds at 800 and 900m  
The Governor General's Final, 15 rds at 800 and 900m

***PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY***

**Second Sunday, 24th August - AM**

Commonwealth Games Selection Trial,  
10 rds at 300, 500 and 600y

**Second Sunday, 24th August - PM**

Commonwealth Games Selection Trial, 15 rds at 800 and 900m

***MEDAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY***

**Second Monday, 25th August - AM**

F Class Tournament Individual, 15 rds at 900m (twice)

**Second Monday, 25th August - PM**

F Class Tournament Individual, 15 rds at 900m  
F Class Tournament Team Match, 15 rds at 900m

**Second Tuesday, 26th August - AM**

F Class Tournament Individual, 15 rds at 900m (twice)

**Second Tuesday, 26th August - PM**

F Class Tournament Individual, 15 rds at 900m  
F Class Tournament Team Match, 15 rds at 900m

**Second Wednesday, 27th August - AM**

F Class Tournament Individual, 15 rds at 900m (twice)

**Second Wednesday, 27th August - PM**

F Class Tournament Team Match, 15 rds at 900m  
F Class Tournament Individual Final, 15 rds at 900m

***PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY***

# The Future of Canadian Fullbore Target Rifle Rules

Roger Mullin

Chair: Rule Book Committee

The times they are a-changin'. It is important for all members who take part in DCRA sanctioned events and the CFRC to take note of the material in this article.

As many may know, the DCRA is a founding member of the International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations (ICFRA), along with all other major TR players such as the USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and others. In the making for the better part of the past decade, this organization came together during the summer of '07 in Ottawa to finally put its stamp of approval on Technical Rules governing TR matches. The initial purpose of these rules is to govern major international events such as the Palma, and they will be used in the Palma Matches of 2011 in Australia. We have had some experience with these rules at the Palma match this summer at Connaught; all was smooth sailing.

These newly minted ICFRA rules are meant to address all aspects of running and competing in such events and do address most matters appearing in any country's own current TR rules, including our own. The rules represent a compromise and a melding of the TR rules from all these players and have been carefully crafted to be "adoptable" for national use as well - our rules played a major part in this process. There are minor differences between our existing TR rules and these ICFRA rules (they will be summarized later). I may confidently reassure anyone reading that if your rifle and equipment pass current Canadian rules you are most certainly legal in ICFRA events. In addition, ICFRA has designed an entire set of new targets to be used in such events. These targets are slightly more challenging than our existing ones, but, to all intents and purposes, are very similar. Finally, these ICFRA rules include rules against the abuse of drugs or performance enhancing agents, something not currently in our rules but under consideration for the past two years by the Executive.

In early December of '07 the Executive Committee met and considered these ICFRA rules. The Executive approved a three year trial of these rules (including the "Drug" rules) beginning with our CFRC in 2009. This means no change for this coming summer but the new rules will be in force in '09, '10, and '11 while the trial takes place. Our existing rule book will be kept available for consultation in the event that issues arise which are not addressed by the ICFRA rules (we are not anticipating any, but you just never know). Depending on our experience, consideration will be given at that point to adopting the ICFRA rules as our own. Understanding the benefits of a common set of rules and targets world wide, the Executive accepts the adoption in principle.

We will **NOT** be moving as rapidly towards the ICFRA target system simply because we have far too large a supply of our existing targets and wear centres. Once inventory of our existing target system is exhausted we will move to the ICFRA target system. It is difficult to accurately estimate when this might occur but it seems reasonable to predict that this will be 5 years away or more; you will be given plenty of notice through the website, email and the *Marksman*. This delay is unfortunate but necessary.

On the bright side, we will have time to explore cheap sources of targets; suppliers of Plotomatic-like devices and plotting sheets will have an opportunity to gear up.

We hope that by setting this example the rest of the shooting fraternity around the world will see the wisdom of common rules, targets, processes, penalties and what not and will join us in adopting these rules as their own very soon. It seems to us to be inevitable anyway. We know that South Africa is rewriting their rules to be completely ICFRA compliant. Our plan is simply to use the ICFRA rules and hopefully retire our existing rule book by 2011 rather than undertake a complete rewriting.

Closer to the date we will put the ICFRA rule book on the DCRA website ([www.dkra.ca](http://www.dkra.ca)) for all to consult.

The major differences as we speak are:

1. Currently, ICFRA rules do not specify an overall rifle weight. Presumably a very heavy rifle would still be legal. This particular rule remains controversial and may well yet be changed to a specific weight .... It's unclear at this time. Recommendation: until 2012, follow the existing weight specified in our current Canadian rules (i.e. 6.5 kg or 14 pounds 5 ounces). It is wise to do this anyway until all countries have adopted ICFRA rules. The UK may well be slow to jump on board and, for those who hope to compete at Bisley either as an independent or a Canadian Team member, following the current weight will mean you will be legal there as well.

2. The ICFRA allowable trigger weight will be 500 grams. This is a significant reduction from our current weight of 1.5 kg (1500 grams). Starting in '09 the weight your trigger will have to lift when tested will be 500 grams. For those who are curious, this weight represents a compromise hashed out by the ICFRA representatives after considerable discussion. For the time being it appears that the UK will not lower its weight hence our recommendation: until 2012 be sure any trigger you use can be reliably raised to 1.5 kg in the event that you anticipate going to Bisley as above. It goes without saying that all triggers must be safe. Many may choose (as I will) to indefinitely leave their triggers at 1500 grams regardless.

3. Last summer the DCRA adopted the ICFRA Message system, with minimal alterations to their message 6, as our own. (You can check the wording on our website). Once 2009 rolls around message 6 will be returned to the original ICFRA wording. The consequence of the ICFRA wording is that, should you use message 6 to see if there is a second shot on the target and one is not found, you will be credited with a zero rather than the value of the shot you did have indicated. This represents a significant change from the current situation (remember, this starts in '09).

4. Currently the DCRA has no published drug policy or regulations - we are way behind the times as virtually every sport in Canada has one and the world leaders in this effort are Canadian (Dick Pound of WADA, based in Montreal). The ICFRA rules include a long set of rules, regulations and procedures regarding this, much of it pertaining to how international events are to be run. In simple words, for our use provincially and nationally, here it is: **DON'T**. However, should you require medication from your doctor we expect you to take it and the rules are set up in such a way that you can get an exemption without hassle where needed. Testing during the events may take place at the discretion of the match conveners at any level of competition and is entirely in their hands. You might wonder ... "My doctor has me on drug X and I have no idea if this is a banned drug/substance or not. How do I find out? Probably even my MD doesn't know?" (In fact, most physicians won't know!) Simple, there are a number of websites designed for exactly this purpose, the best one presently being [www.didglobal.com](http://www.didglobal.com). If you go to this website and follow its simple instructions you will be able to determine whether you have a problem, or not, with medication your physician has prescribed or over the counter (OTC) remedies you might have reason to use. More on this later when we get

closer to the date. The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) maintains a website as well with a complete listing of banned drugs and substances by sport along with allowable blood or urine levels of drugs which are permitted; this will be our Canadian gold standard. It all sounds complicated but believe me it's not. It will have minimal or no impact on the enjoyment of our sport. Both ICFRA and the DCRA are committed to making this as user friendly and noninvasive as possible.

All of these technical rules apply to TR only for the moment. ICFRA is still working on similar Technical Rules for F class competition. Once they have hashed this out we will give optimistic consideration to adopting these as well but at the moment there are a number of major hurdles to be dealt with. Service rifle, Black powder and other provincially driven events may require separate consideration. The "drug rules" will apply to all disciplines

Feel free to contact the Chair of the Rule Book Committee at any time ([roger.mullin@sympatico.ca](mailto:roger.mullin@sympatico.ca)).



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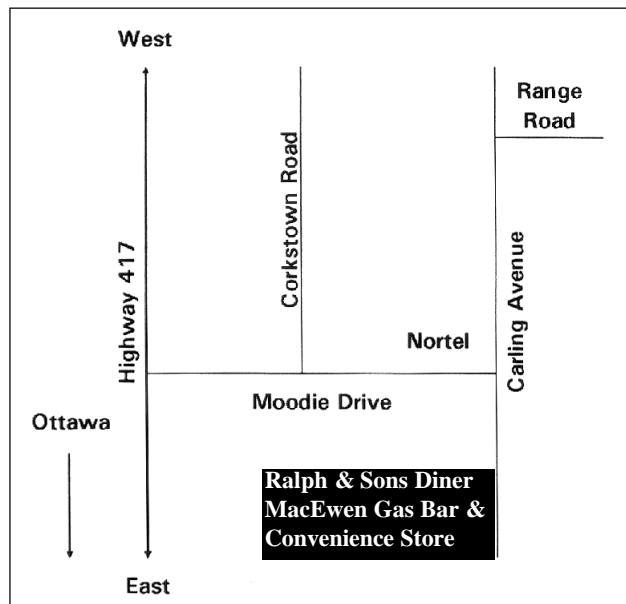
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## 2 DCRA members inducted into the Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame

In July 2007, two members of the DCRA were inducted into the Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame - John Marshall and George Harper.

Over the years they remained friends and continued their shooting during the summer matches at Connaught. The culmination of this friendship and shared love of shooting was in 2005 when John was the Commandant of the Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley and George was the Adjutant.



**2005 Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley  
Commandant John Marshall and Adjutant George Harper**

### John Allan Marshall

The prestigious Bisley Camp in England is the United Kingdom's national shooting center.

Bisley offers opportunities for sportsmen and women who practice the art of target shooting using various types of firearms, including full-bore target rifle, match rifle along with other disciplines.

We have several here in Pictou County who have performed with great distinction at Bisley.

John Allan Marshall - born in Thorburn in 1931 has represented this country in at least fourteen Bisley shoots, and made the grade for four others.

John started shooting in 1955, and qualified for his first "Bisley" team under Commandant Major K.R. MacGregor the following year.

John was team Adjutant and Commandant and placed in the upper echelon in the Bisley Grand Aggregate against some of the finest shooters in the British empire, not to mention the world.

He's also represented the country at world long range championships. John was involved in 34 inter-maritime team matches starting in the late 50's and scored 105 on three different occasions. One veteran shooter was heard to say "that's something that few of us achieve once."

He served as council member and past president of the Nova Scotia Rifle Association where he was considered "the engine that

pulls everything together, the grease that makes things run smoothly."

Provincially in competition he had almost 70 first place finishes. He was also one of the founding members of the Pictou County Rifle Association, where he started as a small bore shooter before moving to full bore.

John Allan Marshall spend all his working life - over 50 years - as a top level administrator at Maritime Steel and Foundries Limited in New Glasgow.

Through skill, consistency and longevity, John has given an enormous amount to rifle shooting locally, provincially, nationally and internationally and earns his place today in the Pictou County Sport Heritage Hall of Fame.

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### Major George Harper (Ret'd)

Born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, George completed high school in that province. During his high school years, he was a member of the cadets and the local militia, the Pictou Highlanders. This exposure to cadets and militia service proved to be an introduction to a military Career spanning 40 years.

George's interest in shooting began as a member of the Army cadets, attending DCRA matches in 1954, qualifying as a member for the 1955 Cadet Bisley team. He was a shooting member of the winning Alexander Graham Bell team match at Bisley in 1955. Subsequently, he attended Bisley as a shooting member on 5 DCRA teams, qualified two other years. He was also a shooting member of the 1972 Palma (Gold) and 1973 Palma teams. His most recent trip to Bisley was in 2005 as the adjutant for the Bisley Team with John Marshall as the Commandant. Over the years he has also served on DCRA councils and is a life member of the DCRA.

Competing at Bisley he won three Queen's finals and a St. George's Cross. In 1972, George was the high Canadian in the grand aggregate and was awarded the Commandant's prize by Colonel John Brick. That same year he was a shooting member of a winning Kolapore team. Another highlight for him that year was his double possible in the Mckinnon match (with 100-14 V's). He excelled at English Rugby and Track & Field during his high school years and in later years, marathoning. Other interests also included hunting and fishing.

Plagued with serious eye problems in 1989, he was compelled to retire from active shooting in 1992. George has always taken a keen interest in the affairs of the NDHQRA/NCRRA rifle clubs serving as an Executive Officer for over 18 years. He is also an honorary life member of NCRRA.

George is an inductee into the Canadian Forces Sports Hall of Fame, Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame and also his home county, Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame for outstanding achievement in shooting. He has also received a Commander Canadian Forces Europe Commendation while stationed in Germany-1978. George resides in Ottawa with his wife Azul. They have two sons and 5 grandchildren.

***Our Congratulations John & George!!***

# A Shooting Survival Strategy

Ric Melling

*The following article is based upon presentations made to the DCRA SAGM in 2005 and the AGM in 2006, which were only very briefly reported in a subsequent 'Canadian Marksman'*

## Alarm Calls

Our sport has had several alarm calls; the end of National Service, the end of issue ammunition and grants, adverse legislation, difficulty raising and funding a Bisley Team and the increased ageing out of traditional Life Members to name but a few. Membership numbers have been declining in all provinces for many years. Increasing costs are progressively shared among less participants, further reducing membership. Nowadays everyone recognises a need for 'more members' but the sport of Target Shooting has had a need to recruit for the past 50 years. Our continued failure to recruit and retain members will indeed ensure obsolescence. Ask yourself how many new TR shooters has your PRA signed up in the last three years? How many cadets have you retained in the past 3 years? How many of your events of any type were fully subscribed last year, to the capacity of the range? Is your current membership number more or less than it was 5, 10 or 20 years ago and how many of your members are still active on the range? In Ontario, the answers to those questions were not comfortable, so in 2001 the ORA decided it was time to 'do something'.

## You cannot just 'sell membership'!

Absolutely, you cannot! Membership means nothing without real, visible benefits. People will pay for membership in order to do something they want to do or get some benefit of obvious value. First you must find answers to the questions 'to do what?', 'to realize what benefits?'. Why do you think people join, or decide not to join, our sport or your PRA? Why would they join the DCRA?

