

President's Report – 2025

Like 2024, last year was also a very busy year for range improvements!

- March 01st started the year off with a bang, when the club hosted a fund raising evening at Heffley Hall! This was a very successful venue, well attended and well supported financially! Deb Bergstrand deserves much credit for pulling this very successful event off! The club had the benefit of receiving \$15,000.00 which we sure needed with all the improvements we undertook this year!
- New 25/50/100-meter backstops completed in Range #2, 100 meter.
- Berm on west side of R# 2 was completed.
- New road access to shotgun tower/pistol range completed.
- Burned more wood piles, improving the overview of our ranges.
- Plywood buffer installed at the pistol shed trap to protect shooters from broken clays coming out of the trap thrower.
- Improved the road to upper range/camp area, as was too soft in rain.
- The old rifle shed was dismantled, with that material to be used to improve roof of old club house/forming a roof between two c-cans by Wikki-up to protect our tractor/and forming the roof of the new 100-meter, R#2.
- F-Class matches continue to be popular.
- Black Powder & Cowboy Action Shooting are still active.
- With the new R#2, 100-meter bay created, another venue to sight in rifles was created. This bay can be used at the same time a scheduled shoot is on! This will lower the number of range closures experienced in the past.
- The annual Family Day Shoot was well attended and created more interest in our range activities.
- A direct benefit to all the range improvements was evident when the F-Class asked to host both the 2026 Western Canadian Championship, as well as the Canadian National Championships! This proves the old adage "build it and they will come!"

- Range inspections are on-going. They have taken much longer than I anticipated, but are a necessity in order to keep our ranges open! So far we have not had as many problems as other clubs in our area, so we can be thankful for that.
- Future “to do” items include a new concrete pad for R#2, 100 m. range/shooting bench stools for R#1, R#2/gravel for R#1 parking area/toilets at R#1, R#2/seeding of disturbed areas/restart PRS shooting/possible archery venue?

Again, I would like to thank the volunteers who have given so much of their time and energy to making our club one to be proud of!

I also encourage members to invite a friend or youth to the range to introduce them to the joys of recreational shooting in 2026!

Remember to be safe, have fun, be safe!

Submitted by Jim Sloper, President