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NEWSLETTER

Fall 2012

President's Report Ken Holmberg

Many Thanks to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the many politicians, service groups and clubs who were dedicated and fought for many years to abolish the long gun registry! Locally thank you to Senator Gerry St. Germain and MP Mark Warawa for your support!

Our open house on September 9th was well received and we welcomed many new faces. Our neighborhood is changing and new arrivals are just discovering the club. A personal thank you to volunteers mentioned further in this letter that do such a good job of making everyone feel welcome and introduce their passion for the shooting sports.

Approximately five years ago Cameron Edwards developed our first website. Thank you Cameron and thank you for five years of IT service. We welcomed Steve McLean and Jerry Greshuk to the board this year and wish to thank them for taking on IT role. Thank you Jerry for developing our new website.

Welcome to our new caretaker Jack Drover who took up the position November 1st. Please take time to introduce yourself to Jack and share your shooting interests with him.

It was with great sadness we learned of the passing of Ray Mulholland after having suffered a heart attack. Ray served the club as caretaker for ten years retiring August 31st. Ray was a nice man and will be missed! Our condolences to the Mulholland family and friends!

Straight shooting and be safe!

See you at the club!

Ken Holmberg
Pres/Chair

International Trap & Skeet

2013 Schedule

Jan 12-13: Vancouver Gun Club**	Feb 2-3: Pitt Meadows Gun Club
Jan 19-20: Langley Rod & Gun Club**	Feb 9-10: Bellingham Gun Club**
Jan 26-27: Old Skagit Gun Club	Feb 23-24: Mission Rod & Gun Club**

*** denotes trap + skeet*

50 Target events - Adults - \$15/event - Juniors (<18 yrs) - free!

My Climb to become an Olympian

By Dorothy Ludwig

“Attending the Olympics really was a dream come true for me. So many athletes work towards excellence, and only a few ever attain the title of Olympian. I am truly blessed to have participated in the 2012 Olympic Games in London”.

20 years of competition shooting across 10 countries, 5 international medals and 1 Olympic experience: it all started with an afternoon rearranging the basement with my dad. After re-organizing our basement to accommodate a training range when I was young, I knew that I had stumbled onto something bigger than myself; and this set in motion the beginning of my pursuit of excellence in shooting.

I began my international shooting career in 2001, and after a number of years attending events around the world in 2007 I had both an amazing experience, and a heartbreaking experience. I attended the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro that year competing for a spot to go to the Olympics and represent Canada, and went into the finals in first place. However, after the finals, I ended up in 4th, thus off the podium and out of the running to enter the Olympics for 2008 in Beijing. Having come so close, yet be so far from my goal, I had to do some soul searching to decide whether or not to continue. To have put in so much time and energy, and built up such great expectations into reaching a goal, and then not to achieve it; it is a difficult thing to cope with.

It has been a long road to get to where I am today, and all the pieces of my 20 year shooting career have had a part to play in preparing me for the Olympics; an experience I will carry with me the rest of my life. Having the opportunity to walk with Team Canada through that entry-way and into the stadium for the opening ceremonies was an experience that I find difficult to put into words, but here are a few; exhilarating, frightening, surreal, and accomplished. All are emotions that ran through me during that walk.

When the Olympics begin, back home we all settle down in front of our TVs with our favorite sport playing in front of us. We follow the outstanding athletes through their trials, their successes and their failures. But instead of turning on the TV, I found myself turning my head, taking in my surroundings, and finally realizing that I was competing with the best in the world. For I was at the Olympics!

Walking into the range on competition day, my heart was in my throat. I was excited, nervous, scared and in awe! I was taking part in the most coveted competition in the world. My hands were shaking, my heart was

hammering, and my stomach was doing flip-flops. But come time for the “Start” command, I was ready. I had trained, prepared, and was ready to apply my hard work to the biggest competition of my life. Throughout the match I soared and I plummeted, but I persevered and I feel as though I succeeded. It’s true I didn’t bring back the gold medal, but I worked hard and shot well.



Dorothy shooting in 10m Air Pistol competition.
Note the automated electronic scoring systems — no errors here!

Many people have asked me what my favorite part of the Olympics was, and I think most of them expect me to say “getting to walk in the opening ceremonies”, but actually my favorite part, i.e. the part I cherish the most, was that immediately following my event; my support team (i.e. those that were able to be at the Olympics with me) cheered for me as I left the shooting line. For me, it is rare to have a support team with me at events, and even rarer to have any kind of noise, clapping or cheering when you come off the line after completing in the event. And here, at the biggest competitive event of my life, I have a big support team, all cheering loudly for me. No one cared how I had finished or where I placed, but that I had competed, that I had finished and that they were proud of me. “That” was the best part of the Olympics.



Dorothy with her support team —
Husband Cam Ludwig, Sister Lynda Kiejko and Mother Fran Hare

The one thing I would like to leave you with is that if you have a dream, follow it. It took me 20 years to reach mine, but I did it.

Dorothy Ludwig

Calendar of Special Events

At-a-Glance Calendar: LRGC Planned Special Events (Currently scheduled events – see website for updates!)

Date:	Event:	Time:
2012		
Sunday, November 18, 2012	Charity Meat Shoot	10:00 am start
Sunday, December 2, 2012	Club Trophy Pistol Match	12:00 noon sign-in
Sunday, December 9, 2012	WIPL ISSF Pistol Match	9:00 am start
Sunday, December 16, 2012	Meat Shoot	10:00 am start
Wednesday, December 26, 2012	Boxing Day Shoot	9:00 am start
2013		
Sat. & Sun., January 19-20, 2013	International Trap & Skeet	9:00 am start
Sunday, January 20, 2013	Meat Shoot	10:00 am start
Wednesday, February 6, 2013	Annual General Meeting	7:30 pm start
Saturday, February 9, 2013	Annual Awards Banquet Newlands Golf Course	6:00 pm start (Buy tickets early!)
Sunday, February 17, 2013	Meat Shoot	10:00 am start
Sunday, February 24, 2013	WIPL ISSF Pistol Match	9:00 am start
Sat. & Sun., March 9-10, 2013	Thunderbird Fast Draw Demo – HACS Show, Heritage Park, Chilliwack	TBA - See HACS Show Program or LRGC Thunderbirds Website
Sat., Sun & Mon., May 11-13, 2013	PITA Trap Shoot	9:00 am start
Wednesday, June 5, 2013	PITA Trap Shoot + DB Marathon	12:00 noon start
Wednesday, August 7, 2013	PITA Trap Shoot + DB Marathon	12:00 noon start
Sunday, September 15, 2013	Club Trophy Trap Shoot	9:00 am start
Sunday, September 15, 2013	Meat Shoot	10:00 am start
Sunday, September 22, 2013	Club Trophy Skeet Shoot	9:00 am start
Sat.–Thurs. October 19-24, 2013	Club Trophy Rifle Match	At normal range times
Sunday, October 20, 2013	Meat Shoot	10:00 am start
Sunday, November 17, 2013	Charity Meat Shoot	10:00 am start
Sunday, December 1, 2013	Club Trophy Pistol Match	12:00 noon sign-in
Thursday, December 26, 2013	Boxing Day Shoot	9:00 am start

New Members Corner

By Doug Romilly

Ok - I've joined the LRGC - Now what? Part 3

If you read Part 2 of the New Member's Corner — then you were out to participate in our extremely popular **LRGC Family Fun Day Open House** event held on Sunday, Sept 9, 2012. While attending this event you enjoyed the hospitality of our members, devoured a fantastic free lunch, and experienced a wide range of shooting activities that were free and available for you to try! Whether you enjoyed the 22 cal rifle shooting set-up indoors, or either of the air pistol/rifle silhouette shooting, fast-draw action, trap and/or skeet shotgun shooting setup outdoors the best, hopefully you tried them all so that you could experience them first-hand for yourself! I know that I got very interested in fast-draw from trying it on Family Fun day — and mark my words — I will be out to their events soon in the future.

