

# H.C.G.C. NEWS

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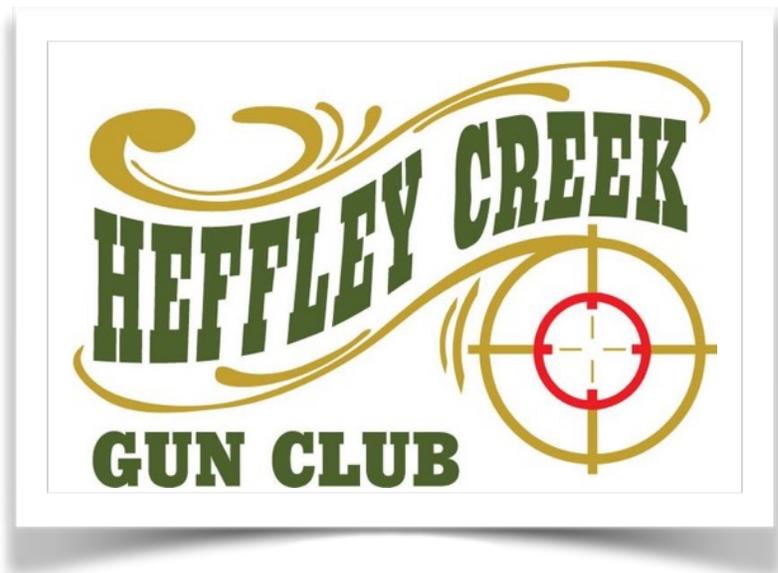
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## President's Report- Fall 2022

2022 saw a great improvement in our range activities over the last few years. Our club hosted many events as in the past. Blackpowder – Spring Fling/Cartridge/Rendezvous; Cowboy – Rust Remover/Palmer's Gulch; Precision Rifle with several types of competitions. This discipline is enjoying a surge in popularity at present! We have had several work parties that have done a good deal of clean up and general improvement to the various ranges, with more improvements planned prior to winter. New and improved metal targets are now present on pistol, rifle, and Black powder trail ranges. With a member now accessing a plasma cutter, expect to see more variety of targets in the future!

We were faced with insurance increases last yearend, which came after our membership renewals were processed. Therefore, at our AGM this fall the Executive will be asking the membership to approve an increase to

memberships for 2023. A \$20.00 main membership plus \$10.00 additional membership increase will be presented. (\$80.00 increase to \$100.00 and \$20.00 increase to \$30.00). This is still one of the cheapest shooting club memberships in B.C!

As you will see from the Director's Reports, all our disciplines are active again and experiencing new interest.

Congratulations to Deb McDougall and Lawrence Bergstrand on their recent marriage. Best wishes for a long and happy union! Best wishes to speedy recoveries to Hilda Lehto and Ray Lenzie. Hilda had back surgery and Ray lost a go-round with a bull! Both have a long and painful recovery ahead of them!

Options are being explored to further the club's improvements and looking forward to perhaps some encouraging news in the New Year. The goal is for continuous improvement, year over year!

As always, enjoy our ranges; introduce a friend or youngster to the range; and

**ALWAYS BE SAFE!**

Regards,

Jim Sloper, President

# Shotgun Report

We are a small but dedicated group of shooters!

## Shotgun Shooting at the Tower:



This is a great way to tune-up your wing shooting if you are a bird hunter. Cost is \$5 per 25 clays (cash only). You must use the club clays; you can't bring your own. There is no set rule, shoot as many or as few as you want. There is no ammunition for sale on site; you must bring your own. Maximum shot size is 7 ½, don't bring your old lead waterfowl loads out to fire off. Please pick-up your empty hulls!

The scheduled times are Saturday and Wednesday mornings but anyone wanting to shoot should contact a Director to confirm that there will be someone there. We often have adjust the time/date to fit our schedules.

There are two wobble traps in the tower - you can shoot either as singles or call for a true pair, shooters choice.

There are some unique safety and operational concerns with the tower- you must be accompanied by an experienced tower shooter to participate.

## Shotgun Shooting at the Manual Trap:

This machine is there for anyone to use at any time with any clays they want to use. Please read and follow the instructions posted beside the machine. Please pick-up all your empty hulls.

The following photos show the manual trap located in the pistol shed. Please review and understand the instructions (posted beside the trap) and the following photos before using. Have Fun!

Photo 2 : The trap has been left in a “Cocked” position. This is **dangerous** as someone walking in front may be struck by the arm or a bird/clay if the trap is inadvertently released.



Do not leave the manual trap in this position, release by pulling the red knob and leave it as shown in the next photo.

The trap is in the  $\frac{3}{4}$  cocked position: this is safe as there will be no movement if the release (Pull) knob is pulled. This is the correct position to leave the manual trap.



## Black Powder Report

The work party was busy this May while the cows were on the range. We were able to relocate some out houses to the top bench where the new camping sites will be. Moved the old Sullivan Valley store up to the Fort area. The black powder cartridge shoot in June had 12 shooters down about 25%.

Heffley Creek Rendezvous had 83 camps with just over 150 shooters/participants (down about 25% from previous).

Big congratulations to Peter Routley who received the Spirit of Black Powder award for all of his hard work and dedication!!



