

THE TARGET

DECEMBER 10, 2015

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

**PRESIDENT &
VICE PRESI-
DENT REPORTS** 2

**PISTOL,
RANGE, SHOT-
GUN AND RIFLE
REPORTS** 3

**BLACK POW-
DER AND COW-
BOY REPORTS** 4

**MEMBER TAKES 4
CANADIAN
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**NEW YEAR'S
DAY FUN SHOT-
GUN SHOOT** 5

**2016 MEMBER-
SHIP APPLICA-
TION** 6

**HC GUN CLUB
SAFETY RULES** 7

**MEMBERSHIP
REPORT** 8

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Written by Heffley Creek Gun Club Directors and members
- Important information about the Heffley Creek Gun Club past and upcoming events

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2015

Another year has come and gone. We close out 2015 with some accomplishments that your executive team is proud of.

Let me first take this time to thank all the volunteers that have helped the HCGC to thrive and do well. I am proud of you all for taking the time out of your busy lives to support your discipline and others who need a hand with shoots or repairs. You guys and gals are just great!

I also want to thank all those that have served on the executive in one capacity or another and welcome any new executive. It's not easy to step up to the plate and offer your time to support our organization. All of us have busy lives and the time we all take to run this organization takes away from our families and friends. We are all richer for the experience and at the end of the day see the fruits of our labour.

Exciting news is developing on our lease/licence application. Jim Sloper has been shepherding this bureaucratic process for many months and is seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. There have been many on site and off site meetings to

keep the process going. Jim and the rest of the executive are feeling positive that we will be successful at some point. This initiative is all being done in an effort to:

-Improve safety - one shooting line for all disciplines;

-Improve usage - all disciplines can shoot at the same time. We don't have to shut any discipline down to allow other activities;

- Organize and create a flow to our range that makes sense in order to reduce hazards and improve set up and take down at all discipline events;

- Improve security;

- Secure a lease which will allow for permanent structure and caretaker opportunities;

- Create "F" class shooting opportunities;

- Provide on-site temporary self-contained RV organization for planned events.

Thanks to Jim Sloper and all the executive who have supported this initiative. Hopefully we will have some good news in 2016 with regards to this undertaking.



Rick Totten, Club President

We have some work to do to keep improving our venues at the range but last year's executive were keen to get things done as much as they could. Our Directors in each discipline will be submitting communications on a regular basis to keep our membership up-to-date in 2016.

The executive have implemented a Range Warden position to improve safety, security and orientation for all new members. The Range Warden position has regular duties at the range as well. We are finding that orientation for new members promotes a safer range and a very clear understanding of the requirements. Ron Gabler is our current Range Warden.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CON'T

This year we continued to have a number of successful events held in spite of the dry weather, which as always, presents some real challenges. Rendezvous and Palmer's Gulch events were well attended and received. This also added to our club's revenues. In the new year I really want to promote events that encourage family and membership participation. Our executive needs help to put events on. I am certain that once the membership has been made aware of these events, we will find volunteers willing to help and support. I will be challenging all disciplines to hold some events that contribute to gun safety, gun understanding and most of all fun. We need

to start attracting a younger shooter and create a culture of fun and enjoyment at our range.

Our increase in membership fees this year will help to secure and contribute to the future growth and development of our Range. Initiatives to improve venues and to keep the existing facility in good repair cost money. We have heard from the membership that they want to be part of the process in terms of increasing dues. This has not fallen on deaf ears. The executive are committed to improving communications and consultations with our membership with respect to significant milestones.

Deb McDougall is our new newsletter champion. I am excited to see this position created in order to promote communications within our organization. We will only be successful if we provide Deb with our inputs as Directors and Executive. She will be soliciting us and the general membership to provide inputs about events and general information. We need to make sure we give her some material to work with. I am counting on us all to make this new position a real success. Our membership needs communication.

