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NEWSLETTER

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President's Report Ken Holmberg

Greetings! The summer is well upon us! Dorothy Ludwig is in London for the Olympics, our ISSF shooters travel to Calgary for the Nationals, and as you plan for fall hunting or fishing season, your club directors are actively working on a number of projects as you will read in the pages to follow. Please recognize that your input to the Board is as essential as your volunteered hours to the club and both are greatly appreciated.

The LRGC Board of Directors is diligently working on selecting and hiring a new club caretaker. Again we would like to acknowledge Ray and his contribution to the club leading up to his retirement. Be sure to wish him well before he leaves.

We look forward to introducing our new caretaker, and will keep you posted as we progress. Ray may be leaving August 31 to facilitate his move and we anticipate a period of being without a caretaker between his leaving and the new caretaker starting. We will advise as soon as we know dates affected and will provide revised office hours and hours of operation via email, on website and postings at club. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

A sincere "Thank You" to all the volunteers who put more into the club than they take out!

See you at the club!

Ken Holmberg
Pres/Chair

Calendar of Special Events

At a Glance Calendar: Planned Special Events at the LRGC

Date:	Event:	Time:
Sat. – Sun., August 11-12, 2012	PITA Trap Shoot	9:00 am start
Sat. – Sun., September 1-2, 2012	NSSA Level 1 Certified Skeet Instructors Course	9:00 am start
Sunday, September 9, 2012	Family Fun Day	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, September 16, 2012	Club Trap Trophy Match	10:00 am start
Sunday, September 23, 2012	Club Skeet Trophy Match	10:00 am start
Mon. - Sat. October 15-20, 2012	Club Rifle Trophy Match	At normal range times
Sunday, October 21, 2012	Meat Shoot	10:00 am start
Sunday, October 28, 2012	WIPL ISSF Pistol Match	9:00 am start
Sunday, November 18, 2012	Meat Shoot	10:00 am start
Sunday, December 2, 2012	Club Pistol Trophy Match	12:00 noon sign-in
Sunday, December 9, 2012	WIPL ISSF Pistol Match	9:00 am start
Sunday, December 16, 2012	Meat Shoot	10:00 am start
Wednesday, December 26, 2012	Boxing Day Shoot	9:00 am start

New Members Corner

By Doug Romilly

Ok - I've joined the LRGC - Now what?

In the previous newsletter I welcomed all you new club members and encouraged you to look beyond your primary shooting discipline (whatever it may be) and investigate some of the others currently available here at the LRGC. Well, the best time to “check-out” those other activities is at the **LRGC Family Fun Day Open House** event, this year to be held on **Sunday, Sept 9, 2012, 10 am - 3 pm**. This event is our best effort to make available a range of shooting activities for members, family and friends alike. The club volunteers provide some quick instruction and you get to try your skill at hitting the targets! The club typically has 22 cal rifle set-up indoors, while set-up outdoors is typically air pistol/rifle silhouette shooting, fast-draw action, plus trap and skeet shotgun shooting (weather permitting of course) - all free! Take a few shots - and who knows - you could be hooked! The club also puts on a free lunch which has never disappointed - and everybody has a great time! Be sure to come - as this event is designed especially for our “newer” members and their families to “get more involved” in club activities and to meet our members! **Put this date on your calendar NOW - so you don't miss it! It is one of the premier club events - you, your family and friends will love it!**

Last newsletter I started this column by sharing some information and personal tidbits of “unwritten” knowledge that I have gained while participating in the outdoor range activities (i.e. shotgun - trap, skeet and sporting clays). In this newsletter I will be shifting my focus to the indoor range activities, an area I am somewhat more familiar with - so let's get started!

LRGC Indoor Facilities and Activities

The LRGC indoor range facilities and activities are certainly broader than the outdoor, consisting of air pistol/rifle (i.e. shooting pellets), small bore rifle (i.e. 22 cal only), handgun (also called pistol) and fast-draw (western pistols shooting wax bullets), with some of these activities also separated by age groups (i.e. junior/senior). This latter age group separation is important if you are looking at the calendar of available shooting times on the LRGC website. You also need to read and understand any listed restrictions regarding scheduled shooting sessions, as these may limit your ability to shoot various firearms in those sessions. This topic will be touched on later in this article as we discuss each activity.

The indoor range consists of 12 shooting positions which utilize movable shooting benches (for shooting from a standing position) or not (i.e. for prone, kneeling or sitting positions, etc.) as needed (see Figure 1). Note that positions #1 and #12 near the walls are marked for range officers only, or for an experienced shooter they designate!

Also, note that the vertical carpeted barriers protect other shooters from fired and ejected cases which are hot and can fly a long distance (and will find their way into shirts if open)! New acoustic panels (pink in colour) can be seen lining the right-side wall (thanks to Ken H., Ron G., and Joe T. for getting these panels recently installed).

The shooting benches are normally positioned at 20 yards (max range length) from the target for 22 cal rifle and handgun, and at 10 m for air pistol/rifle. Note that the range backstop is a series of steel plates angled at approximately 45° - which deflects the bullet downward upon impact - and which are covered by fiber-reinforced rubber conveyor-beltting to reduce blow-back (see Figure 2). (If you would like to see more - read the Nov 2011 LRGC Newsletter which documented the clean-out and rebuild of this backstop in more detail, and with lots of photos!).

The first thing to recognize is that the indoor range is restricted by the BC regulatory range certifying body such that only up to 45 cal centerfire pistol cartridges (i.e. centerfire meaning with a center primer pressed into the case) and only up to 22 cal long rifle rimfire cartridges (i.e. rimfire meaning having no center primer in the case) may be used, and that ALL magnum and other high-energy cartridges (exceeding approximately 350 ft-lbs of energy) are prohibited as they may damage or penetrate the backstop and/or potentially cause blow-back thus creating a safety hazard. Note that centerfire pistol cartridges (like the S&W 38 Special and 44 Special, etc.) sometimes used in rifles are not permitted for this reason as they exceed the maximum allowable energy limit due to the higher velocity obtained when being shot through a longer barrel). In addition, no black-powder loads, and only lead or standard factory copper-covered lead bullets are allowed - no full metal jacket or other metal piercing projectiles may be used.

Since the thick backstop plates extend only to the height of the replaceable (particle board) wood wall above which there is only limited protection, it is essential that all fired shots hit the wood wall in front of the metal backstop. As a result, no drawing and firing from a holster with lead/metal bullets is allowed (such as is done in the International Practical Shooting Confederation - IPSC, or Police Pistol Combat - PPC shooting

events) as this could cause a safety hazard on our range. (Note that Fast-draw activities use only non-metallic projectiles - i.e. wax, or simply hot gases in all their shooting activities).

For obvious safety reasons and to avoid the potential for damage to the facilities, indoor shooting (both pistol and rifle) can only be conducted in the presence of a range officer, and thus is scheduled. There may be only one scheduled time, or a variety of scheduled times available for any specific activity, so please review the LRGC website calendar for these activity times before you come to the range.

The indoor range has been equipped with a modern, relatively new ventilation system mounted on the building roof (see Figure 3) that brings in outside air at the firing line, blows it downstream carrying the combustion gases with it, and is filtered and exhausted back to the outside near the target line. This maintains a clean smoke-free environment for our members in which to shoot. The ventilation system is also equipped with a selectable heating system that allows for comfortable shooting during the winter months - a nice feature that we all appreciate!

