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- Canadian F-Class Championships, August 10-12, 2016
- F-Class America Match, August 13, 2016
- Canadian Black Powder National Championships, August 13-15, 2016
- Canadian Target Rifle Championships, August 12-20, 2016
- 2018 Commonwealth Games Selection Trial (Final), August 21, 2016
- National Service Conditions Championship, August 22 - September 2, 2016
- DCRA hosts F-Class World Championships August 9-18, 2017

## DCRA APPROVED MEMBERSHIP FEES - 2016

Membership year 1st April 2016 - 31st March 2017

<b>Life</b>	<b>Sliding scale</b>	<b>*Includes liability insurance</b>	
Under 25 Term	\$ 265.00	Non-Canadian	\$ 55.00*
Annual	\$ 130.00*	Postal	\$ 20.00
Under 25 Annual	\$ 70.00*	Pavilion Club (GBP)	£ 15.00
Associate ( <i>Note 1</i> )	\$ 50.00*		
Associate Under 25	\$ 30.00*	Liability Insurance [for active life members]	\$ 20.00

### **DCRA LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES (SENIOR)**

Age	Rate	Age	Rate
25-30	x30 annual rate	53-54	x18 annual rate
31-32	x29 annual rate	55-56	x17 annual rate
33-34	x28 annual rate	57	x16 annual rate
35-36	x27 annual rate	58	x15 annual rate
37-38	x26 annual rate	59	x14 annual rate
39-40	x25 annual rate	60	x13 annual rate
41-42	x24 annual rate	61	x12 annual rate
43-44	x23 annual rate	62	x11 annual rate
45-46	x22 annual rate	63	x10 annual rate
47-48	x21 annual rate	64	x 9 annual rate
49-50	x20 annual rate	65 and over	x 8 annual rate
51-52	x19 annual rate		

**Age calculated as of 1 April**

**Note 1** - This rate is for members competing in BP or FCNC matches only (not full entry in the Canadian Championships OR for members who do not compete but wish to support the DCRA. Both will receive two issues of the Canadian Marksman.

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Jim Crofts and Will Chou on  
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## Nominations for DCRA Council

### The DCRA Annual General Meeting

Schedule of Events – 1-3 APRIL 2016

- 1 Apr DCRA/PRA Workshop - 1330 hours
- 2 Apr Outgoing Council Meeting at discretion of President - 0930 hours
- 2 Apr Annual General Meeting - 1000 hours
- 2 Apr Annual Dinner (time and location to be determined)
- 3 Apr Incoming Council Meeting - 0930 hours
- 3 Apr New Executive Committee Meeting, following Council Meeting

Location: Connaught Range, Bldg 23, Conference Room

#### Dinner Saturday

Saturday evening will feature the traditional blazer and tie dinner at a local restaurant. Please let the DCRA office know if you plan on attending the dinner so reservations can be made.

#### Annual General Meeting - Agenda

1. Opening Remarks by the President
2. Statutory Declaration of Notice of Annual General Meeting
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes of the DCRA AGM, 28 March 2015
5. Annual Report
6. Reports from Provincial Rifle Associations
7. Committee Reports
8. Vote of Thanks
9. Adoption of Financial Statement and Reports
10. Approval of Budget for 2015-2016
11. Approval of Actions of Council and Executive in FY 2014-2015
12. Report of the Nominating Committee
13. Date of next Annual General Meeting
14. New Business
15. Adjournment

#### Costs

Registration \$ 15.00

In this issue of the Marksman you will find the call for nominations for the DCRA Council. In addition to positions filled by appointees from the Provincial Rifle Associations, ten places at-large are available for full members of the DCRA, with those elected serving a two-year term. If there are more than ten nominations, an election will be held by mail. Council members whose term is expiring are eligible for re-nomination and re-election.

The Nominating Committee strongly encourages all those with an interest in the affairs of the DCRA to consider making nominations and/or standing for Council. It is through the Council that the members can influence the policy and direct the future course of the Association.

It is also from the Council that the members of the Executive Committee will be drawn. The By-Laws require that voting members of the Executive must be members of Council. This adds additional importance to the nominations about to be made.

We urge members to take a serious interest in the nomination process. Those with dedication and commitment to the DCRA are warmly encouraged to offer their names for election. Only full (not Associate) members of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association are eligible for nomination and election to Council.



#### REGISTRATION FORM

RSVP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- I will attend the PRA/DCRA workshop. \_\_\_\_
  - Province: \_\_\_\_\_
- I will not attend the PRA/DCRA workshop. \_\_\_\_
- I will attend the AGM. \_\_\_\_ Registration fee is \$15.00
  - I will arrive on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs and depart on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs
  - Means of Transportation \_\_\_\_\_
  - I require quarters (if available) on the range for the following nights:  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - I do not require quarters. \_\_\_\_
  - I will attend the annual dinner on Saturday. \_\_\_\_
  - I will not attend the annual dinner on Saturday. \_\_\_\_
- I will not attend the AGM. \_\_\_\_

**TO: ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE DCRA  
NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 COUNCIL**

This official notice solicits your nominations for 10 new members to replace those elected in March 2014. The list of names in bold font indicates the members of Council who were elected in 2014 for a two-year term until 2016 and who require replacement. These individuals may be nominated for re-election if available and willing to stand. The list also contains the names of those who were elected in 2015 for service until March 2017.

All PRAs are asked to also submit the names of their Designated Council Members for 2016 so that we can avoid nomination conflicts with the elected list.

Nominations must be forwarded to the DCRA Office not later than 16th February 2016.

Jim Thompson  
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

**COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE  
ELECTED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

Elected by acclamation in 2014, term of office expires April 2016

Mr. Gary Bowman	Ontario
Mr. Steve Hunt	Ontario
Mr. John Chapman	Manitoba
Mr. Peter Dobell	British Columbia
Mr. Chris Jones	Ontario
Mr. Alain Marion	Quebec
Mr. Raymond Smeltzer	Ontario
Mr. Pat Vamplew	Ontario
Mr. Steven Stewart	New Brunswick
Mr. Peter Westlake	Ontario

Elected in 2015, term of office expires April 2017

Mr. David Adams	British Columbia
Mr. Martin Cashin	Ontario
Mr. Scott McGinnis	Ontario
Mr. Barry Price	Ontario
Mr. Marc Landreville	Ontario
Mr. Roger Romses	Ontario
Mr. Steven Spinney	Ontario
Mr. Jim Paton	British Columbia
Mr. Bob Raymond	Ontario
Mr. Scott Bissett	Ontario

**NOMINATIONS FOR DCRA COUNCIL 2016 (Form may be copied or facsimile submitted)**

The undersigned members of the DCRA hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
for election to the DCRA Council at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 2nd April, 2016

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Secunder \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept this nomination to serve on the DCRA Council if elected: Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

To serve on the DCRA Council, if elected, the individual's membership must be renewed and in good standing. Biographical information is to be supplied by the **nominee** in the space below. This and only this information provided will be included in the ballot for the vote.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Life, Full and Under 25 members only are eligible to nominate and vote.**

All eligibility will be checked by the DCRA office.

Please return this form to the DCRA, 45 Shirley Blvd, Nepean, ON K2K 2W6 or  
Fax (613) 829-0099 Attention: Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Deadline for receipt of nominations: 16th February 2016

## EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The DCRA Executive and staff hope you enjoyed a safe and successful season of competition, and would like to congratulate winners across the country who took part in Provincial, National, and International competitions.

The summer of 2015 was full of activity that included large teams traveling to Camp Perry, to compete at the Palma TR World Championships, and to Bisley. It should also be mentioned that a very large Canadian contingent of Swiss member shooters, primarily from British Columbia, traveled to Switzerland in early July. They were there to attend the Swiss National Championships that annually includes over 5,000 entries. All reports indicate it was a very popular trip enjoyed by the attending DCRA members, including Jim Paton and Bob Best. We also had two members, Tom Maynard and Paul Archer, travel to Barbados in May to compete in their National Championships, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Team Captains and officers of the Palma teams are to be congratulated for the dedication and leadership they provided over the last few years in preparation for this summer. Peter Westlake, Captain of the Palma Team, and his Adjutant, Gary Bowman, spent an incredible amount of time preparing Canada's members for the event. The same can be said for the commitment and time our Veterans Captain, Dr. Roger Mullin, and Under 25 Captain, Alix Voorthuyzen, spent planning for their teams. I would also like to congratulate several others: Phil Harrison and Colin Cheshire of ICFRA for providing guidance that led to a very successful competition; the NRA(USA) Competition Director, Dennis Willing, and NRA Highpower Manager, Sherri Judd, and her team for putting the

whole event together at Camp Perry; and especially the USA Palma Team Captain, Dennis Flaharty, for the guidance and tireless efforts he provided throughout the last four years to make sure all the dots were connected.

Thanks also to Commandant Jim Thompson and Adjutant Anna Paton for their work leading up to Bisley this year. We'll leave the details of both trips to the Captains' reports found in the following pages but I wanted to especially acknowledge Jim Paton on his achievements again at Bisley this summer: placing 15<sup>th</sup> in the Grand Aggregate, winning the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage of the St. George's, the OTF V-Bull Aggregate and again qualifying for both the St. George's and Queen's Final. Serge Bissonnette and Renée Paquette also qualified for the Queen's Final. However, I was completely astounded and very proud when hearing how well members of the Canadian Cadet Bisley Team did in the Finals of both the Queen's and St. George's. No previous team that I am aware of has finished as strongly as they did with Jérémie Brodeur, Jalen Czuba and Remi Rousseau making it to the St. George's Final and Yolanda Jin, Mary Patrick, Aaron Kurd and Elijah Clarke qualifying for the Queen's Final. Having four cadet team members make it into the Final is absolutely outstanding and we look forward to their future achievements within the sport.

Individuals were recognized this year for their contribution to shooting. Dr. Jim Thompson was made a Vice President of the NRA (United Kingdom) this summer to recognize his many years of dedication to the sport, joining other DCRA Life Governors Sandy Peden and Stan Frost. As the DCRA's Bisley Commandant this summer, Jim was asked by our good friend and Chair-

man of the NRA (UK) John Webster to present the awards at the final presentations. Jim was very humbled by the whole experience. At the spring AGM the Honours & Awards Committee and the membership acknowledged the contributions of Major (Ret'd) Dave Letson, who was made a Life Governor of the Association, and awarded Honorary Life Memberships to LCol Lloyd Sainsbury and LCol Robert Barrette, former Commanding Officers of the Connaught Cadet Training Centre, for the leadership they've provided throughout the years to the cadet Full-bore shooting program. It should also be noted that Sandy Peden joined the Victoria Sports Hall of Fame this fall in recognition of his long standing contribution to the sport of shooting. Congratulations to all of the worthy recipients.