This Part 3 of the New Member's corner I have dedicated to telling you about our other major club event — the **LRGC Boxing Day Shoot**. For some of you, most likely the shotgun shooters, this may actually have been the event that attracted you to become a member of the LRGC, so you already know what a fun event this is! To the rest of you — take note — it is sort of like a Family Fun Day on steroids (minus a couple of activities). Where the Family Fun Day's objective was to introduce you to the club's activities, the **LRGC Boxing Day shoot is one continuous fun-filled day of shooting competitions and meat prizes for the participants, and almost as importantly, it is also the biggest fundraising event of the year for the club membership.**

This is an important day as the club makes significant money to support shooting operations, provide facilities maintenance and new equipment, and subsidize our membership fees. We all need to go and have a great time either as a LRGC volunteer (since we need many) or as a competitor — but it is equally important that we get the word out to all our members, their guests and family, and the public so we can have good attendance at this our premier event. A well attended Boxing Day Shoot means that we have the funds to support our junior shooting program, replace that old trap machines, rebuild the indoor range backstop, purchase new rifles for club use, or any of the other needed upgrades the club requires. Having said that, it has never been that difficult to maintain good attendance as this is by far the most popular event of the year and the parking lots will typically be over-flowing before 9 am in the morning.

So what is it all about you ask? Well, there are generally two parts — the “outdoor” activities and the “indoor” activities. I will start with the outdoor.

Outdoor shooting: On this day we open up ALL six of the trap fields (and YES — we need them all) to trap shooting only squad competitions (see Figures 1 & 2). Back in Part 1 of the New Member's Corner (see May 2012 Newsletter — page 7 for all the details), I had described what a “Meat Shoot” is — and for the outdoor component of the Boxing Day Shoot, it is generally one “Meat Shoot” on each and every trap field, and the winner is the best shooter of the squad (i.e. people are eliminated if they miss). For each \$5 entry fee you sign-up to compete on a squad of six shooters, with the winner receiving a meat prize from a choice of many desirable and delicious choices (such as turkeys, hams, chickens, pork roasts, beef roasts, steaks, sausages, etc.). I will tell you that the quantity of meat selected and placed in each prize has a value of approximately \$18, so be sure to pick the meat type you want as they are all of equal value. Note that the meat prizes will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so if you win you may want to pick up your prize sooner than later if you are fussy about what prize you might want. Also note that cash prizes (\$18) are only given out once ALL the meat prizes are gone — never sooner!

As a convenience to the shooters and to more quickly administer the sign-up and payment process, a small temporary wooden enclosure (i.e. the outdoor ticket booth) is constructed under the awning outside the office and is manned by a LRGC volunteer (see Figure 3). Look for it when you arrive as it is where you need to go first! This is where you buy your shoot tickets (also used for the indoor range) Here, you also sign up for A, B and Group outdoor shooting squads. Once you have bought your shoot cards, you sign up for the 2 Novice traps further up the field.

The squads are divided by shooting skill level - A class (best), B class, and N-novice class, and equal skill level shooters attending as a group may be placed together in a squad (ask about this at the ticket booth if desired). Each squad is assigned a number. Be sure to take note of the squad number and remember to follow the progression of squads as they are completed so that you are on-site and ready to shoot when your time comes. If you aren't there, the squad will shoot without you and you will lose out! Also, you need to honestly indicate what level shooter you are during sign-up, or take the risk of being disqualified and turned back to be reassigned to a higher class squad. Note that once an individual shooter wins two events at a particular level — their class is automatically raised and they are disqualified from shooting at their previous level again.

If you are shooting shotgun outdoors, be sure to bring lots of ammo (or you can buy it at the club). Note that shell and shot size is limited to a max of 2.75" shells and #7.5 shot size at the LRGC for safety reasons. You will also need your eye and ear protection, as well as protective and warm clothing as the shooting will go on rain or shine! If you are a new shooter, then get signed up in novice class and see if you can win a meat prize, all the while knowing that your shooting fee is going to support your own club. It is always a fun activity and I wish you luck in breaking clays (unless of course you are on MY squad!!)

Indoor shooting: If you attended Family Fun Day you will recall that there was 22 cal rifle shooting set-up on the 10 yd indoor range for you to try your skill at shooting "bullseye" targets. Well, this 22 cal rifle shooting will be once again available fully equipped with LRGC-provided 22 cal competition target rifles with peep sights (note - no personal rifles are allowed), and sub-sonic ammo (low noise) will be provided. But this time the indoor range will be used to provide competition between shooters on a squad (see Figures 4 & 5) If you would like to participate in this rifle shooting match (for the same meat prizes as the outdoor events), first buy your shoot tickets at the outdoor ticket booth and then bring them in to the indoor range table A LRGC volunteer there will assign you to a squad based on your age and the type of competition target you would like to shoot.

There are two types of targets: 1) "bullseye" targets - scored for group size of five shots based on the smallest circle around all shots (see Figure 6), and 2) "lucky" targets, i.e. a matrix of numbers which when a cell or line is hit provide a summed score — higher is better (see Figure 7). As you might expect, for novice shooters, the best type to select is the "lucky" target since there is a more "equal" chance of getting a better score, so remember this when you sign-up! Bullseye targets are more advantageous to advanced shooters as they rely on consistent shooting of all five shots to maintain a small group size. There are also two squad levels: junior squads (< 16 years old or clearly novice) and adult squads. Juniors that win two prizes from bullseye targets will be raised to adult status for squad assignment.

All squads are shot in order once they are completely filled. The volunteer will call the names when you are required to shoot. Once called you will follow the range officer's commands to load, shoot and then clear your firearm and retrieve your target. Once retrieved you must sign your target and submit it for scoring. Once all the targets are in and the targets are scored, the winner will be announced and given a winner's slip to retrieve their meat prize (see Figure 8). (Note that all targets are

destroyed to prevent reuse.) I typically volunteer at the 22 cal rifle table and hope to see many of you out at this event — please stop in and say "Hi".

Final Event: The Pig Shoot!

Around 3:30 — 4:00 pm when all the trap and rifle squads have finished, the final event of the Boxing Day Shoot commences — the Pig Shoot! This is where shooters sign-up (once or multiple times at \$5 per entry) and are randomly paired into teams of two. Each team of two shooters simultaneously shoot at a called for clay target at an extra long distance using LRGC provided shotgun shells (no "special" hi-power shells allowed for this one folks) — with the team being eliminated if the target is missed. Successful teams move on to successive rounds at the same or a longer distance (see Figure 9). The final team remaining wins the prize - gift certificates to spend on the meat of their choice! This year the Pig Shoot will likely be shot from under the new structure at Trap #5. Come and give it a try!

Final Remarks: As a new member at your first Boxing Day Shoot, I am sure that you will enjoy yourselves if you give it all a chance and participate! The club squad rules and assignments are designed to try to level the playing field somewhat between novice and experienced shooters, and while there is no guarantee that you will win a prize the first year out, if you keep at it, I am sure you will and that piece of meat will taste "extra special" knowing you won it! If you decide you don't want to compete — come down and be a volunteer! I should also mention that there is always great prepared food for lunch at very reasonable prices, and, of course, a heck-of-a-lot of meat prizes to be won!