## Empowerment

The object of this presentation (article) is to empower all of us to positively, individually and collectively contribute to the successful recruitment and retention of long-range target shooters in Canada so that we may all reap the benefits of a growing and vibrant sport in the future. You will have noticed that I referred there to Long-Range Target Shooting, Target Rifle, F-Class, Precision Rifle, Service Conditions shooting; they are all one sport - Long Range Target Shooting, for if they do not hang together, they will most certainly suffer their individual demises.

## Just how bad is it?

Well, ask yourself, how would anyone know what our sport is all about - that it even exists? What do we offer the day they come to try the sport - let alone when they commit to it? What is the cost of getting into TR or F or Precision? How does that compare with other popular leisure activities or sports? If they do decide to join, how does a newcomer get from being an awkward beginner to being an established and skilled participant? How do they avoid wasting money and time or becoming disillusioned? These questions indicate that our strategy should be to make the sport visible, desirable, accessible, achievable and enjoyable.

## The big steps !

The first big step is to set the 'Tone at the Top'. The Executive level must be fully committed to recruiting and retaining new members. Next, build a plan and communicate it to all members. Get members 'on side and in the recruiting team'. Walk the Walk of your plan. Remember, recruiting AND retaining new members involves **EVERY** member. The Council establishes the plan, the Finance Committee finds the funds, the Members play many different roles and the DCRA has a role to play too.

## Strategy

The first step in the plan is to identify a strategy. That should be based upon conventional marketing principles;

**Define the Products.** Our product is Long Range Target Shooting as a distinct and separate activity from anything local clubs can offer; supplementary to, not competing with their efforts.

**Identify the Markets.** Existing gun owners are certainly the 'lowest hanging fruit' and can be found both in local gun clubs and outside clubs; varminters, hunters and plinkers. Next we looked at family members of shooters, Cadets & Military Units, shooters from other countries, non gun-owners, youth organizations and the general public as potential sources of new members.

**Build the Product.** (See below) Consider every PRA & DCRA activity as a recruiting and retention opportunity.

**Advertise.** Lots of ideas came up here but their effectiveness was commonly dependant upon creating the right impression - of a modern sport - and required more pictures than words. We chose to get brochures and posters made professionally, for use at gun shops, gun clubs, gun shows and events. These were supported by a static display, a CD full of information and our website. We posted items on Website discussion groups (Gun-Nutz), sent mail shots to retailers and clubs, stuffed our brochure in various commercial catalogues and purchased commercial advertising space in publications like the CSSA newsletter. Advertise, Advertise, Advertise, Advertise...any which way you can.

**Sell, Sell, Sell!** The key here is easy access to information and visibility. By far the most successful means of attracting new members is by going out and meeting the target market face-to-face with the right materials, image, words and messages and listening to their needs. In talking to prospective new members we found our program of **Introductory Days** - a \$40 all-in discovery day, to be well received as a low risk option, with lots of events and opportunities to shoot, training schemes and the availability of coaching usually the 'next questions'.

**Provide After-Sales-Service.** It is essential that we shrink the 'entry hurdle' and make everything the newcomer needs available; training and guidance in particular. The equipment displayed at an

*“When dealing with new members,  
be open & honest, help them at your cost,  
in your sport, time, dollars,  
or sacrifice your achievement for theirs.”*

**Introductory Day** is a key factor and must be something the participant could buy tomorrow, the quality of which demonstrates how we respect participants (so no old clunkers). The rifle, scope/sights, mats - must be available and affordable, work reliably and foster achievement with the stress on 'low entry cost'. Showcase 'Factory F Class' and 'Economy Target Rifle'. Run an Activity Fee scheme to cover all practice dates at one low cost. Formal and informal training **MUST** be available at economical rates. We developed the **ORA Handbook and Information Sheets** to help newcomers with answers to the many questions they face. Events must be at affordable prices, containing costs to 'real value for money', particularly for the 'non-CFRC' participant. New members need to be nurtured for at least 3 seasons if they are to mature into committed participants and it is important not to ignore them when they first show signs of having assimilated.

### **Building the Product**

*Consider every PRA activity (on and off the range) as a recruiting and retention opportunity.*

In applying those general marketing principles it became very clear that every activity undertaken, both on and off the range, had to be considered as an opportunity to fulfill one of four roles if all the marketing effort was not going to be wasted.

**Attractive.** High quality advertising, a smooth **Introductory Day** that advertises the sport well, lots of events/opportunities to shoot, training and coaching schemes, award schemes and guidance all contribute to making the sport attractive for the newer member, underpinned by offering economical activities and membership costs as a route to doing something challenging and exciting. I have never met a prospective member who has declared any intention of shooting the National Championships, although I am happy to say, several of the people we have recruited have participated at Ottawa.

**Affordable.** It is important to understand what determines our Product Pricing. There are basically two parts. First is the cost of getting into the sport (**Entry Cost**), comprising memberships & equipment purchases. Potential participants evaluate this cost on the basis of capital risk and cash availability. The second cost component is the price of staying in the sport (**Annual Cost**), made up of memberships (again), ammunition, entry fees and travel. New members evaluate this cost in terms of value for money. Supporting some form of Factory F-Class and Economy Target Rifle activities fosters affordability and formal and informal training must be available at economical rates. Events must be at affordable prices and there must be a clear demonstration of value for money in membership fees. Resist the temptation to show newcomers your favourite 'best of the best' rifle. They will take fright that the Entry Cost is horrendous and disappear faster than a snowball in August. If they want the best and can afford it, they will ask soon enough.

**Available.** Make joining easy. Make participation easy. It is essential to have an efficient 'sign-up' process and to display an evident welcome mat at every event. **Introductory Days** should be frequent throughout the season, with one return visit included in the fee and a free PRA Handbook given to all attendees for the all-in fee. By utilizing a central mailing address with rapid response, equipment advice and an Email Q&A service, News Bulletins, details of equipment suppliers and ready-made new TR rifles, the sport is more available to newcomers.

**Achievable.** Achieving good hits at extended ranges takes

knowledge and practice. Make it easy to start climbing the learning curve. Make real meaningful information available, run mentoring schemes, offer training and coaching every time they attend (not always formal, but always available), run a Q&A service - one-on-one and by Email. Make the programme fit the participants, with help at every step of the way. Ask yourself, are the mechanisms in place to avoid disappointment? Does this newcomer know what they need and where to get it within their budget - where and how do they know what to buy? Do they know where to go for training and guidance? Make sure they have dignity left at the end of each day? We run lots of practice days, a Big Brother scheme & 'one-on-one mentors', Award Schemes, and always have a ready-made new Economy Target Rifles available for sale to potential new TR shooters. When dealing with new members, be open & honest, help them at your cost, in your sport, time, dollars, or sacrifice your achievement for theirs. It is absolutely essential that you praise and reward generously those at the lower levels of achievement. That may mean Greenshot prizes being bigger than Master prizes. Avoid elitism.

### **So what does it cost to recruit and retain new members?**

The biggest surprise is that it actually makes money. The ORA made a capital outlay of \$9,000, against which we made gross revenues in 4 years of more than \$17,000 with a break-even point at 3 years. Every new member you attract will cost \$50 or more in advertising and as much again in their first year of membership if you want to keep them as members. However, the cost to existing members is time and effort. You can either spend the time now or pay much more over time. Your choice! To ease the burden the ORA has offered to assist any PRA with the creation of their own recruitment and retention strategy, run one **Introductory Day** with them (PRA covers costs) if required and will share their promotional literature, tailored to the PRA's name/logo for a fixed fee of \$500 + printing costs.

### **Last but by no means least, how can the DCRA contribute?**

The DCRA has the opportunity to underpin and support recruitment and retention activities by implementing Structured Training Schemes, National Coaching Certifications, National Award Schemes, Postal Competitions at beginner levels, making the CFRC more attractive to newcomers (the 'Short Courses' first introduced in 2006 were designed for exactly that purpose), improving it's communication with members and improving it's perceived Value for Membership Dollars'. When potential members see a planned structure, they are much more likely to 'take the risk and join' and the DCRA can be instrumental in providing many building blocks to that structure.

### **Conclusion**

If anything you consider in your strategy or plan does not fit into one of the 'Building the Product' categories or Advertising - don't waste your time and money doing it!

**To achieve successful recruiting and retention,  
Every aspect of what we do,  
What we should be doing,  
How we do it now and  
How we should be doing it,  
Needs to be examined in the light  
of recruiting and retaining new members.**

**EVERYTHING ELSE IS JUST MAINTENANCE**



# THE NEW CHALLENGE - 90'S IN A 223?

Clint Dahlstrom

The availability of target grade 90 grain 223 bullets (Sierra, Berger and JLK) has raised the question of whether the D.C.R.A. ought to amend its "80g bullets for the 223" rule. Jim Thompson has asked our members to share their knowledge, experience and opinions. Since Arizona winter weather allows shooting, we have been asked to do some preliminary testing. Unfortunately this has been more difficult and much slower than one would expect. The 90g 223 bullet requires an unusually fast twist barrel (1 in. 6 ½ or maybe 1 in. 7) which are both special order items from our barrel makers. I was surprised and perturbed when my normal supplier awarded me a three month wait. Fortunately a friend provided a used barrel which I installed on a Remington 700. Unfortunately there was another delay when an automobile accident broke the stock off just behind the trigger guard. However epoxy and haste seem to have worked. Our normal range schedule allows one long range shoot per week so we have managed some preliminary testing but not enough, fast enough, to develop extensive recommendations for the February Canadian Marksman deadline. You will have our current opinion but I can't guarantee its lifespan.

Ordinarily, in writing for the *Canadian Marksman*, I have had something to say which I thought was dependable and which would stand on its own. This is different. This is a project which is not going to be resolved by one simple data set - no matter how impressed I may be by the result. I have started some initial grunt work but the D.C.R.A. may require a lot of measured long range groups to justify a decision. I know Canadian weather isn't currently suitable for long range group shooting but if you decide to start now you may have your barrel and chamber in time for spring. Help?!?!?

**308 VERSUS 223** Most Canadian shooters think that the 308 is superior to the 223, particularly (and some say only) beyond 600 yards. The origin and the justification for this opinion are complicated by our long standing rule of the past which required those with Bisley aspirations to shoot 308. Another current opinion maker is the ± \$400 barrel changing expense. One of the things we need to do, at the outset, is to settle the argument on this critical element - "Is the 308 enough better than the 223 to justify a rule change?" Then, if it is, the next question is whether the 90g bullets will allow the 223 to equal the 308 performance. My personal opinion is simple - the 223 is not quite as good as the 308 up to 600 yards and beyond that it is not nearly as good. That is one person's opinion based on the rifles he has owned and used. We now have to determine whether this opinion is valid.

The ballistic tables in the Sierra 50th Anniversary Edition of their reloading manual spell out some aspects of the question very clearly. Ballistically up to 600 yards the 308 has little advantage over the 80g 223 but at 1000 yards it is about 10% more effective (Fig.1). However I have included some data for various velocities with the modern 90g bullet (from the Sierra information office) which suggest that it has the potential to be 308 equivalent if we find a good hand load for the bullet.

So far I am quoting ballistic tables which are mathematical statements of corporate aspiration and expectation. Unfortunately these tables don't speak to group size which, for target shooters, is the critical element. In the years since Messrs Chase and Bullock taught me to use the Plotomatic I have kept track of the vertical dispersion of sighters, of the whole vertical group and of the group less one or two flyers (if present). The purpose was to evaluate how well the combination of rifles and hand loads were performing. Some of the shooting was coached team or rapid fire or bad weather or some other excuse for not doing the book work, but about 2/3 of the shots were measured and recorded. I have retrieved the iron sight data on 4 single shot target rifles - 3 in 308 caliber and 1 in 223. The 308s fired a total of 9794 shots and the 223s fired 3300. The vertical dispersion of the scoring groups (excluding sighters) was the critical element being retained. The horizontal dispersion was only a measure of the wind behavior and my judgment that day. Up to 600 yards the 308s had a vertical dispersion of about 1 ¾ minutes which increased over the longer ranges to about 2 ½ minutes at 1000 yards. The 223 starts at about 2 minutes of vertical dispersion at 300 yards, and gradually increases to nearly 3 minutes at 1000 yards (Fig. 2). The numbers being quoted are averages of ten to thirty groups at each range - they may not be good enough to brag about but they are what happened.

Clearly, in these examples, the 80g Sierra bullets did not shoot as well as the 155g Sierras at long range. Therefore I consider it worthwhile to investigate the 90g 223 bullets.

## **Preliminary 90g Bullet Testing**

Under existent circumstances it would normally have been impossible to provide the D.C.R.A. with significantly useful data on the 90g bullets in the 223 by Feb. 1. However this time the fates were abnormally kind. The friend who provided me with a 6 ½ twist 223 barrel was German Salizar (pronounced Herman) who is an outstanding competitive marksman and an enthusiastic devotee of the art of making good target rifles shoot better. He is particularly interested in 300 meter competition and has evaluated a number of small bore rifles and cartridges in his quest for X's by the bushel. In his ± 1300 shot 90g 223 test he concluded that 26.2 grains of N550 with the JLK bullet was an optimal load which was effective at both I.S.S.F. and long ranges. Unfortunately Salizar's study was not available for publication so we decided to do an independent parallel study to provide data for the D.C.R.A. to consider.

The Ben Avery range where we do our testing allows at least one half day of long range shooting each week. The shooting may be at 600, 1000 or the three Palma yardages and it may be practice or competition. Consequently test groups may have 10, 15 or 20 rounds. I used a telescope (10x at 600 and 800 yards and 24x at 900 and 1000) shooting prone over a small metal bench rest. This isn't very fancy but it's portable and better than my performance with a sling. I fire a few sighters to get the elevation right and to judge the wind. When I start for record I do not adjust the sights. I keep the same elevation hold for each shot but I do hold off



laterally to compensate for wind. I plot the impact of each shot on a bull's eye diagram (which is not moved Plotomatic fashion). The vertical dispersion on the plot is what I measure and record. The horizontal dispersion is Mother Nature's sneering appraisal of my wind judgment which I ignore.

