



# Langley Rod and Gun Club

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## NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 2008

### President's Report Gord VanDokkumburg

Welcome to 2008!! Our Boxing Day Shoot went very well and over 400 prizes were given out as well as a pig. This shoot is a very important event for your club. I spoke with one shooter who said this year was his 36th consecutive Boxing Day Shoot. That is very impressive; Mr. McTaggart, you must have been just a pup when you started. For next year it would be very much appreciated to see a lot more volunteers helping out. This year we were short about 10 volunteers so a huge thank you to all members who took the time to come out and help. These members worked extremely hard to make this shoot successful.

The first official order of business in 2008 was the Annual General Meeting. There the election of officers was held. The following are our directors for 2008:

President  
**Gord VanDokkumburg**

1st Vice President  
**Sonny Zappone**

2nd Vice President  
**Dave Zappone**

Secretary  
**Terry McCarthy**

Treasurer  
**Tom Wallis**

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**Ken Holmberg**

Directors:  
**Cameron Edwards**  
**Bob Hunter**  
**John LeBlanc**  
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**Harry Sullivan**  
**Stacey Dormer**  
**Al Kiamniaikien**  
**Fred Brandt**  
**Rob Findlay**  
**Mike LeBlanc**  
**Gord Taschuk**  
**Joe Tecklenborg**  
**Lorne Walper**  
**Dennis Robinson**

I am looking forward to working with all of these directors. Together I know we can have a very productive club.

The Annual Awards Night was well attended including Mayors Alberts & Fassbender, Mary Polak MLA, Senator Gerry St. Germain & Mark Warawa MP. I was very honoured to present Life Memberships to Joe Tecklenborg (Mr. Fix-it) and Bob Hunter (Dr. Skeet). These Gentlemen have dedicated years (10+++ ) of commitment to the Langley Rod & Gun Club. Congratulations to all award winners and thank you to all the members who helped make this a very enjoyable evening.

See you at the Club,  
Gord Van Dokkumburg, President

### Indoor Shooting

Special Feature on Dorothy Ludwig & Kim Eagles

#### Personal experience:

Dorothy Ludwig and Kim Eagles have been training together for the last several years in the Vancouver area, and have been competing together since around 1994. They teamed up together for the 2002 Commonwealth games and brought home the team Gold. They have both taken their turns at attending World Cups, World Championships, and the Pan American Games, and winning the title of Canadian Champion. Two of Canada's brightest stars they continually strive to attain another personal best, another Canadian record, and they are a large portion of the fuel that heats the fire for the rest of the Canadian Team to raise the bar of performance. The commitment that both these ladies have made to their sport is impressive and commendable. And with their enthusiasm and ambition to attain any goal they set before themselves they are sure to put Canada back on the podium for International competitions. Dorothy and Kim act as inspiration to Canadian shooters, as the "people to beat". Both ladies have competed through injury and illness to still come out on top.

## Interesting facts about Pistol shooting:

- Shooting is the only Olympic event never to have an accident or an injury
- The mental focus and training that goes into shooting can be easily applied to all areas of life and help shooters to be more focused in their every day activities

## Up-coming events:

The final WIPL competition and wrap-up happens on April 20<sup>th</sup>. There are two international World Cups coming up in May, one in Munich, Germany and the other in Milan, Italy. Finally, the National Canadian Pistol Championships are in Calgary, Alberta in July 2008

## Techniques:

Can't get to the range but want to train? Isolate techniques by practicing your raise, trigger control, sight picture, or grip at home. Practice for short periods during your favorite TV show while the commercials are on.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Gordon Taschuk

Photos courtesy of Bob Hunter

On Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Awards Banquet at the club. We had an excellent turnout, with many distinguished guests, including Mayor Alberts and Mayor Fassbender, Senator St. Germain, Mark Warawa, MP and Mary Pollak, MLA, and their guests.

Plenty of trophies and awards were handed out, most notably to Gerry Grieve, this year's Volunteer of the Year recipient, presented by Mayor Kurt Alberts. Gerry has volunteered at the Club for many years and has consistently made himself available to help with many club initiatives including assisting our junior rifle shooters. He also acts as a range officer for our handgun shooters. He has consistently shown patience and helped create a safe and positive experience for our new and existing members. He is a humble person who deserves this award for the many years he has given to make our club one of the best. Gerry's wife Bev and his three children, Donna, Terry and Darren support Gerry and his hobby and the many hours he spends away from home to help others learn and enjoy the sport.

