

THE TARGET

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2018

Hello to all our membership. It was with sadness that I assumed the President's chair earlier this year, due to the sudden passing of our former President, Rick Totten. With the able assistance of our Board of Directors, we will continue to strive to provide our membership with a first-rate shooting facility.

With that in mind, our ongoing efforts to secure a long term agreement with Crown Lands for our proposed range upgrade is near it's conclusion. Once that is in place, our Board of Directors will be pursuing all avenues to access funding for improvements to our ranges. Stay tuned for future updates.

We were fortunate this year to be able to keep our range open during the fire season. As you will read further on in this newsletter, several functions were held this year, and were very successful.

I would encourage you, our membership, to get active in

supporting your club however you can. It takes many people behind the scenes to have a successful club. As the old proverb goes, "many hands make light work"!

Our nominating committee will soon be looking for volunteers to stand for a position on the Board of Directors. If you think you can provide something of value to a position, and you are willing to devote the time and energy to do so, please let Deb or Hilda know.

The possibility of the Federal government passing more onerous regulations on the recreational shooter is again front and center. The proposed changes to the present Firearms Act will do nothing to stop crime, and does not target the criminal or gang activity. The proposals will only affect the responsible, law abiding, recreational shooter. Please take the time to voice your concerns to Prime Minister Trudeau; Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale; and



**"Remember,
when on our
ranges, BE
SAFE, have
fun, BE
SAFE!"
~ Acting as
President,
Jim Sloper**

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your local MP. Also consider a donation to the National Firearms Association and/or the Canadian Sport Shooters Association. These two organizations are actively lobbying Ottawa on behalf of all recreational shooters in Canada, and could use your support. I urge you to become a member of these organizations, to both support them and to keep abreast of firearms news. We in the shooting community should always be on the lookout for future shooters. Take the time to invite a friend or youngster to accompany you to the range and introduce them to the

shooting world.

Make sure you can take the time to ensure a relaxed, safe, first time experience. I always insist on "double plugging", (foam ear plugs as well as muffs), to ensure no "flinching" due to sudden noises. Of course, proper eye protection is a must! Do not make the first time out a long or confusing outing. Short and enjoyable is the key to a repeat excursion!

~ Jim Sloper, Acting President, HCGC

PISTOL REPORT

Not much has changed during the summer at the pistol range. We're working on some new plywood backboards that should be ready by the time this is published. Also, we are making the following improvements this fall:

1. An additional shooting bench with a little different design and seat to complement the existing one.
2. One or more movable steel bases for plywood backboards.

Safe shooting and hope to see you at the range!

~ Dave Howe, HCGC Pistol Director

GUN CLUB EXECUTIVE 2018

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A Tribute to Rick Totten ... by a friend



September 10, 1954 - May 16, 2018

I met Rick aka Smackwater Jack in the late 1990's through Garry Gregson, both working at Fortis at the time but our close relationship started at his first Cowboy Match at Palmer's Gulch in 2001. He became the cowboy's freight guy, hauling hundreds of targets from Palmer's Gulch to Mission and Kelowna and around Kamloops for years until his hips gave out. He was also a great help in making all our new steel targets. He fell for the sport hard. In 2003 we both got our motorcycle licenses and bought our first bikes. That started a yearly summer trip of two weeks and it continued for ten years covering ten of the northern cowboy states, lots of B.C, Alberta and Saskatchewan and traveling 45,000 kms. Rick made sure we never ever ate a in a fast food restaurant or rode on a freeway. I rode with many riders over the years and he was the best in every category. We also vacationed together with our wives over the years in Europe, New York, the Panama as well as the Caribbean. I have lots of great memories of him, especially his great sense of humor and big laugh and the sharing of hundreds of meals, conversations over coffee, and weekly long walks. We also attended may cowboy matches together; probably more than fifty, including End of Trail in New Mexico as well as every major match in the Pacific Northwest. He was a well above average shooter, very well liked and he made working on a posse so much more fun. He was also a very intelligent worldly guy and I miss his weekly perspective on the global situations. I, as well as many others, really miss the big fella.