The past eight months have been very challenging to say the least for the office staff after the retirement of Keith Bornn due to ill health but I would like to report that Keith is again back in good health and enjoying life in New Brunswick. Jim Thompson volunteered to fill in as the interim Secretary-Treasurer until the position was filled, which he'd done on a number of other occasions throughout the years. He took up the challenge and along with Kathy Corcoran, our office manager, set to work preparing for this past summer's National competitions. They were basically doing the work of four people and now with the competitions completed they are to be congratulated for doing a magnificent job. Thanks to both of you.

From the beginning of August until the end of September activities at Connaught Ranges were in full swing with the hosting of the F Class, followed by Black Powder, Target Rifle and then

## EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Service Conditions National Championships. A very dedicated group of people led by Kathy Corcoran are to be congratulated for making all of the competitions a success. Daniel Chisholm, Match Director for the first three competitions, once again did a masterful job in planning out the details of the competitions especially when not having A Range available to us this year. All mid-range competitions were moved to C Range where the long range competitions are also held. Appreciation is also extended to Bill Kedziora and his range staff, Pierre Lafontaine, Matt Gallant and the rest of their work crew, as well as Pat Quinn and his world famous Smith Falls markers for supporting us with their usual high standards.

Temperatures were very hot throughout August, making for extreme conditions, and with more difficult winds than usual in play it made it more challenging to achieve high scores on a consistent basis. Chris Jones again provided an enjoyable Black Powder Championship, with Gary Vance of Bethune, Saskatchewan winning the Grand Aggregate. Scott Bissett, who has been very busy planning for the 2017 ICFRA F Class World Championships, reports a record F-Class attendance again this year. There were well over 100 competitors in attendance, with visiting teams from the United States and, for the first time, Great Britain, Captained by Mik Maksimovic. Congratulations go out to Shiraz Balolia of Washington State for again winning the Grand Aggregate and to Canada for winning the Team event by 10 points over Great Britain. Target Rifle winners included Scotland's Lindsay Peden, winning the MacDonald Stewart Grand Aggregate, Mathew Makin, winning the top U25 MacDonald Stewart prize, Kent Reeve of the United

States, winning the Governor General's Final for the third time and the second year in a row, and Bob Pitcairn of British Columbia, winning the Canadian Fullbore Championship for the second time in his long and historic career. Well done all of you. We were again pleased to have Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bolton of the MacDonald Stewart Foundation join us as two of the presenters at the TR awards ceremony and thank them for hosting the MacDonald Stewart dinner at the Chateau Laurier hotel. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by the many guests of the DCRA.

The NSCC competitions did not include Keith Cunningham's guidance for the first time in many years but many knowledgeable people came forward again this year to make the competitions a success. These included Capt. Sean Gagnon and Range Officers John Todd and Luc Joly, along with the usual volunteers who take pride in the sport. Entries were up over previous years and the winners are recognized in the following pages but I would especially like to note Ryan Steacy for again winning the SR Championship and Cpl. S Friesen the CAF/RCMP classification who were both chaired into the final presentations. Congratulations also to Richard Poaps for winning the 3 Gun Championship. I would also like to thank Madge Twolan, our fundraising Chairman, for all her efforts in expanding and working with the corporate sponsors who support our competitions.

The DCRA would also like to thank LCol Don Haisell, Competition Director of CAFSAC, for his support leading up to the competitions. He provided training opportunities for his staff during NSCC in preparation for CAFSAC, which went extremely well, with new

challenges provided to the competitors especially in the pistol events. At the CAFSAC final presentations the DCRA was represented by LCol Bill Molnar and myself, who stood in for our President, BGen Romses, who was not able to attend. We had the pleasure of presenting, along with MGen J.M. Lanthier, the CAF Reserve and Regular Queen's Medal's to Cpl E. Ferguson, 5 Cdn Div (Reserve) and Cpl Michaud, 2 Cdn Div (Regular), congratulations to them both. It must also be mentioned that Cpl Ferguson is a member of the famous Ferguson family from Nova Scotia who have won a total of 11 Queen's Medals, seven by father Ken and two now by each of his sons, an incredible achievement.

Throughout all of this summer's activities I would also like to give special thanks to Connaught Base Commander LCol Don Hind, Major Justin Schmidt-Clever and the base staff for their continued support in helping to make sure all of the competitions ran smoothly and were a success.

Please remember a new two-tier DCRA membership structure will be coming into effect for 2016 in an effort to simplify and improve on our basic services. If you are an indoor shooter, don't forget to review the Indoor Postal Program on the DCRA website.

On the office front, we look forward to adding new leadership and staff in the coming months as we continue to prepare for the late November Executive meeting.

Please enjoy a safe and healthy winter season.

Best Regards,  
Des Vamplew





# THE DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION L'ASSOCIATION DE TIR DOMINION DU CANADA

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## DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION

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Comptroller	Jim Thompson	Chair of Shooting Support Committee	Peter Westlake
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Past Executive V.P.	Stan Frost		

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### COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE - ELECTED BY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ELECTED IN 2014 WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2016

Gary Bowman	Chris Jones	John Chapman	Peter Dobell
Steven Hunt	Peter Westlake	Alain Marion	Steven Stewart
Patrick Vamplew	Raymond Smeltzer		

### ELECTED IN 2013 WITH TERM EXPIRING IN 2015

Dave Adams	Roger Romses	Martin Cashin	Steven Spinney
Scott McGinnis	Jim Paton	Barry Price	Bob Raymond
Marc Landreville	Scott Bissett		

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Peter Westlake  
Steven Spinney  
Pat Vamplew

#### PLUS 2 ADDITIONAL:

Daniel Chisholm  
John Chapman

### ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Chapman  
Scott McGinnis  
Fazal Mohidee  
Alain Marion

Steven Spinney  
Gary Bowman  
Scott Bissett  
Daniel Chisholm

Pat Vamplew  
Peter Westlake  
Chris Jones

#### PLUS 3 ADDITIONAL

Barry Price  
Roger Romses  
Steven Hunt

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

This has not been an easy summer in the DCRA Office. Late last year, our secretary, Keith Bornn, advised us that he would be leaving in the Fall of 2015, and moving to New Brunswick. On the assumption that Keith was with us for the summer, a search was commenced for his successor, without any great sense of need for an urgent decision. However, very soon after the DCRA AGM in last March, Keith received an ultimatum from his doctors to the effect that he needed heart surgery quickly and that he should refrain from all strenuous and stressful activities. He therefore had no option but to resign immediately. I am delighted to advise that the surgery was successful and that Keith is well on the road to a full recovery. He has indeed now moved to New Brunswick. I'm sure that all members and friends of the DCRA will want to join me in thanking Keith for his many years of service, in various capacities, to the Association and in wishing him all good things for the future.

As a result, I took up the position of Acting Secretary-Treasurer and Match Director in April, pending a search for a permanent appointment. Since I do not live in Ottawa, and could only make visits for a few days about every fortnight, a very considerable additional strain and burden was placed on Kathy Corcoran, our Office Manager. Things were not helped by the fact that I was away at Bisley for much of July as Commandant of the Canadian Rifle Team. I cannot speak too highly of, and thank her enough for, the way Kathy has coped with this situation, working very long hours to the point of exhaustion, yet maintaining good sense and good humour all the while. This office arrangement is clearly not one that can continue for very much longer. The whole matter of DCRA office staffing must be resolved in the not too distant future. Work is proceeding to that end.

I would also like to thank all those DCRA members, as well as the staff of CRPTC, for their support and understanding during these months. Speaking for myself, one of my problems has been in not knowing what I don't know. The learning curve has been steep, but I remain woefully ignorant about many aspects of DCRA administration.

With that said, we have 'survived' the summer of 2015. Some extra part-time help was brought in to assist with clerical tasks, such as match entries, memberships and the conclusion of the 2014-15 Winter Programme. We did send teams both to Bisley and to Camp Perry for the WLRC and Palma, Veterans and Under 25 Team Matches. We did conduct successful competitions in August and September: the Black Powder, F Class, Target Rifle and Service Conditions National Championships. And we, especially Kathy, played a significant and important role in the Canadian Armed Forces Small Arms Concentration.

We are much indebted to the many volunteers and paid staff who made all this possible.

The number of shooters in the FCNC was the highest on record since this event was offered separately four years ago. This level of interest bodes well for the FC World Championship in 2017.

There was a lower entry from out of Canada at this year's CFRC, such that there were insufficient numbers to form national teams in the international matches. I am very grateful to John Deane (UK) who organised a team representing "The Friends of Connaught", including shooters from the UK, USA and West Indies. As the results show, they did well! Because of other uncertainties, we also invited the BCRT (Athelings) and the Canadian Under-25s to shoot in the Canada and Commonwealth Matches, while the Under-25 events were conducted concurrently. All of this added to the spirit of friendly competition in these matches.

Some details of the events coming up appear elsewhere in the issue of the Marksman. As plans become more definite, information, including entry forms, schedules and programmes, will be placed on the DCRA web site and published in the Spring 2016 Marksman, slated for publication in March. **The deadline for contributions to the latter to be in the hands of the DCRA Office is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

Some other important dates for 2016 are:

- I repeat (!) **the deadline for contributions to the Spring 2016 Marksman to be in the hands of the DCRA Office is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**
- The DCRA AGM will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. At this time the location will be the Connaught Conference Room – this will be confirmed on the DCRA web site in the fullness of time. The Council and Executive Meetings will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Other Committee and Discussion Meetings will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- Dates for the Matches in August 2016 will be:
  - Canadian F Class National Championships (FCNC), 10-12 Aug, 2016
  - Canadian Black Powder National Championships (BPNC), 13-15 Aug, 2016
  - ◆ *The Black Powder Championship will not start until Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and will run Sat-Sun-Mon with its usual programme*

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- Canadian Fullbore (TR) Rifle Championships (CFRC), 12-20 Aug, 2016
  - ◆ *Please note that the Target Rifle events will not start until Friday evening 12th August 2016. There be no other TR matches or practice on that day. There will be some revisions to the warm-up parts of the TR programme, including the 223/556 Championship and the Sierra Long Range Challenge - these will be announced on the web site as quickly as possible.*
- 2018 Commonwealth Games Selection Trial Final, 21 Aug, 2016
- Dates for the NSCC and CAFSAC will be published as soon as they are confirmed.
- With the F Class World Championships (FCWC) to be held at Connaught in 2017, the schedule for that year is:
  - FCNC, Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 Aug, 2017
  - Rest Day/FCWC Reception, Friday Aug 11, 2017
  - FCWC Individual, Saturday 12 to Monday 14 Aug, 2017
  - Team Practice Day, Tuesday 15 August, 2017
  - FCWC Team Matches, Wednesday 14 August and Thursday 15 August, 2017
- The BP and TR Matches will probably commence on Friday 16 August 2017, with BP 16-18 and TR 16-25 August.
- Preliminary Dates for the BP World Championship are 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018
- There will be additional special events in 2018 to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the DCRA

I want to thank all those who have shown me a degree of patience, support and understanding over these past few months. I sincerely hope that the next version of these Notes will be written by someone other than myself!