Measurement of groups fired at 600, 800, 900 and 1000 yards is provided in Figures 3, 4, 5 and 6. In evaluating these diagrams one should bear in mind that most of the groups for the 80g 223 and for the 308 were 10 shot groups while most of the groups for the 90g 223 were 15 or 20 shots. The generality presented in the summary diagram (Fig. 7) is that the 90g 223 is better at long range than the 80g 223 and about equal to the 155g 308.

The debatable point in that generality is the 90g 223 1000 yard group average which is about the same as the 80g 223 average and substantially more than the 155g 308 average. Ordinarily the rate of group size increase between 900 and 1000 yards is similar to that shown by the 80g 223 and the 155g 308. The rate shown by the 90g 223 is abnormally steep. There is some sort of problem here but currently I know neither what nor why.

### **Considerations in Load Development**

The just described testing is encouraging but it will certainly be helpful and maybe necessary to identify other encouraging powder-bullet combinations before contemplating a rule change. Persons considering the development and contribution of such data to the D.C.R.A. may find some of the background of our efforts helpful.

Perhaps the most critical aspect is to stabilize the variables - investigating one variable at a time is just right. It is very disconcerting to recognize a real improvement and then have to speculate on which of the altered components is responsible.

One of the first decisions is primer choice. Ordinarily I use Remington B.R. on account of past satisfaction but in preliminary testing I had one punctured Winchester and one punctured R.W.S. primer. This appeared to be a mechanical rather than an excess pressure phenomenon so I chose K.V.B. Magnum, a Russian primer that is reputed to be more durable in impact than its competitors. There were no punctures in several hundred rounds thereafter. It would be wise to exercise care in testing loads with velocity above 2800 fps. (Fig. 8)

Since I was emulating German Salizar's load development, the powder used was N550. Others doing 90g testing are apt to consider other on-hand powders. On another project I did extensive testing of powders with 80g 223 bullets. The results of these tests (Fig. 9) in conjunction with the N550 data (Fig. 10) will allow the calculation of starting loads with other powders. These calculations will involve powder charges and velocities but there will be no pressure data. It would be easy to calculate reductions in powder charge and in velocity when the 90g bullet replaces the 80g bullet and fail to take into account that the pressure will go up. How much we don't know so you have to start significantly below your calculated powder charge and gradually work up.

When looking for a new accuracy load I sometimes find it useful to prepare a sequence of loads with gradually increasing powder charge to shoot over a chronograph at a 100 yard target. (Fig. 10) What one hopes to see is a coincidence of low extreme spreads in velocity with minimal horizontal and vertical dispersion. The difference between one load and the next is only 1/10 grain of powder so one also hopes for several adjacent charges with similarly favorable results. In Fig. 10 the 26.5g loads with the

Berger and JLK bullets seem moderately attractive.

I must admit that operating in 1/10g steps in powder weighing demands precise equipment and careful operation. One is really pushing the equipment to its limit. However 1/10g of N550 powder is 14 fps with JLK and Berger bullets and that velocity difference (if maintained to 1000 yards) is almost ½ minute (actually 3/7).

The previous discussion has centered on a desire to make a small case cartridge perform as accurately as one with a substantially larger case. We would like a 223 case with 26 grains of powder and a 90g bullet to perform as well as a 308 with 46 grains of powder and a 155g bullet. To do that the 223 has to deliver about 110 fps to its bullet for each grain of powder while the 308 needs to deliver about 60 fps for each grain. Powders and primers do exist that can deliver these velocities but there is a problem in the loading. Equipment is available that will deliver powder with ± 0.05 grain accuracy (well almost) but the accuracy is the same for 223 powder as it is for 308 powder. Therefore the effect of powder weighing errors is about twice as much (in fps) for the 223 as it is for the 308.

### **Conclusion**

When one is trying to rush a job one avoids problem areas if possible and concentrates on the successful activities. The foregoing discussion has omitted two problem areas. The first is that the Sierra bullet often disintegrates within the first 100 yards when loaded with 26 ½g of N550 (2850 fps). The group made by the bullets that do reach the target is large. We have not investigated this problem. Secondly we once had a problem when 2 out of 10 Berger bullets disintegrated a very few feet forward of the 1000 yard target (±2860 fps). 7 of the other 8 had ½ minute of vertical dispersion. This happened only once perhaps because we loaded mostly about 2830 fps thereafter.

The testing reported here, though brief, confirms German Salizar's opinion that 90g bullets shoot quite well with loads of 26.2g of N550. He used JLK's but Bergers were available at the time of our test and JLK's were not. The 1000 yard stage of our test was not as good as 600, 800 and 900 yards. We do not know why. Overall the 90g 223 is about equal to the 155g 308 which is to say that it is quite a bit better than the 80g 223.

The question is what to do next. It would certainly be nice to have more data, to sort out the 1000 yard group problem etc. etc. One could ask the D.C.R.A. membership to voluntarily undertake additional long range testing. The problems here are the cost of installing a new barrel and the difficulty of getting time and opportunity to do enough testing. Past experience in such efforts has been disappointing.

The second option is to arbitrarily change the bullet weight rule now and oblige people to decide for themselves whether they will use 80 or 90g bullets. Most will stay with the 80g but the chance of gaining an advantage will tempt some into investing in and trying out the 90g option. If they are successful others will follow. We have tried a three year term for such trials and that didn't work. People will not undertake the cost and effort of the 90g trial unless they have a guaranteed opportunity to benefit if their exploratory gamble is successful.

	Item	Velocity				Drop in inches for -100 fps	Bullet	Ballistic Coefficient	
		Muzzle	300	500	600				1000
Current Canadian Rules	Velocity (fps)	3000	2357	1963	1779	1192	80 g Sierra	0.420 (official)	
	Drift @ 10 mph (inches)	0	7	21	31	108		to 2900	0.441
	Drop (inches)	0	20	64	99	376		31	0.484 (other estimate)
	Velocity (fps)	3000	2392	2026	1856	1268	155 g Sierra	0.450	
	Drift @ 10 mph (inches)	0	6	19	29	97			to 2900
	Drop (inches)	0	20	63	96	354			30
Anticipated Performance with 90 g Sierra Bullet	Velocity (fps)	2800	2279	1968	1821	1257	90 g Sierra	0.511	
	Drift @ 10 mph (inches)	0	6	18	27	90			to 2700
	Drop (inches)	0	23	71	107	380			34
	Velocity (fps)	2700	2190	1887	1743	1179	90 g Sierra	0.511	
	Drift @ 10 mph (inches)	0	6.5	19	29	97			to 2600
	Drop (inches)	0	25	76	116	414			38
	Velocity (fps)	2600	2103	1806	1661	1113	90 g Sierra	0.511	
	Drift @ 10 mph (inches)	0	7	20	30	104			-
	Drop (inches)	0	27	82	126	452			-

Fig. 1 Comparison of the trajectories of the 80 and 90 grain 223 bullets with the 155g bullet in the 308 load. The 3000 fps load with the 80g bullet is near maximum but even so it has a minute more drift in a 10 mph wind at 1000 yards than in the 155g Sierra in the 308 load. Note the similarity in the 308 and 223 trajectories and the 90g Sierra wind drift of 97 in. at 2700 fps muzzle velocity.

	Group Size (Minutes)					
	300	500	600	800	900	1000
80 g 223 Whole Group	2.10	1.73	2.15	2.83	2.66	2.92
80 g 223 Less Flyers	1.44	1.35	1.60	2.00	2.12	2.11
308 - 3 Rifle Average Whole Group	1.60	1.61	1.64	2.09	2.13	2.57
308 - 3 Rifle Average Less Flyers	1.25	1.23	1.29	1.50	1.52	1.75

Fig. 2 Comparison of group sizes in 223 and 308. The four rifles represented in this diagram performed very respectably in several years of Canadian Full bore competition.

Powder Charge N550 g	Primer	Bullet 90 g	Approximate Velocity (fps)	No. of Shots	Vertical Dispersion (inches)	
					All	Less Flyers
26.0	Rem.	Berger	2780	15	1.5	1.00 (2)
26.0	CCI Mag.	Berger	2780	15	1.0	1.00 (0)
26.2	Rem.	Berger	2830	20	1.5	0.75 (2)
26.2	Rem.	Berger	2830	20	1.5	1.0 (1)
26.2	Rem.	Berger	2830	20	1.5	1.25 (1)
26.2	Rem.	Berger	2830	20	1.5	0.75 (2)
26.2	Rem.	Berger	2830	20	2.5	1.50 (2)
26.2	Rem.	Berger	2830	20	1.75	1.50 (2)
Average (All)					1.59	1.09
Average (26.2 g)					1.71	1.12
Number of flyers ( )						

Fig. 3 600 yard group sizes with 90g 223 Berger bullets. These were very impressive groups. Availability dictated the use of Berger bullets. The Sierra and JLK bullets were not tested.

Powder Charge N550 g	Primer	Bullet 90 g	Approximate Velocity (fps)	No. of Shots	Vertical Dispersion (inches)	
					All	Less Flyers
25.7	CCI Mag.	Berger	2735	10	1.75	1.5 (1)
25.7	CCI Mag.	JLK	2735	10	2.00	1.5 (1)
26.2	Rem. B.R.	Berger	2830	15	1.25	0.5 (1)
26.2	Rem. B.R.	Berger	2830	15	2.50	1.5 (2)
26.2	Rem. B.R.	Berger	2830	15	2.25	1.75 (1)
26.2	Rem. B.R.	Berger	2830	15	1.50	1.5 (0)
26.2	Rus. Mag.	Berger	2830	15	1.50	1.25 (2)
26.3	Rus. Mag.	Berger	2835	15	1.75	1.25 (2)
Average (All)					1.75	1.34
Average (26.2 g)					1.80	1.30

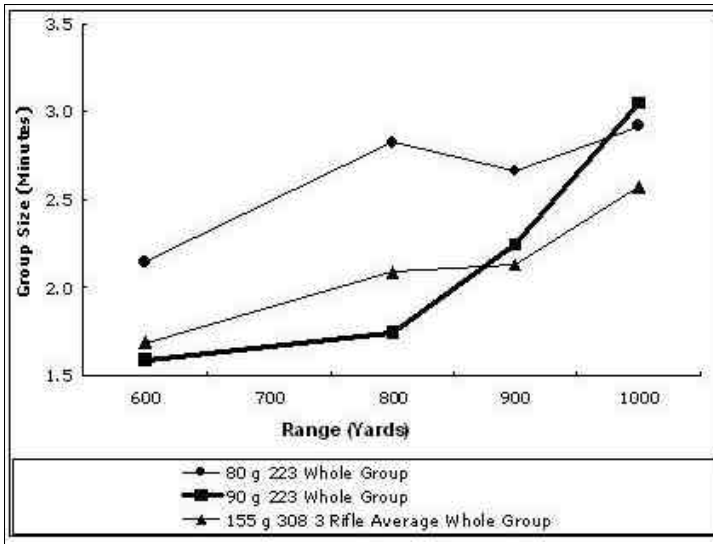
Fig. 4 800 yard group sizes with 90g Berger and JLK bullets. These are very respectable groups. The increase in average group size from 600 to 800 yards was 0.16 inches.

Powder Charge N550 g	Primer	Bullet 90 g	Approximate Velocity (fps)	No. of Shots	Vertical Dispersion (inches)	
					All	Less Flyers
25.7	CCI Mag.	Berger	2735	15	3.50	2.0 (2)
25.7	CCI Mag.	JLK	2735	15	1.50	1.25 (1)
26.2	Rem. B.R.	Berger	2830	15	1.50	1.0 (2)
26.2	Rem. B.R.	Berger	2830	15	1.50	1.25 (1)
26.2	Rem. B.R.	Berger	2830	15	2.75	1.50 (2)
26.2	Rem. B.R.	Berger	2830	15	2.50	1.50 (2)
26.3	Rus. Mag.	Berger	2840	15	2.50	1.50 (1)
26.5	Rus. Mag.	Berger	2850	15	2.25	1.0 (2)
Average (All)					2.25	1.38
Average (26.2 g)					2.06	1.31

Fig. 5 900 yard group sizes with 90g Berger and JLK bullets. The increase in average group size from 800 to 900 yards was 0.50 ins.

Powder Charge N550 g	Primer	Bullet 90 g	Approximate Velocity (fps)	No. of Shots	Vertical Dispersion (inches)	
					All	Less Flyers
25.7	Rus. Mag.	JLK	2735	10	3.00	1.5 (2)
26.2	Rem.	Berger	2830	15	1.75	1.0 (2)
26.2	Rem.	Berger	2830	15	3.50	2.75 (2)
26.2	Rem.	Berger	2830	15	4.75	2.75 (2)
26.2	Rem.	Berger	2830	15	2.25	1.5 (2)
26.3	Rus. Mag.	Berger	2822	15	3.50	2.0 (2)
26.4	Rus. Mag.	Berger	2835	20	3.50	2.0 (2)
26.4	Rus. Mag.	JLK	2835	20	2.50	1.5 (2)
26.4	Rus. Mag.	JLK	2835	20	3.50	2.5 (2)
26.5	Rus. Mag.	Berger	2845	15	2.25	1.25 (1)
Average (All)					3.05	1.83
Average (26.2 g)					3.05	2

Fig. 6 1000 yard group sizes with 90g Berger and JLK bullets. The increase in average group size from 900 to 1000 yards was 0.80. Expansion of group size with increasing range is normal but the increase rate after 800 (and particularly after 900) seems abnormally high. I have no explanation as yet.



**Fig. 7** Comparison of the 90g 223 test groups with standard rifles. The 90g 223 performed as well as the 308 3 gun average up to 900 yards but there was a drastic increase in group size to the 80g 223 level at 1000 yards. When one compares Figs. 4, 5 and 6 it is evident that the whole group dimension expanded much more rapidly than the core dimension. Apparently the "fliers" are flying further particularly at 1000 yards. The reason is not yet apparent.