So put this event (i.e. LRGC Boxing Day Shoot - Dec 26) on your calendar NOW so you don't miss it — it is THE premier club shooting event and I know you, your family and all your shooting friends will love it!

One last piece of advice — get there EARLY!!



Trap shooting squad shooting from near the fence.



Shooters anticipating their turn for a chance at a meat prize!



The temporary outdoor ticket booth manned by Gord Van Dokkumburg. This is where you come first to buy shoot tickets and get signed up!



Adult squad ready to fire on the indoor 22 cal rifle range.



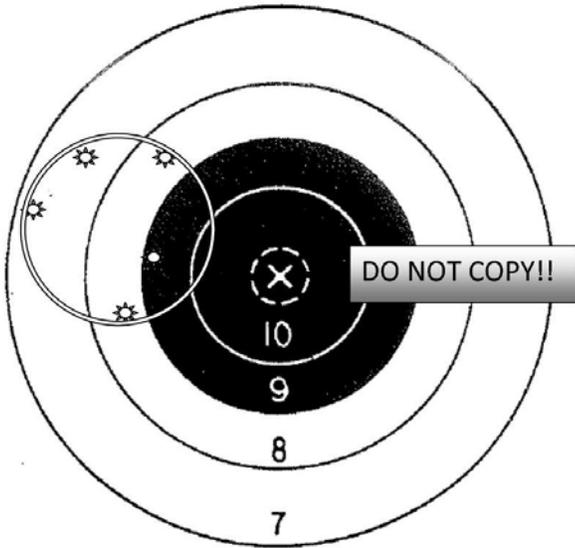
Downrange view of adult squad shooting bullseye targets. Bullseye target — scoring for smallest group of 5 shots enclosed in a circle. Smallest group size wins!



Another winner receives her meat prize!



Still in it for a second round — the team of Joe Tecklenborg and Doug Romilly shoot at another target as the light starts to fade.



Bullseye target —
 scoring for smallest group of 5 shots enclosed in a circle.
 Smallest group size wins!

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- CONDITIONS
1. Five (5) shots, highest score to win.
 2. If a shot hits inside a square the competitor receives the value of the number in that Square.
 3. If a shot hits on a line the competitor receives the value of numbers in the Squares touched.
 4. If a shot hits on the lines where they cross the competitor receives the value of the numbers in all squares touched. Thus the highest score for a shot is 18.

Lucky target —
 scoring based on sum of numbers associated with cell lines "cut".
 Sum for this target with 5 shots shown is (from top to bottom) 3+18+5+6+8 = 40.
 Highest score wins!

Handgun & Air Pistol Shooting

By Terry McCarthy

A short report this time. We are moving and I'm just back from holidays.

Pistol has been steady on Monday nights with some new shooters coming in. We continue to get good support from out range officers. Thanks to all of you.

One of our female members has taken the level one coaching course in Victoria through BCTSA. Kathleen is now practicing on our junior members.

The WIPL competitors continue to practice on Wednesday nights. We had a good turnout at the last match which was held at our club. There was two relays and it has been a while since that happened. Two of our junior members attended as well as one lady.

Kathleen Auton, Jessica Auton and Brooke Ashcroft attended the Hibernation air pistol match in Richmond on the 3rd and 4th of November. Jessica and Brooke both medaled. Congratulations ladies. Top eight female air shooters in Canada attended. Linda, Dorothy's sister won the match. Dorothy took third behind Lea W from Alberta.

That's it for this time.

Terry McCarthy
 Handgun Chair

WIPL Report

By David Grant

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL PISTOL LEAGUE - (WIPL)

The 2012/2013 WIPL Season is well underway. The opening match for the season was held in September at Port Coquitlam and District Hunt and Fish Club. We shoot outdoors at PoCo and because the weather co-operated we were able to make a good impression on some new League participants. It was especially gratifying to see a few Juniors from Langley Rod and Gun Club in attendance.

The second Match was held at Langley Rod & Gun in October and was well attended. Due to the uncertainty of the weather we hold most of the Matches indoors with only the season opener in September and the final Match in April outdoors.

Match #3 will be on November 18 at Abbotsford Fish and Game Club and we will be back at Langley again on December 9 for Match #4.

If you have ever wanted to try Competitive Bullseye Shooting in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere come and join us or if you would like more information you can e-mail me at WIPL@SHAW.CA

David Grant
 President
 Western International Pistol League

Junior & Senior Rifle Report

By Doug Romilly - Senior Rifle Committee Chair

Both junior and senior rifle shooting times (i.e. Tuesday and Thursday nights) have been well attended by both members and drop-in shooters over the last several months — keeping the range officers quite busy on those nights.



In addition, the week of October 15 -20 was the LRGCC Rifle Trophy Match, which allowed for both junior and senior (i.e. adult) shooters to compete for various trophies. The results are now tallied and are presented in the appropriate sections below.

Junior Rifle:

(A special thanks to Kavinder Puri, Bob Hadden and Debra Mallet for their hard work and dedication as Range Officers for Junior Rifle and their input to this report).

The junior rifle nights have been especially busy lately with a split of about 50/50 junior member shooters and drop-in member shooters. On many nights the range is over-capacity as we have more shooters than positions (see photo) — so some cooperation and trading-off/sharing of shooting stations has been required — but don't worry as everyone gets their fill of shooting! This is all good as we believe a healthy junior program is the key to the continued success of our shooting sports, both at the LRGCC and everywhere in Canada, so we are happy to see the great turnout.

To assist in providing more shooting equipment, the LRGCC Board has recently approved the purchase of three additional .22 caliber competition-grade target

rifles for use by our shooting programs, i.e. two CIL/Anschutz 190s, and a lightweight Bruno (thanks for the great price on this one Gord Van Dokkumburg), all with “peep-style” target sights. We also received a .22 caliber Mossberg target rifle with a scope (kindly donated by Tom Wallis) which I have verified is a “very” accurate rifle with a nice crisp trigger. These are truly excellent competition rifles, all are now in-house, and I believe will serve our members well! In addition — we are on the trail of some CIL/Anschutz 180 Junior Model rifles which may be available to our club, as these are a bit lighter and shorter in length-of-pull so as to be more suitable to our smaller, junior shooters. Stay tuned for more news on this prospect. Please: If you know of anyone who may have one of these .22 caliber CIL/Anschutz 180 Junior Model rifles and might be willing to sell or donate it to the LRGCC — please advise me at juniorrifle@lrgc.com so I may follow-up.

The junior rifle trophy match was split into two sections: Junior #1) for our new junior shooters shooting benchrest style for group size on a single target, and Junior #2) for our more experienced junior shooters under 18 years of age shooting the three position + group multiple targets the same as the senior (i.e. adult) rifle competitors. There was a good turnout for each and I was very pleased to be the LRGCC Director selected to award the following trophies to our novice juniors.