*Jim Thompson,*

*Acting Secretary-Treasurer/Match Director*

## APPOINTMENT OF NEW SECRETARY/TREASURER

We are very pleased to announce that LCol LDW (Don) Haisell will join the DCRA as Secretary-Treasurer and Match Director early in 2016.

Don is retiring after a long and very distinguished career in the Canadian Armed Forces, during which he served in a variety of capacities, including with all regular force battalions of the Royal Canadian Regiment, 3 Airborne Commando, and the RCR Battle School.

Most recently Don served as the Competition Director of CAFSAC, where he worked closely with DCRA staff.

We extend a warm welcome to Don on becoming a key figure in our Association.



**133rd DCRA CANADIAN RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS &  
4th F-CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The **Canadian F Class National Championship** continues to grow, with 106 entries this year (44 F-Open and 62 F-TR), a very nice boost over last year's record of 71 entries. And with the buildup to us hosting the F-Class World Championship in 2017, we expect to see particularly strong entries next year and huge entries in 2017. Canada is where F-Class shooting started and it has solidly established itself in the fullbore shooting world. F-Class has evolved into something probably a little bit different than what Farky had in mind when he started it ("a TR rifle with a scope and a bipod") but I would hope that he'd still approve.

**Shiraz Balolia** (WA, USA) won the F-Class Grand Agg in F-Open with Danny Biggs (AL, USA) and David Kent (UK) in second and third places. In F-TR, **James Crofts** (VA, USA) was the winner, with Paul Phillips (MI, USA) and David Harry (AB, Canada) in second and third place. The shooters of the world have come to shoot our F-Class National Championships and quite clearly they mean business!

In the F-Class Teams shooting portion of our FCNC, this year we added an 8-shooter International Team match, to allow Canadian and visiting teams the opportunity to ready themselves for the all-important world championship F-Class Teams matches in 2017. We had three 8-shooter F-Open teams, with **TEAM CANADA** winning first place, GB in second and USA in third, in a very tight race. In the 4-shooter LUM TEAM MATCH, the first place F-Open team was **USA OPEN**, with FLORIDA MEN in second and QUEBEC AND ONTARIO TEAM in third. In the F-TR class we had **NC BOYS** winning, with OTTAWA VALLEY BOYS in second and STAR SHOOTER F/TR in third.

At the request of the F-Class shooters, this year's FCNC was fired on the **ICFRA F-Class Long Range Target**, in order to better prepare everyone for the 2017 World's. We will continue to fire the Canadian F Class National Championship on the ICFRA F-Class LR target until at least 2017.

The **Canadian TR Class National Championship** saw diminished entries this year, with only 151 shooters firing our Grand Agg. We continue to miss the Cadet entries that have been cut back since 2014 and we do hope that they will be able to return to us soon. The biggest hit to our matches in 2015 however was the nearby 2015 World Championships which were held in Camp Perry, OH in the days leading up to our nationals (in fact the Palma Match only finished on our First-Friday warmups day, and many of our Canadian Palma Team members spent 1st-Saturday on the road from Camp Perry to Connaught). The 2015 Worlds cost us the attendance of not only the GB Rifle Team but also many of the "usual" American and Canadian competitors who would ordinarily shoot in Connaught. Fortunately, this is truly a one-off circumstance and we can reasonably hope for 2016 attendance much closer to "normal".

Even though we did not have official USA, GB or West Indies teams, we still had entries from some of our most steady American, British and West Indies shooters.

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## 133rd DCRA CANADIAN RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS & 4th F-CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Lindsay Peden** (UK) won the Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate with a score of 820V78, a clear three points over many-times-winner **Kent Reeve** (NC, USA) in second place with 817V88, and **John Pugsley** (UK) in third with 815V87. Top Canadian was **Bob Pitcairn** (BC) in fourth place at 814V70, which helped secure Bob his win in the Canadian TR Championship.

The Governor General's Prize was won by **Kent Reeve** (NC, USA) with 299V40, over **Justin Hearn** (NL) at 298V29 and **Serge Bissonnette** (ON) 297V34.

In provincial Teams shooting, **PQRA** won the Provincial Match at mid range, and **GALE FORCE 8** (Maritimes and Prairies) won the London Merchants Match at long range. In the Faraday cadet teams match, the **BCRT Athelings** won over the RCAC team.

Special arrangements for international Teams Shooting was made for 2015, with **John Deane** (UK) forming a "Friends of Connaught" team to shoot against the Canadian team in the "Canada" and "Commonwealth" international matches. Additionally, given their high level of shooting the Cadets were invited to enter their teams into these international matches.

The Canada Match was won by **FRIENDS OF CONNAUGHT** with an 1166V100 and the GB Under-25 team put in a very respectable 1163V105 to earn them second place.

The COMMONWEALTH MATCH was won by the **CANADA** team with a solid 794V75 ex 800V160, with Friends of Connaught at 779V68 and GB Under-25 at 768V53.

### New Canadian Rifle Team Hat

For some years, we have not been able to obtain the traditional Stetson Team Hat. However, we have now found a new supplier in the USA, who can provide a good product at a relatively reasonable cost. We will have limited stock available, while supplies last, for purchase on a first-come first-served basis, at a price of \$95.00, including the pug-garee, which will be specially wound in Ottawa. The DCRA hat badge may be added at an additional cost of \$10.00. These prices include HST and US\$ exchange. The price is almost certain to increase when fresh stock has to be purchased.

Members of Official Canadian Teams are eligible to purchase one of these hats. Orders should be placed with the DCRA Office and must include your hat size. The order should be accompanied by a cheque for full payment or credit card authorisation. Those ordering will be informed when their hat is available for pick up in the DCRA Office. Shipping outside Ottawa will be at an additional charge.



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24 1/4	7 3/4	Extra Large
24 5/8	7 7/8	Extra Extra Large
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## 4th ANNUAL F-CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2015 F-Class Nationals boasted just over 100 shooters, which is by far the largest turnout for this event to date. We had a large contingent of US shooters, as well as a mixed group from GB that allowed us to run our first ever International Team Match. We had an extremely strong field this year, boasting multiple past and current World Champions, European, US, and Canadian National Champions, Bisley Grand Aggregate Winners, and members of the DCRA shooting Hall of Fame. It was quite possibly the strongest ever field of F-Class shooters outside of a World Championships.

Congratulations to Shiraz Balolia on his repeat victory as F-Open National Champion, and to James Crofts on his win in the F-TR division. In the Lum Team Match, the F-TR winners were the NC Boys team of Tom Hittle, James Hittle, Greg Denekamp, and Ed Shelley. The F-Open Lum winners were the USA Open team of Robert Bock, Tony Robertson, Don Nagel, Danny Biggs, and coach Jim Murphy.

Our inaugural International Team Match was competed by a very strong group of teams made up of international level shooters from GB, the USA, and Canada. In what proved to be a very close match the Canadian team, captained by Eric Bisson, emerged victorious over 2nd place GB and 3rd place USA. Congratulations to Eric, and to team members Dave Harry, Paul Kahnert, Jim Farrell, Cal Wadner, Bob Galloway, Mark Iwanochko, Alex Tkalitch, Barry Price, Coty Pranke, Darrell Pranke, and coaches Will Chou, Kevin Chou, Jonathan Laitre, and Richard Dreger.

A special thanks to John Pierce of Pierce Engineering and to Tipke Manufacturing for their generous contributions to this year's prize table, and a very heartfelt thank you to Kathy Corcoran for her incredible support and dedication through what turned out to be a very tumultuous year behind the scenes.

Our 2016 Championships are expected to be our biggest ones yet, and we look forward to seeing you on the line!

*Scott Bissett*  
*FCNC Match Director*



Canadian team for the International Match



# 4th ANNUAL F-CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

<b>SIERRA LONG RANGE CHALLENGE I</b> <b>SIERRA LONG RANGE CHALLENGE II</b> <b>SIERRA LONG RANGE CHALLENGE III</b> <b>SIERRA LONG RANGE CHALLENGE IV</b> <b>ARMY &amp; NAVY VETERANS</b> <b>OTTAWA REGIMENT</b> <b>FRIDAY 900</b> <b>FINAL (SEEDS)</b>	<u><b>F/TR</b></u>	Kevin Chou	71V4	<u><b>F/O</b></u>	Cal Waldner	74V10
	Laura Perry	50V9	David Kent	50V8		
	Philip Kelley Jr.	71V3	Bruce Condie	74V4		
	John Pierce	73V3	Jonathan Laitre	75V11		
	Sierra Scott	99V9	Tod Hendricks	99V8		
	David Harry	75V12	Robert Bock	75V11		
	Kevin Chou	74V3	Shiraz Balolia	74V9		
Ian Candy	98V7	Kenny Adams	97V6			

<b>CANADIAN 700 &amp; 800 AGGREGATE</b>			
Philip Kelley Jr.	283V16	Shiraz Balolia	291V25
<b>BISLEY AGGREGATE</b>			
David Harry	594V44	Gordon Ogg	600V49
<b>SIERRA LONG RANGE CHALLENGE AGG</b>			
Paul Phillips	258V12	Shiraz Balolia	268V20
<b>CDN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GRAND AGG</b>			
James Crofts	598V32	Shiraz Balolia	604V54



2x Canadian F-Open Champion Shiraz Balolia



Paul Phillips (L), and Jim Crofts - 2nd and 1st in F-TR



The Canadian team on the line



The NC Boys, F-TR Lum Match Winners



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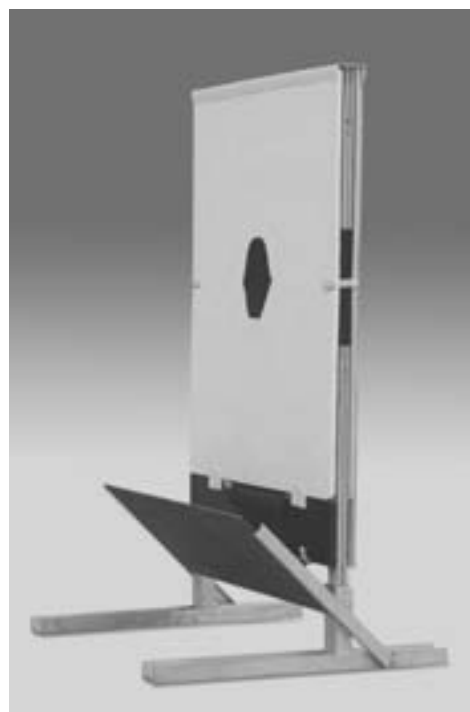
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## BLACK POWDER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### In Appreciation...