To maximize safety and minimize potential damage to the facilities, the first thing a new shooter (pistol or rifle) entering the indoor range will be required to do is to complete a range safety rule checklist, and be personally advised by the range officer (RO) of the range rules prior to ever touching their firearm. Be sure to ask questions to clarify any points - the RO is there to assist! Be patient and pay close attention - remember, your safety and the safety of others on the range MUST be everyone's FIRST priority. You will need to do this only once, so please allow 20 - 30 minutes for this initial training on your first visit. After completion, the RO will check all your paperwork (i.e. LRGC membership status, CFC license, ATT for pistol, etc.), as well as your gun type (w/lock) and ammunition for compliance. The RO will then collect the range fee and any fees for targets (these are available for purchase), and show you how to sign into the range ledger (please bring coins and small bills as the office may not be open and thus change may not be available - please do not expect the volunteer range officer to have change for large bills!).

The only targets allowed are paper or plastic shoot-through targets (no human form style or solid silhouette targets are permitted) and paper "bullseye" style targets are available for purchase. Once a target is posted, the RO will then guide you to a shooting position, check that you have both suitable shooting eye and ear protection (you will probably need the ear protection immediately when you arrive at the range so have this available), and directly supervise you while you shoot (loading only one cartridge at a time to start - maybe even shooting from off a rest to start if you are obviously an inexperienced shooter) until the RO is convinced that you can handle the firearm safely and use the sights properly to repeatedly hit the target while standing. The RO will then observe you throughout the session to assist you in becoming totally familiar with the range rules, and to offer a variety of advice to improve your shooting experience. I mention this process specifically so that you are aware that this is "standard policy" for all new shooters to the LRGC range (experienced or not) such that we can verify your ability to handle a firearm and shoot safely. After this you will be supervised by the RO as would any member shooting on the indoor range. If you have experience shooting already and can suitably demonstrate this to the RO, you will proceed through this phase quickly and be allowed to shoot with normal supervision, while new and inexperienced shooters will be enthusiastically provided with additional guidance to help them through this process.

With regards to bringing guests to the range - spectators are allowed with ear protection behind the firing line. Other unlicensed guest shooters must be "directly supervised" by an "experienced licensed" shooter, so if you are new to the sport - you will need to contact the RO and see if they are willing to assist in supervising your guest. If you are an experienced shooter then the RO may permit you to supervise, which means that only one of you will be shooting at any one time, at least until you get the approval of the RO. Any "shooting" non-member guest will be required to complete the same initial safety procedures described above prior to shooting, and will be charged both a day and shoot fee for the session, while members pay only a shoot fee (note that the day fees can add up so it is better to become a

member sooner than later if planning to come to the range more than a couple times a year!).

Ok - so that generally covers what to expect in terms of procedures on your first adventure to the indoor range - but I am sure you would like to know more about what each discipline is doing - so let's go in that direction now and discuss the shooting types, format and tools involved!

Air pistol / rifle: Air pistol and rifle is actually one of the best activities to improve your shooting skills, as it eliminates all the discomfort and effects of recoil and allows you to focus solely on sight alignment and trigger control - the two primary areas where "bullseye" shooters need to excel! Shooters individually load and shoot 0.177" (4.5 mm) diameter precision-made pellets (see Figure 4) at circular targets at a distance of 10 m. (*Note: This is the shooting event in which Dorothy Ludwig from our club is competing in at the summer Olympics in London this year!*) When shooting at 10 m, then this activity clearly must be shot separately from other 20 yd shooting activities as these shooters would be downrange and thus in harm's way! Air pistols/rifles (non-regulated by the CFC - see some typical examples in Figures 5, 6 and 7) can be powered by two sources - air or CO₂, and facilities are available at the club to recharge both types. In addition, the LRGC has recently received a donation of six Daisy air pistols from the Fraser Valley Modern Pentathlon courtesy of David Grant (thanks David! ☺) primarily for use by our club's junior shooters, but these can also be used by other members when available at scheduled shoot times. One Tau air rifle is also available. Email: Sean at airpistol@lrgc.com with any questions or concerns.

.22 cal rimfire rifle: This activity is broken down into two levels on the LRGC schedule - junior and senior, where "senior" here simply means adult - i.e. 18 and older. This separation is to be sure to provide the extra needed supervision for the junior shooters. The club has available approximately twelve 22 target rifles, of which four are Marlin/Anschutz bolt-action target rifles equipped with "peep-sights" which are excellent for accurate target shooting (I can testify that these will easily produce a single hole from five shots as I have done it!) The Anschutz action and barrels are excellent and the club is trying to acquire more. (If

you have a target rifle to donate - please contact us!). These rifles are used primarily during the junior shooting sessions, but a club rifle can also be made available for use by an adult member to shoot on senior rifle night if arrangements are made with the RO in charge. However, typically most senior shooters bring their own firearm so as to improve their skills shooting with their own rifle and sights, which have been personally adjusted to their needs.

Rifles used for senior rifle shooting may have any form of sights (open or fixed iron, peep, red dot or telescopic) and shooting can be from any "held" position (standing, sitting, kneeling or prone) or bench-rested (valuable for sighting in a newly acquired rifle). The club has a policy of providing a limited supply of 22 cal ammo free to junior member shooters that come to the range, while senior shooters must supply their own ammo. Note that most 22 cal target rifle (and pistol) manufacturers recommend the use of "standard velocity" ammo rather than "high velocity" ammo (as would typically be used in hunting rifles) to improve accuracy and reduce barrel wear, and this must be used in all club rifles. Five bullseye-style paper targets for 22 rifle shooting are available at the range - free for member use. You may email Doug at either seniorrifle@lrgc.com or juniorrifle@lrgc.com to obtain further info as appropriate.

Handgun: As noted above, handgun or "pistol" shooting sessions at LRGC (see calendar) are broken down into two types - 1) 22 cal rimfire only shooting, and 2) any approved caliber (i.e. rimfire or centerfire). This is done to allow times for more concentrated practice with 22 cal firearms only - thus allowing shooters to avoid being disturbed by the much louder and distracting heavy recoil centerfire calibers that might otherwise be shooting in an adjacent position. This separation actually parallels International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) shooting where "standard pistol" matches are shot with 22 cal handguns, (known as standard pistol) and "centerfire/sport pistol" matches are shot simultaneously with centerfire and 22 cal pistols respectively. These are actual ISSF match designations and are the typical matches shot in the Western International Pistol League (WIPL), BC Provincial Pistol and Canadian National Pistol Matches.

Figure 8 shows a typical example firearm used in these matches - this particular type has a replaceable barrel to allow shooting of both 22 cal "standard pistol" and 32 cal "centerfire pistol" matches using the same frame and grip. One night at the LRGC is set aside for strictly "match" shooting (compete with timers and range rule procedures) so if you are truly a competitor and want to shoot matches - you may attend this session. It is best to inquire with a RO prior to attending as no other shooting is allowed on this night. Again, it is important to check the LRGC schedule to avoid any inconvenience regarding the type of firearm allowed. If you have questions - please contact a RO before showing up to that session. You may email Terry at handgun@lrgc.com for more info!

Fast-draw: The sport of fast-draw shooting employs large caliber (typically 357, 44, or 45 cal) single action revolvers (see Figure 9) drawn from western-style waist holsters firing wax bullets, or in some cases - no bullets at all (just the gunpowder combustion products are used as the projectile)! The goal is clearly to draw and fire your revolver as fast as possible once the go-light illuminates, after which the activated time clock is stopped by your projectile (or burning powder in some cases) striking a specific target (e.g. a balloon or a light beam).