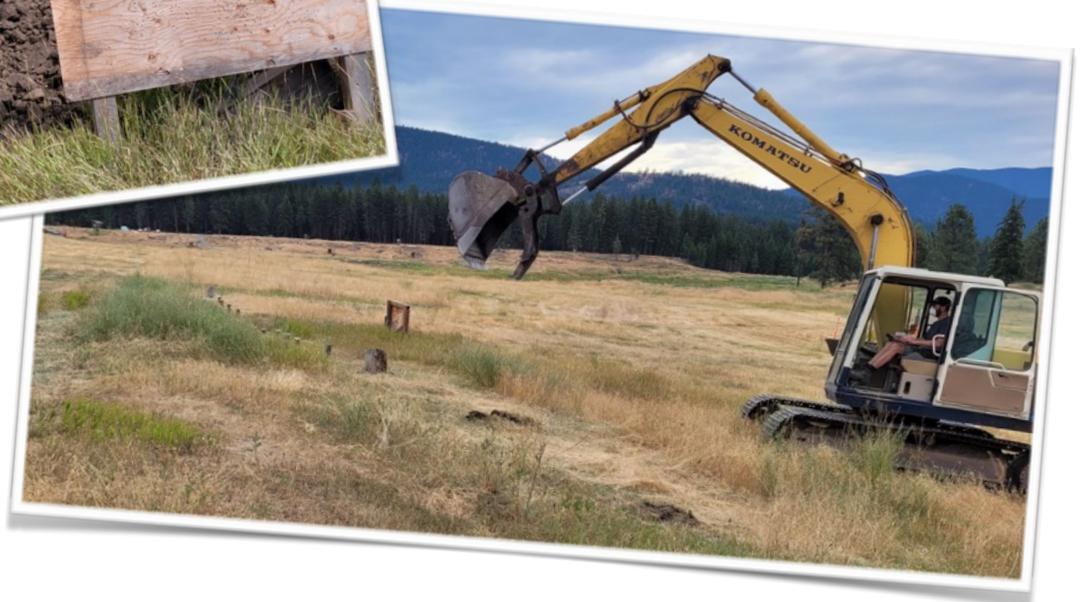
# Cowboy Report

As you all know, during the Covid pandemic, we suspended Cowboy Action Shooting at our range however, work has been done and we have moved the Cowboy town from the Gulch to the pistol range. This spring, we restarted with the Rust Remover Fun Shoot which was attended by 15 shooters. The Palmers Gulch shooting match over the July long weekend served as a try out for future, larger matches so we called it Palmers Gulch light. 42 shooters took part in shooting 12 stages over 2 days and the shoot was a success. We can now continue planning to have a regular Palmers Gulch Shooting Match in 2023. On October 23rd, we had our last fun shoot of the season. It was a beautiful, sunny day and 14 shooters took part. Look forward to seeing you all next year!



## Pistol Report

2022 saw some improvements to the pistol range with the removal of the old unused silhouette stands at 100m and 200m and the addition of the dirt berms. Several old steel targets that were on the range were deemed unsafe due to surface pitting were removed. Now mowing with tractor in order to keep the pistol range tidy is definitely getting easier. More steel pistol targets are coming in the future. Recently a Pistol Duelling Tree was donated to the club and it has been installed the range.



## Rifle Report

The Rifle Section was able to complete some upgrades to the 25m, 50m and 100m target with the implementation of the dirt berms behind those targets. These berms capture those bullets fired at the corresponding targets to reduce risk of ricochet. Clean up in Spring included removal of the old unused metal rimfire target stands (at the 70m distance) that created problems for the tractor and mower. The range perimeter (7 Km) was patrolled this Spring and a 110+ new warning signs were added to the perimeter to warn hikers / motorbikers to keep out of the range property.





A view of the range looking towards the Rifle Firing Line

Attached are two photos depicting the proposed new 1000 yard range. This proposed rifle range will allow the return of F-class shooting and allow for paper targets to be set up past the current 200 yard backboard.



## Precision Rifle Report

Precision Rifle was busy this year with (4) 2 day matches, and (5) one day rimfire matches. This sport is growing in popularity with attendance averaging 25 to 30 shooters. The Precision Rimfire Matches take place on the pistol range which permits the centerfire rifle range to remain open for the HCGC membership. This reduces the impact of these rimfire shoots on the club membership range time for the other venues. The shooters from outside of Kamloops (BC, Alberta & Saskatchewan) who attend the matches are very impressed with the range and the setting it provides for these matches. The clinic for the Introduction to PRS held earlier this year brought in some new shooters in the sport.

### What is Precision Rifle Shooting?

Either a centerfire or a .22 rimfire shooting match that has 8 to 10 stages. A stage is 2 minutes long and 8 to 12 rounds are fired at steel targets that are of different sizes and distances. Yes we shoot .22 long rifle out to 300 metres! The shooter has to shoot off various objects such as a tank trap, barricade, stack of tires , rock pile, etc. The shooters are placed into groups (squads) of 5-8 persons that shoot the match together, taking turns when not shooting to observe hits/misses of the person shooting, recording the time and scores.

New shooters should not be intimidated as the experienced shooters will lend extra gear (tripods/shooting bags, etc) and give tips/coaching. There is a loaner .22 rifle that has introduced a lot of new shooters to the sport of PRS at HCGC. If PRS interests you, be sure to come out to an intro to PRS day next year or sign up for match. If you need to borrow a rifle for a match or have questions about what kind of rifle/scope do I need??, email Ed at [kamloopsrimfire@gmail.com](mailto:kamloopsrimfire@gmail.com).

See Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYheIVqoVqI> for a several videos of the PRS matches held at Heffley Creek Gun Club. We shoot year round and have informal practices on most weekends at HCG



(Loaner Rifle) CZ 455 in MDT chassis and VortexVenom scope from the Horse Barn





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