



Langley Rod and Gun Club

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President's Report Ken Holmberg

Greetings! We have had a busy fall, beginning with Family Fun Day. What fun to observe the expressions of excitement and accomplishment when young and old fire a good target. If our children do nothing more than learn safe handling of firearms and what the shooting sports are about, they at least have another skill to help them through life as well as understanding a part of history.

Family fun day was followed by competitions in all disciplines, and the charity fundraiser. Many Thanks to all for volunteering. I will not mention names here as I know they are identified in photographs and by directors later in this letter. Your board of directors is busy planning the Boxing Day shoot and the Awards Banquet to be held February 10th which will take us into our 61st year.

Mr. Edward Hicks is the recipient of this year's Langley Rod & Gun Club Scholarship. Dorothy Ludwig of the Langley Rod & Gun Club and a member of the Canadian shooting team presented him with the scholarship at an evening ceremony at Brookwood Senior Secondary. Mr. HICKS is presently working and has indicated a strong interest in becoming a lawyer specializing in commerce. He plans on obtaining entrance to Law School at the University of British Columbia after studying for four years at the University College of the Fraser Valley. Mr. HICKS excels in sports; particularly freestyle skiing where he has won many awards and medals. Last year, he was the top male mogul skier of any age in British Columbia. He has also worked as a lifeguard, coached trampoline and spent many hours

volunteering as a sailing instructor. Throughout his years at Brookwood, Edward took a heavy academic load as well as French Immersion maintaining honor roll standings for each term. Edward graciously thanked the Club for the scholarship and we wished him every success. Thank you Dorothy for presenting the scholarship. Kind of fitting don't you think a Pistol champion presenting a scholarship to a scholastic and freestyle skiing champion.

Renovations to our women's washroom are nearing completion (wheel chair friendly). Thank you Joe T (Director Maintenance) Rob F. (Director & Dr. Drywall) looks great!

Mr. Kurt ALBERTS Mayor of Township of Langley will be presenting a trophy to the "Volunteer of the Year" at our annual awards banquet. Please cast your vote at the club or by email, see insert. Find yourself defending the Shooting Sports, questioning surveys and studies? A recent read you may find interesting is "Targeting Guns" by Gary KLECK. A sequel to "Aim Point" the book is described as encyclopedic, comprehensive and indispensable. Mr. KLECK was awarded the Michael HINDELANG award of the American Society of Criminology for the best book in criminology. Mr. KLECK identifies that one of the major problems with the gun debate is parties on both sides have strong opinions often not based on fact. His introduction states "In the war over guns, the first casualty was the truth. Enjoy the read!

Hope to see you Boxing Day and at the Awards Banquet. Wishing you and yours a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!
Ken & Deb HOLMBERG

Thank you to Roy SMALL of Cloverdale Glass for donation of mirror Ladies Washroom!"

1st Vice President David Grant Indoor Shooting Hand Gun Report.

We recently held the annual Club Handgun Championships. Congratulations to all who took part. The results were posted in the Club recently and the Awards will be handed out at our Banquet in the New Year. Competitions held at the local level like this are intended to offer an opportunity for new shooters to experience competition in a relaxed and familiar setting as well as providing more experienced shooters with a competitive venue to evaluate their progress. I encourage all active shooters, no matter what their ability level, to compete in Club events. If you find you enjoy it you can move up to the Western International Pistol League (WIPL) matches or the Provincial and National level matches.

On Boxing Day each year the Club hosts a very popular Shoot. Many families make it part of their annual Christmas tradition to come as a family to the Club for the Day. We offer an opportunity for non-shooters to try their hand at various shooting disciplines. Bring the family and the neighbors. If you have the time, please consider volunteering to help supervise the shooting events. We can always use more volunteers at the Trap Fields or indoors on the .22 Rifle Range.

We will be running the next Range Officers Course in January. There will

be a sign-up sheet in the Club for those interested.

Elections for positions on the Board of Directors will be held at the Annual General Meeting in February. I encourage all members to become involved in this process. This is your opportunity to build the Club the way you want it to be. Everyone should consider whether or not they have the time to run for a position themselves or to encourage and support a worthwhile candidate. As a minimum everyone should attend the AGM and cast their vote. Get Involved....

David Grant
VP Indoor Shooting

Airpistol Report

David Grant, Coach
Clive McLay, Range Officer

Our weekly Airpistol training sessions for the Fraser Valley Modern Pentathlon program continue to be popular. We hold the sessions every Monday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. We cover Basic and Advanced Target Shooting and host several Pentathlon Competitions throughout the year. Any Shooters wishing to join us are welcome and we especially encourage any Juniors to give it a try. We have some Club Pistols that can be borrowed so all you need to do is show up. We will handle the rest.

