



Langley Rod and Gun Club

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

Dave Zappone

As I sit here for a few moments to write a presidents report I have to stop and remind myself that it's already the 3rd week of July! At this point I am prodding all the directors for their favourite task, That's right, the newsletter!

Special dates to remember are September 13th, 09 which is our Family Fun Day. Please contact a member or ask Ray for a list of events. It is a good time to introduce new folks to the Langley Rod and Gun Club and show some prospective members some of the things that we do. At this time Bob Hunter has a special 3 day skeet shoot on the planning board with the World Police & Fire Games! Go Bob Go. But let the guys hit a few birds!

At the risk of sounding repetitive again at this time special thanks go out to all the directors, staff, members and helpers who make our club so warm and comfortable. I also want to extend our thanks to the trap boys as we couldn't do this without you!

Joe Tec has done an outstanding job with building and maintenance issues. Please check out the new roofs on the trap houses and Joe's new gun racks made with his own two hands on your next visit. The green paint job on the new equipment looks fantastic. Special thanks to Lorne and his brushes.

Again special thanks to Terry M, office and clerical director for all his tireless efforts. Thanks to Sonny and Zander for the back hoe standby services while Tom holds the purse strings and balances the books. Even though Gord Taschuk is busy moving this month somehow he's still finding time to present our newsletter. Ken Holmberg and company are doing a fine job with indoor shooting.

Unfortunately my arms aren't long enough to pat everyone on the back at this time, it is everyone's efforts that keeps the Langley Rod and Gun Club rolling along after all these years. Please attend a meeting and bring forward your views, remember it's your club!

Thank You
Dave Zappone
President

SHOTGUN REPORT

Gord Vandokkumburg

Well it is the end of July and it has been very warm. The trap fields at the club have been a little bit on the quiet side so far this summer. There are a few competitions coming up in the next couple of months that you members and friends should plan to attend. August 15th and 16th will be our last PITA shoot for 2009. It will be 600 targets which you can shoot part or the entire event, everyone is welcome. Then on September 13th is our Family Fun Day. There will be coaches and members to lend a hand for anybody who needs help with trap shooting. Family Fun Day is a great opportunity for the whole family to come out and have some fun trying out some different types of shooting sports at no charge. There will be a free lunch and drinks. Everyone is welcome. October 4th is the Club Trophy Shoot. Come out and show us your skills. The trophies will be given out at the Award's Night in February. The Shotgun Committee is planning our fall turkey shoots

Don't Forget
**FAMILY FUN
DAY**

Sunday, September 13th
See the flyer enclosed.

and there will be a 100 bird handicap money shoot as well as the possibility of another Buddy Backer Shoot (now that is fun). We will keep you posted (check out our website). Enjoy the rest of the summer and don't forget the club is open late for trapshooting Wednesday nights until 7:30 pm. The Junior Trapshooting Program will start again after Labour Day on Sunday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00. Call the club and leave your name and number with the caretaker and we will contact you. Boys and girls should be at least 12 years old.

The 5 stand is operational but we haven't been using it. However, I think after the club shoot in September we will set up on Saturdays or Sundays and see what kind of turn out we get. With the new targets we get a lot less launching breakage so it's better shooting. Check the bulletin board for dates and times in the fall.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Sonny Zappone

It has been quiet on the life membership front for some time. Life memberships at the LRGC

cannot be bought, they can only be earned, with certain criteria to be met. Those being age, and number of years of service to the club. There are a lot of directors and members as well that have contributed countless hours of work for the betterment and enjoyment of all members and guests to enjoy. The board of directors thank those people that continue to work and donate their time to make the club a success, and look forward to nominating new life members. On behalf of the directors and life membership committee, keep up the good work!

Skeet Report

Submitted by Bob Hunter

It's been a bit busy this season. The BC Provincials were at Courtenay this year with Louie Zanon, Bruce Peter and I making the trip. I won HAA (485/500) and HOA (389/400). A long time shooter who usually shoots 75 – 85 in 410, Dave Lee (from Victoria), amazed himself and everyone else with a 98/100 and won the 410 event. Really good shooting Dave!

The Courtenay club threw Lawry targets on their two skeet fields, and they worked well giving good

breaks and straight flights. The Northwest Grand in Seattle followed and I was the only Langley shooter there and won the 20 ga event with a 99. We had a 4 way shoot off and I won the shoot off. Kelowna Rod and Gun Club had their first skeet shoot and Louie Zanon, Bruce Peter, Jack Fonck (from the Cowichan Valley Trap & Skeet Club, in Duncan), and I attended. The club is very nice and they use Pat Trap Skeet machines. The machines throw very good targets but the breakage with the Caldwell targets was distracting. They now have White Flyer targets and breakage is down I'm told.

The big push for the Langley Rod & Gun Club was sharing in the World Police and Fire Games Skeet competition August 2, 3, 4, and 5th. Many thanks to the people that helped out, it was very busy and hectic. We had 80 skeet shooters shooting 100 targets each..... What a challenge, with practice and competition we threw over 11,000 skeet targets!!!! We made it with no machine breakdowns or major delays. I didn't hear any complaints....well...one guy said the targets were set right on the mark and they weren't used to that. The visitors were from many countries, England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Finland, South Africa, USA, and Australia to name a few that we can recall. We even had a team from Vancouver Island and Eastern Canada. That's all for now folks, until next time.

Sporting Clays Report

No Report

Indoor Shooting Report

No Report

Fastdraw Report

No Report





Members of the Irish team take a break between rounds.

Photos courtesy of Bob Hunter

The following was submitted by

Ken Holmberg

With interest I read the following comment in National Rifleman July issue. In discussing news magazines coverage of the firearms issues.