Powder	Bullet 80 g	Average Velocity Change		Load for 2900 fps (in grains)			Number of Shots
		1 Grain	1/10 Grain	Least	Average	Most	
N550	JLK	145	14.5	26.1	26.7	27.1	255
	Sierra	142	14.2	26.4	26.5	26.6	190
N540	JLK	144	14.4	25.2	25.4	25.7	135
	Sierra	140	14.0	25.1	25.6	25.7	210
RE 15	JLK	133	13.3	24.6	24.7	24.9	155
H4895	JLK	124	12.4	24.5	24.6	24.7	130
VARGET	JLK	122	12.2	24.8	25.3	25.4	250
N150	JLK	117	11.7	25.4	25.5	25.6	170
	Sierra	116	11.6	24.9	25.2	25.3	125
N140	JLK	106	10.6	-	24.8	-	30
	Sierra	111	11.1	23.3	24.0	24.4	255

**Fig. 9** Powder data for 80g 223 loads. The foregoing illustrations allow one to forecast the velocity effect of changing the weight of N550 powder in 90g 223 loads. Since published data on loads with other powders for 90g 223 is not available one must resort to "ratioing" from 80g 223 loads. This figure derives from earlier 80g 223 testing. The problem with such procedures is that one has no way to measure pressure and when the bullet weight goes up the chamber pressure goes up and the safe bullet velocity goes down. The only way for the average hand loader to cope with this problem is to carefully estimate the load for a modest velocity and then deliberately start with a lower load (minus 1 grain or more). Then go up 1/4 grain at a time to where you wish to be. Overly cautious? I sure hope so - that's the object of the exercise.

Primer	Velocity					Group	
	Max.	Min.	Diff.	SD	Mean	Vert.	Horiz.
C.C.I. B.R. (Speer)	2868	2816	52	16	2849	0.90	0.60
Federal B.R.	2849	2799	50	15	2819	1.15	0.90
K.V.B. Magnum (Russian)	2841	2789	52	13	2824	0.90	1.00
C.C.I. Magnum	2864	2806	58	19	2827	1.50	1.20
Remington B.R.	2797	2852	55	14	-	1.10	0.60
R.W.S. (D.N.)	2832	- punctured primer -					
Winchester	-	- punctured primer -					

Load was 26.5 g N550 10 shot groups at 100 yds. - 90 g Berger Bullet

**Fig. 8** Primer testing. At the outset of a new hand loading program it is wise to do a brief test of the available primers. This test used a load of 26.5g of N550 in 10 shot groups at 100 yards. Had I forged ahead without this test and loaded my first test batch with R.W.S. or Winchester primers (which have both worked well in the past and will again when I recognize and cure the current problem) I would have been perturbed. As it was this preliminary test was a time and frustration saver.

Bullet	Load N550	Mean Velocity	Extreme Spread	S.D.	Vertical Dispersion	Horizontal Dispersion
JLK 90 g	25.9	2749	42	17	0.7	0.5
	26.0	-	-	-	-	-
	26.1	2786	24	9	0.35	0.7
	26.2	2798	14	5	0.6	0.4
	26.3	2822	47	20	0.7	0.6
	26.4	2827	25	9	0.5	0.7
	26.5	2844	16	6	0.6	0.4
	26.6	2863	26	10	0.5	0.5
	26.7	2879	40	20	0.6	0.9
	26.8	2891	27	11	0.5	0.2
BERGER 90 g	25.8	2747	50	20	0.15	0.7
	25.9	2760	59	23	0.4	0.8
	26.0	2770	46	19	0.3	0.6
	26.1	2781	43	18	0.8	0.7
	26.2	2830	39	15	0.9	0.7
	26.3	2836	31	12	1.6	0.5
	26.4	2841	37	13	0.6	0.7
	26.5	2852	18	6	0.6	0.45
	26.6	2862	14	5	1.3	0.9
	26.7	2873	26	10	1.1	0.8
26.8	2901	27	10	0.5	0.9	

**Fig. 10** Loads and velocities for 5 shot groups with 90g JLK and Berger bullets. When this test was begun it seemed possible that the Sierra bullet might not be compatible with the upper velocities in the JLK-Berger testing so that testing was deferred. The average velocity increase for 1/10g of N550 powder is 14 fps. However you will see that the velocity difference is not exactly 14 fps which demonstrates that my equipment and I cannot weigh precisely 1/10 grain. However we get fairly close and the overall average is OK. The purpose of these tests is to identify velocity segments that have low extreme velocity spread, S.D. and group size. Loads of 26.4 to 26.6g for both JLK and Berger seem worth investigating.

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Please send your stories to Ian or you can send them to the office and we will forward to him. We will keep you posted on the progress of the book.

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# F Class "Rain Shield"

At the December Executive Meeting, a proposal was made to allow F Class competitors to cover the rifle action and scope sight at all times. Current rules allow a cover to be used only between shots. There had been extensive discussion on this matter over a period of several months prior to the meeting. The discussion resulted in a proposed amendment to DCRA Rule 14.02 (Screening) as follows (excerpt from Executive Minutes):

## 14.02 Screening

- (1) *(TR, F Class and BP)* A competitor shall not screen himself or his firearm from the sun or weather by extraneous means while firing or allow anyone else to do so.
- (2) *TR and BP competitors may place a piece of soft material over the action between shots. Non-reflecting tape, elastic ribbon or similar devices may be attached to, or over the barrel. See Rule 11.05(3)(b)(vi).*
- (3) *F Class competitors may at any time attach a mirage band over the rifle, and/or a piece of transparent material not exceeding 1 metre square over the scope and action (see also Rule 11.05(5)(a)(ii). The transparent material shall:*
  - (a) not interfere with the Range Officer's visibility of whether or not the bolt is open; and*
  - (b) be attached to the rifle in such a way as to ensure that the material cannot be blown away by wind gusts or muzzle blast.*

This motion was not approved for introduction into the CFRC in 2008. However, the following further motion was passed:

Moved that the above Rule amendment be sent to all PRAs for trial of the system. PRAs are asked to report on the trials and experience not later than 30 September 2008. The matter may be reintroduced at the Fall 2008 Meeting of the DCRA Executive Committee.

We therefore encourage PRAs and interested individuals to try out this change for F Class shooters and let the DCRA have your comments and recommendations.



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### 1972-73

During the winter meetings of the ORA concern was shown over the impact the new target rifles were having on the discipline. Their cost placed them outside the scope of many former military rifle shooters who has used issue, regimental rifles to that time. Numbers at the matches were dropping off.

In order to offset the problem, I proposed a possible solution which would permit militia personnel to compete against the superior target rifles with issue FN rifles. The considerable disadvantage to the FN shooter, against sophisticated target rifles, would be accommodated by a handicap system of about 9%. This was approved by the ORA executive and council for a single year trial.

During practices that spring, I would take a trunk full of FN's from the Regiment and pass them out to anyone on the firing point who wished to give them a try. A lot of interest was generated and it appeared that we may have found a way for economically limited shooters to continue in the discipline.

Our first test came when Derek O'Dell, Bob Geddes and I attended a Victoria Day shoot at the national ranges near Ottawa. The competition lasted the better part of the long weekend and included all ranges to and including 900 and 1000 yards. As we Lorne Scots were the only ones shooting FN's, we received a lot of comments on how we expected to compete at long distances when the FN's sights only elevated to 600 yards.

Obviously we had dealt with the quite simply by screwing down the foresight an amount determined in practice to accommodate those distances. Many senior Bisley shots shook their heads in disbelief and wondered how we could stay on the target with a semi-automatic rifle which no micrometer sight and necessitated aiming off into the wind. Their disbelief gave way to astonishment when we not only stayed on the target at 1000 yards, but with the 9% equalizer placed in the top 10% of the entry. However, it had taken a lot of intense practice to achieve such compatibility with the brutish FN and draw out of it such performance. It was well worth the effort.

Later, in July, it was on to the ORA annual prize meeting. A half dozen Lorne Scots entered the three-day classic. Three of us, Bob Geddes, Bruce Wilkinson and I competed with our FN's. I had made the commitment, on proposing the idea to the ORA executive and council, that I would shoot the annual prize meeting with an FN, thus fulfilling my promise. But none of those who had enthusiastically used our rifles took up the challenge; a clear indication of a belief that they would not score as well with the FN.



Again we received comments when we appeared on the range with our FN's. Several top shots who were good friends deplored that fact that I was wasting a competition year by shooting "that plumbers' nightmare". One even offered me his spare target rifle if I would abandon the FN. But the commitment was made and the three of us shot the entire meeting with our FN's.

By the end of the matches, Bob Geddes had won the Bankers' match in his Sharpshooter class and, in the Master class, I had won the Sunday Aggregate, the City of Toronto, the Bankers' and the Mercer Agg' symbolizing the Ontario Championship. It was quite an upset and caused a lot of consternation. It would also be the last time the FN plan was incorporated into the target rifle matches. In spite of our best efforts to include more shooters, the mix of rifles was clearly unworkable.



But our foray made the shooting fraternity take notice. For instance, I shot the Lt-Governor's match alongside Gil Boa, an outstanding marksman, Olympic medalist and winner of the Sovereign's Prize at Bisley. With my FN socking them into the bulls eye, Gil finally said to me, "Larry, how in hell do you make that thing shoot like that?" With no time to respond on the firing point, I later told him they were rack rifles, as issued, with free floating barrels and therefore no bedding with which to tinker. Plain hard work and practice was the answer. Gil shook his head in wonderment.



Gil Boa

In 1974 I completed The History of the Ontario Rifle Association covering its founding in 1868 until 1973. With 1000 copies printed and word out through various provincial, national and international associations, requests came from afar. Reviewers were generous in their critiques and the book was well received. After the first demand had subsided the President of the ORA, Brigadier-General Forbes West, moved that the balance be purchased by the Association, which was done. Assistance in the book's production was volunteered by Ken Gregory, who fashioned the cover and had the printing done by his company. Also Hugh Golder who proofread the manuscript and contributed two of his own poems, appropriate to the topic. Jim Houlden also offered advice. These men were of great assistance to me for which I was/am most grateful.



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1st Friday, August, 15th - 1st Saturday, August 16th, 2008

Please transfer all entry information and fees to the main DCRA Individual Entry Form, Section 2, Block C. Retain this sheet for your own information.

For 2008, the Long Range Challenge will be a single competition, fired in two classes. As far as possible, TR and F Class shooters will be squadded separately, but this may not be possible in all cases. All shooters will fire 2 sighters and 15 shots on score, four times, twice on Friday afternoon and twice on Saturday afternoon. All squadding will be in pairs. There will be no 'single string' firing. If there is an 'odd' shooter in any relay, he/she will be added to a pair to form a threesome with additional time allowed. There will be separate prize lists for TR and F Classes. V-bulls in the F class will score 6. TR shooters will be eligible for the Barbarians Cup, medals and cash prizes as detailed in the Programme. F Class shooters will be eligible for the Edwards Cup, medals and cash prizes as detailed in the Programme. The cash prizes will be in proportion to the number of entries in each class, as detailed in the Programme.

Entered in: LRC in  TR or  F Class

TR Classification:  Master  Expert  Sharpshooter  Unclassified  
F Class Category  F(O)  F(F)

Also entering in the:  Sierra ISSF Championship  Army & Navy Veterans

Please note that the schedule does not allow you to fire in both the Long Range Challenge and the 223/556 Championship. It is possible to fire in both the LRC and the Sierra ISSF Championship.

## ENTRY FEES

Full Entry (4 shoots)	\$120.00	
(*) One Day Entry (2 shoots)	\$ 80.00	on Friday or Saturday (delete one)
(*) One Range on one day	\$ 40.00	on Friday or Saturday (specify which)

(\*) Accepted if space permits; also if space permits, competitors may enter twice, firing once in TR and once in F Class, for one or both days, paying additional entry fees as above. Match tickets will be stamped "first" or "second" entry and must be used at the stated times for the stated relays.

## ACCOMMODATION AT CONNAUGHT:

Please complete Section 2 on the main DCRA Individual Entry form.

MEMBERSHIP: DCRA membership and liability insurance requirements are in effect

ENTRY AND FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DCRA  
NOT LATER THAN 27th JUNE 2008





# The 2008 SIERRA 300m ISSF Championship

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association  
45 Shirley Blvd., Nepean, ON K2K 2W6

1st Friday , 15th August, 2008

*Sponsored by Sierra, "the Bulletsmiths"*

Please transfer all entry information and fees to the main DCRA Individual Entry Form, Section 2, Block C. Retain this for your own information.

Entered in:  "F" Class or  "TR"/"ISSF" Class

TR Classification:  Master  Expert  Sharpshooter  Unclassified

Please note that the schedule will not allow competitors to enter in both the Sierra ISSF Championship and the 223/556 Championship.

It is possible to enter in both the Sierra ISSF Championship and the Long Range Challenge.

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## ENTRY FEES

The SIERRA Championship - Thursday	
One Class - which one _____	\$ 65.00
(* ) Two Classes- both classes	\$130.00

The Championship will be fired in two relays, both on Friday morning. As far as possible, all TR/ISSF shooters will fire in the 1st Relay, starting at 0800, and all F Class shooters in the 2nd Relay. There may have to be some mixing of classes, if either relay becomes filled. If both relays are filled, an extra relay may be fired on Friday afternoon to accommodate later entries. If the entry is such that all can be accommodated in one relay, this will be at 0800.

(\* ) If space permits, competitors may enter twice, firing in both relays on Friday morning, paying the additional entry fees as above. Match tickets will be stamped "first" or "second" entry and must be used at the stated times. Multiple entries MUST be made in DIFFERENT Classes

## ACCOMMODATION AT CONNAUGHT:

Please complete the Section on the main DCRA Individual Entry Form.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Competitors must be members of and have paid liability insurance to either the DCRA or the SFC.

**ENTRY AND FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DCRA  
NOT LATER THAN 27TH JUNE 2008**



# The 2008 Canadian 223/556 Championship

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association  
45 Shirley Blvd., Nepean, ON K2K 2W6

Friday August 15 - Saturday August 16, 2008

Please transfer all entry information and fees to the main DCRA Individual Entry Form, Section 2, Block C. Retain this sheet for your own information.

