



Langley Rod and Gun Club

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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER, 2007

President's Report Gord VanDokkumburg

Well here we are again late in the season. It has been a very busy year around the Club. We have made a few changes and we are about to make a few more with our Canadian Dollar above par. Joe Teck has been a very busy maintenance man! If you go in the Clubhouse you will see two nicely renovated washrooms. Good job, Joe! The Family Fun Day was well attended and everybody had a good time. Kathie and her helpers did a good job on the lunch. Thanks for looking after that Kathie. And thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it a great success again. We are currently waiting on the arrival of two new skeet machines; they are a very decent buy with our dollar being as strong as it is. The Club is once again nearing our very busy time with the Meat Shoots in full swing. Boxing Day is getting close and there is something for everyone, so come out and win a prize or two, either indoors or outdoors. Be sure to come out and support this shoot, as it pays for a lot of upgrades and expenses for your Club. Those of you that don't want to shoot feel free to come out to lend a hand. Everybody is welcome to come out and enjoy the day you'll have lots of fun. The Directors of the Club recently started a Junior Trapshooting Program that practices on Sunday mornings 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. We are looking for new juniors (male or female) 12 – 17 years old. Interested parties can contact the Caretaker. It is a great deal for the kids and a great way to introduce shooting to up and coming members. We have three awesome coaches for the juniors; thanks Houndy, Carly and Blair. That's all for now, so come out and enjoy your club.

Thank you,
Gord Van Dokkumburg

INDOOR SHOOTING

Submitted by David Grant

LR&G HANDGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club Handgun Championships were held recently and in spite of windstorms and power failures, some excellent scores were achieved. Congratulations to the winners and a big thanks to all who participated. Once again Jack McCollum provided lots of time and effort signing up shooters and scoring targets. Many Thanks, Jack.

The 2007 Winners are:

HIGH AGGREGATE	– David Grant
HIGH CENTREFIRE	– Ken Holmberg
HIGH .22	– Dorothy Ludwig
TOP LADIES	– Renate Geering
SENIOR CENTREFIRE	– Art Apps
SENIOR .22	– Harry Baedak

INDOOR SHOOTING cont.

CANADIAN NATIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Dorothy Ludwig for winning the Ladies Airpistol Championship, and for coming in second in Women's Sport Pistol.

Congratulations to Kim Eagles for Winning the Ladies Sport Pistol Championship, and for coming in second in Women's Airpistol.

PAST PRESIDENT

Ken Holmberg

Greetings all, hope you have had a successful hunting season!

Congratulations to Conservatives for following their promises and re-introducing Bill to abolish the wasteful long-gun registry. Should we be so lucky to have it pass it would certainly restore my belief in Canada as a Free and Democratic nation.

As we continue to look at ways of updating and improving club, your board of directors continues with project after project. Your input and volunteerism to accomplish various tasks is appreciated.

With the increased value in Canadian Dollar we have been able to take advantage of reduced costs of replacing various trap and skeet machines.

Are you a handloader who has exhausted the text in various magazines and manuals. I recently purchased "Understanding Firearm Ballistics" by Robert RINKER and am delighted to challenged chapter by chapter revisiting basic laws of physics and chemistry primers and powders. Isn't it wonderful when your pursuit of a favourite sport takes your mind off troubles of our planet!

See you at the Club!

AIR PISTOL

NO REPORT

SENIOR .22 RIFLE

NO REPORT

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LANGLEY ROD & GUN CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP
presented by Kathie MacFarlane

Sarah Chadwick is the recipient of this year's Langley Rod & Gun Club Scholarship. She is presently working and plans on attending the University College of the Fraser Valley to become a librarian.

Throughout her years at Brookwood, Sarah expanded her knowledge in the area of Computer Sciences. She was editor of the Yearbook in her grade 12 year, prepared slideshows for the staff at Brookwood and two farewell DVD's for a closing elementary school. Sarah participated in the creation of the 2007 grad slideshow and was in charge of updating Brookwood's Bobcat TV.

Sarah took an active role in the school's Students for Humanities Club and organized a 24-hour fast for Doctors Without Borders. At the June 2006 Awards Assembly, Sarah received the Gene Macdonald Award for outstanding service to the school and community.

SOCIAL

Kathie MacFarlane - Director

**2008 Awards Banquet
is scheduled for
Saturday, February 16th.
Mark the date on your
calendar and plan to
come and bring your
family and friends.**

FAMILY FUN DAY

Editor

Langley Rod & Gun Club's annual Family Fun Day was held on Sunday, September 30th. Despite a LOT of rain, the event was very well attended, and folks were able to try most of the Club's shooting disciplines, including Trap, Air Rifle Silhouette, .22 Rifle and Fast Draw. Volunteers from the Club provided safe, supervised opportunities for youngsters of all ages to try their hand at shooting. Kathie MacFarlane's dedicated team spent the day in the kitchen making sure everyone was well fed, serving over 200 hamburgers and hot dogs. A good time was certainly had by all who attended, as the photos will attest. Huge thanks to the many volunteers who helped to make this event such a success.