Junior #1 — Benchrest 22 cal Rifle (10 shot group): (presented at LRGC on Nov. 6, 2012)

1st Place: Joshua Salisbury (24 mm)
2nd Place: Eddie Clark (25 mm)
3rd Place: Marshall Campbell (28 mm)



See Above:

Juniors: (L to R) Eddie Clark, Marshall Campbell, Joshua Salisbury
Trophy Presenter/LRGC Director: Doug Romilly

To the Left:

Juniors: (L to R): Eddie Clark, Marshall Campbell, Joshua Salisbury,
Back row: Bob Hadden, Debra Mallet, Kavinder Puri

Junior #2 — Multiple Position Rifle + 10 shot group: (Trophies presented at the LRGC Annual Banquet)

Aggregate Trophy: Shea Scott
Ladies Trophy: Brooke Ashcroft
Junior Trophy: Matt Moore

In the last newsletter I reported that the LRGC Board was in discussions that were directed towards increasing the benefits for “member” juniors, with a corresponding recommendation (i.e. incentive) for “non-member” juniors to obtain a yearly LRGC membership, thus hopefully initiating their parents to become more involved in the club as well. At the October 24th LRGC Board meeting a motion was put forward and approved that was designed to work towards the desired results, i.e. increase “member” benefits and participation and encourage (rather than discourage) current drop-in juniors to take that next step to obtain a junior or family membership and commit to participating more fully. It was also designed so as to reduce the effort required for Range Officers to administer the collection of funds at the range.

In summary, the approved motion removed all LRGC Junior member user costs and increased the non-member junior shoot fee to \$10/night (previously

\$7.50) — with both groups receiving 50 rounds of 22 ammo and the use of firearms provided by the club at the session with no added cost. Any additional ammo purchased for use at the junior session would be charged at \$2.50 and \$5.00 for members and non-members respectively — but it is not common that additional ammo is needed due to the time available. It is hoped that this will provide the incentive for non-members to make the decision to purchase an LRGC membership and take advantage of the added member benefits this change provides! (Note: Please bring exact change (i.e. small bills or coins) to pay for your shoot fee as the ROs do not have access to change for large bills.)

As always I welcome your comments on this or any other issues please send your comments to me at juniorrifle@lrgc.com.

Senior Rifle:

(A special thanks to Les Tubman., Dean Scott., and Bob Hadden for their continued hard work and dedication as Range Officers for Senior Rifle).

As noted above — senior rifle (i.e. 18 and over) is going well, but there is typically room for at least one or two more .22 caliber pistol or rifle shooters on Thursday nights should you have the urge to come out and make some noise! It's a great time to dust off that rifle you seldom use, or try that new one you just got and see what you can do with it. If you don't have one, then come and shoot the club's recently acquired

CIL/Anschutz and Bruno competition target rifles. The best time would have been at the recently completed club rifle trophy shoot — but if you didn't make it out then you missed some great fun — but there is now lots of time to practice for next year's match! I actually left my own rifle at home this year and shot the recently acquired Bruno — **VERY NICE!** It shot very well — but I didn't do quite as well as I had hoped in the various positions — so clearly I need to get out and practice more! I am happy to say that many of my fellow shooters shot very well — with the resulting LRGC .22 caliber Rifle Trophy results listed below:

Senior Rifle — Multiple Position + 10 shot group: *(Trophies presented at the LRGC Annual Banquet)*

Prone Trophy:	Kavinder Puri
Kneeling Trophy:	Dean Scott
Standing Trophy:	Les Tubman
Group Trophy:	Doug Romilly

Great shooting everyone! And special thanks to Kavinder Puri and Bob Hadden who looked after the running and scoring of the rifle competition and targets for both the Junior and Senior competitions — it was a great success and a lot of fun! If you have any questions or comments — email me at seniorrifle@lrgc.com.

*Remember — you have already purchased the membership, why not get out more and make better use of it!
We would love to see you out at the club more often!*

Family Fun Day Report

By Kathie MacFarlane

The Club hosted its annual **Family Fun Day** on September 9, 2012, and once again, we had an impressive turn out for this event!

Over 300 hamburgers and hot dogs and corn on the cob were provided to attendees. Many families with kids were in attendance this year as well as a lot of new faces.

Visitors and members participated in the individual events which included .22 indoor rifle, trap, skeet, fast draw and air rifle. The Club has been hosting this event for many years and each year we have been able to generate new interest in the various disciplines. Our membership list is growing and this event is a great way to promote the activities of the Club and give our neighbours and non-members the opportunity to learn more about the programs we offer.

An event such as this takes the efforts of a lot of **dedicated volunteers** to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who help to make this annual event a huge success.

Thanks,
Kathie

Skeet

By Doug Romilly — Assistant Skeet Chair

The latter part of this summer and into early fall was a busy time for skeet shooters in our club. The scheduled LRGC skeet shooting rounds / practice on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 noon — 2:30 pm has been consistently well attended this year. There have been some new faces — and even some female shooters (e.g. Sarah), that we hope to see out shooting with us more often. In addition to the regular rounds, there were a couple other events that kept our shooters busy.

The first was the BC Provincial Skeet Match held at the Courtenay District Rod and Gun Club in Courtenay, BC on Vancouver Island on August 10, 11 & 12. Doubles were shot on the Friday, 20 gauge & .410 on Saturday, and finally 28 & 12 gauges on Sunday. The weather was very nice all weekend and the LRGC was well represented with six shooters attending (it was a first for me) — see photos. Bob Hunter won High-Gun in 28 gauge with a 97 and B-class in 20 gauge with a 96. Lloyd Wilson took 12 gauge. B-Class with a 98. Bruce Peters tied with Tony Antao (VGC) for D-class in doubles with 90, and then again in .410 with 89, but Bruce managed to win 12 gauge. D-Class all on his own without Tony! Louie Zanon, Bob Pieper and I all had personal bests so overall the Langley shooters made a good showing and had a great time! High-Over-All

(HOA) and High-All-Around (HAA) were won by Bob LaRue from the Kelowna Club.

The weekend following the BC Provincials was a Canadian Invitational Skeet Match in Linden, Washington that some of the LRGCC shooters (along with four skeet shooters from Vancouver Island) attended. Information on the results is limited but both Bob Hunter and Bruce Peters shot very well — with Bob achieving a 100 straight in 28 gauge!

The next event was the LRGCC Skeet Trophy Shoot on Sept 23. Both the weather and the turnout were good with thirteen shooters competing for open and closed (i.e. club members only) trophies and prizes. Bob Hunter was on his game that day and won High Gun 12 gauge (Closed), the Hettle Memorial 12 gauge Trophy (Open), HAA (Open) and HOA (Open), and Doubles (Open) — great come-back Bob! Chris Mobley won the Squirechuck 12 gauge Trophy (Closed) in a shoot-off with Surrender Sra (see photos) and the Skeet 20 gauge Trophy (Open), while Bruce Peters took Senior HAA (Open). Nice shooting guys! As usual, Bob had lined up both a healthy lunch and some additional donated draw prizes so everyone went home having won something!

So if you are a shotgun shooter and enjoy skeet — be sure to attend the LRGCC Trophy shoot next year as it is a lot of fun and you don't have to be a great shooter to have a great time and win a prize. Mark your calendar for the LRGCC Trophy shoot to be on Sept 22nd next year - and come join the fun!

Upper Right: Langley competitor Louie Zanon shooting Station 8 — Low House
Middle Right: The shoot-off for Squirechuck 12 gauge Trophy between Chris Mobley and Surrender Sra as Louie Zanon scores.

Below: BC Provincial Match Group Photo at Courtenay and District Rod and Gun Club



Five Stand Report

By Doug Romilly

As broadcast to the membership via newsletters, bulletins and email — the Five-Stand / Sporting Clays field has been open since early September and has been a “hoot-to-shoot”! Thanks to Paul Breaks and Brian Hazen (Five-Stand Chair and Asst. Chair respectively), and Barrie Brown the Five-Stand course-of-fire has been humbling shooters from all disciplines — skeet and trap alike!