Thanks are once again extended on behalf of all of this year's participants to the DCRA office and range staff, the CRPTC, and particularly Kathy Corcoran, without whose efforts the success of the CFRC overall would be diminished. Additionally, recognition must be afforded to our friends and sponsors: Jim Kelley of Kelley Sights, Leo Bumphrey of Boomers Moulds, Dave Gullo of Buffalo Arms, SPG Inc., and Sandy Post among others. Their ongoing support, assistance and promotional efforts continue to ensure our match's popularity.

### This Year...

The 2015 National BP Championship saw continued interest on behalf of the muzzle loading fraternity, whose scores demonstrated ability to compete without disadvantage against cartridge rifles. It was also pleasing to note the trend toward increasing participation by Canadians continues.

### Highlights...

Day One opened with fine weather that unfortunately was not representative of that experienced for the remainder of the competition. The DCRA Black Powder matches begin with the Wilf Black, a stand-alone event for original military or sporting rifles that are usually dominated by various models of Springfield rifles by virtue of their superior sights. Gold this year was taken by Ken Percy, of Bracebridge, ON, with Cody Hicks and Canadian Len Ciphery awarded Silver and Bronze respectively.



*Dr. Gerald Bergeron, Canada*

The BP Grand Aggregate began with the 300m Victorian match, and as in recent years, with separate prize lists in Cartridge and Muzzle Loading classes. Father and son Cartridge shooters Davis and Cody Hicks defended the family tradition of shooting excellence with a total of four medals culminating in Cody's 129V4 win of the Short Range Aggregate.

Muzzle Loading Class competition, in a trend that would be evident for the balance of the Championship, was heated and generated scores that rivaled those of Cartridge shooters. The Short Range Aggregate/ML Class was ultimately presented to Frank Monikowski, with a

123V3.

Long Range Day Two was marred by rain. The BP 700 reversed the previous day's American dominance with seven of nine individual medals being awarded to Canadians. Newcomer Gary Vance of Bethune, Saskatchewan, secured a third place finish in the BP 700, and both the 800m BP Long Range and 900m BP 1000 events. In a close contest Chris Jones of Ottawa was prevented from sweeping Gold in the Long Range stage (and, in the end, winning second in the Grand Aggregate) with a one-point win at 800m by Clay Grove of the US, and was awarded a 133V8 Long Range Aggregate win, followed by Gary Vance and Len Ciphery.

As with the previous day's competition the Muzzle Loading Long Range stage was closely fought, with Gold medals being awarded to Dave Gullo, Ray Hanson and Frank Monikowski. By the end of the day the Long Range Aggregate/ML Class was awarded to Ray Hanson of the US with 126V3 one-point win over Dave Gullo. As with Cartridge Class first and second place was often settled by one point

The first two days also included two concurrent three-person team matches, the Loyalist and Ranger Cups, won in both instances (once again reflecting the level of performance front loaders are capable of) by The Real Northern Drygulchers: Dave Gullo, Ray Hanson and Frank Monikowski.



*Dave Gullo, Ray Hanson and Frank Monikowski*

Shooting concluded on a foggy Saturday morning with the International Team Match. Teams, reflecting a mix of Cartridge and Muzzle Loaders, veterans and newcomers, competed in three-900m stages which was ultimately won by Gullo's Drygulchers (619V14), followed by Team Canada (609V15) and Hanson's Heroes (545V1). It's worth noting that Team Canada's Frank Monikowski's final 900m of the three days resulted in a remarkable 47V2, by far the highest score at that range at Connaught with a muzzle loading rifle.

### Summing up...

The 2015 Grand Aggregate/Cartridge Class, along with the North American Trophy, was presented to new DCRA Black Powder Championship participant Gary Vance of Bethune, Saskatchewan, who finished the individual

## BPNC

### Summing up...

Congratulations to Gary on an impressive first outing. Second and third places in the Cartridge Grand were presented to Len Ciphery and Chris Jones, with 242V10 and 241V12 respectively.



Grand Agg/Cartridge Winner Gary Vance

This year's Muzzle Loading Class/ Grand Aggregate, and the Quaiche Cup, went to Ray Hanson of the US with 249V4, followed by fellow Americans Frank Monikowski (247V10) and Dave Gullo (245V5). As mentioned previously, competition between the muzzleloaders was close and giving up little if anything in performance to cartridge loaded rifles.



Grand Agg/ML winner Ray Hanson

All in all, the 2015 Championship demonstrated a refreshing increase in both attendance and performance by Canadian Cartridge Class participants, and again reinforced the significance of the Muzzle Loading discipline to the sport, and early indications are the 2016 matches will potentially feature increased international attendance in both classes.

We at the DCRA once again thank all concerned for making this year's matches a success; we appreciate the support and participation of Black Powder shooters everywhere, and look forward to seeing you at Connaught in 2016.

*Chris Jones  
BP Program Chairman*

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## BLACK POWDER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



## CANADIAN BLACK POWDER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

		<u>CARTRIDGE</u>		<u>MUZZLELOADING</u>	
WILF BLACK	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Ken Pearcey	45V2	Frank Monikowski	31V0
VICTORIAN	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Davis Hicks	48V7	Raymond Hanson	42V1
CREEDMOOR	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Cody Hicks	45V0	David Gullo	43V1
WIMBLEDON	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Leonard Ciphery	43V0	Frank Monikowski	43V2
BP 700	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Christopher Jones	46V3	Raymond Hanson	45V0
BP LONG RANGE	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Clayton Jones	46V1	David Gullo	44V0
BP 1000	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Christopher Jones	42V2	Frank Monikowski	43V3
SHORT RANGE AGG	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Cody Hicks	129V4	Frank Monikowski	123V3
LONG RANGE AGG	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Christopher Jones	133V8	Raymond Hanson	126V3

### CARTRIDGE RIFLE GRAND AGG

1<sup>ST</sup> Gary Vance 249V8

### MUZZLE LOADING GRAND AGG

1<sup>ST</sup> Raymond Hanson 249V4

### SHORT RANGE CONCURRENT TEAM MATCH LOYALIST CUP

**CARTRIDGE: TED LEN KEN (KEN PEARCEY, TED ROSENE, LEONARD CIPHERY) 341V7**

**MUZZLELOADING: REAL NORTHERN DRY GULCHERS (RAYMOND HANSON, FRANK MONIKOWSKI, DAVID GULLO) 366V6**

### LONG RANGE CONCURRENT TEAM MATCH RANGER CUP

**CARTRIDGE: TED LEN KEN (LEONARD CIPHERY, KEN PEARCEY, TED ROSENE) 348V12**

**MUZZLELOADING: REAL NORTHERN DRY GULCHERS (FRANK MONIKOWSKI, DAVID GULLO, RAYMOND HANSON) 375V13**

**133rd DCRA CANADIAN RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**H.E. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S PRIZE**

Kent Reeve

**THE MACDONALD STEWART GRAND AGGREGATE—CDN OPEN TR CHAMPIONS**

Lindsay Peden

**THE MACDONALD STEWART GRAND AGGREGATE—TOP UNDER 25 CANADIAN WINNER**

Mathew Makin

**THE CANADIAN TARGET RIFLE CHAMPIONS**

Bob Pitcairn

**THE CANADIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Serge Bissonnette

**THE DES BURKE TARGET RIFLE AWARD**

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Jake Metcalfe

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Justin Hearn

**THE MAJOR COLIN M. BROWN AWARD**

Justin Hearn

## 133rd DCRA CANADIAN RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### OTTAWA REGIMENT

Ben Dombrowski 75V12

### GOODERHAM

Pierre Tremblay 100V17

### CDN 223/556 CHAMPIONSHIP

Stan Frost 354V25  
James Thompson FF 372V38

### ARMY & NAVY VETERANS

James Paton 75V7

### TILTON

Nicole Rossignol 100V11  
Adam MacDonald FF 99V15

### CHAMPLAIN AGGREGATE

James Paton 343V40

### SIERRA LONG RANGE I

Jacques Dugas 50V3

### SIERRA LONG RANGE II

Terry Glenn 49V4

### SIERRA LONG RANGE III

Bernard Pepin 49V4

### SIERRA LONG RANGE IV

Bernard Pepin 50V6

### COOPER AWARD UNDER 25 – ALL COMERS

Cheryl Hearn 579V37

### COOPER AWARD UNDER 25-GZOWSKI

Alix Voorthyzen 211V15

### COOPER AWARD UNDER 25-GRAND AGG

Mathew Makin 799V59

### SIERRA LONG RANGE AGG

John Deane 194V14

### MACDOUGALL

Ben Dombrowski 100V10  
Adam MacDonald FF 99V12

### NORMAN BECKETT

John Deane 100V15

### JOHN C. BRICK

Nicole Rossignol 100V14

### DICK HAMPTON AGG

John Deane 200V30

### LETSON

Kent Reeve 105V13

### ALEXANDER OF TUNIS

Lindsay Peden 50V7

### JACK GORRIE AGG

Lindsay Peden 155V15

### KLONDIKE AGG

Serge Bissonnette 450V43

### PRESIDENT'S

Kent Reeve 150V20

### GIL BOA AGG

Carlton Hardin 199V20

### GIBSON

John Pugsley 149V20

### SHORT RANGE AGG

John Pugsley 235V33

### MAPLE LEAF AGG

Robert Pitcairn 366V34

### MCCULLOCH

Robert Pitcairn 599V56

### STREET

Charles Clark 140V14

### GATINEAU

Patrick Vamplew 75V9

### GZOWSKI AGGREGATE

Lindsay Peden 223V25

### CDN ARMED FORCES TR CHAMP

Peter Westlake 812V70

### POLAR BEAR AGG

Lindsay Peden 586V48

### S.J. PERRY

Charles Clark 146V10

### CONNAUGHT AGG

Charles Clark 355V28

### MFC WALKER AGG

Lindsay Peden 125V13

### JOHN STACENKO AWARD

Jake Metclafe 927V69

### MILROY AGGREGATE

Serge Bissonnette 250V31

### CANADIAN LADIES CHAMPION

Nicole Rossignol 959V101

### FARQUHARSON TROPHY

Paul Reibin FF 808V88

### AGGREGATE OF 21ST CENTURY

John Deane TOP TR 1299V119  
Jacob Hoyes TOP GS 996V59  
Bernard Pepin TOP SS 1281.129  
Jeffrey Jenkins TOP EX 1276V112

### ALL COMERS AGG

Robert Pitcairn 599V56  
Paul Reibin FF 596V76

### TEAMS

#### FAMILIES

The Tremblays P&P 293V30

#### SENIOR/UNDER 25 PAIRS

Jacob Hoyes  
Fazal Mohideen 1171V95

#### PROVINCIAL

Quebec 576V39

#### IMPERIAL TOBACCO

Ontario 3245V317

#### CHAMPION PAIRS

Paul Tremblay  
Fazal Mohideen 1624V157



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# 133rd DCRA CANADIAN RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## CADETS, JUNIORS & UNDER 25