This shooting activity is both exciting and challenging - however specialized equipment is needed to participate - so please plan to visit and investigate the sport before showing up expecting to shoot your own standard revolver and ammo (trust me - you won't be allowed)! If you contact the RO and inquire, I am sure that a "proper" fast-draw revolver and suitable ammo could be made available for you to try this fun and exciting sport! Email Dennis at info@thunderbirdfastdraw.com for more information, or if you are planning to come out for the first time!

Equipment: I feel compelled to make some special comments regarding equipment for general bullseye target shooting. Firstly, in addition to a firearm to use, it is essential for you to have all the required safety equipment, i.e. 1) proper fitting ear protection (I highly recommend purchasing electronic sound-cancelling earphones at some point as it allows you to more easily converse with

others and hear range commands, but basic good quality ear protection is also acceptable), 2) eye protection (get an adjustable or proper fitting pair of safety glasses, or actual shooting glasses, and care for them well to avoid scratching), 3) a proper hard-shell lockable case (required for restricted firearms) and a trigger or receiver lock for your firearm, 4) a separate case for your ammunition (since by law it cannot be carried in the case with your firearm), 5) a cleaning rod or other non-steel rod (wood, plastic, brass, etc.) that can be used for checking and/or clearing the barrel of your firearm (trust me - you will need this at some point to clear a lodged bullet, or go home early instead), and 6) while not specifically a required safety item, a cleaning tool such as a bore-snake in the appropriate caliber to provide a quick barrel clean-out immediately after finishing to remove all that nasty burned gunpowder residue before it crudes-up your barrel. I carry one for each caliber I shoot in my equipment box (along with some dry lube to keep any moving parts smoothly sliding) and religiously run it through the barrel before putting the firearm into its case so that the combustion products do not have a chance to bond to the metal. While this does not fully replace firearm cleaning, it goes a long way to delaying the need and making cleaning much easier to do when finally required. While not essential, another very useful piece of equipment is a small spotting scope, a monocular or binoculars for viewing your target between shots (see Figure 10). This is especially useful when sighting in your rifle or pistol.

Now let us return and discuss firearm selection - most specifically rimfire versus centerfire handguns. As I have pointed out, only specific types are allowed on the range, so that will limit your choices if you want to shoot your selected handgun on the LRGC indoor range. As a RO, it pains me to see so many new shooters coming to the range with brand new defense or combat-style 9mm, 40 or 45 cal firearms (see typical examples in Figure 11) - having never properly investigated the suitability of their initial firearm purchase for the intended purpose prior to purchase (i.e. remember, the LRGC allows bullseye shooting only).

While these firearms can be fired on the LRGC indoor range (and are fun to initially blast away

with until you find they are quite difficult to shoot - I know because I have one too), they are more suited to IPSC style shooting (drawing from a holster and shooting at larger targets) which, for the reasons mentioned above, is not allowed at the LRGC. The club would like to be able to offer this style of shooting but does not currently have the facilities (our apologies - it would be nice to be able to do this form of shooting at some future point). Upon questioning many new shooters, I have found that most have decided to purchase these particular firearms not because they planned on IPSC shooting, but rather chose them based on TV shows viewed, US handgun magazines read, video games played, or due to salesperson hype and the coolness of the look - with little regard to the purpose of the specific firearm design, accuracy or actual usability of the firearm as a target pistol.

The fact is that most of these 9mm or 40 cal firearms have been designed to be light and powerful carry weapons to be used by police, military or as defensive concealed carry weapons designed for the US market - and are designed to be effective at a typical gun-battle distance of 8-12 feet, not 20 yards or longer as is typical for bullseye target competitions. As a result, they typically have plastic or alloy components (to make them lightweight and inexpensive), loose fitting sliding parts (allowing them to digest different ammo brands but reducing shot repeatability), shorter production barrels (increasing recoil while reducing accuracy and requiring faster burning powders in the ammo used), a heavy-pull non-adjustable trigger (greatly reducing shootability), and fixed sights (i.e. non-adjustable to your needs or varying target selection). In general they are not designed to be an accurate target pistol and thus are quite unsuitable for bullseye competitions.)

In contrast, a proper target pistol is heavier (to resist recoil and allow fast return to target), has a long barrel (thus providing a long sight radius and use of slower burning powders to reduce recoil), has tight tolerances and accurate barrels (to increase shot repeatability and accuracy), has a light and adjustable trigger (much easier to shoot accurately), fully adjustable sights (to suit varying target styles and your own sight picture) and is made typically in smaller and lower recoil ISSF

standard calibers (e.g. 22 , 32 or 38 calibers) which are much easier to shoot with increased speed and accuracy out to target distances of 20 yards or more!

Starting out with a lighter recoil caliber (I recommend a 22 cal pistol first followed by a 32 or 38 caliber later) in a proper fitting target pistol design will greatly enhance your ability to learn the needed shooting techniques, including proper sighting and trigger pull, which are critical to accurate target shooting. In fact, many international competitors go the further step down the recoil scale to air pistol (a summer Olympic shooting event) to further develop these essential skills! These skills, once mastered - can then be translated back to better control, and thus more accurately shoot, higher recoil pistols. The other great advantage of a 22 cal target pistol is the greatly reduced cost of ammunition! A box of good 22 cal standard velocity target ammo starts around \$2.50/50, while a 9mm or 40 cal box of 50 cartridges will cost you at least \$14 and \$17 respectively (and don't forget to add the taxes too)! If you go the large caliber route - you might want to learn how to reload your own ammo - but that will only save you around 40% - and that is if you don't include your time and the initial cost for reloading equipment. The fact is, you can shoot nearly all day with a 22 cal pistol for the cost of just 100 rounds of the larger caliber ammo, and your body will feel better when you leave too!

If a larger caliber is desired at a later date, in my opinion (and everybody you will speak to likely has their own preference) a better choice is to purchase a S&W 38 cal target revolver (see Figure 12), or if you prefer a semi-automatic pistol, to purchase a 1911-style handgun (see Figure 13). The "1911" is not specifically a "brand", but rather a classic John Browning design which has become a "standard platform" that can accept a myriad of readily available customizing parts which can be substituted or added to increase the accuracy and suitability of the firearm for target shooting. These 1911 pistols are available in a range of calibers and from a wide range of suppliers. Again, in my opinion, if funds are limited, a 1911-style pistol is good choice as a later firearm purchase - with the first being a 22 cal target pistol (such as a High Standard Trophy or Victor, S&W Model 41, Ruger Mark II Bull barrel

(see Figure 14), S&W 617, or other available precision target pistols).

If you would like to learn more about these pistols prior to making a purchase (something I strongly recommend), feel free to ask a RO for their opinion or email Doug at planning@lrgc.com or Terry at handgun@lrgc.com with your questions and we will do our best to help you. Chances are someone at the club has the model you are considering purchasing and can tell you more about its suitability for your intended purpose, or maybe even recommend something better.

Club Events: Each year the LRGC hosts a Pistol Trophy Match and a Rifle Trophy Match with a range of classes to include all shooters (junior to seniors, men and women). Last year the LRGC Rifle Trophy Shoot was held in November while the LRGC Pistol Trophy Match was held in January - both were well attended and lots of fun (with draw prizes too!).

This year, the Rifle Trophy Match is scheduled for the week of October 15-20, 2012, with the competition targets being shot over the week at the normal scheduled times, while the Pistol Trophy Match will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2012. All shooters are welcome, rules will be posted on the LRGC website prior to the matches so please be sure to look! If you have questions after reading the rules, contact Doug at planning@lrgc.com.