Entered in:  "F" Class (open)  "F" Class (restricted)  "TR" Class  
TR Classification:  Master  Expert  Sharpshooter  Unclassified

Also entering in the:  Army & Navy Veterans

Please note that the schedule does not allow you to enter in the Long Range Challenge, Sierra ISSF Championship or Black Powder events on Friday or Saturday

Please note that only rifles using standard 223 Rem or 556 NATO ammunition, with a maximum bullet weight of 81 gr, are permitted in the "TR" and "F" (restricted) Classes. Those in the "F" Class (open) may use any ammunition with any 22 calibre bullet.

## ENTRY FEES:

Full Entry (6 shoots) \$100.00

(\* ) Single Ranges (specify which) \$ 25.00 each

1 - 300y FRI AM

2 - 500y FRI AM

3 - 600y FRI AM

4 - 800m FRI PM

5 - 800m SAT PM

6 - 900m SAT PM

(\* ) Accepted if space permits.

## ACCOMMODATION AT CONNAUGHT:

Please complete the Section on the main DCRA Individual Entry form.

## MEMBERSHIP:

DCRA membership and insurance requirements are in effect for this event.

**ENTRY AND FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DCRA  
NOT LATER THAN 27th JUNE 2008**



# The 2008 "Short Course Aggregates"

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association  
45 Shirley Blvd., Nepean, ON K2K 2W6

## INFORMATION SHEET

These events, at the start and towards the end of the CFRC, are especially designed for, but are not restricted to, newcomers to the Championships.

Shooters may compete in F-Open, F-Farquharson (308/223 restricted), FM/T - Factory/Tactical and Target Rifle Classes. Refer to DCRA Rules for Class specifications.

**Prizes:** awarded to the top shooters in each class, based on the number of entries in each class.

### The Early Course Aggregate

Competitors will fire the following (each event has 2 convertible sighters, with the number of shots on score indicated):

First Friday morning, 15th August: 300y (15), 500y (15), 600y (15)

First Friday afternoon, 15th August: 800m (15)

First Friday evening, 15th August, 800m (15)

First Saturday morning, 16th August: 500y (15), 900m (10)

First Saturday afternoon, 16th August: 800m (15), 900m (15), 900m (15)

First Sunday morning, 17th August: 300m (10), 600y (10)

Number of shots on score: 165

Early Course Prize Giving at lunchtime on Sunday 17th August.

**Entry Fee: \$250**

### The Later Course Aggregate

Competitors will fire the following (each event has 2 convertible sighters, with the number of shots on score indicated):

Second Thursday afternoon, 21st August: 700m (15), 800m (15), 900m (15)

Second Friday morning, 22nd August: 900m (15)

Second Friday afternoon, 22nd August, 300y (10), 500y (10), 600y (10)

Second Saturday morning, 23rd August: 700m (15), 800m (15), 900m (15)

Number of shots on score: 135

Later Course Prizes will be awarded at the main CFRC Prize Giving on Saturday afternoon.

**Entry Fee: \$200**

**Competitors who enter any of the other events at the CFRC are not eligible to enter either of the Short Courses.**

**Entrants must complete the CFRC Entry Form on which they may also request Accommodation and Meals at Connaught**

**MEMBERSHIP:** DCRA membership and insurance requirements are in effect for this event.



# The 2008 Commonwealth Games Selection Trial

conducted by the

**The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association**  
**45 Shirley Blvd., Nepean, ON K2K 2W6**

## INFORMATION SHEET

**The next Commonwealth Games will be held in India in October 2010. The next Commonwealth Shooting Federation (CSF) Championships will be held in India probably in October 2009. Final arrangements for the Fullbore Events have not yet been announced by the Indian Games Authorities.**

The DCRA Executive Committee has decided that the shooters to represent Canada in the fullbore pairs and individual rifle events at the Commonwealth Games and CSFC will be selected as follows:

Qualifying scores will be those in the Canadian Target Rifle Championship (Bisley Aggregate), less the 800 metre ranges of the Norman Beckett and Gibson and the Alexander at 900 metres. The Canadian Target Rifle Championship (Bisley Aggregate) includes the Gatineau at 900 metres and the 800 and 900 metre ranges of the Governor General's Final or Bisley Qualifier.

This will mean that all long ranges in the Commonwealth Games Qualifying Aggregate will be fired 'shoulder-to-shoulder' by those taking part.

The scores from both 2007 and 2008 will be included. The scores of all eligible Canadians in 2007 will count as Part One of the selection process. **For 2008, competitors MUST pre-register on the CFRC Entry Form for Part Two of the selection process, prior to the start of the Canadian Target Rifle Championship (Bisley Aggregate).** There is no fee for this registration, but only the scores of registered competitors will be considered. Mandatory drug testing may take place during or immediately following the aggregate at the 2008 CFRC. All those registered for Part Two must be prepared for random drug testing at any time during the 2008 CFRC.

**A Final Selection Trial will be held on Sunday 24th August 2008 for the top 24 shooters who have registered for the selection process. The list of those qualified, with reserves, will be posted on Second Thursday afternoon. Those intending to shoot must inform the DCRA not later than 1200 hours on Second Friday. Places will be offered to reserves to replace those who have qualified but who decline to shoot or who do not inform the DCRA that they will shoot.**

**Shooters will fire 10 shots at 300y, 500y and 600y on Second Sunday morning, and 15 shots at 800m and 900m on Second Sunday afternoon. The total of all scores will determine placings in the Trial. Medals will be awarded to the top four shooters.**

Following the trial, the top four (4) shooters will be named to the training squad for the CSFC and Commonwealth Games. They will be required to take part in training sessions in 2009. The manager/coach will be selected by the Executive Committee, in conjunction with the selected shooters, immediately following the 2008 trial. It is hoped and intended that three shooters will attend the CSFC in October 2009, with two being chosen subsequently to represent Canada in the Commonwealth Games Fullbore Events in October 2010.



# The 2008 DCRA 900 Metre F Class & Open International Shooting Tournament

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association  
45 Shirley Blvd., Nepean, ON K2K 2W6  
Monday, 25 August - Wednesday, 27 August, 2008

## REGISTRATION FORM

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name & Initial(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Entering in:  F(Open) Class or  F(Farquharson) Class or  Target Rifle

or : if you wish to request consideration for entry in another F Sub-Class (please specify):

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Please see the DCRA web site for more details of F sub-classes currently under consideration.

Please check if you are also likely to enter in the 2008 CFRC:

**ENTRY FEES:** Individual Competition \$325.00 [payable with this form]  
Team Entry Fee \$100.00 [payable at Connaught]  
Transfer your payment to the main CFRC Entry Form, section 2.

### **ACCOMMODATION and MEALS AT CONNAUGHT**

Please complete the section on the main CFRC Entry Form.

**MEMBERSHIP:** DCRA membership and insurance requirements are in effect for this event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE: THE DCRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS INSTRUCTED THAT THE 2008 F CLASS TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE HELD UNLESS AT LEAST 40 FULLY PAID ENTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY 1ST MAY 2008. A DECISION WILL BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT DATE AS TO WHETHER THE TOURNAMENT WILL PROCEED. ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED WILL BE INFORMED, AND THE INFORMATION POSTED ON THE DCRA WEB SITE.**

Please return this form, along with the main CFRC Entry Form,  
with full payment, to reach the DCRA not later than 1st May 2008.



**The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association  
Canadian 900 Metre F Class Open  
International Shooting Tournament  
25 - 27 August, 2008**

**In memory of the late George Farquharson (1915 - 1995),  
the 'father' of F Class shooting**

**Dates:** Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th August 2008, immediately after the 2008 Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships (for F Class and Target Rifle), at which all are also welcome.

**Location:** Connaught Ranges, Ottawa.

**Classes of Entry:** F(Open), F(Farquharson) and TR Classes, as in current DCRA Rules. Shooters who wish to enter in another F sub-class, not covered by F(O) or F(F), should contact the DCRA as soon as possible. Please see the DCRA web site for more details of F sub-classes currently under consideration. If there is sufficient demand for other classes, the conditions for the Team events and for prize distribution will be adjusted accordingly.

**Rules and Conditions:** the Tournament will be run under current DCRA Rules for the Conduct of Fullbore Rifle Competitions, as published on the DCRA web site, including specifications for rifles and equipment allowed for F(O), F(F) and TR classes.

**Squadding:** two relays of pairs - firing alternately. In the event of an 'odd' shooter, he/she will be added to a pair and fire as a three-some, with additional time being allowed. No competitor will fire 'single-string'. As far as possible, all F(O) shooters will be squadded together, as will F(F) and TR and other shooters.

**Butt Marking:** *fully* included in the Entry Fee - **NO competitor marking.**

**Targets:** a modification of the DCRA Long Range target, with a special centre giving: V 5.25", bull (5) 10.5", inner (4) 24", magpie (3) and aiming mark 48", outer (2) 72", one (1) rest of target, on a 96" by 72" frame.

**Scoring:** this is an Open Competition with all competitors being scored and listed according to the target rings given above. For the F(F) and TR and other Classes, class prizes will be awarded on the basis of separate class lists, with the above 'V' and '5' scored as a 'V', the '4' scored as a '5', the '3' scored as a '4', the '2' scored as a '3' and the '1' scored as a '2'. That is, the separate lists for F(F) and TR and other Classes will be based on an 'almost' normal DCRA Long Range target. The transformation of scores will be done by the computer.

**Coached Team Matches during the Tournament:** for one coach and four shooting members, *preferably from, but not restricted to, a single nationality*; all five members must be nominated in advance of the first team match, but any four of the five may shoot on each day; substitution from outside the five nominated members is only allowed due to illness or incapacity and if the individual being replaced also withdraws from the individual competition. Classes of Teams: 'Open' - one or more of those who shoot are in class F(O); 'F/TR/other' - all shooters are in class F(F) or TR or another Class. If a person nominated as coach will not shoot in the team on any of the three days, he/she may be in any class.

### **Shooting Programme**

*Subject to availability of markers, practice targets may be available on Sunday 24th August.*

**Day 1:** 2 ss & 15 at 900m, three times, for individuals; 2 ss & 15 at 900m for teams.

\*Individuals will be re-squadded by aggregate scores after Day 1 - the top 50% will fire in 2nd Relay on Day 2.

**Day 2:** 2 ss & 15 at 900m, three times, for individuals; 2 ss & 15 at 900m for teams.

\*Individuals will be re-squadded by total aggregate scores after Days 1 & 2 - the top 50% will fire in 2nd Relay on Day 3.

**Day 3:** 2 ss & 15 at 900m, twice, for individuals; 2 ss & 15 at 900m for teams; followed by the Final Stage for the top 40 individuals in the individual aggregate, with some places reserved for F(F) and TR and other shooters based on proportion of entry, who will fire 2 ss & 20 at 900m to decide the "Victor Ludorum" and top places in each class. Prize Presentations will follow. Note: the number of places in the Final will be determined by the number of markers.

**Prizes:**

**Individual**

Daily Aggregates (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday):

Ties will not be shot off; if scores are tied, equal awards will be made

Open: 1st place, a DCRA Bronze Medal

F(F)/other F Classes:

1st place, a DCRA Bronze Medal

TR Class: 1st place, a DCRA Bronze Medal

Grand Aggregate (which includes the final 20 round match):

Open Prizes: 1st place, a DCRA Gold Medal

2nd place, a DCRA Silver Medal

3rd place, a DCRA Bronze Medal

F(F)/other F Classes:

1st place, a DCRA Gold Medal

2nd place, a DCRA Silver Medal

3rd place, a DCRA Bronze Medal

TR Class: 1st place, a DCRA Gold Medal

2nd place, a DCRA Silver Medal

3rd place, a DCRA Bronze Medal

2nd and 3rd place awards are subject to there being at least 4 and 8 entries respectively in the Class. In addition, a further 20 DCRA Bronze medals will be awarded in proportion to the entries in each class.

**Team Grand Aggregate:**

Open Teams: 1st place, five DCRA Gold Medals

2nd place, five DCRA Silver Medals

3rd place, five DCRA Bronze Medals

F(F)/other F Classes:

1st place, five DCRA Gold Medals

2nd place, five DCRA Silver Medals

3rd place, five DCRA Bronze Medals

TR Class: 1st place, five DCRA Gold Medals

2nd place, five DCRA Silver Medals

3rd place, five DCRA Bronze Medals

2nd and 3rd place awards are subject to there being at least 3 and 6 team entries respectively in the Class.

The Prize distribution may be amended if there are sufficient entries in other Classes, and/or when the level of entries in each Class is better known.

**Post-Prize Giving Reception:** Wednesday 27th - snacks included in entry fee, cash bar.

**Entry Fee:** \$(C)325 per individual; \$(C)100 per team. Team entry fees are payable at Connaught by noon on Monday 25th August. The deadline for entries is 1st May 2008. After this date, entries will only be accepted if space is available.

**Accommodation and Meals at Connaught:** subject to military requirements, barracks accommodation, space for camper trailers and private tents (no RVs, with regret) should be available at Connaught Ranges. There are many motels and restaurants within reasonable distance of the range.