Not to be left out is our Web Site manager Lawrence Bergstrand. He and his wife are the gate keepers for our

Web Site. Please submit your requests through your Directors for any changes or improvements to our Web site. We are always looking for material that can be used in our Web site to promote our club.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Range.

~ Gun Club President Rick Totten

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It appears that the next few years will be very eventful and see many changes for the better for HCGC.

We are well on our way to securing a lease and establishing a multi use Gun Club, were we would be able to use all parts of our range at the same time. Jim Sloper has spent uncounted hours dealing with the different Government organizations that will have to approve our applications. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his persistence and hard work.

The executive understands that none of our members

want to see membership fee increases and we wrestled with the decision to raise fees this year. The unfortunate truth is that with the necessity to expand and improve our facility, if we do not get a higher percentage of our members volunteering at work bees and becoming more involved with the Club, we will have to pay to have more work done, which in turn will put pressure on us to again raise membership fees.

The Heffley Creek Gun Club is in an envious position compared to many Clubs in West-

ern Canada. We are situated in an Agricultural Reserve, so we do not have to worry about developers building homes around us and then complaining about the noise and supposed danger of living close to an active range. (See Spruce Grove AB, Kelowna, and Salt Spring Island).

All in all I think we have a unique opportunity to establish a facility that will serve our area for the foreseeable future.

~ Gun Club Vice President Bob DeAngelis

"It appears that the next few years will be very eventful and see many changes for the better for the HCGC."

~ Bob DeAngelis

PISTOL & RANGE REPORTS

While pistol is quite popular the facilities are not too good. We are trying to improve them but it is taking a lot of time I need suggestions on how to make these improvements. The stands Hans made work well but are not the whole answer - we need more things to shoot at so the work is still in progress. We will definitely

have a pistol event this year, we are still working out the details but it will be something like the rifle fun shoot.

As range warden I find that some members don't sign in at the gate and I have to send them back to do so. One would think the sign was obvious enough but some people seem to

be able to miss it. More people are cleaning up after themselves which is a good thing, this makes the range more appealing.

Quite a few new members are joining the club and need orientation, we had three new members today.

~ Gun Club Pistol Director & Range Warden Ron Gabler



SHOTGUN RANGE

The shotgun range includes the old trap house and a more modern raise able trap house so it can be shot from different heights, positions and is remote controlled. This runs on solar power and batteries. Any shotgun with small shot loads can participate here. There are four consistent shooters,

shooting once a week on average. The scheduled time is Saturday and Wednesday mornings unless the range is booked for an event. The increased cost of shells and the shortage of reloading supplies has affected our numbers. In previous years we had as many as 12 shooters on a

Saturday.

The club provides the clays at a cost of \$ 4.00 a round of 25 and members provide their own ammunition (target loads).

Maintenance this year included replacing the 24 volt batteries and cables.

~ Gun Club Shotgun Director Brian Erickson

Any shotgun with small shot loads can participate here. Scheduled shooting days are Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

RIFLE RANGE

The rifle range consists of a metal roof with target props at 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m, 300m, 400m, 500m, 600m, 700m and 800m. There are benches and rests available at the shooting shed.

The rifle shooting shed

roof was replaced with metal roofing in May with the help of many volunteers.

In June we had our 3rd annual Fun .22 Shoot where the events consisted of shooting a .22 rifle at golf balls, metallic silhouettes and balloons.

We gave away a .22 caliber Ruger American rifle by draw to Ray Pitton.

Please obey all safety rules, have fun and be safe!

~ Gun Club Rifle Director Lawrence Bergstrand



Rifle winner Ray Pitton.

BLACK POWDER RANGE

April's Spring Fling had 11 adult shooters, 1 junior and the income was \$170. May was the range cleanup with the Kamloops Fire Centre doing danger tree assessment and fuel management training - repairs were made to 600 and 800 meter gongs. In June there was the Black Powder Cartridge Silhouette Shoot

which had 12 shooters, and made \$615.21.