“Wherever Americans are getting their information, it’s making them more sceptical about calls for gun control. According To the May 6 Fort Worth Star-Telegram, an April CNN poll showed that only 39 percent of people surveyed wanted stricter laws –

Down from 50 percent in 2000. And a poll sponsored by none other than ABC News and the Washington Post found that 61% favoured strong enforcement of existing Laws, versus 27 percent who wanted stricter laws. Maybe common sense really is common, after all.”

Could it be possible society is recognizing their misconception of gun control? I asked Kevin STAINES formerly RFOCBC for any additional Information on subject and learned the following:

Ex Parliamentary Assistant Exposes Conservatives
Dennis Young, for many years the Parliamentary Assistant to MP Garry Breitkreuz, recently ended his association with The Conservative Party of Canada and Garry Breitkreuz. He quit in disgust.
On July 5th, Dennis Young posted the following comment to the Canadian Firearms Digest; “I no longer work for a Conservative MP because the fiasco with C-301, S-5 and C-391 should make it clear to anyone that a Conservative Government never intends to keep these promises or even implement the party firearms policies and property rights policies.”
Before any rush to judge that comment as merely ‘one guy’s

opinion’, one must be aware of who that ‘one guy’ is. He is the former Parliamentary Assistant to Garry Breitkreuz, the MP widely held to be the main parliamentary opponent to C-68 (The Firearms Act) and gun-laws in Canada, and deserves respect. The overwhelming majority of information on the state of affairs in Ottawa’s bureaucracy came from the office of Garry Breitkreuz, M.P. However, gun organizations and those with an abundant interest in our gun laws, knew or suspected that it was Dennis, rather than Garry, who was the real provider of that information. He was, in effect, the man behind Breitkreuz’ throne. Ill health, requiring an operation, caused Dennis to retire early and re-locate to Alberta. At that time, information flowing from Breitkreuz’ office virtually ceased. Another individual was hired as Garry’s Ottawa Parliamentary Assistant. Conservative criticism of the Firearms Act shrank to prattle about some mysterious “Long Gun Registry”. Talk opposing

the Firearms Act ceased. The 're-branding' of the Firearms Act inferred (once again) that the only negative section of the Act was the "Long Gun Registry". Repeating a lie often enough seems to be a simple strategy that still works today (for a time).

Following a successful operation, Dennis recovered and re-joined Garry as a part-time Assistant and advisor working from home. It is probably fair to say that (private member's) Bill C-301 was primarily the work of Mr. Young. Some believe that this Bill contained all that might be possible from a minority government; others thought it avoided entirely the most dangerous and controversial aspect of C-68 – Licensing. Breitkreuz' retreat from any defence of his Bill, and the subsequent introductions of much weaker private member and Senate Bills, were the proverbial last-straw for Mr. Young.

Those who follow any changes to our gun laws may have noticed that things have become slightly more difficult for regular gun-owners since the Conservatives became the government. Most changes occurred as a matter of 'Policy', rather than any changes to Legislation or Regulation. It appears that the Conservatives are less friendly towards gun-owners than we thought. Now, even the guy on the inside agrees. Those with an interest about the proposed Bills C-301, S-5, and C-391 can find them at:

<http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=3712043&Language=e&Mode=1>
<http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=3792476&Language=e>
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None of these Bills are expected to be passed into law. (Some cynical sods are even suggesting that

these Bills were only introduced to make you believe that the Conservative Party of Canada is on your side. Naah, couldn't happen. Could it?)

Air Pistol Report

Submitted by Kathleen Auton

I was asked to write an article about the Air Pistol program. I considered the topic, coming to the conclusion that it was a broad one. Did I write about the specifics of the program? Or did I write about the progress our athletes have made this year? Both of these questions served as decent topics, but then I decided that no, I wouldn't. So after much consideration, I figured that I could write about how the sport has affected me as a person, and how I've grown in the sport and plan to continue on with it. My grandfather had been suggesting I try the sport for awhile, but I was a little hesitant. I remember the first day I went, I was horrified that my shots didn't all fly effortlessly into the black inner circle, instead creating a spattering of holes all over the target. I wondered what I had done wrong, why I wasn't able to do it. When I left that night, my stubborn streak had decided that Air Pistol was my new project, and that I'd fight to be better. Since starting the sport, I've not only seen my scores increase, but my concentration and ability to keep my cool as well. It's been a fabulous stress release because instead of dwelling on whatever's been eating at me that day, I have to center all of my focus onto one task. By the time the session's over, I feel much better and less stressed. The added fun of competition has kept me coming back for more, feeding my competitive side in a unique and satisfying way. The support I've received from the club has inspired me to keep going, with special thanks to Mr. David Grant and Mr. Clive McLay, for their unconditional belief in my ability and their knack

for stopping me from beating myself up over a missed shot. Thanks also to Sean McCarthy, my second coach and uncle, for keeping the program running and his support. I guess there's one person I should thank, and that's my grandfather Terry McCarthy, for bugging me enough to start going. I hope that, with the efforts of the athletes and the club, the Air Pistol program will continue to be a constructive, recreational option for anyone to enjoy.

Newsletter

Gordon Taschuk, Editor

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FAMILY FUN DAY



Langley Rod & Gun Club will host
Family Fun Day
on Sunday, September 13, 2009.

Events: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm - Rain or Shine!
Come and join us for a BBQ lunch

Lunch served from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Free hamburgers, hot dogs & corn on the cob

Come out and participate in club activities –
Safe, **supervised** instruction will be provided for:

- .22 Rifle
- Fast Draw
- Shot Gun
- Skeet
- Sporting clays
- Trap
- Air Rifle



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