**Membership:** DCRA membership and insurance requirements are in effect for this event

**Important Note:**

**The DCRA Executive Committee has instructed that the  
2008 F Class Tournament will only be held if at least  
40 fully paid entries have been received by the DCRA not later than 1st May 2008.**

**A decision will be taken immediately after that date as to whether the Tournament will proceed.  
All those who have entered will be informed, and the information posted on the DCRA web site.**



# THE DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION 2008 NATIONAL SERVICE CONDITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

45 Shirley Blvd., Connaught Ranges, Nepean, Ontario  
Saturday, September 6th - Sunday, September 14, 2008

**Individual Registration:** (to be completed for each competitor) **Service #** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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)

**Status:**  CF Regular  CF Reserve  Foreign Military Regular  Foreign Military Reserve  
 RCMP  Police  Civilian

The National Service Conditions Championship (NSCC) will be held during the week prior to CFSAC. These matches will decide the Canadian National Champion in each weapon class. All members of the military are encouraged to attend making the bid for a National Champion even more exciting and giving you an opportunity for some warm up matches before the start of CFSAC. There is an Open class (all competitors) and a CF/RCMP class. The Precision/Sniper matches are the traditional military matches that have been in place now for several decades. The Service Rifle matches are the same Stage 1 and 2 that you will be shooting in CFSAC. The Pistol matches are the traditional military matches mixed with combat style matches. To attend you need only to join the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA) by paying the reduced military/police membership and then entering the matches in which you wish to compete. Your CFSAC Tyro status will not be affected by your involvement in NSCC. (See page 8 for schedule of events)

### FEE SCHEDULE AND PAYMENT

**MEMBERSHIP**  Annual \$ 125.00  Non-Cdn. Civilian \$ 75.00  Already member  
 Service (Cdn. & Foreign Military) \$ 32.00  Police \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MATCH FEE**  Service Rifle.....Competing as a Tyro  Yes  No \$ 40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Precision Rifle.....Competing as a Tyro  Yes  No \$ 40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Pistol.....Competing as a Tyro  Yes  No \$ 40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rule Book..... \$ 10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### ACCOMMODATIONS (FOR CIVILIANS, POLICE & RCMP)

Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_  
Accommodation required:  Barrack  
\_\_\_\_\_ nights at \$25.00 /night (includes 3 meals per day - *no rooms only*) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender:  Male  Female Share with: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM OF PAYMENT:**  Visa  Master Card  Amex  Cheque

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

DCRA Use: \_\_\_\_\_ Competitor # \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



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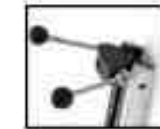
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# 2008 National Black Powder Championships

DCRA, 45 Shirley Blvd., Nepean, ON K2K 2W6

Friday, August 15- 1st Saturday, August 17, 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. Home:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Firearms Licence/FAC No./Non-Resident Declaration No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

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

## EVENTS / ENTRY FEES IN THE 2008 BLACK POWDER PROGRAMME

### THE WILF BLACK CLASS

The Wilf Black 200 yards

### THE CARTRIDGE RIFLE /MUZZLE LOADING CLASS

The Victorian 300 yards

The Creedmoor 500 yards

The Wimbledon I 600 yards

The Wimbledon II 600 yards

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The Long Range BP II 800 metres

BP One Thousand I 900 metres

BP One Thousand II 900 metres

DCRA Membership: | Senior \$125.00 | Shooting BP only/Non-Cdn \$ 75.00/\$95.00 (see pg 2 for details) | Already member.\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Entry Fee # of matches \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 30.00/match **OR**  
(if entering all 10 matches and are registered before May 31- flat rate of \$280.00)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome Back (previous competitors who has not shot BP since 2005) **OR** Tyro...Deduct \$25.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late entry fee (after July 2, 2008, if applicable).....\$60.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TOTAL FEES (Canadian Dollars only)**.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FORM OF PAYMENT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Amex	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque
Card Number	Expiry date	Signature		

<b>ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	
Accommodation required:	<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Permanent Trailers
Share with: _____	SEX: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of arrival: _____	Date of departure: _____
_____ nights @ \$25.00 / night for hard quarters	\$ _____
For those staying in quarters, three meals per day are included in the price - <u>no exceptions</u> . For those competitors who are not in quarters, lunch only will be available for cash in the kitchen.	

**For further information:** please contact Mr. Chris Jones, phone (613) 820-4749, e-mail: chrisandpete@sympatico.ca

# THE CHALLENGE FOR TR

Ric Melling

(Now Canadian DCRA Member and Ex Brit)

I read with interest two articles in the Summer/Autumn 2007 edition of the *Canadian Marksman* which each talk about areas of decay within our fine sport. I refer to Peter Dobell's report from the choir-stalls and Patty Dahlstrom's Palma musings. The reality, in my view, is that both writers are looking at different views of the same malaise.

It is very clear that in days gone by there were significantly more skilled shooters from whom to choose a team. That more shooters existed was due to the number of people both within and leaving the military, who had an interest in continuing the sport. Believe me, the UK sport had the same origin and the same sources of members for many years. What changed in the UK some years ago was a fundamental realization of the need to recruit, train and retain new shooters. It is true that they have been most successful in this regard in their 'captive' audiences of the cadet movements, allied to quality schools and universities with strong parental and financial support and a commitment to the sport by the educationalists, all of whom recognize the potential benefits of shooting as a sport for young people. By comparison, the Canadian approach over those same years appears to have been to place reliance upon equally skilled and well trained cadets to join the sport largely at their own expense, with limited assistance outside the cadet movement, in an atmosphere of vilification by educationalists (and thus their peers and immediate supporters). No doubt we were doomed to lose our stake money in that gamble! That we have retained any cadets at all is testament to their enthusiasm for the sport and pockets of individual generosity.

On balance however, the sum total of challenges and advantages either side of the Atlantic, in terms of facilities, legal restrictions, geography and costs involved are comparable as a basket of hurdles, however, as stated, the British shooting sports woke up to the need to recruit and train much sooner than did the Canadian sport. We could spend forever debating why one country has it easier, but we would end up wasting the very energy we need to solve **OUR** problems.

So what about the future? How do we raise a winning Palma Team, or for that matter even survive as a sport, for the challenge is the same?

My view is that we should consider we are starting at ground zero, recruit whoever we can into the sport, build training schemes and leverage our more experienced seniors as much as possible and do anything and everything we can to foster learning and expertise at

all levels. By doing so we may, if the lessons shown by some Olympic teams around the world are to be believed, have the luxury of picking a first class team from among a strong field of younger contenders within maybe 5 or 10 years. The key thing is that it will take that much work and it will take that long because the sport of Target Rifle Shooting in Canada has no existing consistent framework for recruiting and training that we can use to grow newcomers into superstars.

So what is the cost of achieving this dream? On the training side, I would suggest that it would cost a number of senior (in years or experience) shooters the remainder of their shooting careers at a high level if the building blocks are to be conceived and built well. For the recruiting need, the cost is likely to be spread more among diverse non-shooting skills, which may be found in any age group and arguably should be sourced from Generation Y, if that is our target market (and the Brits have learned that lesson very well). However, we may even be better served aiming at a different demographic or age group given the Canadian basket of conditions.

Some provinces have started. Very encouraging evidence exists in Alberta (great YouTube guys!), B.C. and Ontario. Maybe others exist that are less visible to me in rural Hogtown, but whatever we have done to date is but a scratch on the surface of what we need to achieve collectively. We need to pool resources, learn from each other and build strategies, some of which should doubtless be supported, sanctioned or even promoted with the stamp of the 'DCRA' as a recognized 'National Body of Excellence' and a long-known and potentially re-marketable name among the people, hunters, plinkers, housewives, students, Scouts, cadets or whoever, who are not yet DCRA Target Rifle shooters and certainly not yet our candidates for the 2015 or 2019 Palma teams.

**I challenge each province to come up with two enthusiastic participants, at least one of whom should be aged under 25, to create a forum.... A DCRA 'Underground' if you like to call it so, to see if we can start putting ideas together and brainstorming what is needed to start building the dream of the 'NEW TR'.**

You can contact me by email at [RicAtORA@Yahoo.ca](mailto:RicAtORA@Yahoo.ca) to volunteer or just plain tell me what you think.



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# Target Rifle - Surmounting the Entry Cost Hurdle

Ric Melling

Imagine you are a shooter who has just visited a PRA, maybe at an event, and witnessed 'TR' for the first time. You 'had a go' and the challenge of shooting TR appeals to you, or perhaps you are a Cadet whose interest in TR shooting has been generated by the program at your local unit and a recent visit to Connaught. One of the key hurdles that you are faced with is 'what is it going to cost me to start shooting TR?'

If we are going to answer that question openly, honestly and completely we are faced with a need to understand the 'Entry Cost' to Target Rifle Shooting.

Before we start talking numbers and potential solutions, it is important to understand how prospective participants measure Entry Costs. My view is that they are measured firstly in terms of cash flow; 'do I have the cash available now?' and secondly in terms of risk; 'if it does not work out, how much of my money will I be able to recover?' Understanding that, we can talk about the real numbers and the perceptions they generate.

There is no doubt that the highest performance in TR, as in any other sport, requires the best equipment and the skills to use it. However, the cost of the best equipment is high and for TR, there is the added frustration that the equipment is not immediately available. If we were to face our beginner and say that the very specialist and previously unheard of equipment they need is going to cost them \$5,000 and can be delivered in 3 to 5 months, they will almost certainly lose interest in TR very rapidly because that answer is unlikely to meet either of the Entry Cost criteria or their expectations. Very few newcomers are likely to have that sort of money available to 'speculate' on a new sport, particularly not so the Cadets.

Compounding that initial perception, we then go on to explain that they need to buy an obscure rifle they have never heard of; an RPA or Barnard or Stolle, alone costing some \$3,500++ when built in X weeks or months, which they immediately realize is so specialized they could never hope to sell for anything like its true value. Adding \$1,500 to the price of a rifle to cover a single purpose jacket, complex spotting scope on a very special scope stand and multiple memberships just compounds the issue and remember; NONE of these things are available tomorrow at the local gun shop. The risk is growing by the minute from the newcomer's perspective.

This perception is largely brought about by the terms of reference of the average newcomer. Counting the rifles of one make alone advertised at my friendly gunshop today I see 174 recognizably familiar rifles; each priced under \$1,300 and ready to use tomorrow. If I purchased any one and sold it the day after, my 'risk' would be perhaps 25% of the cost, \$325 or so. The fact that none of those rifles would be competitive in top-flight TR is irrelevant as we are talking here about perceptions.

So how can we soften the shock and get the cost of entering TR back within the acceptable boundaries of risk and affordability?

The ORA have attempted to achieve this in two ways.

The first initiative was to make 'Advice Sheets' available to new members. There is one for each discipline, plus one about rifles and one about scope sights. Each explains what you need, what to

look for, what to avoid and where to go to find things in Ontario. It should be noted that these are not generally published and certainly not in soft copy, but a service to new members (another benefit of paying membership), which could easily save them their membership fees! The cost to the PRA is virtually nothing, but the value to the newcomer is high. National versions of these advice sheets could, and perhaps should, be published by the DCRA with input from all provinces, listing their suppliers, vendors, sponsors etc.

***“How can we soften the shock and get the cost of entering TR back within the acceptable boundaries of risk and affordability?”***

The second initiative was to introduce a program called the 'Economy Target Rifle' (ETR). This program operates by the ORA purchasing a brand new, common, readily available rifle of well-known value, which they then convert into a TR rifle, retaining all the original components to preserve the intrinsic value. This rifle is used by the PRA to introduce newcomers to TR and is always available for immediate sale to a new TR shooting member, at cost price. The concept here is that the ETR serves three roles.

- 1) It is available at events to showcase TR to new shooters and for members or guests to use;
- 2) It is an immediate, affordable solution for the newcomer, at minimal financial risk; and
- 3) It is an adequate performance solution to learn TR, which can either be developed upon or 'sold on' later.

The ORA has used the Remington 700 VLS and the Savage 12BVSS as suitable 'base' rifles for such a program, each having a laminated stock and heavy 26" barrel. Other suitable makes/models exist, the new Savage 12 F/TR for example. The addition of an accessory rail and handstop, a Maynard foresight (especially machined to the original barrel dimension, preserving the core value of the rifle), a bracket, a Central rearsight, sight inserts and maybe a bedding job brings the cost of a new ETR rifle to as little as \$1,300, perhaps one third the price of a new conventional TR and much more likely to be within the newcomers 'available cash' parameter. With a buy-back option on the sight components, the financial risk for the purchaser is perhaps less than \$300 - a much more acceptable risk. The ORA has sold 3 ETR's to new members in 2 years, with two of those members now actively shooting TR.

Most people would immediately jump in here and say 'what about a good secondhand rifle?' Well, to be honest, I think the newcomer is unlikely to know the difference between a bargain and a 'clunkerdump' and I have seen far too many shooters (worldwide) treat newcomers as a means of cashing in worn out gear; so rather than disappoint the newcomer or insult the seller, I suggest they buy new. In any event, a secondhand obscure rifle is still a 100%



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financial risk, however well it is claimed to shoot. Add to that the truism that people (particularly young people) measure how you respect them by the apparent quality of the equipment you offer them to use and you can see why those old clunkers or 'lenders' in the PRA lockup really do us no favors. The Sportcos and Mausers of yesteryear, however good in their day, are not the solution here if we are to capture and develop the imagination of new participants.

So in conclusion it would seem that there are a number of steps that PRA's or indeed the DCRA could take, from within the sport, to help newcomers surmount the financial hurdle of kitting out for TR. If we just stop and think like a newcomer and try to recognise the risks and choices from their perspective I am confident that many more such ideas will surface.