### IMPERIAL CADET CUP

Cadet Mathew Makin

### CDN CADET TR CHAMP

Aaron Kurd 797V64

### VISCOUNT WAKEFIELD

Cadet Mathew Makin

### CADET BISLEY AGG

Yolanda Jin 740V76

### BOTSFORD

Jalen Czuba 150V13

### BREWERS ASSOCIATE

Yolanda Jin 592V58

### CDT/JR OPEN SHORT RANGE

Mathew Makin 595V60

### CDT/JR OPEN TR CHAMPION

Adam Partridge 808V64

### COULTER

William Broad 601V71

### HARRISON

Adam Partridge 218V14

### OTTER

William Broad 817V95

### MICHAEL FARADAY

Canada 408V35

### INTERNATIONAL TEAM MATCHES

#### INT'L UNDER 25 LONG RANGE

Great Britain 768V53

#### INT'L UNDER 25 SHORT RANGE

Great Britain 1163V105

#### COMMONWEALTH

Canada 794V75

#### LANSDOWNE

No entries

#### OUTLANDER

No entries

#### CANADA MATCH

Friends of Connaught 1166V100

### CADET BISLEY AGGREGATE

Yolanda Jin 740V76

Aaron Kurd 737V63

Jalen Czuba 736V62

Elijah Clarke 736V49

Alexander Walton 734V69

Marian Patrick 733V65

Remi Rousseau 730v71

Abhayjot Ressi 728v44

Vanessa Ho 724v46

Philippe Asselin 722v57

Tyler Swanson 722v49

Patrick Green 721v54

Jeremie Brodeur 717v52

Jeremi Belanger 715v47

Joshua Vallee 715v44

Thomas Vila 713v49

Carter Moase 712v42

Flynn Clark 711v58

### INTERPROVINCIAL TEAM MATCHES

#### CARLING BREWERIES

Lindsay Peden 155V15

#### COATES

Ontario 1298V117

#### JUBILEE

Nicole Rossignol 100V14

#### LADIES PAIR

Ontario 277V15

#### STEINHARDT

PQRA 582V45

#### VETERANS TEAM

No award

#### ALL COMERS TEAM

Ontario Rifle Team 3544V344

## MACDONALD STEWART GRAND AGGREGATE

### MACDONALD STEWART GRAND AGG

Lindsay Peden 820V78

#### TOP GS - WESTHEAD TROPHY

Jake Metcalfe 780V54

#### TOP SS - STRACHAN TROPHY

Bernard Pepin 797V71

#### TOP EX - ROYAL RIFLES TROPHY

Lennox Braithewaite 804V82

#### HIGH U25 CDN - W.M. STEWART AWARD

Mathew Makin 799V59

### MS GRAND AGG-FF

Paul Reibin 808V88

### MS GRAND AGG TEAM

Ontario 6442V598

### TOP LADY-TESS SPENCER AWARD

Nicole Rossignol 812V85

### RUSSELL G. POTTER MEMORIAL

Mathew Makin 799V59

### FRANCIS JERMEY AWARD

Samantha Burke 756V41



## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FINAL - 2015

1	Kent Reeve	USA	299V40	26	Jacques Dugas	CAN	293V22
2	Justin Hearn	CAN	298V29	27	Pierre Tremblay	CAN	292V29
3	Serge Bissonnette	CAN	297V34	28	Patrick Vamplew	CAN	292V25
4	Robert Pitcairn	CAN	297V30	29	Scott McGinnis	CAN	291V25
5	Bruce Bullock	CAN	197V28	30	Peter Westlake	CAN	291V18
6	Gale Stewart	CAN	296V28	31	Darrell Grant	CAN	290V26
7	Lindsay Peden	UK	296V27	32	Alixandra Voorthuyzen	CAN	290V24
8	Marcel Kolb	CAN	296V27	33	Daniel Chisholm	CAN	290V22
9	David Dyson	UK	295V31	34	Mathew Makin	CAN	290V19
10	John Deane	UK	295V31	35	Matt Barker	UK	290V14
11	Lennox Braithwaite	GUY	295V29	36	Ric Melling	HK	289V27
12	James Paton	CAN	295V28	37	Joseph Kelleher	UK	289V26
13	Carlton Hardin	USA	295V26	38	William Hall	UK	289V22
14	Michael Lutes	CAN	295V25	39	Ronald Sekellick	USA	289V19
15	Alwyn McLean	UK	295V24	40	Bernard Pepin	CAN	288V32
16	Nicole Rossignol	CAN	294V33	41	Antony Betts	CAN	288V20
17	Desmond Vamplew	CAN	294V32	42	Peter Redstone	CAN	287V24
18	John Pugsley	UK	294V30	43	Cheryl Hearn	CAN	287V23
19	Gary Cassidy	CAN	294V23	44	Katie Milner	UK	286V18
20	Mahendra Persaud	GUY	294V23	45	Nicolas Beaulne	CAN	284V22
21	Ben Dombrowski	CAN	294V20	46	Steven Spinney	CAN	284V16
22	Jeffrey Jenkins	CAN	293V31	47	Alexander Wlodarczyk	CAN	277V22
23	Paul Tremblay	CAN	293V27	48	Adam Smith	UK	277V17
24	Scott Murray	CAN	293V24	49	Jacob Hoyes	CAN	274V14
25	Fazal Mohideen	CAN	293V24	50	Thomas Johnston	UK	213V13



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2	Paul Tremblay	QC	960V96	27	Nicolas Beaulne	QC	932V79
3	Nicole Rossignol	QC	959V101	28	Steven Spinney	ON	932V54
4	Patrick Vamplew	ON	959V99	29	Alixandra Voorthuyzen	BC	930V74
5	Serge Bissonnette	ON	959V92	30	Ric Melling	HK	930V69
6	Desmond Vamplew	ON	957V106	31	Darrell Grant	MB	930V59
7	Scott Murray	ON	957V81	32	Cheryl Hearn	NL	930V57
8	Peter Westlake	ON	957V78	33	Deen Mohideen	ON	929V70
9	Fazal Mohideen	ON	956V84	34	Ben Dombrowski	ON	924V84
10	James Paton	BC	954V106	35	Fred Ellis	ON	922V63
11	Marcel Kolb	NS	953V93	36	Marc Landreville	ON	922V51
12	Jacques Dugas	QC	953V85	37	Stan Frost	SK	921V69
13	Gale Stewart	QC	953V74	38	Peter Redstone	AB	913V67
14	Bruce Bullock	ON	951V90	39	Jacob Hoyes	ON	908V55
15	Gary Cassidy	ON	951V69	40	Gian Garro	ON	906V63
16	Justin Hearn	NL	950V93	41	Patrick Champagne	ON	896V48
17	Daniel Chisholm	NB	950V75	42	John Chapman	MB	893V44
18	Pierre Tremblay	QC	949V87	43	Thomas Maynard	ON	892V48
19	Michael Lutes	NB	948V74	44	Alexander Wlodarczyk	ON	889V58
20	Antony Betts	ON	946V80	45	Paul Archer	ON	884V41
21	Faisal Rahman	ON	946V80	46	Emma McGinnis	ON	826V29
22	Bernard Pepin	ON	942V86	47	James Lawson	ON	804V29
23	Scott McGinnis	ON	942V80	48	George Wright	ON	795V70
24	Mathew Makin	ON	942V66	49	Ronald Dawson	MB	783V56
25	Jeffrey Jenkins	NS	940V90	50	Jake Metcalfe	ON	780V54



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PRECISION/SNIPER MATCHES**

	<u>OPEN</u>		<u>CAF DM</u>	
<b>MATCH 60</b>	Tomasz Bledowski		Richard Poaps	
	Terry Perkins	99.009	Philippe Dorais	99.007
<b>MATCH 61</b>	Aaron Grubins		Richard Poaps	
	Dave Atkins	90.007	Philippe Dorais	92.006
<b>MATCH 62</b>	Luc Voyer		Cpl Flanagan	
	J-F Doucet	96.015	Sdt Marcoux	84.003
<b>MATCH 63</b>	Travis Derouin		Cpl Herriot	
	Yuri Miljevic-Laroche	98.012	Cpl Lam	79.002
<b>MATCH 64</b>	Dave D'Angelo		Cpl T Jones	
	Thomas Krahn	100.015	Cpl M MacIver	99.007
<b>MATCH 65</b>	Tomasz Bledowski		Richard Poaps	
	Terry Perkins	99.011	Philippe Dorais	83.001
<b>MATCH 66</b>	Ken Thiessen		Richard Poaps	
	Ryan McLean	91.007	Philippe Dorais	59.000
<b>MATCH 68</b>	Tomasz Bledowski		Richard Poaps	
	Terry Perkins	95.005	Philippe Dorais	84.003

**TYRO CHAMPION**

Cpl J-F Doucet - Open  
Cpl PAF Flanagan - CAF/DM

**INDIVIDUAL PRECISION/SNIPER RIFLE CHAMPION**

Thomas Krahn - Open

**INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED MARKSMAN CHAMPION**

Sdt P Marcoux - CAF/DM

**PRECISION/SNIPER RIFLE TEAM OF FOUR**

Yvan Caron, Alex Tkalitch, Ryan McLean, Ken Thiessen - Open

**DESIGNATED MARKSMAN TEAM OF FOUR**

Cpl P Fortin, Cpl S Neheli, Cpl B Hordo, MCpl J Hall - CAF/DM

**CANADIAN NATIONAL PRECISION/SNIPER RIFLE PAIRS CHAMPIONS**

David D'Angelo, Thomas Krahn - Open

**CANADIAN NATIONAL DESIGNATED MARKSMAN RIFLE PAIRS CHAMPIONS**

Cpl PAF Flanagan, Sdt P Marcoux - CAF/DM

<b>NATIONAL SERVICE CONDITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP</b> <b>TACTICAL PISTOL MATCHES</b>
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**SERIES A**

	<b><u>CAF/TYRO</u></b>		<b><u>CAF/RCMP</u></b>		<b><u>OPEN</u></b>
Cpl R Wright	98.009	Sgt A Dallaire	100.013	Philip Heatherington	100.016
<b>MATCH 21</b>					
Pte J Wrathall	45.001	Cpl R Wright	49.003	Aaron Grubin	50.004
<b>MATCH 22</b>					
Cpl M Portelance	60.007	Pte J Wrathall	60.011	Major S Caron	60.012
<b>MATCH 23</b>					
Cpl M Portelance	74.009	Pte J Wrathall	75.012	Aaron Grubin	75.014
<b>MATCH 24</b>					
Cpl R Wright	83.003	Cpl M Aubé	93.007	Cst K Chin	99.012
<b>MATCH 25</b>					
Cpl R Wright	100.010	Pte J Wrathall	100.015	Aaron Grubin	100.017
<b>MATCH 26</b>					
Cpl S Friesen	100.015	Sgt A Dallaire	100.016	Cst K Chin	100.018
<b>MATCH 27</b>					
Pte J Wrathall	100.013	Sgt A Dallaire	100.015	Cst K Chin	100.018
<b>MATCH 28</b>					
Cpl R. Wright	148.015	Cpl M Aubé	150.026	Mike McFarlane	150.023