Reminder: Again - if you are new to shooting, and would like to introduce your family or friends (children too) to shooting, or just want to have a great time, come out to the LRGC Family Fun Day Open House on Sunday, Sept 9, 2012. Give the wide range of shooting activities at LRGC a try - and enjoy a free lunch as well! There is no better way to try trap, skeet, 22 cal rifle and air pistol/rifle silhouette shooting for the first time than this event - it's all available - don't be shy! It's always a great activity for the entire family - don't miss it! I'll see you there!

Note: *I am thinking about doing my next newsletter article on the art of reloading - so stay tuned! If you have an idea for a future "New Member Column" article - drop me a line at planning@lrgc.com! Happy shooting!*



Figure 1 - The indoor range - 12 shooting positions with carpeted benches and vertical shields to protect adjacent shooters from fired and ejected cases. Note that shooting positions #1 and #12 are marked for ROs and designated experienced shooters only as they are adjacent to the wall. The new acoustic sound panels are visible on the right side wall.



Figure 2 - This photo shows the conveyor belting covering the angled steel plating (look above conveyor belting) now visible with wood wall removed. Note that the steel plate stops at the 8 foot high mark - so keep your shots on the wood wall and NOT on the paneling above!



Figure 3 - LRGC Indoor Range heating and ventilation system mounted on the roof. This keeps the air clean and the range comfortable, especially in the winter.



Figure 4 - A comparison of various types of ammunition allowed on the LRGC indoor range. The photo shows two of each type (one laying down and one standing) - from left to right: 1) .177 caliber precision air pellets, 2) 22 caliber long rifle rimfire cartridge (note no center primer in bottom of the case), and centerfire cartridges: 3) 32 caliber S&W Long wadcutter, 4) 9 mm Luger, 5) S&W 38 caliber Special wadcutter, 6) S&W 38 caliber Special, 7) S&W 40 caliber, 8) S&W 44 caliber Special, 9) 45 cal ACP. Note that bullets may be various shapes (with flat wadcutter types being specifically made to punch round holes in paper for target shooting), and may be lubricated lead or thinly copper-coated to reduce wear and barrel leading (i.e. when the lead melts and coats the inside of the barrel). Note that the air pellets are cupped on one end to receive pressure, deflect outward and thus seal the barrel as they are being expelled.



Figure 5 - Typical air pistol: A Hammerli AP-40 Air Pistol (uses pressurized air to shoot .177 caliber pellets)



Figure 6 - Another typical air pistol: Tau-7 Air Pistol (uses carbon-dioxide gas to shoot .177 caliber pellets - note tanks adjacent which hold liquid CO₂ to recharge pistol).



Figure 7 - A typical air rifle: A Tau MK-300 (uses pressurized air to shoot .177 caliber pellets)



Figure 8 - Typical ISSF / Olympic target pistol: A Walther GSP - which can be purchased with interchangeable 22 cal and/or 32 cal barrel (shown here with 22 cal barrel installed). Note the customizable grips for a proper fit for one-hand shooting, large adjustable sights, and a barrel weight to minimize recoil effects.



Figure 9 - Typical Fast Draw Single-Action Six Shooter: A Ruger 3-Screw Blackhawk. Note the enlarged hammer tab for single-action shooting, lack of add-on sights (just a groove on top) and relatively short barrel for faster draws. These are converted to shoot wax bullets.



Figure 10 - Typical small spotting scopes - used for viewing targets between shots, especially when sighting in your firearm. The one on the right is mounted directly to a shooting box.



Figure 11 - Typical Military and Police firearms: Above: Beretta 92 FS - 9 mm (also known as M9 when made for the US military), Below: S&W Military & Police (MP) handgun (available in 9mm, 40 cal and 45 cal). Note: Lightweight, heavy triggers, fixed sights.



Figure 13 - One example of a "1911" John Browning designed semi-automatic pistol. This is a Colt National Match Target pistol chambered to shoot mid-range S&W 38 Special wadcutter target bullets only. It has a special lightweight target trigger, match barrel and fully adjustable precision sights, and is no longer made! However, a range of new 1911-style target pistols are currently available in a wide range of calibers and from many suppliers.



Figure 14 - Ruger MkII "Bull Barrel" Target pistol - shoots 22 caliber rimfire ammunition. This is one pistol that the author recommends as a good "first pistol" for bullseye target shooting - all metal, relatively heavy, bull barrel for accuracy, with fully adjustable and clear target sights. (typically around \$500).



Figure 12 - S&W Revolver with adjustable sights and good trigger. The S&W Model 686 is designed to shoot the 357 Magnum cartridge, but can also shoot S&W 38 Special ammunition, while the S&W Model 617 shoots 22 cal rimfire ammunition. Note: These are suitably heavy and accurate for target shooting!

Handgun & Pistol Shooting

By Terry McCarthy

The handgun range has been quiet for the past several weeks, maybe because of the summer. There is usually some open spots Monday nights. Day times and Saturday seem to be busier.

Our Junior air pistol group continue to practice as much as several times a week, previously getting ready for the Provincial Championships and now for the Canadian National Championships. They are slowly improving and continue to represent our club well.



Juniors Jessica Auton, Brooke Ashcroft and Kathleen Auton with coach John Berta

The range backstop was cleaned out recently and thank you to all those who helped out. We continue to research new steel material to replace the old steel louvers that are getting worn.

Our three junior female shooters attended the Provincials and did very well. As a matter of fact Langley was well represented at the meet. Jessica Auton earned gold in sub-junior air and sport pistol. Brooke Ashcroft earned silver in sub-junior air and sport pistol. Kathleen Auton earned bronze in junior women's air pistol and gold in junior women's sport pistol. Our Olympian, Dorothy Ludwig attended and won gold in both women's air pistol and sport pistol. Our president Ken Holmberg along with Doug Romilly, David Grant and Terry McCarthy attended as well, earning a fair share of medals too.

Our junior women are off to the Canadian Nationals in Calgary on the 17th of August and we wish them well there.

Our own Dorothy Ludwig as everyone must know is off to the London Olympics as the only women's air pistol competitor from Canada. Needless to say we are all extremely proud of her and wish her a safe journey and the experience of a lifetime representing Canada at the Olympic Games.

On the 7th of July, 2012, Pacific Sport sponsored a Rally at McMillan Park just south of the Langley Events Centre. There were several Olympians and Para Olympians including our own Dorothy Ludwig. There were inspiring speeches by former Olympians and the athletes were honored on stage by officials from Pacific Sport and by both Langley Mayors. Dorothy was accompanied to the stage by a contingent from the LRGC as well as our former Olympian Kim Eagles, her father Bill, a former three time Olympian, family and friends. It is great to see the positive publicity for our sport out of Dorothy's participation through the various media reports.



Dorothy being marched to the stage flanked by all her supporters

Please, if you know of any young people who may be interested in the shooting sports, have them contact Kavinder for air and .22 rifle or Sean for air pistol or handgun. We have air rifles and .22 rifles to loan at the range. We also have 5 air pistols we can loan as well.

All for now. Remember focus on the sights, not the target and you'll hit the X ring.

Terry McCarthy
Handgun Chair



Dorothy Ludwig on stage next to Paralympian Kelly Smith and Langley Township Mayor Jack Froese



Olympian Dorothy Ludwig with Langley City Mayor Peter Fassbender (left) and Langley Township Mayor Jack Froese



Terry McCarthy presenting Winner Ron Geering with Xbox & Games in BCTSA raffle to raise funds for junior programs.