# TARGET RIFLE MASTER CLASS FOR 2008

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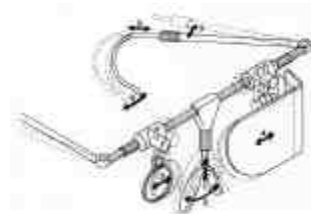
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## APRIL

13th	Mission R & G ISSF Club Championship	Mission R&G	BCRA
19th-20th	LMR Dust Off Match	Chilliwack	BCRA
26th-27th	John Howard Memorial	Homestead	APRA
26th-27th	Practice/Training/Work	North Star	SPRA

## MAY

3rd-4th	LMR Challenge Match #1	Chilliwack	BCRA
4th	Open House	North Star	SPRA
10th	LMR Service Rifle Championship	Chilliwack	BCRA
10th	LM Regional Service Rifle Championship	Chilliwack	BCRA
10th	Loyalist/St. John & Westmorland Co. Match	Batouche	RNBRA
11th	LMR Open Challenge Match	Chilliwack	BCRA
16th-18th	53rd Capital of Canada Match - Shotgun Section	Connaught	NCRRA
17th	Reid-Irving Match - Precision Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
17th	Fredericton Centennial	Batouche	RNBRA
17th-18th	V.I. Regional Fullbore Championship	Nanaimo	BCRA
17th-19th	Victoria Day Match	North Star	SPRA
17th-19th	Victoria Day Target Rifle and Pistol Competitions	Connaught	NCRRA
18th-19th	Target Rifle Matches (Kennedy & Victoria Day)	Bull Meadow	NSRA
19th	Precision Match	Batouche	RNBRA
24th	V.I. Regional Service Rifle Championship	Nanaimo	BCRA
24th-25th	May Day Competitions	Homestead	APRA
25th	RCR Centennial & Inter-Maritime Team Trials	Batouche	RNBRA
30th	BC Service Pistol Championship	Chilliwack	BCRA
31st	B.C. Provincial Service Pistol Championship	Chilliwack	BCRA
31st	Webber-Rudland - Service Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
31st-1st June	B.C. Service Rifle Championship	Chilliwack	BCRA

## JUNE

1st	Military Rifle Match	Batouche	RNBRA
1st-2nd	B.C. Provincial Service Rifle Championship	Chilliwack	BCRA
7th	UIT AM - 400V-600V Comp. PM/ISSF Match AM - 400-600 Match PM	Valcartier	ATPQ/PQRA
7th	Anderson Match - Precision Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
7th	G. MacGillivray/Domville Agg. Memorial	Batouche	RNBRA
7th-8th	BC ISSF Sierra Championship	Mission R&G	BCRA
7th-8th	Homestead Match	Homestead	APRA
7th-8th	Long Range Championship	North Star	SPRA
8th	Stapleford & Coleman Match	Batouche	RNBRA
14th	Inter-Maritime Trials - Target Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
14th-15th	BCRA TR & F Class Challenge	Chilliwack	BCRA
15th	Gunning Match - Service Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
15th	ISSF Championships	Batouche	RNBRA
21st	Compétition St Jean Baptiste/St. Jean Baptiste Match	Valcartier	ATPQ/PQRA
21st-22nd	B.C. Tactical Rifle Championship	Chilliwack	BCRA
21st-22nd	Inter-Maritime Match (Target Rifle)	PEI	
26th	300m ISSF Championship	Homestead	APRA
27th-30th	APRA Provincial Championship	Homestead	APRA
28th-29th	LMR Challenge Match #2	Chilliwack	BCRA
28th-29th	DCRA Palma/Sask 300M Championship	North Star	SPRA
28th	Precision Rifle Open	Bull Meadow	NSRA
29th	Canada Day Match - Target Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA

## JULY

5th-6th	Long Range Rifle Match	Connaught	NCRRA
5th-6th	NB Annual Prize Meet	NB	
12th	Twinning - Precision Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
12th-13th	LMR Mid Range Challenge #2	Chilliwack	BCRA
18th-20th	Provincial Championship	North Star	SPRA
18th-20th	NS Annual Prize Meet - Target Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
19th-20th	LMR Regional TR & F Class Championship	Chilliwack	BCRA
19th-20th	Canadian Match	Homestead	APRA
25th-26th	PEI Annual Prize Meet - Target Rifle	PEI	
25th-27th	Championat Provincial/Provincial Championship	Valcartier	ATPQ/PQRA

## AUGUST

1st-4th	B.C. Target Rifle & F Class Championship	Chilliwack	BCRA
2nd	Ferguson - Cdn Rifle League - Service Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
9th	Pratique en Equipe + Match Individuel	Valcartier	ATPQ/PQRA
16th-17th	Alternative Match	Homestead	APRA
17th	DCRA Shotgun Match	Connaught	NCRRA
23rd	Navy/NSRA Challenge - Service Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
23rd	MTR Classic	Batouche	RNBRA
23rd-24th	F Class Match	North Star	SPRA
Aug 30th-Sept 1	Atlantic Championships - Target Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA

## SEPTEMBER

6th-8th	Prairie Provinces Championship	North Star	SPRA
12th-14th	Tournoi invitation Valcartier / Invitation Valcartier Match	Valcartier	ATPQ/PQRA
13th	Annual "Navy" Matches	Nanaimo	BCRA
13th-14th	APRA Palma Match	Homestead	APRA
14th	Navy Matches & Butchart Shield	Nanaimo	BCRA
20th-21st	Provincial Championships - Service Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
21st	All Comers-Fullbore Meeting	Saint Antoine	RNBRA
27th	Purdy & Irish Cup Match - Target Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
28th	Sierra ISSF Match - Target Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA

## OCTOBER

4th	Ishapore Open - Service Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA
4th-5th	Frost on the Pumpkin Gil Hirst Memorial	Homestead	APRA
18th	Provincial Championships - Precision Rifle	Bull Meadow	NSRA

### Notes:

**APRA - One day free clinic - new shooter days** on May 10th, June 14th, July 26th, September 20th and **One Day Fullbore Practice and Wind Coaching Exercise** on May 11th, June 15th, July 27th, September 21st. For further information on APRA events, contact Peter Redstone (403) 239-7629 or Glen Taylor (780) 446-2239.

### MPRA

Dates not know at time of printing. Please check the website or contact a representative of Manitoba.

### ATPQ/PQRA

The ATPQ/PQRA is pleased to announce their new **Sporting Program** that will be underway on the 20th of April. Please check their website ([www.pqra.org](http://www.pqra.org)) for dates and times. It is hoped new members will be attracted. The base is supporting the ATPQ/PQRA in this endeavour with range facilities and changing the caliber limitation to under 300 mag.

**Please check with the appropriate PRA's website or telephone for confirmation, details and entry forms.**

**THE DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
L'ASSOCIATION DE TIR DOMINION DU CANADA  
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**2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
ASSEMBLEE GENERALE ANNUELLE 2007  
HELD AT CONNAUGHT RANGES, OTTAWA  
SATURDAY MARCH 31ST 2007**

Chairman: MGen (Ret'd) T. F. de Faye  
Recording Secretary (Ret'd) Maj William A. (Bill) Plouffe

In Attendance:

Julie Belanger, Colin Brown, Daniel Chisholm, Alan Clarke, Jacques Dugas, Fred Ellis, Stan Frost, Peter Jmaeff, Chris Jones, Bob Kierstead, Andy Kolenko, Alain Marion, Bob McInnis, Bill Molnar, Roger Mullin, Fred Nachbaur, Sandy Peden, Doug Potter, Leo Poulin, Paul Reibin, Murray Sloane, Steven Stewart, J.C. Theriault, Edie Vamplew, Pat Vamplew, Van Varve, Edson Warner, Peter Westlake, Ken Westling

**ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS**

1. The President called the meeting to order at 1000 hours and requested the 29 members present to observe a one-minute silence in memory of our members, friends and associates who have passed away during the past year. These included: Flight Lieutenant Mike Pearson, Dr. Ellen MacGillivray, Don Whiteman, John Malcolm Buchanan, Edith Dyas Brown, Bill Kayne, Bert Rollins, Wrex Tarr, Wulf Shattenberg, Millard Allan Smith, Tommy Richardson, David Drummond (Kenya), Gilles Brousseau, David Heany, Maj. Derm Wilson, and MGen Bruce Legge.

2. The Chairman then addressed the meeting. His opening remarks are attached as Annex A.

**ITEM 2 - STATUTORY DECLARATION OF NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

3. At the request of the Chairman, the Statutory Declaration of the Notice for the Annual General Meeting was read. The Act of Incorporation of this Association 63-64 Victoria Chapter 99 (Assented to July 7, 1900) requires an Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Association. Moreover, Chapter 7 of the By-Laws states that an Annual General Meeting will be held to deal with certain specific business. The Summer/Fall 2006 Issue of the Canadian Marksman announced that the 2007 annual meeting would be held at the Connaught Ranges on Saturday March 31st, 2007 at 1000 hours. This meeting, now assembled, fulfills all these requirements.

**ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

4. The Chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

**ITEM 4 - ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF APRIL 1st 2006**

<b>MINUTE 01/07</b> It was moved by M. Jacques Dugas and seconded by Mr. Paul Reibin that the agenda be approved as presented. <p style="text-align:right"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
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5. The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were presented for approval, having been made available to those present in their registration package. It was noted that paragraph number 32 was missing from the printed copy provided and this was corrected.

<b>MINUTE 02/07.</b> It was moved by Mr. Paul Reibin and seconded by LCol (Ret'd) Bill Molnar that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of April 1st 2006, as corrected, be approved. <p style="text-align:right"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
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**ITEM 5 - ANNUAL REPORT**

6. The Chairman pointed out that each member present received a copy of the Annual Report of the Association upon registration and suggested that each member read it at their convenience. It is attached as Annex B. The Executive Director agreed to provide membership numbers for the NCRRA in the report.

**ITEM 6 - REPORTS FROM THE PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS**

7. The Provincial Rifle Associations provided their reports. These reports are attached at Annex C. The President noted that representatives from Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Alberta and were unable to attend. A written report from Nova Scotia was provided and read to the meeting by the Executive Director. A report from Alberta was received after the meeting for inclusion.

## **ITEM 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee**

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

### **Shooting Committee**

9. The reports on National/International Teams, Bisley Teams, Palma Team, Winter Programme, Canadian Championships, Black Powder, Service Rifle, Coaching, ISSF 300m, Rules and are attached as Annex E.

### **Administration Committee**

10. LCol Bill Molnar presented the report of the Administration Committee. He expressed hope that the cost reduction plan being implemented would achieve its aim and that further cost reduction in the mid term period would not be needed.

11. It was reported that as of 1 November 2006 the Millennium Fund balance was approximately \$135,000.

12. The SFC has been advised of a rental increase and the Executive Vice President advised that he is in contact with the SFC President, Reg Potter.

13. Mr. Alan Clarke reported that a review of the web site will be conducted in the future.

### **Membership Committee**

14. Mr. Alan Clarke reported that the PRAs consider membership fees an urgent issue that needs consideration. He stated that it is an item that the Council and Executive should examine.

### **Honours and Awards Committee**

15. Maj (Ret'd) Colin Brown announced that he had the honour of approving the issue of a 50 year badge to Mr. Des Vamplew, Mr. Don Sewell and Mr. Hank Carty.

16.

**MINUTE 03/07** It was moved by Maj. (Ret'd) Colin Brown and seconded by LCol (Ret'd) Bill Molnar that LGen (Ret'd) C. H. Belzile's contributions to the DCRA be honoured and recognized by conferring the title and privileges of Life Governor of the DCRA upon him. **CARRIED**

17.

**MINUTE 04/07** It was moved by Maj. (Ret'd) Colin Brown and seconded by Mr. Paul Reibin that Dr. J. Tetlow's contributions to the DCRA be honoured and recognized by conferring the title and privileges of Life Governor of the DCRA upon him. **CARRIED**

18. In response to a questions concerning the criteria and guidelines for the bestowal of Life Governor honours, Maj (Ret'd) Colin Brown replied that the number of life governors has remained steady at about twenty and that each nomination is considered on its own merits.

19. M. Alain Marion reminded those present that the Hall of Fame needs to be brought up to date, biographies updated and the display refurbished.

## **ITEM 8- VOTE OF THANKS**

20.

**MINUTE 05/07.** It was moved by M. Alain Marion and seconded by Dr. Jim Thompson that the Association officially show its gratitude to the following individuals and organizations;

### **VOTE OF THANKS**

Her Excellency The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D.

for her generous contributions towards the prize list, and for serving as our Patron.

The Minister of National Defence and the staff of the Department for their cooperation and assistance during the year.

The Macdonald Stewart Foundation for their continued support by contributing to the prize list, and hosting the Macdonald Stewart - DCRA dinner, and above all for their continued generous interest in and support of the Macdonald Stewart Pavilion at Bisley.

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

The Brewers Association of Canada for the Challenge Trophy and cash prizes.

To Sierra Bullets for their generous contribution to the ISSF Prov and National Championships in Sierra 300m Championships.

To Sinclair International for its contribution of prizes for the 2006 F Class Tournament.

To Colt Canada Ltd for their support of the NSCC

And to the many individuals, too numerous to list, who have contributed time and money towards our activities.

Son Excellence le Très Honorable Michaëlle Jean, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., pour sa généreuse contribution à la liste des prix et pour avoir été un des Patrons de l'Association.

Le Ministre de la Défense et le personnel de son ministère, pour leur coopération et leur aide durant l'année

La Fondation Macdonald Stewart, pour leur contribution à la liste des prix, pour le dîner Macdonald Stewart et surtout pour l'intérêt et la générosité qu'ils manifestent dans l'entretien du Pavillon Macdonald Stewart à Bisley.

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

L'Association des Brasseurs du Canada, pour son trophée et les prix en argent.

Sierra Bullets, pour sa contribution à la liste des prix provinciale et national pour la compétition "Sierra 300m Championnat".  
Sinclair International pour sa contribution à la liste des prix pour la compétition Tournoi de F Classe 2006.  
Colt Canada pour sa contribution à compétitions de tir aux armes portatives  
Ainsi qu'à toute les personnes qui ont contribué de leur temps et de leur argent pour assurer le succès de nos activités.