**SERIES B**

<b>MATCH 30</b>					
Cpl R Wright	98.009	Cpl M Valcour	100.016	Cpl J.F. Doucet	100.016
<b>MATCH 31</b>					
Cpl R Wright	48.003	Richard Poaps	50.003	Matt Allen	49.004
<b>MATCH 32</b>					
Cpl B Gancz	60.009	Richard Poaps	60.011	Aaron Grubin	60.012
<b>MATCH 33</b>					
Cpl R Wright	75.012	Cpl M Valcour	75.014	Sam McCulloch	75.015
<b>MATCH 34</b>					
Pvt Ells	85.003	Cpl M Aube	94.006	Cst K Chin	98.003
<b>MATCH 35</b>					
WO T Surette	97.010	Sgt A Dallaire	99.012	Aaron Grubin	100.013
<b>MATCH 36</b>					
Pte J Wrathall	99.010	Cpl R Wright	100.012	Aaron Grubin	100.016
<b>MATCH 37</b>					
Cpl R Wright	99.010	Sgt A Dallaire	100.014	Cst K Chin	100.018

**SERIES A AGG MATCHES 20-28**

Cpl R Wright	807.074	Richard Poaps	815.096	Cst K Chin	832.122
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**SERIES B AGG MATCHES 30-38**

Cpl R Wright	640.060	Richard Poaps	668.062	Mike McFarlane	677.077
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### MATCH 40 LAST ONE STANDING

Philip Heatherington

### SERVICE PISTOL TEAM

**CAF/RCMP**  
3 CAN DIV PISTOL 5677.532  
Pte M Abraham, Cpl R Uygen  
Pte J Wrathall, Cpl R Wright

**OPEN**  
Bruce Power NRT 1 5869.608  
Sam McCulloch, Mike McFarlane  
Kurtis Nutma, Matt Allen

### CAF/TYRO CHAMP

Cpl R Wright

Philip Heatherington

### SERVICE/TACTICAL PISTOL CHAMPION

Richard Poaps

Mike McFarlane

## NATIONAL SERVICE CONDITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP SERVICE RIFLE MATCHES

	<u>CAF/TYRO</u>		<u>CAF/RCMP</u>		<u>OPEN</u>
			<b>MATCH 1</b>		
Cpl J Hanna	50.005	WO T Surrette	50.007	Ryan Steacy	50.008
			<b>MATCH 2</b>		
Sdt P Marcoux	50.002	Pte SAT Ells	50.006	Cpl KF Mullen	50.007
			<b>MATCH 3</b>		
Cpl KF Mullen	48.005	Cpl J Tremblay	49.005	Cpl M Aube	50.004
			<b>MATCH 4</b>		
Cpl S Friesen	49.006	MCpl S Masse	50.003	Cpl C Boudreau	50.004
			<b>MATCH 5</b>		
Cpl RS Shears	49.003	Sgt KW Walker	49.005	Ryan Steacy	50.008
			<b>MATCH 6</b>		
Cpl P-A Coulombe	50.004	Cpl W Rayment	50.004	Richard Poaps	50.006
			<b>MATCH 7</b>		
Cpl KF Mullen	49.007	Tpr J Hewer	50.005	Pte D Murray	50.008
			<b>MATCH 8</b>		
Sdt M Hall	48.004	Cpl Mail	49.004	Ryan Steacy	49.007
		OCdt Bouffard-Pepin	49.004		
		Pte Perron	49.004		
			<b>MATCH 9</b>		
Cpl RS Shears	48.006	Cpl B Gancz	49.007	Aaron Grubin	50.008
			<b>MATCH 10</b>		
Cpl D Miller	48.003	Cpl P-A Coulombe	49.005	Ryan Steacy	50.006
			<b>MATCH 11</b>		
Cpl N Ohs	48.004	WO T Surrette	49.004	Cpl J Tremblay	49.005
			<b>MATCH 12</b>		
Pte MR Coady	49.004	Cpl JF Tornini	50.004	Cpl CEL Schiedel	50.005
			<b>MATCH 13</b>		
Sdt CJR Lemieux	49.003	Sdt R Boucher	50.002	Ryan Steacy	50.006
			<b>MATCH 14</b>		
Cpl S Friesen	48.004	Sgt FR Lupton	49.003	Pte SA Parker	50.003
			<b>MATCH 15</b>		
Pte SM Jantzi	48.002	Sdt R Boucher	48.003	Thomas Krahn	50.007
			<b>MATCH 16</b>		
Cpl A Nahachewsky	48.004	Cpl S Friesen	50.004	Maj S Caron	50.007
			<b>MATCH 17</b>		
OCdt Bouffard-Pepin	235.015	Bdr CC Francis	236.014	Cpl J Tremblay	241.017



**NATIONAL SERVICE CONDITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP  
SERVICE RIFLE MATCHES**

<u>CAF/TYRO</u>		<u>CAF/RCMP</u> <u>DELIBERATE</u>		<u>OPEN</u>	
Cpl B Gancz	188.015	Cpl J Tremblay	193.013	Sgt M Kirkpatrick	200.026
		<b>SNAP AGG</b>			
Cpl P-A Coulombe	185.015	Sgt FR Lupton	186.013	Cpl S Friesen	191.016
		<b>RAPID AGG</b>			
Pte D Murray	182.014	Cpl B Hordo	188.017	Cpl J Tremblay	192.014
		<b>FIRE &amp; MOVE</b>			
Cpl B Gancz	182.010	Pte G Perron	191.012	Cpl S Friesen	195.014
		<b>200 PHASE AGG</b>			
Pte SAT Ells	192.015	Cpl J Tremblay	196.014	Sgt FR Lupton	196.017
		<b>300 PHASE AGG</b>			
Cpl P-A Coulombe	193.014	Richard Poaps	195.018	Sgt M Kirkpatrick	198.022
		<b>400 PHASE AGG</b>			
Cpl D Miller	180.010	Cpl S Friesen	188.009	Sgt M Kirkpatrick	193.013
		<b>500 PHASE AGG</b>			
Cpl J Tremblay	184.009	Cpl S Friesen	190.013	Ryan Steacy	195.020
		<b>STAGE 1 AGG</b>			
Cplc A Boudreault	719.033	Cpl S Friesen	751.051	Ryan Steacy	761.077
		<b>STAGE 2 AGG</b>			
Cpl S Friesen	184.013	Pte G Perron	194.013	Ryan Steacy	195.017
		<b>TYRO CHAMP</b>			
		Cplc A Boudreault	719.033	Cpl S Friesen	751.051

**CANADIAN NATIONAL SERVICE CONDITIONS RIFLE CHAMPION**

**CAF/RCMP**

Cpl S Friesen

**OPEN**

Ryan Steacy

**CANADIAN NATIONAL THREE GUN CHAMPION**

Richard Poaps

**SERVING COMMISSIONED OFFICER AGG**

Capt C Rogal      697.039

**STAGE 1 TEAM**

**3 CAN DIV RIFLE 1**

Cpl S Forest,  
Cpl B Gancz,  
Cpl A Nahachewsky,  
Pte S Perron      2838.158

**4 CAN DIV REG**

Cpl J Tremblay  
Cpl D Michaud  
CplC A Boudreault  
CplC S Masse      2856.218

**DES BURKE**

Cpl J Tremblay

**550 BADGE**

Ryan Steacy	Cpl S Friesen	Pte G Perron	Cplc A Boudreault
Richard Poaps	Cpl CEL Schiedel	Cpl J Tremblay	Sgt FR Lupton

**750 BADGE**

Ryan Steacy	Cpl S Friesen
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## IN MEMORIAM

### Bill Verchere

It is with regret that I am advising you of Bill Verchere's passing. Bill suffered a long term illness with Parkinson's Disease. Bill's obit appeared in the Vancouver Sun, Saturday, 18th April on page C18. There was a celebration of his life for family and close friends on April 26th at his home on 6480 Doumont Road in Nanaimo between 1:00-3:00 pm.

Bill was born in Mission, BC in 1938. He became a Chartered Accountant and then moved into the logging industry for most of his working career. Bill at retirement was a co-owner of five logging camps on Vancouver Island and Queen Charlottes. Bill was an accomplished Target Rifle Marksman during his shooting career. He was a member of the Canadian Bisley Rifle team in 1977, 1978 and 1990. He was a member of the Canadian Palma Rifle Team at Raton, NM in 1994. He shot the Governor's Final at DCRA in 1977, 1987 and 1990. He won a DCRA Grand aggregate bronze cross in 1990. He also won the 1st stage of the Governor General's Prize, the Letson Match, in 1977. He won many shooting trophies with the BC Rifle Association including the Lieutenant Governor's Prize in 1982.

The BCRA was able to gain access to the Nanaimo Military range in 1974. Once the paper work was completed, he became the newly created Nanaimo Regional Section Director. Bill was charged with all of the details necessary to commence our BCRA shooting programs at Nanaimo. His legacy still lives at the Nanaimo Military Range.

We have shared friendship with Bill for a long time. His passing was not a surprise due to his illness, but it still hurts to learn of his passing.

We are diminished.

*To Corry Verchere from Don Hall, Ottawa, one of Bill's many shooting friends, with sympathy to you and your family*

**There's an unbroken thread that is woven with love, And it keeps family always together,  
For nothing's as real as the moments we've shared — They live on in our memories forever."**

A couple of anecdotes to share with you.

One Thanksgiving weekend some years ago, Gunnar Westling and I had the pleasure of being invited by Bill to share the family campfire one evening at the annual "Verchere hideaway retreat" in the Cariboo during moose season. It all started one cool snowy day at Vokes range in Chilliwack when Gunnar and I were shooting together at the 600 metre range, noting that this was really moose hunting weather. His hunting partners were no longer mobile so I suggested that we go do it — he'd pick the area and we'd take our trailer and Suburban 4x4. The area we hunted was one Gunnar and his party had used for over 30 years, a spot southwest of Williams Lake. One late afternoon, after walking all morning, I suggested we take a drive to explore some new territory. On a bush trail we met another vehicle, you guessed it — driven by Bill Verchere!

Gathering around the "circle-the-wagons" campfire with all the Verchere clan was one of those moments to remember, sharing a few refreshments, and, well, you know, telling a few stories. Amazingly it was discovered that both parties had for many years been hunting in the same area, little more than ten miles apart, but until that time were not aware of each other's hunt camps.

Another time, at the 1991 Bisley Shoot in England, Bill was a member of our Sporting Clays team, shooting against the Brits. Through a personal contact I received an invitation from John de Havilland, President of the National Rifle Association (UK), to organize a 5-man Canadian team for a Sporting Clays competition. The quick selection was based on being a shotgun shooter and having a taste for champagne! This was an extremely well-hosted event, starting with refreshments. For the shoot, we were given a 30-point handicap in this "amateurs vs. pros" event. The shotguns provided for our use were exceptional and the Sporting Clays layout was, as expected, very challenging.