Western International Pistol League

by David Grant

WIPL Season 2011/2012 ended in April with the final Match being held at Port Coquitlam District Hunt and Fish Club. Langley Rod and Gun Club was well represented throughout the season and one of our teams won top honours in both the Standard Pistol Category as well as the Centre-Fire Category. Team members were Al Cody, Pat Larkin, and David Grant.

Other Langley Rod and Gun Club members that won Awards were Terry McCarthy for the Most Improved Shooter and Jessica Auton as Best

New Shooter. All of the Scores and Awards can be viewed on the BC Target Sports Website. <http://www.bctsa.bc.ca/pdf/12%20WIPL%20Results.pdf>

WIPL SEASON 2012/2013 begins with the first Match being held on Sept. 30 at Port Coquitlam. There are a total of 8 Matches every season. Langley R&G Club will host Matches on Oct. 28, Dec. 9, and Feb. 24. The remaining matches will be held at Abbotsford Fish and Game Club and the Season Final match at Port Coquitlam in April. Those dates have not been finalized yet.

WIPL Competition is based on the ISSF "Olympic Shooting" rules and is a great opportunity for both the Novice Competitor as well as the seasoned Veteran. More info about WIPL is available on the LR&GC website.

<http://www.lrgc.com/wipl.htm> and <http://www.lrgc.com/documents/WIPL%20ISSF%20101.pdf>

I hope more members of Langley Rod & Gun Club will join us.

For more information you can e-mail me at WIPL@shaw.ca or ask any of the R/Os during the Monday Night Handgun sessions.

See you in September.
David, WIPL President

Junior & Senior Rifle Report

By Doug Romilly

Junior Rifle - *(A special thanks to Kavinder P. and Bob H. for their continued hard work and dedication as Range Officers for Junior Rifle, and their input to this report).*

Junior rifle (i.e. under 18 years of age) is continuing over the summer with a few challenges. The first challenge has been a conflict in the scheduled shoot time with other larger youth sports programs over the summer, while the second has been the limited number of volunteer range officers (RO's) to help out with these young shooters. In the past there have been 15-16 juniors involved, with about 50% being non-members, and with about five of these being older and more experienced shooters. These numbers have been reduced over the summer, but where possible, the older shooters affected by the time conflict have been allowed to attend the senior rifle sessions in order to maintain their skills and enjoyment in the sport.

While working - this is not a proper solution to this issue (see additional comments below in the senior rifle section), and it requires the added attention of the involved members and volunteers, along with the LRGC Board, to ensure that this conflict does not repeat itself next year. Unfortunately this option is not suitable for the less experienced juniors since they require a greater amount of volunteer RO supervision time which is not currently available in the senior rifle time slot.

Regarding range officer volunteer time, it is apparent that at least two, but preferably more ROs be available to supervise the juniors as they require a high level of attention, and if one or multiple new or inexperienced junior shooters attend, the RO's can easily become consumed in guiding these kids and not have sufficient time to properly supervise the remaining others. Being a RO for junior shooting requires both preparation (issuing and placement of shooting equipment, rifles and .22 ammo) and patience, and is certainly a full attention task!

Other issues include the need for more of the "lighter" but suitably accurate "peep sight" equipped 22 cal target rifles as some of the

smaller juniors cannot hold the current LRGC heavier rifles. As a result, some of the older less suitable rifles will be proposed for suitable replacement to the LRGC Board.

Discussions are also being proposed to provide increased benefits for "member" juniors, with a corresponding recommendation for "non-member" juniors to obtain a yearly membership, thus hopefully initiating their family to become more involved in the club as well. The proposed discussions are clearly meant to increase "member" participation and encourage (rather than discourage) current drop-in juniors to participate more fully in club activities. If you would like to comment on any of the above issues, please send your comments to me at juniorrifle@lrgc.com.

Senior Rifle - *(A special thanks to Les T., Dean S., and Bob H. for their continued hard work and dedication as Range Officers for Senior Rifle, and their input to this report).*

First - it was brought to my attention last week that the term "Senior rifle" is being misinterpreted as meaning over 60 or 65 by new and people viewing the website schedule. My understanding of the club's application of the term "Senior" here (which actually precedes my knowledge) was to differentiate it from "Junior" rifle, and thus is meant to describe shooters over 18 years of age.

Second, even though "Senior rifle" is a defined scheduled event, it also allows for 22 cal pistol shooters to participate within the same session. This makes for some challenging times for the ROs as short barreled pistols are being shot standing simultaneously with adjacent 22 rifle shooters, which may be shooting a variety of positions from standing, kneeling, sitting or prone (mostly the latter). The recent allowance of juniors shooting in the senior time slot with these pistol shooters only increases this challenge.

This "allowance" is not a straight-forward solution due to reduced experience of the juniors, the combination of desired shooting positions, and the integration of 22 cal pistol shooting as described above. The volunteer ROs (also severely limited in numbers) must maintain range safety as a first priority while trying to limit the additional inconvenience to our normal senior

shooters. Les T., Dean S., and Bob H., have been doing an excellent job dealing with this situation. I know Bob H. has in some cases been pulling double-duty - i.e. both Tuesdays and Thursdays - to try to assist in this regard! Thanks to all for your time and efforts! ☺.

The senior rifle shooting group numbers have been declining for several years for a variety of reasons, and while the reduced numbers of rifle shooters on the line has opened up space to allow 22 cal pistol shooters to attend the same sessions, and to accommodate the time-conflicted juniors this summer, this situation is not good. In these reductions we have lost some quality shooters, potential ROs for this discipline and paying members who have migrated to other ranges, some searching for and joining clubs with a silhouette range.

While the idea for a silhouette range at the LRGC was previously put forward by Jack McCollum many years ago, the range never materialized due to a variety of regulatory, safety, design and feasibility questions that remained unanswered. This concept has been resubmitted to the Planning Committee as one of the senior rifle committee's initiatives for review, potential consideration, and feasibility study as a priority in the LRGC's long-term future plan.

Since Jack left the Board over two years ago, no one has come forward to represent this group at the Board level. Since previously an avid 22 cal rifle shooter, I agreed to volunteer and act as chair for the Senior Rifle Committee in order to fill this void. I hope to be able to make a difference to this group and see it grow in membership and proficiency, and will do my best to represent them in matters on the Board until someone more suitable volunteers to assume this role. If you have comments or questions - please contact me at seniorrifle@lrgc.com.

Always remember: we cannot change the past - but we can shape the future - especially if we work together!

Doug Romilly
Senior Rifle Committee Chair

Skeet

By Bob Hunter

Summer has finally arrived and the shooting season is in full swing. The BC Provincials are coming up on August 10, 11, and 12 at the Courtenay Fish and Game Club in Courtenay. Friday is doubles and regular skeet on Sat/Sun. It looks like a good turnout from Langley will be there. The weather is looking good for the shoot.

Bob Pieper and I attended the Kelowna shoot in June and placed well but Bob Larue was the big winner with HOA. Bob tried a few new ideas in regards to prizes and I think it is a good model to follow, so we may try it in Langley too. (An optional purse for the shooters.) Cost is 10.00 and only the first 25 of the four or five events are used and totaled with the high score winning the pot. If you shoot a 24 or 25 on each of the first events and bomb out with 18's or 19's the rest of the event, you can win! Your total score on the event does not count, only the first 25. HOA class trophies are awarded based on your current recorded average. I was the "B" class winner leaving an opening for Class C, D, and E winners. One person does not win everything.