With the various combinations of targets being throw from eight different launchers positioned from many different angles (even overhead and coming at you) — getting a high score for a round of five-stand is a real challenge. And to be sure to “liven” things up — the combinations get changed frequently. I know that only now am I getting the leads and gun motion right to achieve hits on these combinations of targets from the five different stands (i.e. stations) — and I have shot this activity at least over a dozen times already. Of course — the challenge is the fun of this sport — and the variability increases the challenge. Switching your shooting focus “in real time” from hitting typical skeet “bird” targets shot at longer distances (launchers #3 and 5) to running “rabbit” targets (launcher #6), or from a high simulated “dove” targets (launcher #4) to a head-on low “duck” target flying at you (launcher #7),



Shotgun Report

By Gord Van Dokkumburg

There have been quite a few changes over the past few months around the club. Ray, our caretaker retired August 31st and moved to Mission where he was enjoying his retirement doing a little shooting and helping out at the Mission Rod & Gun Club on Wednesday evenings. Sadly Ray's retirement was cut very short as he passed away 6 weeks after leaving LRGC. Ray will be missed by many shooters and members from both clubs.

On a little happier note Turkey Shooting Season is just starting. Our first shoot was November 18th @ 11 AM and then December 16th @ 10 AM and then of course the main one of the year Boxing Day starting @ 9:00 AM sharp.

January starts the International Trap & Skeet League. (Check calendar in this newsletter for club dates). Don't forget to see Jack, our new caretaker, for your paperwork to cross the border with your guns. All members are welcome to come and shoot to support your club.

Practice traps are still open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sundays from 11-4. The club could use some extra help on Boxing Day so if you can help out PLEASE leave your name and number with Jack @ the club and we will contact you.

Thank you, Gord V - See you at the Meat Shoots

or from a crossing or outgoing simulated “grouse” (#1 & 2) to an overhead “duck” (launcher #8) — it is all great fun!

The number of people shooting five-stand is increasing (this past Friday it was the highest number yet) so clearly the word is slowly getting out. Remember — the ONLY scheduled time to shoot five-stand at present is on Friday afternoon (moving from 2:30 pm to 1:30 pm for the shorter winter daylight hours) as the setup and breakdown takes time to complete. So until demand increases — this will be the only scheduled time you can enjoy this activity.

Meet at the new structure near Skeet Field #1/Trap #5 if you want to shoot (weather permitting of course). The cost is \$5 per round — bring cash or any token to pay for your round as you get on the firing line. Any shotgun capable of two quick successive shots is OK (note: nothing larger than 12 gauge #7.5 shot or having a barrel length shorter than 24”). I would suggest an “improved cylinder (IC)” or “modified (M)” choke for your gun. You will need 30 shells per round and something to hold them (i.e. a vest, pockets, etc.) as you will be moving between stands.

If you have not been out to try this yet - you really don't know what you are missing! So come try it - and you'll like it - I have no doubt! It certainly doesn't require any skill to at least “check-it-out” and have some fun!



What's New at LRGC

By Doug Romilly

Topics and information
our members might like to know about!

Welcome back Dorothy!

As you may know Dorothy Ludwig competed in London, UK representing Canada in the 10 m air pistol competition in the Summer Olympics. Dorothy performed very well achieving a 34th place standing in a field of around 50 world class competitors! Good job Dorothy! We look forward to having you share some of your expertise with our junior shooters! Be sure to read the article by Dorothy on her climb to the Olympics in this edition of the LRGC newsletter!).

As of November 1, the LRGC has a new caretaker! Please be sure to introduce yourself and say a warm and welcoming “Hello” to Jack Drover when you go to the office next time. He likes his friends to call him Jack. Jack has been a LRGC member for a long while, participating in mostly in Fast Draw shooting with the Thunderbirds. He has also indicated that he enjoys rifle shooting and has enjoyed the shooting sports from a very early age! From speaking with him I know that he enthusiastic about his new position at the LRGC, is looking forward to meeting all our members, and making your experience at the club an enjoyable one! Special thanks to the members of our HR committee who spent so much time finding such a capable individual for the club’s front office!



*John "Jack" Drover — the LRGC's new caretaker.
He likes his friends to call him "Jack"!*



Trailer loaded and backing up.



Still backing up into main parking lot.



*Turned and now going forward out
the club road towards 208 St.*



*Empty pad awaiting new trailer.
The place sure looks different!*

If you have been to the LRGC recently you will have noticed that the caretaker's mobile home has vacated the premises! After loading up, then backing up into the main parking lot to turn around, the truck headed out down the narrow club entrance, leaving a big void where the trailer sat. Looks quite different now!

So what gives you ask!? Where will the new caretaker live? Well, I am happy to report that a new mobile home has been ordered and will be on the property shortly! Watch for it to arrive in November.

A special "Thank You!" to all those volunteers who assisted the club in the transition period between caretakers: i.e. manning the office and answering the daily phone calls, keeping the trap and skeet machines running, looking after the grounds, buying supplies, dealing with our indoor range clients and preparing for the new caretaker. The Board greatly appreciates the contributions of all of these individuals (there were many) and the time they donated to keep the club running for all of our members to enjoy!

Just a quick update on membership: FYI — recently the rate of new membership signups has picked-up dramatically. From Sept 1 — Oct 31, 2012 there were 47 new membership applications submitted (both single and family)! — That's got to be a new record for the LRGC. We welcome all our new members and hope they will get involved in the club activities and organization as volunteers!

The planning committee is always interested in your input. If you feel that you want something changed — this is your opportunity to get an idea to the planning committee! Although we are now in the process of evaluating what has already been received — there is still time to get your idea to us. Please use the "Member Input Form" available on the website (www.lrgc.com). The LRGC Planning committee will be reviewing,

assessing and prioritizing only received ideas and initiatives — so don't miss the opportunity to make sure that yours is one of them!

In the last newsletter I reported that the two trap fields and 1 of 2 (i.e. 50%) of the skeet fields have been equipped with the new "token" operated systems. FYI - soon two more trap fields will be equipped with the new token machines. I also noted last newsletter that the tokens were not interchangeable between skeet and trap. Well, things are about to change! To make things more convenient all-around and to reduce future costs, the older trap token machines are being converted so that all the token machines will use the same tokens. When this occurs you may exchange your old "trap" tokens for the new tokens — just bring them into the office to make the exchange. The tokens are still \$5 each and must be purchased in the office prior to shooting. You may buy as many tokens as you want — but keep them safe as they won't be replaced if lost. FYI - This conversion was done for several reasons, first and foremost being the added convenience to our members, but also to streamline our costs of token inventory. The LRGC Board is also investigating the potential of providing a convenient token dispensing machine in the clubhouse from which the members purchase tokens directly, so the use of a single token will also reduce the cost of such a device should this dispensing machine be implemented.

As most of you have seen, the covered structure in front of Trap #5 is completed and the gates are now installed to guide people out of the line-of-fire. This structure is in use predominantly for the Sunday Meat Shoots, but also for the Friday 5-Stand shooters — all of which appreciate the new facility. Thanks again to everyone that volunteered their time to design, build, and paint this structure, and incorporate the new safety gate system around it!



Structure in front of Trap #5 — now finished!



The gates are used to guide people off the road in front and out of the line of fire.