Written by Doug Berkey aka Slewfoot

Heffley Creek Gun Club

Annual General Meeting And
Election of Officers & Directors

Sunday, December 2, 2018

At Lotus Inn, 512 Tranquille Rd , North Shore

Supper 5:30pm and Meeting at 7:00pm

Now taking nominations for:

President

Vice-president

Treasurer

Secretary

Membership Coordinator

Black Powder—3 directors

Pistol—2 directors

Cowboy—3 directors

Rifle—2 directors

Shotgun—2 directors

Please send your nominations to:

happyhoofranch@gmail.com

Or leave a message at 250-578-7525

Nominations accepted until Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 5pm

RIFLE REPORT

The annual Heffley Creek Gun Club's Family Fun .22 shoot was held last Sunday, July 15, 2018 and there was the best turnout ever with multiple families from Heffley Creek (and a few new comers too).

At the fun event (no memberships required), shooters shot at balloons, targets, golf balls and silhouettes at 75m.

ettes at 75m.

First time shooter, Ella Clark, won \$25 for winning the balloon shoot.

Jim Sloper won the Poker shoot by getting a Royal Flush.

Sandra Stirling won the Good Luck target shoot with a score of 54. Jim Sloper managed to win both golf ball shoots by

shooting his golf ball farther than anyone else. Ted Moore and Allan Ovington teamed up to win the team silhouette shoot. All won cash prizes. Hilda Lehto won the large roast donated by Devick Ranch.

Thank you to organizers and attendees - it was an excellent day. ~ **Lawrence Bergstrand, Rifle Director**



SHOTGUN REPORT

The shotgun is very quiet at this time of year with ducks and grouse open.

We will try and have the tower open on Wednesday and Saturday if members would like to shoot.

Please contact myself or Rob the night before to confirm. Cost of around of 25 clays is remaining at

\$ 4.00 dollars and may be adjusted when we start using the new shipment. Shooters to supply their own shells, trap loads only.

~ **Brian Erickson, HCGC Shotgun Director**

The tower in the second level position. While it seems counter intuitive the clays are harder to hit when closer to the ground and easier when launched at the higher levels.

~ **Robert Palmer, HCGC Shotgun Director**



SHOTGUN EQUIPMENT DANGERS

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.

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.

~ **Robert Palmer, HCGC Shotgun Director**

BLACK POWDER REPORT

April 13-15, 2018 Spring Fling: saw 13 shooters, 9 shooters for shotgun. Weather was cool and wet but a good time was had by all.

June 14-17, 2018 Black powder cartridge silhouette shoot Saw 19 shooters. The regular crew from the island, the local boys and the crew from Alberta - a good time was had by all.

August 22- September 3, 2018 The Heffley Creek Rendezvous We had a good turn out even with the campfire ban and the smoke in the air. There was 102 registered camps on site. The weather was cold and wet but that didn't stop the good times and good shooting. The Heffley Creek Fort shoot had 70 shooters and everybody enjoyed themselves we

we were told it was the best shoot all week. The Heffley Creek shoot on the last Sunday had 41 shooters.

The Heffley Creek Fort Shoot: is a team of five shooters shooting from inside fort Heffley for a time limit of 15 minutes at targets and vegetables outside the fort the girls in the picture got off 73 shots in 15 minutes and

hit most of their targets for the high score 1st place there were 14 teams entered.



RANGE MARKERS INSTALLED AT RIFLE RANGE

Heffley Creek Gun Club Rifle Directors Wade Lehto and Lawrence Bergstrand have installed range markers at the rifle range at 25m, 50m, 100m and 200m. Please don't shoot the signs.



FUN AT THE BLACK POWDER SHOOTS



COWBOY ACTION 2018

SHOOTING, COSTUMES AND RENEWED FRIENDSHIPS, WHO COULD ASK FOR MORE? Looking back on the great times we had this year we reflect on all the wonderful people we have met as we travelled from shoot to shoot. Everyone in the cowboy community is willing to go that extra mile to help make things happen.