Many of our Athletes recently competed at the GEORGE HUTCHEON MEMORIAL HIBERNATION MATCH that was held in Richmond. This annual match is one of the largest Airgun competitions held in Western Canada. Many competitors from Langley Rod and Gun were there and represented us well. Congratulations to Kim Eagles for being the Ladies Match Winner. Congratulations also to Courtenay, Dorothy, Colton, Ram, and Spencer for strong showings.

Many of our newer and younger shooters may not know who GEORGE HUTCHEON was and why the Hibernation Match is named after him. George was a competitive shooter, Coach, and Match Organizer who passed away a number of years ago at far too young of an age. He was a tireless worker who was a driving force

in the BC Handgun Association and Richmond Rod and Gun Club. We first met him many years ago when our boys first started to compete in Airpistol Matches. The thing that impressed us most about George was his personal integrity and dedication to the encouragement and development of the youth competitors. Everything he did was to promote our sport in the most positive and fair manner. He had such a profound influence on those around him that we still credit him with being a major factor in the way we do things. In her Bio Kim Eagles credits George's coaching as a major part of her development as a World Class competitor and Olympic Team Member. Although he is no longer with us he lives on in name at the GEORGE HUTCHEON MEMORIAL HIBERNATION MATCH, and more importantly, in the hearts and minds of those who knew him.

David Grant
Clive McLay
Coaches.

2nd Vice President Gord Vandokkunberg

No Report

Public Relations Jack McCollum

Langley municipality is going to present a trophy to the volunteer who has done the most for the Club over the past year. To this end we are asking for nominations from the membership. All you have to do is write the name of the person you want to nominate, your name, and, if you want, a few words why you think this person deserves the award. Give the nomination to Ray Mulholland or put it in an envelope and leave it on the counter in front of the office. Please get your nominations as soon as possible for them to be considered at the next Club meeting.

Three important dates coming up soon that are not necessarily public relations material but this is as good a place as any to mention them.

January 31st, 2007

Club memberships due. Renewals are available now.

February 10th, 2007

Annual Awards Banquet. See attached flyer for details

February 14th, 2007

Annual General Meeting and election of officers. This is your chance to voice your opinions and elect the people you want to run the Club over the next year.

Senior .22 Rifle Jack McCollum

Congratulations to Dean Scott on his fine shooting at the Club championship shoot a couple of weeks ago. Dean shot 100 Prone, 100 Kneeling and 100 Standing for a perfect score of 300/300. Well done Dean!

All of the competitors shot very well this year. There was not much spread between the scores. The top 7 scores ranged from 292 to 300 which made for a very competitive shoot where a single shot could mean the difference between winning or losing.

Boxing Day Shoot

This is the biggest fund raiser the Club has and we need all the members we can get to help out. We need people to sign up squads or work as puller/markers for trap shooting or work signing up squads, scoring and supervising the .22 rifle shooting. Let's show our Club spirit and get out to help!!!!!!!!!

Air Rifle Metallic Silhouette Jack McCollum

This is a new section we are hoping to start up. Merlin Williams has made up all the target stands and we hope to build a covered shooting position so we can shoot all year. For those of you who may not be familiar with silhouette shooting it consists of 40 targets at various ranges. These are several disciplines such as high power, cowboy lever action, smallbore, & air rifle. At the present time we will only be shooting the air rifle discipline, using .177 caliber air rifle with a muzzle velocity of less than 500 fps. The targets are metallic silhouettes of chickens at 20 yards, boars at 30 yds, turkeys at 36 yds and rams at 45 yds. The targets are very small and all

shooting is done standing with slings. In addition to being lots of fun, air rifle silhouette is excellent practice for those who want to take up small bore and/or High power which are shot at several ranges throughout western Canada and the United States. When we get set up we plan on shooting most Saturday & Sunday morning from 9:00am till noon. If possible we hope to have a partial setup on family fun day. We look forward to seeing you then.

Skeet + Sporting Clays Bob Hunter

Skeet Report

The season is over for this year but the new season starts in February. Our first NSSA shoot is set for Sunday February 18th and it will be 12 gauge and Skeet doubles. The next shoots are for Sunday March 25th and it will be 12 gauge and 20 gauge, and for April 27 – 29 and it will be doubles and 4 gauge.

Several members have complained about not seeing the targets well and blamed it on the range conditions, targets, and the weather. After having their eyes checked, it seems they had an eye problem brought on by too many birthdays. Surgery was performed and now the targets are more visible. So..... before you complain too much about the range and targets, have your eyes checked. This advice may be useful for pistol and rifle shooters as well. The miracles of modern medicine may benefit you.

