

THE TARGET

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2017



Hello again to everyone. Activities at the range were going pretty much as planned until our dry weather hit and the fire hazard increased. We had to close the range for the second time due to fire risk. Unfortunately Rendezvous had to be cancelled. We are always reluctant to cancel events or closer the range but we simply had no choice this year. Your understanding and patients with regard to our wild fire situation in the province is appreciated. Climate change and all that goes along with it impacts our activities and fun. The executive fully appreciate the memberships' concern when access to the range is limited or denied. Believe me we don't take these deci-

sions lightly. We do, however, need to have a range in the future and to protect it from potential fire and to be a good neighbour in the Sullivan Valley, so we make the right decisions.

The range is closed at the time of writing this article late August. We are not sure when it will open due to the continued dry weather and fire hazard. As soon as we can, the range will open.

Our family Fun Shoot will be taking place in October so please keep an eye on the date from our Web page. Our fall schedule will be maintained once the range opens.

Hope to see you on the Range, be safe and look after each other.

~ HCGC President Rick Totten

"Be safe, abide by all the rules of the range and ensure others around you are practicing good safety habits with Safe Firearm Handling and Range Rules".
~ Rick Totten



RIFLE REPORT

The Family Fun .22 shoot recently held at the Hefley Creek Gun Range was loads of fun and we had lots of winners. There were 11 shooters registered, and Dawn Sutherland won the door prize of 2 nice roasts, donated by Devick's Ranch. Dawn also won the balloon shootout. Ron Gabler won the Lucky Target game with a total of 44 points. Lawrence Bergstrand won the golf ball game, shooting it the furthest. Kyle Zaharoff won the other 2 golf ball shoots. Ron and partner Brad Jackson won the team silhouette while Sandra Stirling did an amazing job of shooting and won the individual silhouette.

Hefley Creek Gun Club
rifle director Lawrence

Bergstrand and Range Warden Ron Gabler organized and set up the event - thank you from everyone. This event happens every year and you don't need to be a member to shoot.

~ *Gun Club Rifle Director*
Lawrence Bergstrand



GUN CLUB EXECUTIVE 2017

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RANGE WARDEN REPORT

First I would like to thank those people who help by cleaning up around the range it makes the place look a lot better. Things seem to be getting better at the gate. Most people have learned to sign in at the gate and to have their guests sign in as well. Not everyone but most, some still try to cheat.

Target stands are not tar-

gets, make sure your paper target is not in front of the post that holds the plywood up. Someone put a pop on top of a target stand, and shot it. The bullet of course went through the tin can and hit the steel stand and broke it. The posts are made of re-bar which is not the strongest metal in the world after they have been hit several times they cry-

talize and break. If you change a target board make sure the brackets that hold the 2 by 4 are in the back and not out front where they may be hit by a bullet and driven back into the wood making it almost impossible to change the 2 by 4. If the post is out front people won't put their target in front it.~ *Gun Club Range Warden Ron Ga-*

"Shooting steel at a distance closer than 100m with high power jacketed ammunition is dangerous! "
~ Ron Gabler

The Vital Four ACTS of Firearm Safety

Canadian Firearms Program

Assume every firearm is loaded

Control the muzzle direction at all times

Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard

See that the firearm is unloaded

PROVE it safe.

Point the firearm in the safest available direction

Remove all ammunition

Observe the chamber

Verify the feeding path

Examine the bore each time you pick up a firearm



BLACK POWDER RANGE



In June we held our 24th British Columbia provincial black powder cartridge rifle silhouette match with 21 shooters. Weather was great and a good time was had by all. With the fire conditions at extreme The Heffley Creek rendezvous had to be cancelled but looking forward to next year We are all looking forward

to the range reopening when weather conditions permit. Hope to see you all at the range when it reopens. ~
Gun Club Black Powder Director Neil Gervais

SHOTGUN REPORT

The shotgun directors spent an afternoon in August exploring the New Shooters Program held at the Vancouver Gun Club in Richmond. Details of the cost are:

New into the shotgun sport? well we have a program for you.

Our entry shotgun program consists of 4 days 3 - 4 hours of schooling.

By the end of it you will be skilled enough and confident to hit any of the targets at the Vancouver gun club.

Open to all juniors, woman

and men.

3 - 4 hours per class and average is 50 - 75 rounds per class except the last class 100 rounds.

Rates are as per your membership per target rates.

Non members will have to pay \$20 day fee and \$.40 per target.

Max group per instructor is 7 (as of now there is only one).

~ **Gun Club Shotgun Director Brian Erickson**



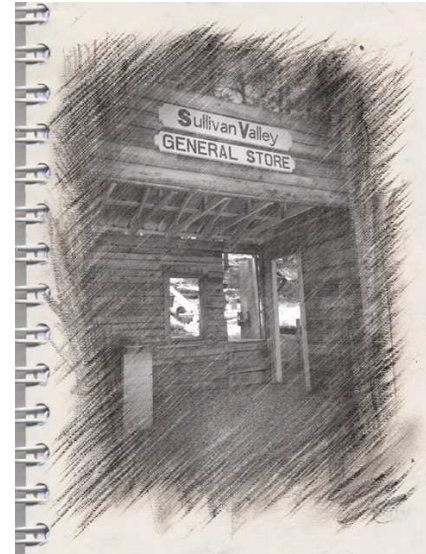
PALMER'S GULCH REPORT

Due to the fire situation across the province, there has not been a lot to report. It is unfortunate that the range has had to remain closed for most of the shooting season. However, we did manage to accomplish a good clean up and the repair and replacement of some of the stages, even though the weather and ground water were making it look like we were going to be shooting in a mud hole for our 25th annual shootin' match. Thankfully the weather turned a week before the shoot, enabling us to get a donated mini excavator onto the site and do some last minute repairs.