When you are getting ready to put on a big shoot, you get swamped with the things that have to be done, but surprisingly there is always someone that comes along with that expert advice or the helping hand that is so needed to make a shoot a complete success. We thought, how hard can it be to organize a shoot? Well let me tell you, a lot of behind the scenes work goes into it and we would have never succeeded if we had not had the guidance of the experienced organizers. Our thanks goes out to all of you that guided us through the steps and pitched in with the labour that was required. There are too many names to mention, but you all know who you are. Thank you all for making the Palmers Gulch Shootin' Match the success that it was. Our top shooters this year were Whistlin' Will as top man and overall winner, and our top lady was Georgia Banks.

Once we had this shoot put away for another year we went on the road, and attended shoots in Saskatoon, where we had a great time at their two back to back shoots, "The Last Gasp", followed by the Western Canadian SASS Regional Championship. We are proud to say that there was a good representation from B.C., including several of us from the Heffley Creek Gun Club. Following this shoot we attended the Canadian SASS National Championship, being hosted this year by the Red Mountain Renegades at the Mission and District Rod and Game Club. This was also a great shoot.

Our Monthly shoot, held on the third Sunday of each month, has been well attended especially considering that the weather has seemed to frown on outside activities on these particular days. If the smoke wasn't making breathing difficult, the rain tried to discourage us from shooting. Thankfully we managed to get in 5 stages with 16 shooters before the sky opened up on Sunday. Our next shoot, which is listed as a Duelist event, will be held October 19th and will be open to all cowboy shooters. You may try your hand at shooting Duelist style or stick to your normal category.

We hope to see you all out for this one, as it gets difficult to access the Gulch once the snow flies.



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 -

Vice President - Jim Sloper
gunfighterjim@telus.net


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**

HEFFLEY GUN CLUB OFFICIAL LOGO

The Heffley Creek Gun Club executive directors of 2017 voted on the many submissions to be the Official Logo of the Heffley Creek Gun Club.

The winning logo, drawn by Leah Stroughton was chosen.

It has been digitized at Production Habit on Tranquille and anyone can go and use the logo to put on any hat or clothing you wish (you pay for).



Heffley Creek Gun Club

Presents

Family Fun Day

At the Range

Sunday, Oct. 14

10 am to 2 pm

Come experience all the disciplines!

Safety protection, firearm, ammunition provided,
plus a 1:1 experience with a range officer

Black Powder

Rifle

Shotgun

Pistol

Cowboy

For more info contact Deb at 250-578-7525



2018 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.

Feb 21	Private booking on Shotgun range - rifle open to 100 meters <u>all other ranges closed</u>
Apr 3,5,6,9,10,12	RCMP on pistol range – rifle open to 100 meters <u>all other ranges closed</u>
Apr 13-15	Black Powder Spring Fling - <u>rifle and pistol closed</u> – range closed noon Apr 13
Apr 15	Cowboy Rust Remover 9 am – <u>all other ranges closed</u>
Apr 16,17,19,23,24,26,27	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 27	Range Clean up on front entrance starts at 10 am
Jun 7-8	RCMP on pistol range – rifle open to 100 meters – <u>all other ranges closed</u>
Jun 10	Cowboy Sunday – <u>All other ranges closed</u>
Jun 14-17	Black Powder Cartridge Match - <u>all other ranges closed</u> - range closes at Jun 13 6 pm and re-opens Jun 18 8 am
Jun 18,19,21,22,25,26	RCMP on pistol range – rifle open to 100 meters – <u>all other ranges closed</u>
Jun 26 – July 2	Palmer's Gulch Cowboy Action Event – <u>all other ranges closed</u> range closes dusk June 25 re-opens July 3
Jul 5,6	RCMP on pistol range – rifle open to 100 meters <u>all other ranges closed</u>
Jul 15	Cowboy Sunday – <u>All other ranges closed</u>
Jul 22	.22 Novelty shoot. <u>all other ranges closed</u>. Starts at 10 am
Aug 19	Cowboy Sunday – <u>All other ranges closed</u>
Aug 23 - Sep 3	Rendezvous – <u>all other ranges closed</u> from Aug 22 6 pm and re-opens Sep 4 8 am
Oct 1,2,4,5,9,11,12	RCMP on pistol range – rifle open to 100 meters – <u>all other ranges closed</u>
Oct 14	Family Fun Day - all other ranges closed
Oct 21	Cowboy Duelist Match – all other ranges closed
Jan 1, 2019	Shotgun Fun Shoot – Starts at 10 am – all other ranges closed