Our club skeet shoot is scheduled for Sunday September 23rd and start time is 10:00 am. A lunch will be available for a small fee. Remember that there are open and closed shoots. Open is for everyone to win and closed is for club members only but everyone can shoot all events. The shoot is 100 targets of 12 ga, 50 targets of 20 ga, and 50 targets of skeet doubles for a total of 200 targets. There is lots of time for practice before the shoot so come on out.

Both of our fields are up and running with LaPorte skeet machines now so the operation is the same on each field.

Next year we may be able to sponsor a couple of skeet competitions so keep in touch.

Good luck and good shooting.

R.D. Hunter

Shotgun Report

by Gord Van Dokkumburg

Well where to start. Things have been fairly busy at the club recently. The new covered shooting and standing area is very near completion under Joe T's supervision (wow what a boss) I would have hated to work for that man 30 years ago it would have been shape up or ship out. Nevertheless great job Joe and all his helpers, it will be great to shoot under cover and out of the elements. Don't forget to bring full 3 dram loads as the cover is at 40 yards behind trap 5. I think it will be a good and interesting Meat Shooting season this year starting on the 3rd Sunday in October - mark your calendar for 10 am.

Our PITA shoot in May was a big success with around 60 plus shooters participating, we threw 31,000 targets over two days of shooting. We had shooters from as far away as Alaska and quite a few from across the border. Our next PITA competition is August 11 and 12th starting at 9am on both days (got to keep the neighbours happy)

At the time of writing this article our three Junior shotgun shooters who qualified for the BC High School Rodeo National Finals in Rock Springs Wyoming are in Wyoming and getting ready for the events to start. Rifle events start on Monday the 16th of July and trapshooting goes on Thursday the 19th of July. They are all up for the challenge and they have their work cut out for them as they are competing against about 150 kids in each discipline we wish them all the luck. Representing the Langley club is Jessie Morriss, Brook McFarlin, Thomas Van Dokkumburg. I would like to thank Kavinder Puri for coaching the kids in the rifle portion of the shooting, I'm sure they are having a great time down there and meeting lots of people and new friends, There are 1,500 kids competing for scholarships and prizes. And trust me I know these three are very capable of taking care of business for LRGC; they all make us proud when they go to a shoot and represent us.

Our club trophy shoot for trapshooting is on September 16th 10am start time, I hope we have a little better turnout this year, last year we only had 14 or 15 shooters competing for the club trophies

and I am sure we can do better than that. After all what better excuse could you have for taking your significant other out for dinner at Newlands for awards night in February.

Don't forget that the club is open late on Wednesday evenings for practice.

That is all for now, straight shooting and be safe.

Thanks, Gord Van Dokkumburg

WHAT'S NEW AT LRGC!

by Doug Romilly

Topics and information our members might like to know about!

- By the time this newsletter is out - Dorothy Ludwig will be in London, UK representing Canada in the 10 m air pistol competition in the Summer Olympics, where shooting events will continue from July 28 to Aug 6, 2012. It was great to see all the LRGC members out to support Dorothy at the send-off on July 7, and later at the fundraising event held on July 15, where Dorothy graciously thanked everyone who has supported her throughout her campaign to reach the Summer Olympic Games.





We all wish Dorothy “good aim” in her quest towards an Olympic medal for Canada. But no matter what the outcome, Dorothy; we at the LRGC are very proud you made it, and are pleased to support you in your quest for victory for all Canadian shooters! **Congrats Dorothy!! Fantastic!!** To see the schedule of events and results see: <http://www.london2012.com/schedule-and-results>

- As described in the previous newsletter, the collection of member and LRGC Board proposed new initiatives has been underway since May 2012 via both direct requests to the membership (i.e. newsletter, email and website) and through the new discipline committees (i.e. handgun, trap, fast-draw, etc.). If you feel that want something changed - this is your opportunity to get an idea to the planning committee! Although we are now in the process of evaluating what has already been received - there is still time to get your idea to us. Please use the “Member Input Form” available on the website (www.lrgc.com) . The LRGC Planning committee will be reviewing, assessing and prioritizing only received ideas and initiatives - so don't miss the opportunity to make sure that yours is one of them!
- In addition to having new “token” operated systems for trap, the club has now purchased and installed new “token” operated systems to the skeet fields (50% installed at the time of writing this). Note that the tokens are not

interchangeable between skeet and trap! As expected, the tokens are \$5 each and must be purchased in the office prior to shooting. You may buy as many tokens as you want - but keep them safe as they won't be replaced if lost.

- The covered structure in front of Trap #5 (see photo below) should be nearly completed by the time this newsletter is circulated. This structure will protect shooters from the elements - especially for those “meat shoots” which start up again in the fall! Thanks to everyone that volunteered their time to design and build this structure under the leadership of Joe T., i.e. helpers Paul B., Lorne W., Gord V., and Grant K. - your efforts are greatly appreciated!



Covered structure in front of Trap #5 - to be used to protect shooters from the elements!

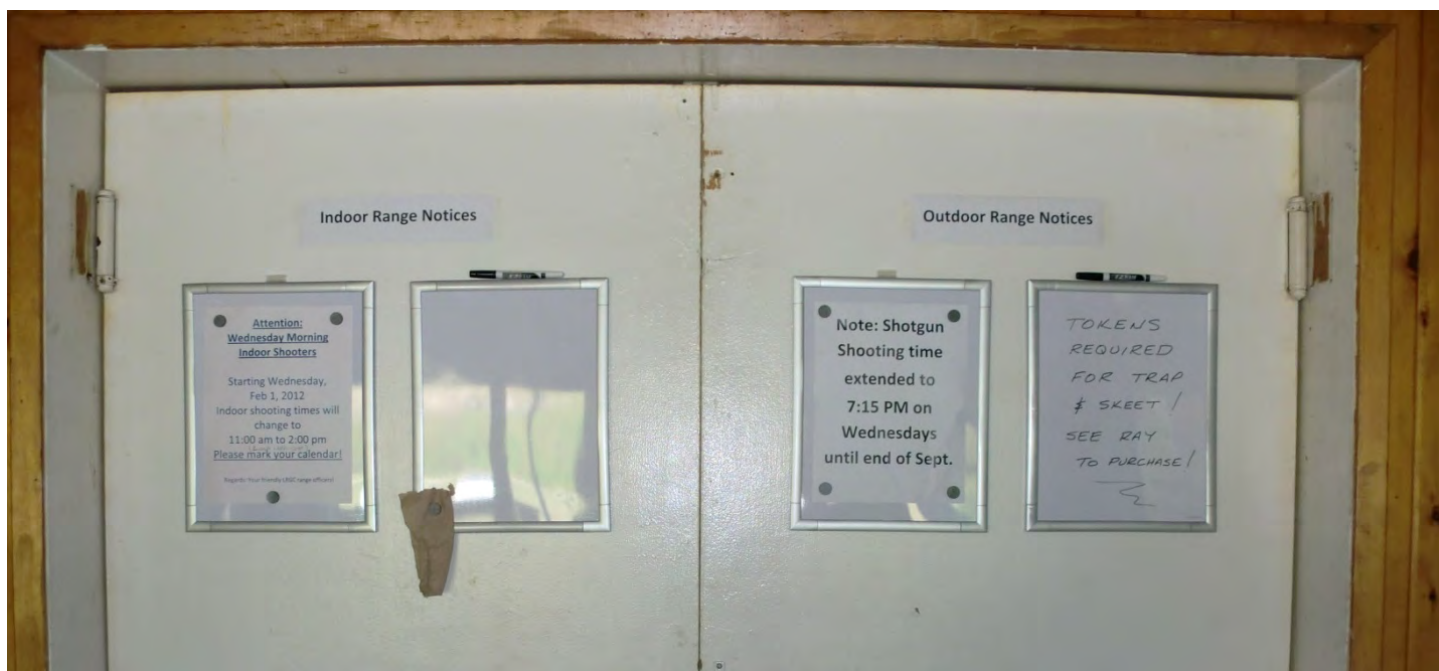
- Many of those large acoustic panels that were being stored in the indoor range are now mounted on the walls to provide sound protection for people present in the office area and the outer foyer - and they seem to deaden the sound quite well! Our thanks to Ken H., Ron G. and Joe T. for their time and effort in getting these installed on the indoor range!
- The indoor range was cleaned out and rebuilt again on June 3, 2012 and I am pleased to say it was less full than expected (thank goodness) - but still quite needed! Thanks to all those that assisted (seems to be the same volunteers each time) as we greatly appreciate your donated time and efforts. It would surely be nice to get some new volunteers participating to carry some of the load! So, if you are a new shooter, or just someone that has not volunteered previously - please volunteer to come and assist us, no experience needed. You may email Terry McCarthy (Handgun Committee Chair) at