Following the shoot a champagne luncheon was waiting where the results were announced. The Canucks had won by one point! It was never revealed how the Brits had so accurately assessed our capabilities in arriving at the handicap to be such incredibly fine hosts. No handicap was needed to sample the champagne!

# WESTERN CANADA F-CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The sixth annual PGW Defence Technologies Inc. Western Canada F-Class Championship (2015 PGW WCFCC) was hosted for the second time by the Alberta Fullbore Rifle Association on July 2 to 4, 2015 at the Homestead Shooting Centre, near Calgary, Alberta.

This year saw a fantastic turnout with the highest attendance of any of the Western regional championships to date. A total of 54 shooters from five Provincial Rifle Associations came out to compete in some great weather conditions. Lots of sun and switching southerly winds made for some challenging conditions and interesting results. Daytime temperature would start in the low teens and work their way up to the high twenties, and a lack of humidity softened the mirage effects.

Eight individual matches and three

team matches, all of 15 rounds for score, were shot over 3 days in three relays from the 800 & 900m positions. Eight teams competed in the team event.

Congratulations to our Grand Aggregate Match Winners:

- F-TR Senior: Dave Harry (AFRA), Bill Watts (AFRA), Stuart Cameron (SPRA),
- F-TR Junior: Justin Bond (BCRA), Cassidy Chupa (BCRA), Samantha McPhee (BCRA),
- F-O Senior: John Miller (BCRA), Richard Dreger (BCRA), Cal Waldner (SPRA), and,
- F-O Junior: Coty Pranke (SPRA), Dylan Bisson (AFRA), Thomas Pinchbeck (BCRA).

The Seniors received engraved DCRA

medals, certificates and plaques and the Juniors received certificates for the top finishers and plaques.

Awards were also presented for Daily Aggregates and Distance Aggregates, in both Senior and Junior divisions, along with Highest V-Bull count and Team Aggregate.

Of special note, there are currently six individuals who have attended all six Westerns – Richard Dreger (BCRA), Marc Thibault (BCRA), Eric Bisson (AFRA), Glen Taylor (AFRA), Bill Watts (AFRA) and John Toset (MPRA). Next years event at the North Star Range in Saskatchewan should be well attended, so plan on getting your entries in early. Look forward to seeing you there!

*Glen Taylor*  
2015 PGW WCFCC Match Director



## EASTERN CANADA F-CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the first time in it's 5 year history the 2015 the Eastern Canada F-Class Championships were held under the DCRA banner, rather than through the NCRRA, as has been the case in the past. This allowed us to raise the profile of the event, and helped make it the most successful Eastern F-Class Championships to date.

Over 2.5 days we had 48 competitors from Canada and the US compete as individuals and in teams at distances of 700, 800, and 900m. Conditions were quite favourable, with good amounts of wind to keep everyone honest.

Congratulations are due to John Pierce

who was our winner in the F-TR division, and to Jonathan Laitre who won the F-Open division in his first year after switching from F-TR.

Team match winners included Team Fierce, who won both matches in F-Open, and USA F-TR, who swept the team matches in F-TR.

Once again we benefited from phenomenal marking service, and of course the best stats lady in the business (thanks Kathy!), making for a great experience for our competitors.

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2016 promises to be another great year as we build towards to 2017 F-Class World Championships, so make sure to get your entries in early.

Stay tuned to the event website [www.easternfclass.ca](http://www.easternfclass.ca) for more news, and we look forward to seeing you on the line!

*Barry Price & Scott Bissett  
Co-Match Directors*





## INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

The International Teams section of the DCRA web site is regularly updated. Members are urged to refer to the site for the most recent information on Canadian Teams.

### Recent Events

Please refer to the reports elsewhere in this issue of the *Canadian Marksman* on Bisley 2015, the World Long Range Championships Camp Perry 2015, and the international matches during the August Canadian Championships.

### Future Events

#### Bisley 2016

Steven Spinney and Patrick Vamplew have been appointed as Commandant and Adjutant respectively.

#### South Africa 2017

The DCRA has been invited to send teams to special commemorative events at the Bloemfontein Range in South Africa from 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017. The Australia Match will be included as part of a full schedule of individual and team matches. I will post further information on the web site as soon as I receive it. In the meantime, expressions of interest from Canadian shooters, especially from those willing to organise and lead a team, would be very welcome. Please contact me at the DCRA Office as quickly as possible.

#### Bisley 2017

Roger Mullin has been appointed as Commandant. He has named David Adams as the Adjutant.

#### F Class World Championships, Connaught 2017

Eric Bisson has been appointed as Captain of the Canadian Team for these F Class World Championships; Scott Bissett has accepted the position of FCWC Match Director; Kenny Proulx is the DCRA F Class representative to ICFRA; Matt Wolf is Chairman of the DCRA F Class Sub-Committee.

#### The Canadian and DCRA 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries in 2017 and 2018

Planning for special events is under way. Suggestions will be most welcome, as will be volunteers to assist in the programme. The coordinators are Scott McGinnis and Scott Bissett.

#### Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, Australia, 2018

The dates of the Games are 4 – 15 April 2018. The shooting events will be conducted on the Belmont Range, Brisbane. Please see details of the Canadian Fullbore Selection Trials elsewhere in this issue.

#### ICFRA World Long Range Championships, Trentham Range, Wellington, NZ, 2019

Information received from ICFRA and NRA-NZ indicates that the New Zealand Championships will start on 26 January, with the Palma Match being concluded on 10 February, 2019. Lead-up events will be held from 27 January to 4 February 2018. A call for nominations was made to members of Council for the position of the Canadian Team Captain. By the deadline date, one nomination was received. The Executive Committee will review the matter at its meeting in late November 2015. Later information will be posted on the DCRA web site and published in the next issue of the Marksman.

### Nominations for Team Officers

During this coming winter, nominations will be sought for the following positions:

- Captains of the Canadian Teams at the 2016 Canadian Championships, to be voted on by DCRA Council on the Sunday following the AGM in April, 2016:
  - Commonwealth Match
  - Canada Match
  - Under 25 Matches in the CFRC
  - International F Class Matches at the FCNC
- Commandant and Adjutant of the Canadian Rifle team to Bisley, 2018. Nominations for these are now requested. **The deadline for receipt of completed nominations in the DCRA Office is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016.** Any full member of the DCRA is eligible for nomination, but nomination forms must be signed by two members of Council. Forms may be obtained from the DCRA Office. The DCRA Executive Committee will review the nominations at its meeting on the Sunday following the 2016 AGM. A postal vote by members of Council will be held if required.

Appointments will be posted on the web site as soon as possible.

I am always happy to receive information about our international activities and will report on them in future issues.

Jim Thompson



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## 2015 CANADIAN RIFLE TEAM TO BISLEY

### Report of the Commandant

It was an honour and pleasure for me to have been appointed as Commandant of the 2015 Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley. This report for the Marksman will cover the more general aspects of this year's activities. A more complete report will be filed with the DCRA Office and distributed to Team members along with the Team accounts. While we were at Bisley, I wrote a blog which may be accessed from the DCRA web site at <http://dcra.ca/international.php>

### Formation of the Team.

It was realised at an early stage that this would be an unusual year due to the ICFRA World Long Range Championships being held at Camp Perry, Ohio, in the period between the Bisley and DCRA Meetings. A number of shooters who might perhaps have accepted a place on the Bisley Team were not able to do so due to time and other constraints.

In addition, although letters were

sent to the Canadian F Class community, there were in the end insufficient applications to form either F-Open or F-TR Teams in the F Class International Match at Bisley. In accordance with published DCRA policies, there were thus no F Class members of the Bisley Team. However, we were delighted to have Francis Bezeau with us, who competed as an individual in the F Class matches.

The Team thus consisted entirely of TR shooters. I decided not to name specific members as coaches, since it appeared very likely that the most appropriate people for coaching positions would also be amongst the top shooters. We were honoured to have with us two distinguished Life Governors of the DCRA, both very familiar with Bisley, as Vice-Commandants of our Team. Both Colin Brown and Sandy Peden played a full role in our shooting and social activities at Bisley. The Team was an eclectic mix of old and young, of seasoned Bisley veterans and new Team members. Perhaps,

the greatest pleasure for me was to be able to include three Under-25 ladies on the Team – Cheryl Hearn, Renee Paquette and Alix Voorthyuzen – who not only shot very well but who added much grace, charm and liveliness to our party. Their participation was made possible, in part, by a couple of special donations, for which I am most grateful

The team members were:

**Commandant:** Jim Thompson

**Adjutant:** Anna Paton

**Joint Vice-Commandants:**  
Colin Brown & Sandy Peden

### Team Members:

Serge Bissonnette, John Chapman, Daniel Chisholm, Paul Dudzinski. Stan Frost, Cheryl Hearn,

Stefan Isaacs, Jeff Jenkins, Bruce Lister. Jack McKellar, Roger Mullin, Scott Murray, Renee Paquette, Jim Paton, Leo Poulin, Peter Redstone, Alix Voorthyuzen

### Individuals:

Francis Bezeau (F Class)  
Tracy East (TR)



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### Shooting Activities

Team members started to gather at Bisley at the beginning of July. One member competed earlier in the Scottish Long Range Championship, and two members fired in the British Commonwealth RC Open Meeting.

There was very little time for acclimatisation or practice before our first match against the North London RC fired at 900 and 1000 yards on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Results: 1. NLRC "B" 752.69; 2. NLRC "A" 751.63; 3. Canada 738.56. Our top scorer was Scott Murray with 96.10. We were entertained at dinner by the NLRC in the evening after the match.

Over the weekend, 4-5 July, the traditional away-from-Bisley matches were held, while Daniel Chisholm stayed behind to shoot Match Rifle.

Four shooters drove to the North. The first match on Saturday on Brockholes Range against Huddersfield RC was lost 394.47 to 385.43. Next day, at the Deer Hill Range, since Altcar was not available, the match was won by Manchester RC 577.69; followed by Altcar RC 574.57 and Canada 572.53. Seven shooters travelled to the West. The range in Wales at Rogiet Moor was once again closed, so the Welsh match was held at Yoxter in Somerset, at 500 and 600 yards. This was a new location for both teams, pronounced to be very satisfactory in terms of the range, of accommodation on-site and of a hospitable local pub. The match was very close, Canada winning by just one vee - bull 677.63 to 677.62. Generous hospitality was shown to our members by the hosts at both locations.

Back at Bisley, we wanted to have as many team members as possible engaged in team shooting, so we entered two teams in the British Commonwealth Overseas Match fired at Bisley at 300, 500 and 600 yards, on 7

Australia also competing. With 16 shooters in action, our resources were somewhat extended. BCRC won with a score of 1053.125 while Canada finished fourth with a score of 1011.78 and fifth with a score of 983.67. The BCRC held a BBQ in the evening after the match.