Two Life Member awards were presented by President Gord Van D to Bob Hunter and Joe Tecklenborg, who have both contributed many, many hours supporting our club. Congratulations to all the award winners.

There were many door prizes, generously donated by our sponsors. Thanks to Reliable Gun, Italian Sporting Goods, Elite Bailiff, Sonny's Excavating and Zappone's Garage for your continued support.

A 50/50 Draw was held in support of Dorothy Ludwig and Kim Eagles, two of the Elite Level shooters at our club. Next month, they are off to Europe to represent Canada at the ISSF, World Cup matches. The draw winner was our club Treasurer, Tom Wallis, who was very excited to win. Tom promptly donated his winnings back to Dorothy, what a sweet guy! Good luck, girls.



Volunteer of the Year Award Recipient Gerry Grieve, his wife Bev and Mayor Kurt Alberts.



50-50 Draw winner Tom Wallis, our club's volunteer Treasurer coming up to claim his prize.



An excellent turnout.



Life Members Joe Tecklenborg (left) and Bob Hunter (center) with President



Township Mayor Kurt Alberts, entertaining as always, as the head table looks on.

## Air Pistol

No Report

## Senior .22 Rifle

No Report

## **Skeet Report**

Bob Hunter

The new season is upon us; Cowichan Valley had their doubles shoot January the 6<sup>th</sup> and the weather was much better than last year. We had our first shoot of the season on February 17<sup>th</sup> and it was well attended. Jack Fonck won the 12 ga. and Grant Kiengersky won the doubles. Three new shooters came out and we hope to have them back again. For first time shooters, NSSA provides a free yearly membership so you can attend shoots and have your scores recorded for average calculations. NSSA has a new policy now. One membership allows you to shoot registered skeet and registered sporting clays.

The day was warm and sunny on March the 30<sup>th</sup> when we had our recent skeet shoot, with a total of 18 shooters competing. Two new shooters came out and we welcome Celeste and Ron. Jack Fonck and I tied the 12 ga event with 98's but Jack won the Flip Off (Jack was not feeling well and wanted to catch a ferry so we abbreviated the shoot off ceremony as allowed in the shoot program). The 20 gauge event was won by yours truly with a 98 with Jim McHattie a close second with a 97. Class prizes were spread out among the other shooters with no one really capturing a lot of the purse. A total of \$272.00 in prize money was distributed among 11 classes and two champions. If you are a new shooter, do not be embarrassed by low scores, even Louie and Ken won money!

On April 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> Cowichan Valley are having a 4 gun shoot (no doubles), so be prepared for Sat/Sun really neat shooting.

Two more shoots are planned for this year, a four gun and doubles on April 25, 26, 27<sup>th</sup>, and the BC Provincials (4 gun and doubles) on July 12, 13, and 14<sup>th</sup>. Remember, you don't have to shoot all gauges. If you only have a 12 gauge shotgun, you can shoot one event. Give it a try! On the Island, Cowichan Valley is having a 4 gun shoot on April 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> if you are in the neighbourhood.

We have 2 new La Port skeet machines installed and they throw very nice targets. The new machines with the White Flyer targets provide very nice

target flights with very few broken targets. The last shoot we had we threw over 2,500 targets and only had one target broken out of the machine. I think the White Flyer orange targets are easier to see too.

## **Sporting Clays Report**

Bob Hunter

With the installation of the new La Port skeet machines, the 5 stand can now be used. A few of us set up the field and tried a few rounds; I think more practice is in order!

Vancouver had a Sporting clays shoot on the 16<sup>th</sup> and it was well attended with 49 shooters competing. More are planned for the season so check the list on the bulletin board for dates. Kamloops is going to have several shoots this year, so again, check the bulletin board for dates.

## **Shotgun Report**

Submitted by Gord Van Dokkumburg

Trap & Skeet has been going very well. Meat Shoots were very active this season and are now over, but watch the website for future shoots (handicap, money, Annies, etc.). The wind-up for the International was at the end of March. Langley was successful in winning two Team Trophies as well as Langley shooters winning individual trophies. Well Done!! and thanks to all of the participants.

Our 1st PITA Registered Shoot is May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - so come out to shoot and we always welcome volunteers to lend a hand.

Just a reminder Sunday mornings are for the Junior Trap Shooting Program. We have 6-8 regulars and would like to start that many more. Our juniors are getting really good and it is nice to see some younger shooters around the club. Coaches are there 10:00 to noon almost every Sunday morning and are available on Wednesday evenings. Speaking of Wednesday evenings, the Trap & Skeet range is open till dusk, so come out and enjoy your club.