handgun@lrgc.com with your contact info to get your name on the volunteer contact list. You will then be notified of the scheduled date prior to the next cleanout and have a chance to meet some new club members and shooting colleagues!

- As a follow-up to the last “What’s New” newsletter item, a proposed design for a new indoor backstop has been submitted to the LRGC Planning Committee for consideration in the future planning process, and will be reviewed and prioritized along with other received club initiatives. Even so - we welcome new ideas and further development regarding this initiative. Ideas related to the development of a new backstop design should be forwarded to Ken Holmberg at president@lrgc.com.
- The main bulletin board in the clubhouse has been “reorganized” to better display items of interest. Please assist us in maintaining this new cleaner look by posting only clear, presentable, and suitable items in the appropriate areas, and dating them when posted on the upper corner. Please also remember to remove your posting if it is no longer applicable (e.g. item sold, date of event passed, etc.) rather than leaving it for others to do. In addition, new “white board” style notice boards have been mounted on the “barred” interior doors leading to the indoor range (note: these doors cannot be opened without rearrangement of the indoor range

acoustic panels) to display event or other messages for both the indoor and outdoor ranges. These are meant to be very visible (even through the locked club entrance doors if needed) in order to keep our members up-to-date of recent event info. Those wishing to provide new information may magnetically post a printed message, or may write a message on one of the white boards. Please be sure to replace the magnets and ONLY use the provided “easy-erase” pen provided. Lastly, a suggestion box is being installed in the foyer for those quick thoughts about how we can improve the club. Thanks to the new LRGC Communications committee members for this work!

- The LRGC Board member’s names were posted in the last newsletter for your information, however as promised, the Board has recently created specific email addresses to provide you - i.e. the membership - with direct lines of communication to each of the executive officers and/or committee chairs. Please see the associated article within this newsletter for this specific contact information.
- In an effort to optimize benefits and minimize costs, the LRGC website has recently been switched to a new website-hosting provider. This move will be transparent to our members and others people accessing the site, and this change is just one of the ways the LRGC Board



is looking to minimize the costs of providing timely communications and valuable website resources. The Board is also continuing to look at new technologies that can be adopted to further assist the club in providing both internal and external communications, as well as club/shooting-related documentation, event information and other resources. If you have an email address and have not yet provided it to the club, please do so at your earliest convenience as we are moving to email and web-services as a primary communications vehicle for timely information distribution, and certainly don't want to leave people behind!

- Remember - The clubhouse is now posted as a "NO SMOKING" environment. If you feel the need to smoke please do so outside and well away from the doorways as per municipal by-laws.
- Don't forget - the general meetings are posted on the website (typically the second Wednesday of selected months) and are your opportunity to have provide input to your club. Remember we are all volunteers so please come out and participate in your club's activities - we welcome your input!

Board of Directors Report

By Doug Romilly

Increasing Access to the LRGC Board - We want YOUR input!

In the last newsletter I indicated that there is a new sense of enthusiasm and determination from the current LRGC Board members to be more proactive in planning for the future of our club, and I am happy to say that this feeling continues! In addition to creating new administrative and shooting discipline committees (with designated chairs and assistants) to better organize our efforts to connect with you, the Board has also created new LRGC email addresses to make it easier for you to directly contact those committees (i.e. the people most directly connected to your issue) with your ideas, concerns and feedback. These committee emails will be monitored by designated volunteer committee members, and are listed below (as well as on the website) ready for your use. Your LRGC Board is making changes to the way we operate - and we hope that you as members will support this change and provide us with your ideas and feedback - may it be good or bad!

LRGC E-mail Address	LRGC Responsible Contact
president@lrgc.com	Board President
treasurer@lrgc.com	Board Treasurer
secretary@lrgc.com	Board Secretary
membership@lrgc.com	Membership Committee Designate
planning@lrgc.com	Planning Committee Chair
communications@lrgc.com	Communications Committee Designate
newsletter@lrgc.com	Newsletter Editor
webmaster@lrgc.com	Web Manager
trap@lrgc.com	Trap Committee Chair
skeet@lrgc.com	Skeet Committee Assistant Chair
seniorrifle@lrgc.com	Senior Rifle Committee Chair
juniorrifle@lrgc.com	Junior Rifle Committee Designate
handgun@lrgc.com	Handgun Committee Chair
airpistol@lrgc.com	Air Pistol Committee Chair
info@thunderbirdfastdraw.com	Fast Draw Committee Chair

Board Issues: Behind the Scenes

While you may not think about it, your LRGC Board (*of volunteers*) is working continuously “behind the scenes” to address a range of issues and concerns related to general club operations, finance management, purchasing, property and equipment maintenance, member support, employee concerns, environmental and safety issues, communications and newsletters, and a whole host of others which are too long to list. Yes - there are a lot of them - and they don’t solve themselves!

A major effort currently underway is the search for a replacement caretaker as Ray Mulholland is retiring and will be leaving in the fall. Our designated Human Resources committee (lead by Director Kathie MacFarlane) is currently working to appropriately advertise, gather and review resumes, and interview potential candidates for this position - a very time consuming task! It appears we may have found a good and suitable candidate but the process to hire is still underway at this point.

Another topic the LRGC Board is currently investigating is a significant revitalization of our existing website. (A special thanks and recognition goes out to Cameron Edwards for all his volunteer work over the past years to initially develop and maintain the LRGC site - we all recognize it has been a lot of effort and time on your part!) With the need for reduced ease of maintenance and increased functionality to service our new membership, communications and training objectives, your Board (led by new Directors Gerry Greschuk and Steve McLean - who bring to the Board more valuable experience in the IT area) is researching and testing new available software packages for adoption into a new updated LRGC website. These new software packages have the needed website building tools to properly “dazzle” potential new members, new communications software tools (such as forum, blogging and event calendars) to better inform and interact with our members on-line, and even event signup and on-line membership renewal capabilities which should increase member convenience while reducing club administration tasks come January renewal time if adopted.