Another thing that may affect your vision is your blood sugar level. Diabetics are (or should be) aware of this. If your blood sugars are high your vision may be impaired until your blood sugar level normalizes. Having a large meal or sweet stuff before you shoot may affect your performance.

Sporting Clays:

The season is over and nothing new is planned until spring.

Regards, Bob Hunter

Shot Gun Margaret Logan

This summer was a busy one for a lot of the Langley trap shooters, we

hosted two PITA events and many of our members came home with personal bests from this year. As the registered target season is quiet right now, our meat shoot season is in full swing. The charity shoot was a success with many old faces and a few new ones. The biggest meat shoot of the year is yet to come (boxing day) and any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Come out on Boxing Day for a chance to fill your freezer and of course always the chance to win the pig shoot. For those shooters who might like to try some competition but not have the expense or stress of registered targets the international league will be starting up in the middle of January. This is a friendly inter club shoot with each event being only 50 targets, it is a great way to warm up for the PITA shoots or just enjoy the weekend. Wishing all a very merry Christmas

Social's Cathie MacFarlane

LRGC "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD"

LRGC will host the Annual Awards and Banquet Social on Saturday, February 10, 2007.

This year, Mayor Kurt Alberts of the Township of Langley, will present an award to the Volunteer of the Year to a member of Langley Road and Gun Club.

This person must be a current member or director of LRGc to be eligible to receive this award.

The award will recognize the commitment and time that your nominee dedicates to the club.

You may submit your nomination in writing to Ray **before January 10, 2007**, or you can email your nominations to kathiemacfarlane@shaw.ca.

Please nominate your candidate so we can recognize the efforts of our volunteers who make a difference to the club!

2007 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND DINNER

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2007.

Posters will be put up at the Club to advise when tickets will be available and provide further details.

Volunteers will be needed to help. If you are interested, please let us know!

Fast Draw Mike LeBlanc

Another year as come and gone with a few of our shooters going out of town to win most of the Top titles in they field. Congratulations !!!

Next year looks even busier?

If anyone would like to try they hand at Fast Draw, come on out on Friday nights 7 – 10pm you'll have a bang-up time ha ha.

From the Fast Draw group, we wish every one a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Newsletter Editor Mike LeBlanc

The Ladies Washroom is finished and it looks great, well done ! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out.

Also, thank you to Roy Small of Cloverdale Glass for his donation of the mirror for the Ladies Washroom

Important Dates to REMEMBER,

Boxing Day Shoot Dec, 26 ,

Awards Banquet February 10

A.G.M. February, 14 ,

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

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 great year.

FAMILY FUN DAY Gordon Taschuk

Langley Rod & Gun Club's annual Family Fun Day was held on September 11th under beautiful, Langley sunny skies. Turnout was excellent, with well over 100 people attending and participating in the "hands on" shooting activities.

Club members and seasoned veterans volunteered their time to teach new shooters some basic techniques and carefully supervised the shooting events. Novices had the opportunity to try trap, skeet, air rifle, fast draw and indoor .22 rifle.

Long time shooter and volunteer Jack McCollum had non stop action at his station where shooters could try out the air rifles and shoot at silhouettes. Cameron Edwards had plenty of interest on the trap field with new shooters young and old wanting to try their hand.



LRGC board member Cam Edwards showing a young shooter the ropes.

Another very busy attraction was the fast draw, where volunteers from the Thunderbirds Fast Draw Club were on hand to give anyone a try at testing their agility and reflexes. After a few minutes of safety orientation and instruction, shooters were given the chance to see how fast they could draw and fire.



15 year old Katie Breaks goes 5 for 5 at low house 7 on the skeet field, coached by Gordon Taschuk

Indoor .22 rifle was very popular, and shooters had the opportunity to fire at a paper target from 15 yards.

Youngsters got to take their target home with them as a memento.



Kavinder Puri gives some safety instruction to a youngster, before letting her fire the .22



Brian Thornton, the "Happy Cooker"

The day wouldn't be complete without the food, and there was plenty of it. Kathie MacFarlane and Brian Thornton spent the day cooking up hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone.

This year the club celebrated its 60th birthday as a solid member of the Langley community, and Family Fun Day was a huge success, thanks to the many members and volunteers who made it possible. We hope next year's event will be an even bigger success.

Email Addresses

Do you have email? If so, we can send you club updates, newsletters, etc. by email. To subscribe, send Tom Wallis a quick email at tom@elitebailiff.com or call him at work 604-514-1563 or cell 604-328-6441.

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