SKEET

Bob Hunter

Well we have had a busy past year. We had our 3 NSSA shoots, the Club shoot and several members traveled to Washington and to Vancouver Island for some shoots. The fence was repaired on the second field and has held up against the wind so far.

All of our shoots were well attended last year and our members did quite well. The Provincial shoot was in Nanaimo again last July with 4 shooters from Langley attending. Entries were limited to 20 and there were 18 shooters in all.

A new season is approaching and plans are being made to replace our 2 aged Winchester machines. Our turnouts have been very good on practice days so the new machines on the second field will see frequent use. Also, in winter time visibility on the 1st field is a bit challenging, so we will use the second field more with the new and better machines.

The BCSA has asked us to hold the Provincials at Langley this year. Negotiations are ongoing and if we hold them, it will be in July. Dates for our other shoots have not been set yet but they should be available soon.

Keith Stead, one of our members, shot a 100 straight in 20 ga. and 99 in .410 cal last season and he is 75 years old. If you think you're too old to shoot skeet, think again! Keith is having a knee replacement this fall and should be back with us in Dec.

We are still shooting on Wednesday afternoons and Friday afternoons from 12 noon to about 2:30 pm come and give it a try. Harry Sullivan says we suffered in the International because we only had 3 skeet shooters out and that's not a good showing. As a result, Mission took first place. The International is a Club Oriented Shoot based on teams of 5 shooters so let's see more skeet shooters out next season.

A couple of weeks ago, Bruce Peters, a Senior member of our club brought out his brand new .410 Beretta and proceeded to shoot a 25 straight!! Just a rumour, but I heard the rest of his gun collection MIGHT be for sale. Way to go Bruce!

2008 Skeet Schedule

January 6	Skeet	Duncan (doubles)
February 17	Skeet	Langley(12&DbIs)
March 30	Skeet	Langley (12 & 20)
April 12-13	Skeet	Duncan 4 Gun
April 25-27	Skeet	Langley (4 gun & DbIs)
July 11-13	Skeet	BCSA Provincials (Langley)
Oct 19	Skeet	Duncan 20g & .410

SPORTING CLAYS

Bob Hunter

The Sporting Clays scene was quiet last season. I was busy when most of the shoots were on so I wasn't able to participate much. Vancouver and Mission still have Sunday practices and a few shoots but that is about all locally. Kamloops sponsored several shoots last year and Silver City (Trail) has a field set up now but hasn't had a chance to put on many shoots yet. The north Vancouver Island shooters are active and have good turnouts, but it's a long trip for a one day shoot unless you are on the island for a vacation or business. If you are going to the island call some of the clubs, you may luck out.

SHOTGUN REPORT

Houndy Graham

Hello Shooters.

We have almost made it through another year of shooting. Langley (once again) was very well represented throughout the 2007 registered season, both PITA and ATA. Well done hats off to all. 2007 also saw some new shooters at the club, both young and old, OK, older. As of a few weeks ago some of us have started a junior trap clinic on Sunday mornings, believe me it won't be long till we are the ones getting the lesson, these young guys can shoot. If any of you know some young people who would like to give it a try just call the club and Ray will put you in contact with someone. We all know and need new shooters. Along with the fall season comes meat shooting. Langley's shoots are the third Sunday of the month & sometimes the fifth Sunday as long as no other club has anything going on. The one and only date that Langley has held for I don't even know how long is Boxing Day. This shoot as I'm sure most of you know is a huge asset to our club but it is also a huge undertaking to try and get everything running and keep it running for the day. That is why I would like to ask that anyone who can come out and support your club by lending a hand would make this task a lot easier. I have heard people say I don't know anything about meat shooting, hey, that's fine there is lots more going on in the hall and outside that anyone would be glad to tell you how you could help out, all you have to do is ask. Remember, the more help the easier the job and could very well be better for the club, if we can get more squads through. The last few years, we have been around 330 to 380, but we have put 540 through and over 250 pairs in the pig shoot, so I know it can be done.

Thank you all!
Houndy

BREAKING NEWS

Carly Graham is now a member P.I.T.A. Women's Allstar Team. That is quite an accomplishment for a 17 year old shooter, we are all very proud of her! Keep an eye out for more details of all her accomplishments in the next newsletter. GREAT shooting, Carly!

FAST DRAW

Mike Leblanc

The Thunderbird Fast Draw group had their final W.F.D.A. Contest on November 3 + 4.

There were 15 shooters at this contest, and all had a bang up time haha!

The winners are:

Saturday:

Men's

1. Dave Burgraff
2. Dennis Robinson
3. Bob Franks
4. Jim Weatherby
5. Glenn Renney

Women's

1. Nicole Franks
2. Peggy Franks
3. Karen Robinson
4. Katalin Szasz

Sunday:

Men's

1. Dennis Robinson
2. Dave Burgraff
3. Bob Franks
4. Jim Weatherby
5. Doug Abbott

Women's

1. Nicole Franks
2. Peggy Franks
3. Karen Robinson
4. Katalin Szasz

The Overall Area 20 Champion is: Dennis Robinson.