It is about time for another indoor range cleanout and rebuild as we have had a lot of use of this range by both our own shooters and outside groups that pay the LRGC to use this valuable facility. The funds earned through rental of the indoor range are significant and help us fund the club and keep our membership costs down! I would like to say that we have gotten a lot of response from our request last newsletter for more assistance to help us with this range cleanout and rebuild task — but unfortunately we haven't, so once again it appears the work will fall back on the shoulders of the same volunteers — just doesn't seem right somehow! If you are willing to become involved in your club and assist — please email me at planning@lrgc.com or Terry McCarthy (Handgun Committee Chair) at handgun@lrgc.com with your contact info to get your name on the volunteer contact list. You will then be notified of the scheduled date prior to the next cleanout and have a chance to meet some new club members and shooting colleagues!

As mentioned last newsletter, the main bulletin board in the clubhouse has been “reorganized” to better display items of interest. Please assist us in maintaining this new cleaner look by posting only clear, presentable, and suitable items in the appropriate areas, and dating them when posted on the upper corner. I will be removing old postings shortly to make room for new items and shooting-related news. Be sure to check the new “white boards” for more recent or notices or up-coming events for both the indoor and outdoor ranges. Let me know if you need something posted, or post it yourself with either the provide magnets or by using the “easy-erase” pen provided.

As I indicated last newsletter, a suggestion box has now been installed in the foyer under the main bulletin board complete with a pad and pen for those great

Website Report

By Gerry Greshuk

Quite a while back — the LRGC decided it was time to take advantage of current technology and update our website, www.lrgc.com. This was a new and exciting informational tool that has served the members well for many years - thanks predominantly to the efforts of the previous webmaster - Cameron Edwards — who has recently stepped down from the position. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS CAMERON!!

But just as new technology back then made a website possible — it is the new software and hardware technology of today that we can employ to make some significant changes to the LRGC's internet presence and the functionality of the website. It is both the goal

spontaneous ideas you want to provide to the LRGC Board. I am happy to announce that I received the first suggestion from someone just last week — and unknowingly - **that person wins a prize!** So if you submitted the first suggestion and are now reading this — email me at planning@lrgc.com and provide the complete suggestion in the email (to verify you were in fact the person that submitted it) and I will inform you as to how to claim your prize! Thanks for contributing!

The LRGC website is being transformed into a more member-friendly informational service. Read the article within this newsletter about this transformation and how you can help us shape its development. Note that these newsletters and specific lists/calendars/contacts etc. are all being placed on the website for the convenience of the membership.

Just a reminder that the LRGC Board member's names were posted in the April 2012 newsletter and the new dedicated email addresses for the Board Chairs of the activity committees (i.e. trap, skeet, handgun, etc.) were posted in the August 2012 newsletter. Please copy these contact lists or visit the LRGC website to obtain this information as it provides you with direct lines of communication to each of the executive officers and/or committee chairs.

Remember — The clubhouse is a “NO SMOKING” environment. If you feel the need to smoke please do so outside and well away from the doorways as per municipal by-laws.

Don't forget — the general meetings are posted on the website (typically the second Wednesday of selected months) and are your opportunity to have provide input to your club. *Remember we are all volunteers so please come out and participate in your club's activities — we welcome your input!*

and passion of your new webmasters — Steve M. and myself, Gerry G., to seek out new technology and bring it into service to efficiently fulfill the informational needs of our ever- changing membership.

Using the same www.lrgc.com link, we have developed an exciting NEW website that is to be your window to Club activities and services. Unlike the previous website, this site has been designed to be much more interactive using some VERY cool features. One example is that you will be able to connect the LRGC calendar to your own personal calendar software tool (such as MS Outlook) and update it whenever it is updated. No need to miss a great shoot just because you didn't update your Outlook calendar manually!

Getting started: The website “Home Page” is where you should start! It, like other sites you are familiar with, has a multitude of links and tabs which will lead you to the LRGC information that may interest you. Have a look at these tabs and links and let us know what you think — we welcome suggestions for more that you may want! www.lrgc.com

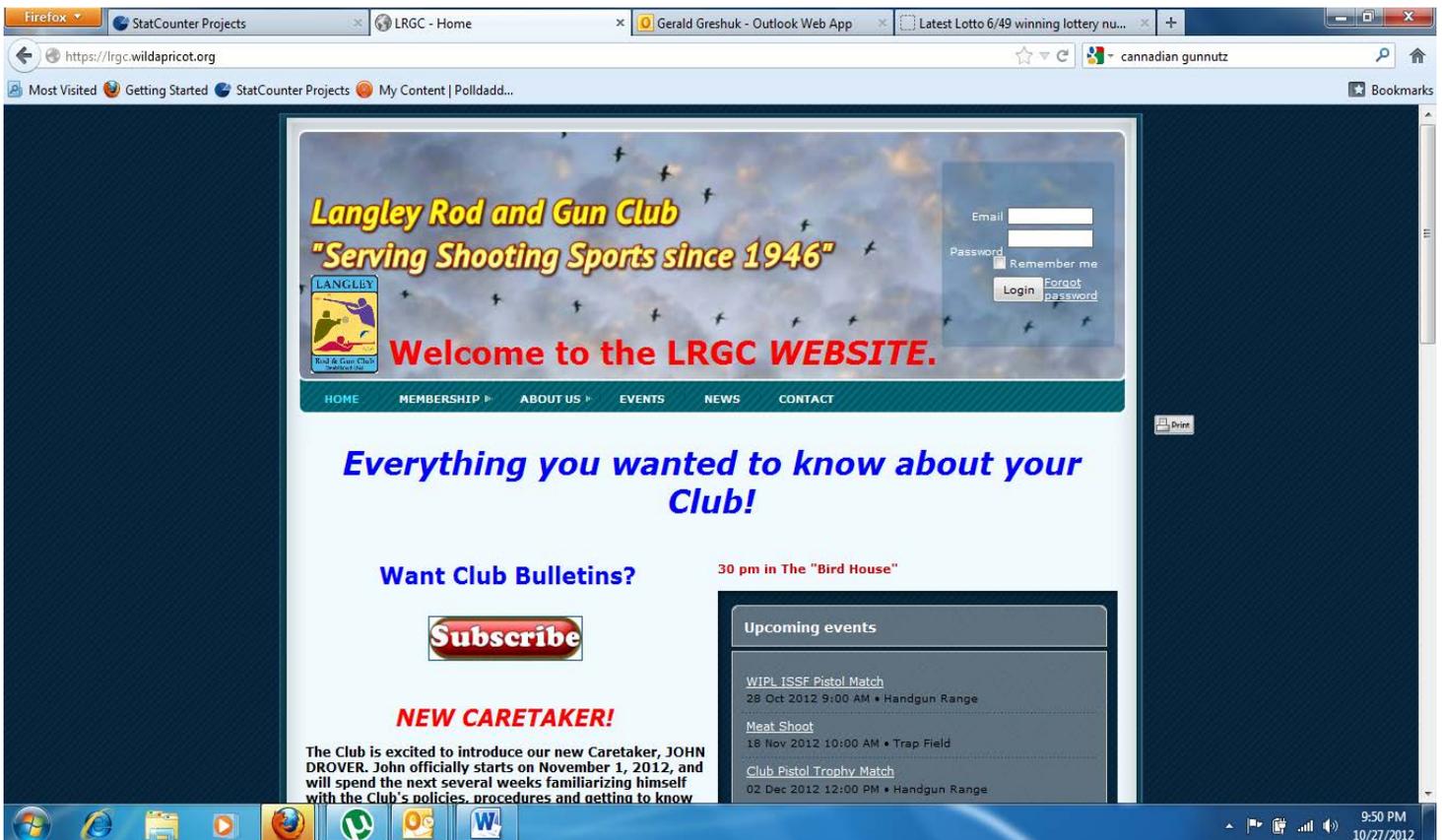
The Home Page also contains significant items that affect the club — such as described in the “Up Coming Events” and “What’s in the News” sections. Here we will provide news and info about the LRGC and also other news items that have significance to those who want to be informed of firearms and shooting related happenings. Beyond that we have a forum called “Speak Up! It’s Your Forum,” and this is where YOU get to speak your mind - and we hope you do!