As always, these new tools come with a price, so this “cost-benefit” research will continue in order to ensure that the chosen software and its provider will meet the current and future needs of the LRGC. Keep-up the good work guys! I am confident that the membership can look forward to both a new “bolder” look to the website along with more user-friendly and readily available information on-line in the future!

As a final note - your LRGC Board members typically donate at least one or two nights a month to attend Board meetings to discuss and vote on these issues, not to mention the much larger added time actually carrying out much of the work in the background that keeps the club running. Remember, these Board members pay the same membership fees you do - so come out and help them by participating in the general meetings. *In other words - please come and help your Board build our club into an even better place to shoot and enjoy!*

Fast Draw Report

Dennis Robinson

Well, this is gonna have to be a relatively short report. As I write this, we are getting ready for the 2012 Open Index Canadian Fast Draw Championships that are coming to Aldergrove’s Athletic Park, for the Fairdays event on July 21, 22.

And, as this year is Aldergrove’s 100th Anniversary, the Thunderbirds have been asked to fire 100 shots (blanks) on the main stage at 5pm, Saturday, the 21st. That’s 20 shooters firing 5 shots each. And again, but at High Noon, Saturday, we are hosting the popular Celebrity Shootout, this time there are THREE mayors signed on to take part! (D’ya suppose they are gonna gang up on the other Celebs?)

As well, the OLN network is going to be filming the Fast Draw activities for their new reality TV series; “Get Stuffed”. We will be training two actors to be proficient with Fast Draw at the Langley Rod and Gun Club prior to the event. (hey, the more good publicity for the club - the better!)

Finally, CONGRATS to ALL Thunderbirds, as the Franks Gang, the Robinsons, and loan Nica, aka 'Nick The Quick' ALL won trophies and \$ by placing in the Top Ten of either the Hollywood event, or in The World Fast Draw Association's World Open Index Championships in Medicine Bow and the sharp-shooting six-gunners, Nicole Franks fired the Fastest Shot in the Women's Div., and 'Nick The Quick' fired the Fastest Shot in Men's Div.

Well done everyone!

For anyone wishing info on Fast Draw or the Canadian Championships contest or the Fairdays event, please visit the website:
www.thunderbirdfastdraw.com

Den Robinson, FD Director,
Langley Rod and Gun Club

Planning / Training Committee Report

By Doug Romilly

UPDATE: Defining our Future Plans for the LRGC

As I described in the last newsletter, the LRGC Board has defined a new committee with a goal specifically to establish two things: 1) an annual business plan for the club, and 2) a longer-term plan for club development and projects.

As steps towards this goal, the focus and mandate of this committee is to: 1) define a proper mission statement for the club, 2) develop club objectives based on this Mission statement, 3) identify potential initiatives to meet these club objectives, 4) propose an integrated long-term development plan based on these initiatives, and then 5) prioritize action items within each year's annual business plan (with appropriate budget and schedule) to ultimately achieve the long-term plan's objectives.

You will hopefully recall that the LRGC Board (on behalf of the club membership) has, based on proposals forwarded by the Planning committee,

successfully completed steps 1 & 2 above (i.e. defining the club's Mission statement and objectives) from which all other plan development work will flow. These were provided in the last newsletter for both information and comment, and based on the response received, were widely accepted.

Using these objectives as a guide, your planning committee met and discussed methods to complete step 3 - identifying potential initiatives to meet these objectives. This is currently being accomplished in a variety of ways: a) we have requested individual member input on potential initiatives via the available form on the website (as requested in the last newsletter), b) we have requested each Board committee chair to meet/speak to their activity members (either via a meeting or individually) to identify and document potential initiatives (on the provided committee input form circulated to each committee chair back in May, 2012) and submit them at the July 25, 2012 Board meeting, and c) by members of the planning committee directly meeting with selected members that could provide ideas for needed facilities, equipment, training and programs.

If you have a thought, idea or simply a need for something that could make a difference at the LRGC, contact your chair or use the on-line individual member form member to get this idea to the planning committee for review and evaluation. Email it to us at planning@lrgc.com or leave it with Ray at the office and I will retrieve it. Remember, we can only act on your idea if you send it to us!

Training Committee: As chair of the new LRGC Training Committee, I have a responsibility (just like the other committee chairs) to respond to the request of the LRGC Planning Committee to meet with our members and develop initiatives for training at all levels. Rather than trying to meet with everyone at one time (which would be somewhat inconvenient at best), I have spent each day of the past week meeting individually with representatives of the shooting disciplines (usually after their scheduled shooting session) in order to investigate the training needs of each. Initially I had thought that similar training concepts at junior and senior (i.e. adult) levels could be developed across all shooting disciplines, however after several meetings it was abundantly

clear that each discipline and level had substantially different training needs such that adopting a “common” strategy for all would certainly not be optimal.

Although the proposals outlined in these meetings are only in the early submission stage (scheduled for submission Planning committee by the July 25 Board meeting request date), it is interesting to note that some of the differences in the proposed training between shooting disciplines include: a) “mandatory” rather than “optional” courses, b) the priority and need for more safety rather than skills training, or vice-versa, c) the initial need for coaches and instructors to provide safety and proficiency training, while other groups did not see this as a priority, and d) the current demand (or not in some cases) for optional advanced proficiency and/or award program development.

After attending these sessions, I am quite confident about the potential success of these new - or in some cases - rejuvenated program ideas regarding member training initiatives, and the enthusiastic response I received from the representatives of each of the shooting disciplines! I feel that there is a new sense of responsibility in our Board, range officers and the other active members I met with for the LRGC to develop and offer these programs to the membership rather than simply leaving the initiative for training to individual members to initiate/accomplish on their own.

Again - thanks to all those that participated - as there were many! I and the other Training committee representatives look forward to working with all of you to develop and offer these new programs which will increase the safety, knowledge, shooting proficiency and enjoyment for all of our members. These new programs should also ultimately attract and increase the number of both juniors and adult members that would join our club and/or participate in shooting competitions throughout all the disciplines, and thus this remains one of our training target objectives.

If you have any ideas on training initiatives to put forward, please fill in the member input form on the website and forward it to me at planning@lrcg.com. Remember, there is never a time when one should stop learning or trying to

better one's self - and there is no time like the present to start!

Doug Romilly
Planning Committee Chair
Training Committee Chair

Ray Mulholland - LRGC Caretaker - Retiring August 2012

As some of you may know, Ray Mulholland, our club caretaker, is retiring as of August 2012, hopefully to spend more time doing the things he likes to do!

Ray has been employed for over 50 years, having starting out working in the trucking industry, then as caretaker at the Mission Gun Club for seven years, and finally as our caretaker at the LRGC for the past 10 years. Ray has been a dedicated and dependable fixture around the club, handling the main office responsibilities during the day, including handling member and non-member inquiries, looking after shotgun operations (trap, skeet, ammo sales, membership sales, trap boys, etc.), But he also attended to the property responsibilities (building up-keep, lawns, trimming, food machines, etc.).

He has also greatly assisted the LRGC Board by attending the meetings and provided us with updates on issues that need attention around the club. Now it is his turn to “turn in his keys” and “take some time off” to enjoy himself and his family.

On behalf of all of us at the LRGC we would like to say:

“Ray and Darlene, we wish you a long and enjoyable retirement, and to you Ray, thank you for your many years of service to our club!”



Ray Mulholland - LRGC Caretaker
Photo taken July 13, 2012 by Doug Romilly

Newsletter

Gordon Taschuk, Editor

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