Congratulations to Dennis for showing that at this sport, SPEED is one thing, but, ACCURACY makes all the difference in the world. Again Congratulations from the Thunderbirds, well done!

Just a couple more Buckles and you'll have enough for all the Grand Kids.....
hahaha

We will be having a Fun Contest on December 7 to raise Food for the Langley Food Bank.

We do this every year to show our support for the ones in need, especially at this time of year. On behalf of the Thunderbird Fast Draw group, we wish all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Government of Canada re-introduces Bill to abolish the wasteful long-gun registry

Public Safety Canada

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/media/nr/2007/nr20071116-eng.aspx>

OTTAWA, November 16, 2007 — Today in the House of Commons, the Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety, re-introduced important legislative amendments to eliminate the requirement for Canadians to register their non-restricted firearms.

“Our Government has made a commitment to repeal the long-gun registry and we are following through on our promise,” said Minister Day. “These legislative amendments will allow us to continue focusing on more effective measures to tackle crime and keep guns out of the hands of violent criminals. Our goal is to provide law enforcement with the tools and resources they need to combat gun violence and other serious crimes.”

These proposed amendments will support the Government’s overall strategy to tackle violent crime and keep our families and communities safe. This bill would:

- repeal the requirement for businesses and individuals to register non-restricted long-guns; and
- require firearms retailers to record all sales transactions of non-restricted firearms, as was the case prior to the imposition of the long-gun registry.

Gun control measures in Canada continue to include the requirement for gun owners to undergo a background check, pass a firearms safety training course, and hold a valid firearms licence before being able to acquire and possess firearms and to acquire ammunition. These requirements, in addition to enhanced screening measures announced in Budget 2007, will help to maintain public safety for all Canadians. Individuals will also continue to be required to register prohibited and restricted firearms, such as handguns.

Our police officers will continue to be able to determine who is and is not in legal possession of firearms through a quick check of the Canadian Police Information Centre.

See also:

- Backgrounder: Legislative changes to the Firearms Act and Criminal Code introduced in Parliament (<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/media/nr/2007/nr20071116-1-eng.aspx>)

- Backgrounder: The long-gun registry: Costs and crime statistics (<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/media/nr/2007/nr20071116-2-eng.aspx>)

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LEST WE FORGET

Submitted by David Grant

14 Young Men from Langley died at Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele during WWI. There are streets in Langley named after them.

In Fort Langley, Trattle Street is named after Alfred Trattle who died at Vimy.

Simonds Road is the road now called 48th Avenue, between 208th Street and 216th Street.

After World War I, the Trigg Road was renamed the Simonds Road after Hazelette Simonds, who was nicknamed Hazy. He was part of the Princess Pat Light Infantry and was killed at Vimy Ridge in April, 1917. Hazelette was in the first High School class at Belmont School in 1909. He was the son of Thomas Simonds, who farmed just east of Murray’s Corners from 1891 to 1917. Simonds Elementary School was built on 48th Avenue in 1959 and is also named for this family.

Excerpt from The City of Langley website – History of Langley <http://www.city.langley.bc.ca>

“Jack L.B. Carvolth was raised in England. On coming to Langley, he began farming and later bought a place of his own which he rented out when he enlisted in the 121st Battalion. He was serving with the 54th Battalion when he was killed in action in a raid at Vimy on March 1, 1917.”

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IN MEMORY

The Club has recently lost a couple of dear members:

WALT CURRIER was an active member of our club and an avid pistol shooter. He passed away recently at the age of 87 and will be missed by all.

SID BAIRD was a great club member and friend. Sid passed away on November 10th. We hope everyone takes a moment to remember what a special friend and tireless member of our club he was. Ray says “Sid, you will be missed by all.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

After sending out the last newsletter as a PDF via email, the editor received an email from a Club member overseas. I emailed back asking for a picture.

Dear Mr. Taschuk, I would just like to thank you for the email/newsletter.

It means a lot to me because I am probably the furthest member away from the club. I have been a member of the Langley Rod and Gun Club for about seven years (although I’ve missed the odd year because I’ve been away). I am from South Surrey born and raised but I have joined the British Royal Marines Commandos so I am not often home. But when I am I always make an effort to come shoot some trap. Your email has just given me a true taste of home and my Canadian heritage and I thank you so much for it.

Sincerely yours,
Jordan M Geddert.

P.S. Can you please say hi to Ray for me.

Jordan,
Very nice to get your email, glad you enjoyed getting a bit of news from home. I will pass your greetings on to Ray.

Do you have a picture of yourself overseas? I would love to put it in the next newsletter.

Gordon Taschuk
Newsletter Editor

Mr. Taschuk, here is a photo of me in Iraq last year at our make shift “Gun Club”. I am holding a “Minimi” Light Machine Gun. Thanks again for the news letter and the quick reply from my email.
Jordan



WEBSITE REPORT

By Cameron Edwards

Do you have any interesting club related articles, information, links or pictures for posting on the LRGC website? If so e-mail Cameron at webmaster@lrgc.com Ideas to make the website better or assistance with web site maintenance and development are always appreciated.

All the best,
Cameron