More Content and a “Members-only” section: The website will eventually have a “members-only” section

so that we can both inform and discuss issues related directly to our club. To access this information on the website each member will have to register and provide their email address and password to verify their membership status. From time-to-time we will have surveys and polls running, asking you — the membership - to vote your preferences and to get your opinion on potential initiatives for the club. We have one running now! Have a look and express your view.

We will activate the “members login” in the near future and you will be notified via email as to what your password is.....so stay tuned.

The site will be enhanced as time goes on to provide more features and content. Be sure to bookmark the Home Page and refer to it often. We are excited about it and we hope you will be too. If you have question or comments send them to webmaster@lrgc.com . We look forward to receiving them!



Board of Directors Report

By Doug Romilly

Brief Update:

Increasing Access to the LRGC Board - We are listening!

As described in the previous newsletter, the Board created a list of new LRGC email addresses (see website) to make it easier for you to directly contact those committees (i.e. the people most directly connected to your issue) with your ideas, concerns and feedback. These committee emails will be monitored by designated volunteer committee members, and are listed both in the August newsletter and on the website.

I know that I have been receiving a wide range of inquiries as I monitor several of these email addresses as a chair, assistant chair or designate for several committees, so I am pleased to see our members making use of this new direct access to our directors. Email provides for a very timely means of communication, and an easy way to get a range of published information to our members quickly, in addition to our postings on the LRGC website. If you find that your inquiry is not getting the proper attention, feel free to send me a copy at planning@lrgc.com. Please include a note letting me know when you initially sent it so I can address the situation.

Your LRGC Board is making changes to the way we operate — and we hope that you as members will support this change and provide us with your ideas and feedback.

Board Issues: Behind the Scenes

While you may not think about it, your LRGC Board (*of volunteers*) is working continuously “behind the scenes” to address a range of issues and concerns related to general club operations, purchasing, finance management, property and equipment maintenance, member support, employee concerns, environmental and safety issues, communications and newsletters, and a whole host of others which are too long to list. Yes — there are a lot of them — and they don’t solve themselves!

The latest effort (a major one) was Ray’s retirement and departure, and the hiring of the new club caretaker — John “Jack” Drover. This was not an easy process, however the Board’s continuous efforts eventually overcame the complications and now the trailer site is vacated and our new caretaker is now on-site. The next challenge is the follow-up on the delivery of the new caretaker’s trailer which has apparently been delayed at the factory, but based on the last information should be here by late November. A special thanks to Kathie McFarlane and the HR committee and to all those directors that were, and still are, involved in this extensive transitional process.

But some may not be aware that keeping the club open during the transitional two months between caretakers has been a substantial effort — and as usual, the bulk of

the effort came from a select few Board Directors and additional volunteers that were both willing and able to put in a lot of extra volunteer time so that our members could continue to enjoy the club facilities without significant inconvenience. For the most part, the transition went smoothly and everyone continued to enjoy the club as they did previously with only a slight reduction in trap operational hours. *(A special recognition goes out to our membership in recognition of their patience and understanding during this transitional period).* However, the work continues as we train Jack in his new position as caretaker — so please continue to be patient. With Ray’s early departure there was no time overlap to provide “on-the-job” training — so we are doing our best to bring Jack “up-to-speed” on the club’s operations and letting him work things out as he runs the office (I think this is called the “deep-end-of-the-pool” approach to job training) - and Jack seems right up to the challenge! *Good Job Jack!*

The website is another topic that the LRGC Board and new webmasters (Gerry Greschuk and Steve McLean) can claim some progress — which I am sure you will agree if you have visited the new website! They have also made some hardware upgrades and so now the clubhouse is WiFi enabled — the access server name is gc (i.e. short for gun club) and the password is *gunpowder*. Future work is planned to have this access reach the other building meeting room (i.e. the “Birdroom”) where the Board meetings take place.

Unknown to many members is the fact that the LRGC facilities are also being made available through the Board to other outside groups in the community, which include local police and security training groups, consumer-related firearm training groups, as well as community out-reach programs. Most are provided for a daily fee, but on occasion the facilities are provided as a free service as part of our commitment as a local community partner. The additional use of the indoor range by these shooting groups necessitates increased maintenance, (backstop rebuilding again being done by a select group of volunteers) but the substantial net income to the club benefits all its members by funding operations and helping to keep membership fees under control.

Other issues being dealt with or in the discussion/investigation stage include: Token machine dispensers, improved club security, streamlining the membership renewal process, a review of pricing for shotgun shells, new training programs, new storage cabinets for each shooting discipline, more funding of junior programs, reciprocal agreements with other sporting clubs, plus much more! Stay tuned for news on these in future Board newsletter reports.

Remember, Board members pay the same membership fees as all our members — so come out and help them by a least participating in the general meetings and providing feedback on our new initiatives. *In other words — please come and help your Board build our club into an even better place to shoot and enjoy!*

Fast Draw Report

By Dennis Robinson

In a good opportunity for the gun guys and gals, the Thunderbirds were asked to include the TV show 'Get Stuffed' in their 'repertoire' of revolver shooting. Nicole Franks and I had to train the two main actors, with filming at the Langley Rod & Gun Club, to compete in the Canadian Fast Draw Championships, which was held in Aldergrove, last July.

The actors, Kalyn Miles, and Josh Rice, were gracious learners, and put on a real good show at the contest, while more filming took place at the FD Championships. As well, the main event's Fast Draw contenders were asked to appear on the main stage to perform a 'sixgun salute' of five shots each (BLANKS) to help celebrate Aldergrove's 100th Anniversary - quite an honour for

us! JoyTV came out to interview and film us, along with some of the Fair's festivities, and several news articles and photos of the celebrity shooters were in the local papers, both before and after the contest.

At the Annual Celebrity shootout, this year's champion was Langley MP Mark Warawa, whose five good shots would have placed him in 8th Overall in the first event of the main Championships! And, Langley MLA and Minister for Transportation & Infrastructure Mary Polak found herself back in the winner's circle of the Women's Fast Draw Celebrity event! Both of last year's Celebrity Champions, Councilor Bev Dornan and Mayor Peter Fassbender coincidentally found them selves in second place this time. Good shooting was done by all, and Aldergrove Business Association President Bruce Heslop fired the Fastest Shot in the Celebrity event, edging out Mary Polak by a mere 100th of a second!



In the main Canadian Fast Draw Championships, the 'furious firers' were the new Champions, Mike Pantano of Kansas, who took Men's, and Nicole Franks of Aldergrove, who won the Women's Division.