In August was our big Rendezvous and the Heffley Creek Gun Club brought in \$2975 in camping fees. The Fort Shoot and the Sunday Heffley Trail Shoot brought in \$440. In October the gun club bought a 40' container for the storage of the Black powder

silhouettes at a cost of \$3500. Tractor repairs are a major hurdle (due to age) and parts are difficult to get. It is now running well and we're looking for possible replacement. It was an enjoyable year at the range. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. ~ *Gun Club Black Powder Director Neil Gervais.*



COWBOY RANGE

The cowboy range consists of multiple stages at which the shooter is challenged by multiple shooting environments. Each stage is separate from the next and the combined score of all the stages determines the winner of the event. After 20 yrs of service, the Gulch is slowly getting new house props.

The jail and the church has been dismantled and the new jail building with roofs and all is up. The jail cell itself needs to be altered and installed. The church is built and stored at the site and needs to be put up in May. More updates need to be done in the future and everything is being built so that it can

easily be moved to a new location as eventually we hope to have one firing line and Gulch as we know it will no longer be used for Cowboy.

We are looking forward to a new successful Cowboy Action shooting season.

~ *Gun Club Cowboy Director Hans Signer*



MEMBER TAKES 1ST AT CANADIAN CHAMPTIONSHIP

Heffley Creek Gun Club member Jacquie Brown won the 2015 Canadian Silhouette Hunting Small Bore Rifle Championship July 4, 5 & 6th at Prince George BC this past year.

She took first out of her masters class of 16 competitors with a score of

107 points, beating the next competitor by 6 points.

Silhouette shooting is a form of recreational gun-play in which shooters fire at metallic outlines, or "silhouettes," of various animals. The usual selection of targets includes a

small metallic chicken (one-fifth the size of the actual animal), a pig, a turkey and a ram.

The challenge for this game is you've got to shoot it freehand, free-standing -- so no slings and no supports.



Jacquie Brown (center) winning first place July 4-6, 2015 in Prince George

Heffley Creek Gun Club New Year's Day Shotgun Shoot 2016

January 1, 2016

Gun Club Pistol Range 10 am

Entry fee \$20



50 rounds of ammo

Prizes:

Draw prize of one shotgun (must be present)

One large prime rib roast for overall winner

Hearing and Eye protection is mandatory

Bring your own snacks and drinks

Open to the public

For more info contact Bob 250-372-0416 or Rick at 250-374-9899

Register at the Powder Keg on Tranquille St., Kamloops 250-554-3425



Est 1983

HEFFLEY CREEK GUN CLUB

HEFFLEY CREEK GUN CLUB SAFETY RULES

1. Treat every firearm as if is loaded. NEVER ALLOW A FIREARM TO POINT AT YOURSELF OR AT ANYONE ELSE.
2. Every time you handle a firearm, for any reason, check to see that both the chamber and the magazine are empty.
3. All firearms when not on the firing line will have the action open, chamber and magazine empty.
4. Firearms will be carried with the muzzle pointing up. If this not practical then the muzzle pointing down. Firearms will not be carried in a horizontal position.
5. A red flag means the range is hot and firing is in progress. A green flag means the range is safe and you may go ahead and set targets, set steel etc. All firearms must be unloaded and removed from the firing line before anyone goes ahead of the firing line. Do not handle your firearms while anyone is ahead of the firing line. Do not change a flag until you are sure it is safe to do so.
6. Loading will be done on the firing line with the barrel pointing down range. Muzzleloaders are an exception and will be loaded behind the line. Priming and capping will be done on the firing line with the barrel pointing down range.
7. If a firearm becomes inoperable on the firing line it will be unloaded and removed from the line. If because of a jam or for some other reason it cannot be unloaded in a reasonable amount of time, then after alerting the other shooters, it may be removed from the firing line and taken to a safe place to be worked on. When a firearm is being unloaded in the manner care must be taken to keep the barrel pointing in a safe direction at all times.
8. When two or more people are at a range, then one of them will assume the duty of RANGE OFFICER. This is usually the first to arrive, or may be by mutual consent. It is the duty of the range officer to make sure that all safety and range rules are obeyed, that flags are set and shooting progresses in a safe and orderly manner. Range officer duties may be transferred to another person at any time. If the current range officer is ready to leave a range then someone else must take that person's place.
9. Your target must be in front of your shooting position, no cross firing is allowed.
10. Keep your finger off of the trigger until you are ready to fire.
11. Eye and Ear protection must be worn by all persons when on a live Range.
12. When you arrive at the range check the signs to make sure the range you plan to use is open. If it is not, then go to the range that the signs indicate is open and find out if it is in use. Do not change any signs until you have made sure it is safe to do so. **DO NOT FIRE ON A CLOSED RANGE.**
13. Drinking alcoholic beverages or being under the influence when engaged in shooting activities is strictly forbidden.
14. Absolutely no shooting of jacketed ammo at steel targets at less than 10 meters.
15. Any persons observed breaking a Range or Safety Rule and who is unwilling to correct their behavior is subject to disciplinary action by the Club Executive. Persons involved with infractions such as theft, hunting or vandalism will be reported to the appropriate authorities immediately.