**CARRIED**

(Secretarial Note: Appreciation is also acknowledged and accorded to Mike Apostoliuk, Marstar Canada Inc. for their provision of prizes in support of the 2006 NSCC)

#### **ITEM 9 - PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

21. Mr. Ken Westling presented the financial statement for the year ending 31 October 2006 which is enclosed and reviewed the statement provided, highlighting some items and answering questions from the members:

- a. Balance Sheet. The Comptroller outlined the need to keep some of the assets designated as committed funds in an available state for the purpose of maintaining cash-flow requirements. Interest of 4% was paid to the funds during the reported FY.
- b. Pavilion Receivable. In the coming year, some rent will be collected from The Canadian Pavilion at Bisley Ltd. and approximately \$7500.00 will be applied against this item to reduce the amount receivable.
- c. Investments Note 3. The DCRA is holding a donation of stock and it is being shown as an investment rather than a donation. When it is cashed it will be shown as a donation and applied to DCRA operations.
- d. Committed Funds. The Comptroller reminded that some of the funds listed are holding funds, such as the Palma Team fund.
- e. Trading. LCol (Ret'd) Bill Molnar asked why the income for target rental by the NCRRA is reported as \$700 vice \$800. The Comptroller will investigate and report.
- f. CFRC. Although the net profit was less than projected, because of a smaller foreign team attendance than forecast, it was noted that expenses were reduced and a net profit of \$21,140.82 was achieved.
- g. NSCC and Black Powder. Both activities resulted in a small net loss, due to less than forecast entry income.
- h. Grounds and Maintenance. DCRA headquarters maintenance cost were a result of having the interior repainted, at a very good price.
- i. Macdonald Stewart Pavilion. The Comptroller noted that we will levy a rental payment to DCRA of approximately \$7500 that will be credited to the 2006/07 statement and that the pavilion is carrying its own expenses and was not an expense to DCRA as in the past years.

22.

**MINUTE 06/07** It was moved by Mr. Ken Westling and seconded by Mr. Paul Reibin that the Financial Statement for the year ending 31 October 2006 be recommended to Council for approval **CARRIED.**

#### **ITEM 10 - PRESENTATION OF BUDGET**

23. The presented budget, with one adjustment that does not alter the bottom line, was examined and approved by the Executive Committee in November 2006 for presentation at this meeting. The membership was asked to approve the budget for recommendation to Council out to 31 October 2008. The figures beyond that date are for planning purposes only. The Comptroller reviewed the budget and highlighted certain items and answered questions from the membership:

- a. Entertainment. To better reflect the cost of the official Palma dinner, line 5080 was changed to \$15,000 and the loss/ gain at the bottom of page 9 accordingly amended to \$44,432. 125 tickets at \$60.00 will be made available for purchase by those who are not Palma Team members.
- b. Membership. Membership revenue reflects a decision to not increase dues from those of the previous membership year.
- c. CFRC Entry Fees. The projection is based on an entry of 500 competitors. For worst case reckoning support costs have been calculated using an entry of 540.
- d. PALMA. ICFRA does not permit us to make a large profit on these events, over 10-15%.
- e. Black Powder. A net profit margin of 25% is forecast.
- f. NSCC Line 4724. The projections from FY 2007/08 are based on the award of a contract from DND to support CFSAC. If this does not occur, the revenue and expenses will be adjusted accordingly.
- g. Pavilion No projection other than a break even operation has been forecast until the situation with a new management team is assessed at the end of this FY.
- h. Allocation Transfer. The comptroller called everyone's attention to the fact that the procedure of allocating a support cost to activities, with the exception of the Bisley Team, was approved last year and that accordingly there is no revenue to General Revenue starting this FY.
- i. SFC Rent. The SFC has been advised of a rent increase of \$1000 per year effective 1 May 2007.
- j. Audit Fees. \$6000 has been budgeted for the conduct of an audit this FY but it may be deferred a year.

24.

**MINUTE 07/07** It was moved by Mr. Ken Westling and seconded by M. Jacques Dugas that, in accordance with By Law 6.03, the budget and projection to end FY 2010/2011 be approved as presented for recommendation to Council.

25. Membership Rates. Several members provided their advice that Associate Member rates for Canadian shooters, who for the most part do not participate in DCRA national events was too high and a detriment to increasing membership. Dr. Jim Thompson advised that as we have already started collecting and processing 2007/08 memberships that it was too late to change rate for this year.

26.

**MINUTE 08/07** It was moved by Mr. Ken Westling and seconded by M. J. Dugas that membership rates now in effect remain unchanged until 1 April 2009. **DEFEATED**

27. The chairman referred the matter of membership fees to the Council for consideration.

#### **ITEM 11 - APPROVAL OF ACTIONS OF COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

28.

**MINUTE 09/07** It was moved by Mr. Daniel Chisholm and seconded by Mr. Paul Reibin that the actions of the Council and the Executive Committee during FY 2005/2006 be approved. **CARRIED**

#### **ITEM 12 - REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

29. M. J. C. Theriault presented the report of the Nominating Committee. It is attached as Annex F:

30. There being no new nominations received or resignations for the positions of President, Executive Vice President and Comptroller the incumbents remain in office for the 2007/08 year and are in accordance with DCRA Constitution and by laws, members of Council.

31. M. Jacques Dugas proposed the slate of nominees to Council for the term 2007 to 2009 recorded at Annex F. After a call for any further nominations, and none being received, the 2007/09 slate of nominees was presented to the membership for consideration.

**MINUTE 10/07** It was moved by M. Jacques Dugas and seconded by Ms Julie Belanger that the following individuals be acclaimed as Council members for the term 2007 to 2009: Mr. Alan Clarke, Mr. Paul Reibin, Mr. Des Vamplew, M. Jacques Dugas, Mr. Jack McKellar, Mr. Daniel Chisholm, Dr. Roger Mullin, Mr. Ian Hogg, Mr. Andy Kolenko and Mr. Roger Romses. **CARRIED**

32.

**MINUTE 11/07** It was moved by M. J. C. Theriault and seconded by Mr. Dan Chisholm that Mr. Alan Clarke, Mr. Peter Westlake and M. J.C. Theriault be elected as members of the 2007/08 Nominating Committee. **CARRIED**

33.

#### **ITEM 13 - DATE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

34. It was announced that the 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th, 2008.

#### **ITEM 14 - NEW BUSINESS**

35. DCRA Rule Book. Dr. Roger Mullin reported that work, thanks to Alain Marion and Mrs. Julie Belanger, on the translation of the DCRA Rule Book is progressing. In response to a question from Mr. Dan Chisholm, Dr. Roger Mullin replied that in compliance with Canadian law and custom that the English version would be the deciding source if there was a question of rule interpretation.

36. Palma Ammunition. Mr. Peter Jmaeff asked about the quality of the ammunition being provided for the conduct of the Worlds Veterans' Championship. It was explained that M. Serge Bissonnette has made arrangements with Hornady for a new batch to be provided with a higher velocity and that he and M. Alain Marion will test a sample production when received.

37. Hall Of Fame. M. Alain Marion recommended that the Hall of Fame Committee be rejuvenated with new members and that it be brought up to date. The President referred the matter to Council for consideration. M. Alain Marion suggested using the Hall of Fame as a way to encourage cadet continuance in the sport and that a tour for cadets be arranged as part of their summer at Connaught.

#### **ITEM 15 - ADJOURNMENT**

38. The Chairman thanked all who have provided their talents and time over the past year and to the staff for the preparations for the meeting.

39. A motion having been made by LCol (Ret'd) W. J. (Bill) Molnar and seconded by Maj. (Ret'd) Colin Brown, the meeting adjourned.

W. A. Plouffe,  
Recording Secretary  
Executive Director



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

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
CONDUCTED ON 19 AUGUST 2007 AT CONNAUGHT RANGE**

Chairman        Dr. Jim Thompson  
Recorder        Mr. William Plouffe

In Attendance: 37 members

**ITEM 1 - OPENING REMARKS**

1.        The Chairman offered greetings to all on behalf of the President who was unable to attend. He advised that questions or concerns were welcome at Item 4 and he encouraged participation.

**ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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<b>MOTION</b> It was moved by Mr. Paul Reibin and seconded by Mr. Peter Jmaeff that the Minutes of the SAGM meeting of 20 August 2006 be approved as presented	<b>CARRIED</b>
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**ITEM 3 - EVENT REPORT**

3.        2007 Bisley Team        The Team Commandant, Mr. Pat Vamplew, briefed the SAGM on the significant aspects of the 2007 Bisley Team deployment and shooting. He commenced by thanking all who put their trust in him and elected him as Commandant. He thanked his adjutant, Dr. Roger Mullin, for his able assistance. He briefed that the team conducted a training camp at Connaught Range and that some members deployed early for visiting team matches while others came to Bisley at the conclusion of the Palma Team training camp.

4.        This year the Canadian Army Team stayed at the Pavilion and there was a short overlap time when both teams were in residence. He recounted the wet weather and floods encountered and difficult shooting conditions encountered. He made special mention of Mr. John Marshall who made his first trip to Bisley 50 years ago and this year made it into the Queen's Final, along with Bruce Bullock, Jeff Jenkins and Scott Murray.

5.        He thanked the spouses who accompanied the team and who were of great help in organizing the social events at the Pavilion. He noted great team cohesion, positive managers and that the army team was welcomed and that shared accommodation is feasible and welcomed. He noted some items that require the attention of the DCRA and Pavilion Management: a proper stainless table for food preparation, a proper refrigeration system and roof repair (again).

**2008 CFRC**

6.        Jim Thompson briefed that at the recent Executive meeting the format for 2008 was discussed and the following was approved: return to the 2005 format/schedule, a one day Commonwealth Game trial to be conducted on the second Sunday and then a three day F Class open tournament will follow.

**2009 Commandant**

7.        The Executive Vice President announced the election of Peter Westlake as the 2009 Bisley Team Commandant.

**ITEM 4 - NEW BUSINESS**

**Match Committees**

8.        The 2007 Match Committees were selected by the Executive Committee and the names of the committee members have been posted on the DCRA notice boards.

9.        Mr. John Chapman asked why the lunch meal was served on 18 August when it had been advertised that there was to be no meal. The Executive Director explained that he advertised what had been directed by the Camp headquarters but that the kitchen was working on their own direction.

10.       Mr. John Chapman advised of problems with the spotting discs and pins.(Executive Note: This is a matter that will have to be looked at for 2008 as although the pins are used at Bisley and are available for purchase from them, they are being consumed rapidly and blown away). Mr. Paul Reibin recommended, at least for short distances, a pressure sensitive peelable- adhesive disc.

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11 Patricia Dahlstrom asked why there was no Canadian Team booklet. It was explained that this was a team decision but the office would publish the team lists for each competing nation on the DCRA bulletin board.

12. Mr. Peter Hornsby briefed all on the Japanese team that will be attending the WLRC and asked for helpers to assist him in orienting the team on arrival.

13.

**MOTION** A vote of thanks to the office staff for all their work in preparing for this competition was moved by Mr. Paul Reibin and this was unanimously seconded and approved. **CARRIED**

## ITEM 5 - ADJOURNMENT

14. A motion having been made by Mr. Peter Redstone and seconded by LCol (ret'd) Bill Molnar the meeting adjourned.

William A. Plouffe  
Executive Director

# 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.

Reta Cathline - September 23, 2007

-wife of Ralph Cathline

Henry (Hank) Carty - December 6, 2007

Jack Clinton - Feb 8, 2008

Josephine B. Colibaba - December 2007

- widow of Jon who passed away in 1991

Bill Sharman - February 24, 2008

The following memorials for some of our comrades have been provided courtesy of members who knew them and wish to share their lives with you.

## Henry (Hank) Carty



Hank passed away at his home on December 6, 2007. Hank became heavily involved in competitive, fullbore target shooting, becoming a member of the DCRA in 1951 and remained a member for the next 56 years until his death. Hank held several offices and titles during his life in competitive shooting. He also received a number of awards throughout his shooting career, not only for his competitive excellence, but also for his contribution to the sport. Hank travelled to England for the Bisley Prize Meet in 1981, fulfilling a lifelong goal. In 1984, and again in 1988, he was a member of the Canadian Rifle Team, which travelled and competed extensively throughout New Zealand and Australia. He was also very proud of his roles as military team-shooting coach (1953-57); army cadet coach for the 1226 For Garry Horse Cadet Corps (1974-1984); and as a commanding officer for the same unit. Our deepest sympathies to his family.



## Jack Clinton

On February 8 the shooting world lost a long-time competitor, coach, official and builder with the passing of Jack Clinton at age 83. Jack was a life-long member of the Maple Leaf Marksmen Club in St. Catherines, Ontario, and a major player in the construction of an excellent 50-metre ISSF range and a clubhouse with a 10-metre air rifle range. Jack was one of the few people I knew with a Shooting Federation classification card with all the rifle and pistol events filled in. In the early 1970s Jack got into officiating and was chief range officer for the Smallbore National Championships from 1975 to 2000. He was also a coach, progressing from club coach to provincial coach to national coach and with Bruce Wilkins coached the national Smallbore Rifle Team from 1976 to 1998. He was head coach of the rifle team for the 1986, 1990 and 1998 Commonwealth Games, as well as several European tours in the 1980s. Jack was invited to do coaching clinics for a number of countries, including Australia, New Zealand, Bermuda, and Trinidad and Tobago. Jack was also an accredited ISSF technical delegate, performing such tasks as chief range officer, equipment control and jury member at various ISSF events from the 1976 Olympics to the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

Jack was a friend and mentor to many DCRA shooters who came up through the ranks in smallbore. He will be sorely missed.

-submitted by Stan Frost



## Bill Sharman

The shooting world lost one of its best on February 24 when Bill Sharman passed away at 65, after battling cancer for nearly two years. Bill, known to many as Womble, was a fine shot in both Target Rifle and Match Rifle and a superb coach. He started his shooting career with the RAF Target Rifle Club and continued shooting and coaching for Scotland and Wiltshire after leaving the RAF. (Typically, he suggested it was time to get out when his flight log had three more take-offs than landings.) Bill took over as the main coach for Scotland from Arthur Clarke. He coached and shot for Scotland in several Elcho Shield victories and for Great Britain in Woomera Trophy victories against Australia. He will be remembered by many Canadians as the Captain of the Scottish Team to Canada in 2005. Bill was a connoisseur of fine wines and a generous host. He and his wife Wink frequently entertained many Canadian Bisley Team members (and others) at their caravan near Stickle-down. Who can forget being offered a glass of vino collapso ("every case comes with a white stick and a Labrador") when arriving for one of their Sundowners (barbecues)? Bill's ready wit and oft-times bizarre sense of humour made him the life of any party.

Bill's passing leaves a large hole in the Scottish Rifle Association and at Bisley. Things will not be quite the same without him.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Wink.

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