Second Place in Women's' was LAST YEAR'S Canadian Women's winner, Sarah Pantano from Kansas, and 3rd Place was won by our own Karen Robinson. Peggy Franks from Aldergrove took 4th Place and Carla Howell of Oregon placed 5th Overall. Fastest shot, Women's Division was by Nicole Franks, with a blazing .304

Den Robinson was 2nd Place Overall, Men's Division, with Howard Darby from Alberta taking 3rd Place. 4th Place Overall was won by last year's World Fast Draw

Association All Around Top Gun, Jon 'Trickshot' Wilson, of California. 5th Place was presented to Bob Franks of Aldergrove, with Albertan Bill Duff taking 6th Place. Washington's Steve Newell took home the 7th Place bacon with Glenn Renney from Delta blasting his way into 8th Place. In only his second such contest, Alberta's Mike Avetikian finished in 9th Place, while the Top Ten position was rounded off by Colorado's Bob Neilson, who also won the Fastest Shot money with a blistering .294 of one second! And, in 11th spot was one of the Tbird's newest, Garry Porteous, closely followed by Alberta's Jerry Worobek, who placed 12th Overall. Not to be left out of the trophies and \$\$ were two Tbirds: John Drover from Tsawwassen edged out Aldergrove's Jim Weatherby who took 14th Place.

A total of 12 Thunderbird members trophied in this year's contest, 9 of them in the Top Places in the Men's Division, as Trophies and \$\$\$ went to 14th in that category. In an 'historic' first, we ran a 'Billy the Kid' contest this year, and, an older brother, Morgan Campbell, managed to edge out his younger partner, Marshal, to take 1st Place overall. Marshal, who usually shoots faster times than his more consistently accurate older brother, placed 2nd in both categories. These 2 young guys put on a great show at this particular series of Canadian FD Championships - we will see more of them!



In a sponsor's draw on Saturday, Bob Neilson won the Tombstone/Knights Leather Products custom engraved holster valued at \$500! While we are at it, we cannot thank these donors enough: International Arms donated a valuable Hunting Knife for the second year, and Outlaw Knives/Richard Parmentier, donated one valued at \$500! A classy western shirt from Bushwacker Western Wear was won by Quebec's Nick the Quick (who also won Saturdays' Jackpot contest), numerous items were donated by Doug Abbott, photographer, and others, too many to mention here. Thanks to all!

A donor board was on display at the contest, along with present and back issues donated by Guns of the Old West Magazine, and pins and Firearms Journal magazines were donated to the shoot in droves.

Our two main sponsors were the Township Of Langley and Fraser Stratacare! For info on any of these groups, or about the sport of Fast draw please click on: www.thunderbirdfastdraw.com and visit their links.

After the contest on Sunday, when the gunsmoke cleared, the rain appeared, but a GREAT 'barbeque party' (we didn't let the rain spoil it, either...!) was held by the Franks family! THANKS Peggy! As for me, I hung around Bob's old/newfangled corncob cooker machine most of the time-what a rig!

Finally, for now, Tbirds had done some shows prior to the contest (and not to mention - our Open House

Family Fun Day in September-where over 60 guests tried Fast draw!) and we do wish to say THANK YOU to those hardworking members of the group who help to make this all possible year after year, none of which could be done without all your help!!



LRGC Family Fun Day Open House in September

Well, this has turned into a 'wild west windy' so I'll just say CONGRATS and good shooting to all!

www.thunderbirdfastdraw.com
Den Robinson, FD Director,
Langley Rod and Gun Club

Planning Committee Report

By Doug Romilly — Planning Committee Chair

In an effort to develop an integrated long-term development plan, the Planning committee has requested, and solicited by direct consultation, requests for new initiatives for club development, training and facilities. It has been requested that these be submitted in written form (see member input form on the LRGC website) so that they may be properly circulated within our committee (and eventually the Board), be reviewed and discussed, potentially selected and then if selected, prioritized into a business plan.

To this end, information regarding an appropriate budget and schedule for the initiative has also been requested. While we are appreciative of the initiatives that have already been submitted, we are continuing to solicit for additional ideas you may have. So, if you have a thought, idea or simply a need for something that could make a difference at the LRGC, contact your discipline chair or use the on-line individual member form to get this idea to the planning committee for review and evaluation. Email it to me at planning@lrgc.com or leave it with Jack at the office with my name on it and I will retrieve it.

Remember, we can only act on your idea if you send it to us!

Training Committee Report

By Doug Romilly — Training Committee Chair

National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) Level 1 Skeet Instructors Course

On September 1 & 2, the LRGC hosted only the third ever NSSA Skeet Instructors course in Canada — in which five participants completed the course — three from the LRGC (Bob Hunter, Bruce Peters and Doug Romilly), one from Vancouver Gun Club (Tony Antao) and one from Courtenay District Rod and Gun Club (Lisa Cunningham). The NSSA instructor that provided the course was Bob LaRue, a Certified NSSA Zone Instructor from the Kelowna and District Fish and Game Club.

The course involved two full days of combined in-classroom instruction and outside skeet instructor training, including the training of new people to the sport of skeet shooting. The course training was quite comprehensive I must say (you should see the quantity of notes we have)! After being supplied with a substantial amount of reading material to go over prior to the course starting, the first day started off quickly reviewing material on gun safety, skeet field mechanics, the accepted NSSA policy, standards and methodology for proper skeet shooting, to name only a few.

The morning finished with a single round of skeet to allow for a critical review of each student's shooting style as assessed by both the course students and the instructor relative to the NSSA standard. I think we all found this initial review quite enlightening as we recognized that adoption of the overall NSSA approach clearly had merit in improving our skeet shooting skills moving forward. However, more importantly, the review of each student, along with their recognition and adoption of the NSSA standard was necessary to ensure that, as a future Level 1 instructor, they would be correctly teaching the accepted NSSA approach to skeet shooters under their supervision.

The afternoon was focused on recognizing the needs of the shooter requesting instruction, and how to go about fulfilling the role of an effective instructor both in the classroom and on the skeet field. After an evening of reading (yes homework too!) the next early morning session consisted of more classroom review work, plus some gun-fit and eye-dominance exercises and adjustments (see photos) so that we could recognize potential skeet shooting problems related to these issues in our future students.



Left: Bob LaRue assists Bruce Peters with proper process of mounting the gun to the shoulder.

The second afternoon was dedicated to on-field training of new skeet shooters (see photos) as individuals had been recruited for basic instructional training (by the course students) in the proper method of NSSA skeet shooting, with a special emphasis on “KISMIF” instructor training — i.e. “Keep-It-Simple-Make-It-Fun”. The course concluded with an extensive exam which covered all aspects of the course material and instructor training.

A special thanks to Bob Hunter for getting this arranged and Bob LaRue for his time, seemingly unlimited enthusiasm, great teaching style and a fantastic course! As a result, the LRGc has NSSA Level 1 Skeet Instructors keen for action — so look forward to seeing some skeet shooting clinics available for new (and old) shooters in the coming 2013 shooting season!

If you have any ideas on training initiatives to put forward, please fill in the member input form on the website and forward it to me at training@lrgc.com.

Remember, there is never a time when one should stop learning or trying to better one’s self — and there is no time like the present to start!



Tony Antao takes his turn instructing as other course participants - Bob Hunter, Bruce Peters and Lisa Cunningham look on. Doug Romilly is taking these photos

Ray Mulholland — LRGc Caretaker — Retired August 2012

Our previous caretaker Ray Mulholland officially retired from his position at the LRGc on August 31, 2012. The retirement sendoff — complete with cake, refreshments and gifts was enjoyed by all that attended. Ray was presented with a plaque by the LRGc President Ken Holmberg in thanks for his past ten years of service to the club.

Upon retirement, Ray and his wife moved to Mission, BC. Shortly after his retirement Ray suffered a massive heart attack and passed away on October 18, 2012. He will be missed by all who knew him.