These are general rules and apply to everyone during normal range operation. Organized events may have other rules so make sure you attend safety meetings.

READ AND OBEY ALL POSTED RULES AND SIGNS.

For schedules and Forms:

<http://www.heffleycreekgunclub.com/>

HEFFLEY CREEK GUN CLUB

Gun Range located at:
7385 Sullivan Valley Road
Heffley Creek BC
VOE 1Z1

President Rick Totten
250-374-9899 rmtotten@shaw.ca
Vice President Bob DeAngelis
250-372-0416 caribooleft@shaw.ca


We are Eco-Friendly!

History of the Heffley Creek Gun Club

In 1983 a handful of target shooters held a meeting to draw up plans for a target shooting facility and established the Heffley Creek Gun Club.

So began an association of target shooters sharing common interest. Some primary responsible individuals were Jack Walton, Elmer Hart and Norval Card.

Our club was registered under the societies act on the 19th day of July 1983, making it an official non-profit organization. Objectives are to provide club facilities for the use of our club members, and promote responsible use of firearms. The Club attracts people from all walks of life, with members aging from 12 years old to some 80+ years of age.

The facilities consist of a shotgun tower and trap house, a covered 200 meter Pistol range, a Black powder range with several trails, a Cowboy action shooting facilities, and a covered 500 meter Rifle Range with 10 benches. Our facilities host many years of popular Black Powder "B.C. Rendezvous", Cowboy Action Shooting events, and Smallbore and High Power Canadian National Silhouette Championships.

Currently our membership is over 400 members. The membership fees are amongst the lowest in B.C. and include \$5,000,000 liability insurance. The range is located 4 km from the Heffley Creek store traveling east on the Sun Peaks - Todd Mountain road, and from there you turn left onto Sullivan Valley road and drive approximately 2 km to the gun range gate.

"Target shooting is a lifetime sport"

HEFFLEY CREEK GUN CLUB:

PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR SAFE SHOOTING ALWAYS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For 2015 the total memberships were 447 with 351 being primary, 79 spouse, 12 junior and 5 lifetime.

The discipline interest numbers as indicated on the application are: rifle 294, handgun 225, shotgun 193, black powder 67, cowboy 42 and silhouette 43.

Orientation was introduced this year - all new members and previous members that hadn't re-

newed in the last 2 years need an orientation before receiving their card and key for membership.

There were 117 new members with 67 orientations.

For 2016 Memberships - there has been a fee increase of \$20 for primary with no change for spouse or dependent children living at the same address.

For 2016 the membership

card is now a permanent card with your name printed on the front and the membership number on the back.

Take your completed membership application to Wholesale Sports or the Powder Keg. Please print your email address clearly as it has to be exact.

~ Gun Club Treasurer/
memberships Marlene
Card