Gord V. Dave Z. and Sonny Z.  
Shotgun Committee

## **Fast Draw Report**

Mike LeBlanc

Howdy all,  
It's the start of a new year.

So far, the Thunderbirds Fast Draw group has done a show for the Boy Scouts, and we just finished a two day show for the H.A.C.S. It was a great success, lots of people showed up to try their hand at speed with the hand to eye test, as well as watch us shoot at a wax target.

We have some new members that have joined us in the shooting this year, Karen Robinson is still the President for the Thunderbirds. Congratulations!! She is doing a great job.

This year we have a W.F.D.A. Chairman's Sanctioned Contest. It will be held on July 26 & 27 in Aldergrove. This will be the first time in over 10 years since we held a Chairman's Sanctioned Contest, and way past due.

The contest will put on by Dennis & Karen Robinson, and hosted by the Thunderbirds. If you want to see some fast shooting and meet some real nice people, you have to come out to the Aldergrove Days Celebration.

We look forward to seeing you all this summer. Take care and good shooting.

Mike LeBlanc, Fast Draw Director

### **PITA Spring Open Shoot**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Langley Rod & Gun Club**

**Start time 8:30**

**Added Money \$5.00 per event**

**25 Trophies, including High Overall**

## **Regulatory Update**

The government has 'pre-announced', through the Canada Gazette, that some very important regulatory changes will soon be 'officially announced'. All three proposed changes are significant, but those who may have an expired POL should pay particular attention to the third proposal. We are expecting their announcement at any time – it may be made before you receive this newsletter.

The first proposal is to extend the current amnesty until May 16th, 2009. Remember that this amnesty only protects license holders and former license holders from prosecution for possession of non-restricted firearms. The first proposed Order follows:

### **ORDER AMENDING THE ORDER DECLARING AN AMNESTY PERIOD (2006) - AMENDMENTS**

1. (1) Subparagraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Order Declaring an Amnesty Period (2006) is replaced by the following:

(ii) that will have expired during the period beginning on May 17, 2006 and ending on May 16, 2009.

(2) Subsection 2(3) of the Order is replaced by the following:

(3) The amnesty period begins on May 17, 2006 and ends on May 16, 2009.

The second is to extend the current Fee Waiver to renew a license or an expired license until May 16, 2009. This fee waiver allows previous license holders to renew their license without paying a fee. This applies to POL's and Pals. The second proposed Order follows:

### **REGULATIONS AMENDING THE FIREARMS FEES REGULATIONS - AMENDMENT**

1. Subsection 2.2(4) of the Firearms Fees Regulations is replaced by the following:

(4) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (3), the period begins on May 17, 2006 and ends on May 16, 2009.

The third is to allow a renewal of an expired POL. This is a significant change. Up to this time, those whose POL expired could only replace their license with a PAL. (Obtaining a PAL required passing the 'safety course' exam.) The third proposed Order follows:

### **REGULATIONS AMENDING THE FIREARMS LICENCES REGULATIONS - AMENDMENTS**

1. (1) Subsection 7(1) of the Firearms Licences Regulations is replaced by the following:

7. (1) An individual described in section 6 is eligible to hold a license to possess firearms if

(a) the individual first applied for it before January 1, 2001; or

(b) the individual held a license to possess firearms that was first applied for before January 1, 2001, which has expired, and subsequently applies for a license to possess firearms before May 17, 2009.

(2) Section 7 of the Regulations is amended by adding the following after subsection (3):

(4) For the purpose of subsections (2) and (3), an individual remains eligible to hold a possession license despite the expiry, before May 17, 2009, of a possession license held by the individual.

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## **Newsletter**

Gordon Taschuk, Editor

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## **Classified Ads**

This is a new section of the Newsletter where members can post their classified ads for personal items for sale, trade or wanted. The Club assumes no responsibility for the content or results of these ads. All ads must meet Federal Regulations (PAL required, no prohibited weapons, etc.). Email your ads to the Newsletter editor [newsletter@telus.net](mailto:newsletter@telus.net) Good Luck!

- Remington 1100 Trap like new. 30" full
- Remington 870 pump vented rib - as new 30"full
- Brand new Cynergy sporting, 32" barrels. Ported and tubed. Less than 1,000 rounds through it.

Call Ray @ Club for prices. Must have P.A.L.

## **Email Addresses**

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