



Langley Rod and Gun Club

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President's Report Ken Holmberg

Happy 60th Birthday Langley Rod and Gun Club! On February 11, we celebrated the incorporation of Langley Rod and Gun Club February 11, 1946 with our Award Banquet and Birthday Celebration!

Our guests of Honor, Conservative MP Mark WAWARA and Dianne WAWARA, Township of Langley Mayor Kurt ALBERTS, & Brenda ALBERTS and City of Langley Major Peter FASSBENDER and Charlene FASSBENDER, congratulated the Club for its 60 years!

MP Mark WAWARA presented certificates of achievement to each of the winning competitors as they received their respective trophies. The certificates are beautifully colored, presented in folders, and will be proudly on display by their recipients.

We cannot thank the support our MP and Mayors have shown the club and our Olympic through casual competitors. You have added validity to our sport and truly Langley Rod and Gun Club is becoming a part of the Heritage of Langley and it's pioneering past.

MC Jack McCOLLUM thanked Major Kurt ALBERTS for the Township of Langley flag which was proudly displayed with the flags of Canada, United States and British Columbia. Major Peter FASSBENDER acknowledged his neighboring Mayor and suggested we would receive the City of Langley flag very soon. We are proud to say we are now in possession of both the Township of Langley Flag and the City of Langley Flag and will fly both with pride! Have to love healthy rivalry! Thank you Mayor FASSBENDER and Mayor ALBERTS!

We enjoyed an excellent meal which featured wild game and was prepared by Theresa Leblanc Sharon Sullivan, and Jeremy Leblanc (prepared the Salmon on the BBQ). Thank you all!

David Grant and Clive McLay organized and with help of Tom Wallis and Cameron Edwards held a 50/50 draw for our Olympic competitors Kim EAGLES. & Dorothy LUDWIG. The winner Mr. Allan BAEDAK with the flip of his wrist returned his winnings of \$411.00 back into the pot to be presented to the ladies. Well done Allan! Allan may be found at website:
www.wordspicturesandmusic.com

Sixty years ago our Club was incorporated. The National Skeet association was founded. Winchester announced its model 61 pump .22, and many other organizations and inventions came into being. We must all be thankful for the freedoms fought for by the veterans, one being the right to pursue our sport. We must never forget what Freedom is, what Freedom means and realize how easily our Freedoms may be lost!

We welcome Gord TASCHUK, Lorne WALPER and Dave ZAPPONE to the board of directors. Gord TASCHUK is chairing the training committee and will be announcing monthly training sessions available to our members.

As we anxiously wait to see what our newly elected Conservative Government will do with the Firearms Registry, and contest the Trans Link tax, it is back to business and preparation for this years events. See you at the Club!
Ken Holmberg

1st Vice President David Grant Indoor Shooting

Hand Gun Report.

Our weekly Handgun sessions continue to be popular. We have many new Club members coming out and joining the regular Shooters at many of our sessions. This is a great opportunity for exchanging ideas and opinions on target shooting as well as the different types of equipment and ammunition available. There is always room for one more, so come out and join us. We'll be glad you did.

Club member Kim Eagles was recently in Melbourne, Australia representing Canada and (L.R.&G.C.) at the Commonwealth Games. She won a Silver Medal in 25 Meter Pistol and a Bronze Medal in Air Pistol. She also teamed up with another Canadian shooter to win a Bronze Medal in Team 25 Meter Pistol. Congratulations Kim.

Prior to the 60th Anniversary Awards Banquet we held a work day where the backstops were cleaned and repaired. As always my thanks go to the volunteers who put in the time and effort. Its one of those thankless jobs that can easily go un-noticed because we take it for granted that the range is always available and ready to go. I won't give their names but their initials are Kavinder, Gerry, Walt, Ron, Doug, Ken, and a few others I've probably forgotten.

I had planned to hold a Range Officers Course in January but because of workload I had to postpone it. A puff of smoke signaled the simultaneous loss of my computer's hard drive and the destruction of the list of those who had told me they wished to attend the

course. I will have to start all over again. So here goes.... We will be holding a Club Range Officers Course in April. Anyone interested can put their name on the sign-up sheet at the club to register.

See you at the Club.

Airpistol Report

David Grant, Coach

Clive McLay, Range Officer

The Airpistol program on Monday evenings is a great success. Courtenay, Dorothy, Kelly, and Spencer competed at the recent BC Airgun Championships in Richmond. They all finished at or near the top of their Divisions. Medals were won by all. Congratulations for a great Match.

Dorothy and Kim will be heading to Brazil in April to compete. After that we are setting our sights on the Provincial Handgun Champs in June, and then in the fall we have the Qualifying Matches for Canada Winter Games to prepare for. The Games will be held in 2007. For those who don't know, the 2007 Canada Winter Games will attract more athletes than the 2010 Olympics.

Meanwhile our younger Shooters have been busy as well, training hard and competing in the Modern Pentathlon Matches.

Our Junior Program weekly sessions are held 5:00 – 6:30 Monday evenings. If you have an interested child please drop by and join us. We always have extra Airpistols available and would be delighted to welcome new shooters.

2nd Vice President Gord Vandokkunberg

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Public Relations

Jack McCollum

Our annual awards dinner went very well. My thanks to the ladies that prepared and served the excellent supper and to Mike LeBlanc who did his usual vine job of tending the bar.

We were very pleased to receive a Langley City Flag from Mayor Peter Fassbender for us to fly along side of the Langley Municipal Flag given to us some time ago by Mayor Kurt Albert's. We must be one of the very few if not the only Gun Club in Canada to be given the Flags of our local City and Municipality!!