HEFFLEY CREEK GUN CLUB

7385 Sullivan Valley Rd Heffley Creek, B C VOE 1Z1

www.heffleycreekgunclub.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Renewal MUST PRESENT PERMANENT CARD # _____

NEW CARD# _____ (Orientation Required Contact Ron Gabler 250 578-7678

or Lawrence Bergstrand 250 578-7525)(\$10 Orientation Fee)

Please **PRINT** Clearly & COMPLETE

(Orientation Required if Membership lapse 2 yrs or more)

PAL # _____

NAME: _____ Date of Birth _____

FIRST

LAST

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/TOWN: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS :Please indicate if JR (<18) after the name.

1. _____ POL/PAL # _____ Card # _____

Date of Birth _____

2. _____ POL/PAL # _____ Card # _____

Date of Birth _____

Individual membership Fee: (includes one key) \$80.00

Each Additional family member living in the same household(spouse or JR) \$20.00 _____

For additional range key \$5.00 _____

REPLACEMENT CARD Contact Membership Director 250 319 0916 \$5.00 _____

NEW Member Orientation Fee \$10.00 _____

New Member after Oct 1(must pay next year fees also) \$30.00 _____

TOTAL PAID: \$ _____

Orientation by _____ Date _____

I have read, understand and will abide by the Range Safety Rules.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

My signature above grants the Heffley Creek Gun Club permission to release any Information on this application to its Insurance Company.

Dues are January 1st. to December 31st. of each year.

Renewing Members submit this completed application with your **PERMANENT CARD** and a cheque or MO for the correct membership fees, payable to: Heffley Creek Gun Club, take it to **Powder Keg** 534 Tranquille Rd Kamloops

New Members submit completed application with applicable fees at the time of Orientation

Range Warden(Orientation) Ron Gabler 250 578-7678 or Lawrence Bergstrand 250 578-7525



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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 200 m.
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.



New Member Orientation

Range Orientation is a mandatory requirement for all new members and former members who have not renewed their membership for 2 years. The Orientation Officer's telephone and email address are on the website.

www.heffleycreekgunclub.com

- 1. Print the application form and read the range and safety rules from the website.**
- 2. Contact the Orientation Officer to set up an appointment.**
- 3. On the day of orientation bring a completed application with a cheque for the correct membership fee plus \$10 for the orientation fee, your PAL and appropriate eye and ear protection. Meet the Orientation Officer at the gate to Heffley Creek Gun Club.**
- 4. Gate unlocking and locking procedure and rules around gate control will be explained. Signing in procedure will be explained especially in regards to bringing guest(s). Range closures because of special events and cattle grazing will also be clarified.**
- 5. Range and safety rules will be handed out and discussed on site at the rifle and pistol ranges. Signage for the opening and closing of different ranges will be explained along with safety and cleanup demands. You bring it to the range, you take it home.**
- 6. Members have no access to the shotgun tower, black powder trails and cowboy area without prior approval and certification from an appropriate director. Members need to be actively involved in shotgun, black powder or cowboy to use these venues; however the majority of members use the rifle and pistol ranges only.**
- 7. Club history, range configuration, roles and authority of the club executive and range officers will be discussed.**
- 8. On completion of the orientation, the officer will collect the fee, certify the application form and issue a membership card along with a key to the range.**