With the help of our dedicated volunteers, who I would like to thank for the hard work they put in prior to and during the shoot, we were able to pull off an exceptional shoot. We had 105 shooters show up for the match, some were from Saskatchewan, Alberta, the island and we had an excellent showing of shooters from south of the border. Thank you to all of you for making this a success. For the record, we had three shooters that have never missed a

match. Thank you Porcupine, Dutchy, and Cariboo Lefty.

Once again thanks to our volunteers, our sponsors and the shooters for making our 25th a good match. Without your support this would not have been possible. A special thanks goes out to the Lions club for working under extremely difficult conditions to once again making sure everyone was well fed.~ *Gun Club Cowboy Director Jim Day*



LOGO CONTEST WINNER - OFFICIAL

We had over 30 entries made by people ranging from 8 to 83 years old. The Gun Club executive had a hard decision, but we finally decided on the logo done by Leah Stoughton. The logo has been digitized at Production Habit on Tranquille. Thank you to everyone that entered!



For schedules and Forms:

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

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GUN CLUB**

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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 Small bore and High Power Canadian National Silhouette Championships.

Currently our membership is over 200 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"

H E F F L E Y C R E E K G U N C L U B :

**P R O V I D I N G F A C I L I T I E S F O R
S A F E S H O O T I N G A L W A Y S**

G U N C L U B F O U N D I N G M E M B E R P A S S E S



Norval (Butch) Walter Card

A resident of Kamloops (Heffley Creek), born September 2, 1943 in Rosetown, Saskatchewan to John Dorval Card and Kathleen Mary Smith. Beloved Son, Brother, Husband, Father and Grandfather, Norval passed away at

Ponderosa Lodge Aug 21, 2017 due to Alzheimer's. Survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Marlene, daughter Robyn (Randy) Babcock; son Heath Card; sister Jennifer (Bob) McDonald; three wonderful grandsons, Jordy and Kyle Babcock, and Max Card. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. He was very involved in the community and belonged to Heffley Creek Community Association, 36 years on the Heffley Creek Waterworks, played slow pitch with the Heffley

Hunkies, coached Heffley Little League Softball, member of Kamloops Street Rod Association for 25+ years, member of North Thompson Rod & Kustom & Washington Lugnuts. Founding Member of Heffley Creek Gun Club (1983) and BC Rendezvous (1989). Norval enjoyed the Coffee Club at the Heffley Creek Store Gazebo. Norval had many interests as you can imagine: hunting, camping, fishing, ATVing, snowmobiling, target shooting and Black Powder shooting with family & friends. He loved

teaching his grandsons to shoot, going to Show & Shines or Rod Runs in Canada & the USA with Marlene in his 51 Mercury Panel truck (PSMURF). A gathering at the Heffley Creek Hall will be held September 16, 2017 at 1:00 PM. Please bring your stories to share. Thanks to Ponderosa Daycare, Ponderosa Lodge and Drake Cremation & Funeral Services for Cremation. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society, SPCA or charity of your choice in Norval's name.

Heffley Creek Gun Club

Presents

Family Fun Day

At the Range

Sunday, Oct. 1

10 am to 2 pm

Come experience all the disciplines!
(firearms and ammunition provided)

Black Powder

Rifle

Shotgun

Pistol

Cowboy

For more info contact Deb at 250-578-7525



2017 HEFFLEY CREEK GUN CLUB RANGE USE

Wednesday and Saturday 8 am to 12 pm:

are for trap shooters, unless there is a scheduled event at the Pistol or Cowboy ranges.

The third Sunday:

of each month is a Cowboy and Black Powder day unless there is a scheduled event. Rifle and Pistol ranges are closed on these days.

Apr 3,4,6,10,11,13	RCMP on pistol range – rifle open to 100 meters <u>all other ranges closed</u>
Apr 7-9	Black Powder Spring Fling - <u>rifle and pistol closed</u> – range closed noon Apr 6
Apr 9	Cowboy Rust Remover 9am – <u>all other ranges closed</u>
Apr 18,20,21,24,25,27	RCMP on pistol range – rifle open to 100 meters <u>all other ranges closed</u>
May 1 to Jun 15	<u>Range closed for cattle closure could be shorter depending on grass and Water. Work parties during this closure.</u>
May 20-22	Range Clean up on front entrance starts at 10 am
Jun 14-18	Black Powder Cartridge Match - <u>all other ranges closed</u> - range closes at Jun 13 6 pm and re-opens Jun 19 8 am
Jun 25	.22 Novelty shoot. All other ranges closed. Starts at 10 am
Jun 19,20,22,26,27	RCMP on pistol range – rifle open to 100 meters – <u>all other ranges closed</u>
Jun 27 – July 3	Palmer's Gulch Cowboy Action Event – range closes dusk June 27 re-opens July 4
Aug 23 - Sep 5	Rendezvous – <u>all other ranges closed</u> from Aug 22 6 pm and re-opens Sep 5 8 am
Oct 1	Family Fun Day Shoot – <u>all other ranges closed</u> Starts at 10 am
Oct 2,3,5,6	RCMP on pistol range – rifle open to 100 meters – <u>all other ranges closed.</u>
Oct 15	Cowboy Duelist Match – <u>all other ranges closed.</u>
Jan 1, 2018	Shotgun Fun Shoot – Starts at 10 am – <u>all other ranges closed</u>

The range always closes at dusk. Competitors who camp at the range may enter the range at dusk on the eve of the day before a scheduled event.



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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.