This just proves how important it is for us to continue to be good citizens and maintain our good relationship with the communities

Senior .22 Rifle

Jack McCollum

The senior .22 Rifle is progressing very well. Unfortunately, due to health problems, I have not been able to come out very often but our two range officers Les Tubman and Dean Scott have been doing a fine job in my absence.

The Metallic Silhouette Range is still on hold and probably will be for quite some time.

Because of this I have been giving a lot of thought of starting up an Air Rifle Metallic Silhouette Range.

Air Rifle Metallic Silhouette is sanctioned by NRA and its shot at 20, 30, 36 and 45 yards.

The target stands could be made very simple and a complete set of targets would only cost about \$200.

If we restrict the rifles to .177 caliber with a muzzle velocity of less than 500 feet per second, there should be no problem with using them on our existing range as they are not even classed as a firearm by law.

The Langley Municipality prohibits the discharge of Air Rifles anywhere in the municipality, **EXCEPT** at approved gun clubs.

Since our Club is an approved Gun Club there should be no problem there.

However, before I go any further with this I need to know how many members would be interested.

If you are interested please let me know by e-mail as soon as possible.

My e-mail address is:

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Skeet + Sporting Clays

Bob Hunter

Skeet Report:

Our first shoot of the season took place on February 19th and seventeen shooters turned out. The weatherman cooperated and gave us a sunny dry day to shoot in. Surrender Sra shot very well. Surrender scored a 100 straight in the 12 gauge and 93 in the doubles. This is the second 100 straight in registered competition at Langley. Both one hundred straights were logged on the first skeet field (the field with the Beomat machines). Needless to say Surrender's scores made him Champion of both events.

Our next shoot is on Sunday, March 19th with a start time of 9:00 am. Events will be 12 gauge and 20 gauge with 100 targets each.

In April 21, 22, 23 we will have our four gauge and doubles shoot. Remember, you don't have to shoot all gauges. You can shoot one event if you like.

The wind has helped up renovate one of our fields by blowing over the fence. A work session will be organized to restore the fence and entrance to the low house when the weather is better.

Sporting Clays:

Not much happening in Sporting Clays in the Lower Mainland. Kamloops Gun Club is planning several shoots this season and I'm sure the Westwold shoots will go ahead. However, the Westwold shoots are not confirmed yet. Langley Rod and Gun Club is host to a meeting of the Western Canada

Sporting Clays Association on March 12th 9:30 am. More information may be available after the meeting.

Shot Gun Margaret Logan

Our biggest meat shoot on Boxing Day was well attended despite the poor weather a few hardy volunteers set up tarps for those shooters waiting to compete. For those brave ones who showed up and stayed, It cleared up in the afternoon. As usual the pig shoot was a huge success with many teams trying their skill and sometimes luck. January and February saw the international competition happening these were 50 bird events of singles handicap doubles and skeet north and south of the border clubs competed for team and individual trophies weather such as gale force winds made it quite challenging at times Langley won all the team trophies and a good portion of the individual trophies with the meat shooting season wrapping up the pita is getting started Langley's first pita is may 6-7 all help is greatly appreciated and we need your volunteer affords

Social's Cathie MacFarlane

The 60th Annual Awards Banquet was held on February 11, 2006 with approximately 110 in attendance. This year we had the following dignitaries attend: Mayor of Langley, Peter Fassbender, Township of Langley Mayor, Kurt Alberts and Conservative Member of Parliament, Mark Warawa. Also in attendance, Jean Brown, past secretary, who has dedicated many hours of service to the club.

A special thanks to the caterers Teresa LeBlanc and Sharon Sullivan who did a wonderful job putting together a fabulous meal and Jay LeBlanc who prepared the Salmon on the BBQ.

Thanks to all the volunteers Fred Brant and Vern Christopherson, Jenifer + Sydney LeBlanc who helped Mike LeBlanc setup tables and chairs and decorate the hall and Janine Latimer for helping in the kitchen, who annually make this an enjoyable evening.

A list of 2006 events will be posted at the club in the near future. If you have any suggestions for the social activities at the club, we would appreciate your comments. Please call Kathie MacFarlane at 604-576-8240 if you have any ideas or email at kathiemacfarlane@shaw.ca.

A tentative date has been set for the 2006 Family Fun Day - Sunday, September 10, 2006. "

Fast Draw Mike LeBlanc

The thunderbirds have a busier year planned with some of our members going out of town to do different contests throughout the United States. We will be having a lot of fun contest throughout the year as well as our W. F. D. A. Sanctioned contests. Our first W. F. D. A. contest will be held on April 29th and 30 with shooters coming from Alberta and the United States.

Newsletter Editor Mike LeBlanc

The Langley Rod and Gun Club has a new web site once again making it easier for members to checkout our site online, the web site address is: www.lrgc.com

Langley held its elections on February 8th with Ken Holmberg staying on for a third term, congratulations Ken and keep up the good work.

Most of our directors are the same as last year with a few new ones joining the team.
Your directors for Langley are,

Ken Holmberg
David Grant
Gord Vandokkunberg
Terry McCarthy
Tom Wallis
Sonny Zappone
Mike LeBlanc
Jack McCollum
Bob Hunter
John LeBlanc
Cameron Edwards
Ray New
Harry Sullivan
Margaret Logan
Bob Franks
Fred Brant
Rob Findlay
Cathie MacFarlane
Ryan (Houndy) Graham
Gord Taschuk
Joe Tecklenborg
John Trca
Dave Zappone
Lorne Walper

If you would like to put something in the Newsletter, put it in an envelope and drop it off at the Club with the words (Newsletter & Mike LeBlanc) on it. Good luck with your Shooting and have a grate Summer.