Similarly, we entered two teams in the RAF International Match, held this year at Stoney Castle on 8 July. Seven teams were in the match, fired at 500 and 600 yards, with two from the RAF, two from the Army and one from the West Indies. The RAF won the CanAir Trophy with 1159.163; Canada finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1144.104 and 4<sup>th</sup> with 1099.90. There was a reception at the RAF Clubhouse in the evening.

The final team match in the warm-up series was fired at 900 and 1000 yards against the Barbarians RC on 9 July. We had one team of 8 shooters, with a full squad of coaches and plotters. A practice target was available alongside. The match was very close with the Barbarians winning by 721.39 to 720.42. We were hosted for refreshments at the London & Middlesex Clubhouse after the match.

Later in the week, there were concurrent 'friendly' matches against the Sussex Home Guard RA (based on Queen's I, teams of 15, won with 1510.154 to 1497.139) and Cambridge University (on the Mackinnon and Universities Long Range, each had two teams of four. I don't have the detailed scores, but we won one and lost one – the Lions apparently are safe in Cambridge).

The individual competitions got underway on 10 July, with the Grand Aggregate starting on 11 July. Full scores of all matches and aggregates at available on the NRA web site at [http://www.nra.org.uk/common/asp/results/imperial.asp?](http://www.nra.org.uk/common/asp/results/imperial.asp?year=2015&site=NRA_)

If you do search the lists, it's perhaps easiest to

look for 'Canada' or 'DCRA' or 'NCRRA' or even 'RCMP'. These will find most of the ways in which team members chose to show their allegiance!

Some of the highlights were:

- Serge Bissonnette tied with four others for the Times with 50.10; he placed fourth in the tie-shoot. Serge also won the Police Rifle.
- Renee Paquette, 50.7 in the Donegall; Daniel Chisholm was just off the prize list with 50.7.
- Renee also had 50.9 in the Times, just out of the tie shoot.
- Francis Bezeau shot very well in the F-TR events. He qualified for the St. George's and Farquharson Finals, receiving badges and placing 5th in each. He won an NRA Silver Medal for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Times, and three other bronze medals.
- Jim Paton tied for the St. George's First Stage and Ghurkha Appeal. In the subsequent tie shoots, Jim won the St. George's I. Seven team members advanced to the Second Stage. Later in the week, Jim also won the St. George's Second Stage after another tie-shoot.
- Scott Murray scored 50.9 in the Conan Doyle, just one vee out of the tie shoot.
- Seven team members qualified for the Second Stage of the Queen's Prize.
- In the Prince of Wales, there was a three-way tie between three shooters on 75.14, including R. Rousseau of the Canadian Cadet Bisley Team - congratulations! Canadians in the prize list were: 35 Cheryl Hearn 75.10; 45 Alix Voorthyuzen 75.9; 67 Renee Paquette 75.7.
- Top Canadians in the Grand Aggregate were: 15 Jim Paton

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692.103; 92 Serge Bissonnette 686.79; 181 Scott Murray 681.67.

- Three members of our team qualified for the Queen's Final: Renee Paquette, Serge Bissonnette and Jim Paton. In addition, there were four Canadian Cadets in the Final: Y. Jin, A. Kurd, E. Clarke and M Patrick. We believe this is a record for the Cadet Bisley Team.
- The Queen's Final was fired in windy conditions. Our good friend David Calvert, of the RAF TRC, emerged as the narrow winner with 294.29, from John Warburton 293.35 and Glynn Barnett 293.30. Canadians, a little weary perhaps after the hectic week: 43 Jim Paton 285.27; 72 Serge Bissonnette 280.25; 89 Renee Paquette 277.29.

The three major shoulder-to-shoulder team matches were the Overseas, the Kolapore and the Mackinnon. Although all shooters and coaches worked extremely hard, we did not fare well. The matches for teams of 12 shooters (Overseas and Mackinnon) taxed our resources to the very limit and beyond.

In the Overseas, we were well beaten by Australia 1239.143; Guernsey 1234.140; and Jersey 1231.133. Our score was 1213.133. As so often happens, the day started badly at 300 yards, but improved a bit towards the end. Given two or three more ranges, we might have been in it!

The premier team match of the meeting, the Kolapore, was fired on the last Friday morning. The somewhat tighter ICFRA, rather than NRA, targets were used, so scoring was a little lower than in the recent past. That smaller bullseye did not deter the GB Team at 300 yards since they re-

corded a perfect 400/400! The other teams could not match this at the shortest range but from then on the scores of each of the teams were fairly close. Our team worked very hard but struggled to some degree all morning. Results: 1. GBRT 1173.133; 2. Jersey 1163.115; 3. Australia 1157.107; 4. Guernsey 1155.93; 5. Canada 1149.87.

The long range Mackinnon for teams of 12 shooters stretched us to the limit. We were very grateful for the assistance of several Canadian Cadets with register keeping and the scoreboard. The team score at 900 yards was not too bad, but in very tricky conditions at 1000 yards most of the wheels came off and we again finished in the cellar. Scores: England 1142.100; Ireland 1132.96; Wales 1114.90; Scotland 1111.88; Jersey 1105.90; Australia 1081.69; Guernsey 1068.58; Canada 1065.66.

### Social Events

- The Team BBQ was held on 9 July. Serge Bissonnette, ably assisted by Jack McKellar, looked after the steaks and chicken. The catering staff did wonders as always!
- The Canadian Teams Reception was held at the Pavilion on Sunday 12 July and was very successful. I, with Anna Paton and Sarah Bezanson, Canadian Cadet Team Commandant, along with Sandy Peden and Colin Brown, formed the receiving line - it took us well over an hour to greet all our guests. The noise level, even to a deaf old so-and-so like me, was indescribable. Stan Frost was of the opinion that we may have set a new record for hospitality. All our team members pitched in to help at the bars. The RCAC NRT assisted in looking after

our guests, for which we were most grateful. And then at the end all set to work and the Pavilion was ready for the morning by 11 pm. It was a great team effort by all!

The traditional Ladies 'Sherry' Party was held on Wednesday 15 July. A good crowd of 42 attended and, judging by the noise level, all had a good time. On the final Saturday, the Queen's Prize Chair, its occupant and bearers arrived at the Canadian Pavilion around 10pm. Dave Calvert was raised and took the Stetson and cigarette proffered by the buffalo head; his health was drunk by the assembled throng and all went outside for him to fire the first shot from the cannon. The firings were under the control of Alan Bell for the large piece and Alan Fitch for the Sussex Home Guard (1944) RA, with Iain Robertson as "CRO". In addition to Dave Calvert, those granted a firing were: the Commandant with the Adjutant; Jim Paton, three times, for the St George's I and II and the Vee-bull aggregate, in company with members of the Peden family; Cdt Remy Rousseau for the Young Riflemen's Aggregate and Serge Bissonnette for the Police Rifle. The small SHGRA piece, made from .303 Canadian brass dating from 1944, was fired by Colin Brown who was actually in Sussex with the Canadian and then British Armies just prior to D-Day, and by Renee Paquette, the top Under-25 member of our team. It was a jolly evening.

The final Team Dinner on the last Sunday was a good success. Only one team member had to leave early, so the family was nearly complete.

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We were pleased to be joined, as our Guest of Honour, by BGen Matthew Overton, Commander of CDLS (London), and several other family members and friends. All told 37 sat down to an excellent meal. Major recognition was accorded to: Jim Paton, top Canadian in the Grand Aggregate; Cadet Mary Patrick, top Under 25 Canadian and winner of the Gerry Ouellette Award, which was subsequently presented to her in Ottawa; and Renee Paquette, top Under 25 on the Bisley Team. The catering and housekeeping staff were warmly thanked for their tremendous work over the past three weeks. Following brief remarks by the Commandant and BGen Overton, we repaired to the front hall for cheese and port.

### **The Macdonald Stewart Pavilion**

This was the first year that our new manager, Theresa Barbato, was in charge. Many people commented on

the friendly atmosphere and on how much cleaner and tidier were the building and grounds than in the recent past. The catering was on balance good, too much food for some and not quite enough for others.

### **Summary**

Overall, this was a happy and congenial team – one that was a pleasure for me to be part of. The Team shooting results in the major matches were disappointing, but, perhaps, in this difficult year, not a complete surprise. It might have been beneficial if more people had arrived at Bisley earlier to allow for team practices in the days prior to the North London Match. We tried to make best use of all the friendly matches, but, with some people not arriving until after the first weekend, there was little opportunity for team shooting cohesiveness to develop. Overall, I think it not unkind to say that, as a team, we lacked

strength in sufficient depth. There were some very good individual performances. Most Team members willingly pitched in to work on various committees. In particular, I want to thank Paul Dudzinski who chaired the Shooting Committee, a challenging task in 2015. Much excellent work was done by the House Committee, headed up by Jim Paton, while the Bar and Entertainment Committees under Stan Frost and Peter Redstone respectively both did sterling work.

I do want to thank, most especially, our Adjutant, Anna Paton, who did a great job and who cheerfully kept us all in order.

And without the untiring efforts of Kathy Corcoran in the DCRA Office, we would never have made it at all!

Thank you all.

*Jim Thompson  
Commandant*



## 2015 PALMA TEAM REPORT

Since we have been back from Camp Perry for a couple of months now, I have had the opportunity to reflect on our experience. I must admit that my overall feelings of the experience haven't changed too much. I am pretty disappointed in how the Palma match unfolded and the majority of the reasons for our poor performance fall on my shoulders. I accept that and take responsibility for our shortcomings. Before I briefly address my perception of what happened, I would like to highlight some of our successes at the World Long Range Championships; and there were several.

The WLRC began with the US Full-bore Nationals, which were concurrent with the World Veterans Individual Championship. During these matches, Ian Hogg won 2 individual matches (Matches 691 and 693) and several other Canadians enjoyed individual success. Alain Marion and Bob Best placed 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> respectively in the Veterans Individual World Championship.

In the Veterans and Under 25 Team matches, Canada placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively. The Veterans team should be proud of their Bronze medal efforts. Roger Mullin will be submitting a report to provide more detail of the Veteran Teams exploits. The Under 25 Team represented Canada well and while I'm sure they are disappointed in their efforts, the future of youth shooting in Canada is bright based on the experience the team had in Camp Perry.

The America Match was the first opportunity for members of the Palma Team to work together. While we didn't have our entire team on ground as of yet, we fielded a quality team and ended up placing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10 entries. Some of the technical difficulties that the team experienced were, sadly, a foreshadowing of things to come. The America Match was followed by the World Individual Long Range Championship. Some of our team experience success during these matches with Mirko Teglassi topping the list. He won Match 651 (2&15 at 1000 yards, shot on 11 Aug



15) and ended up placing 13<sup>th</sup> overall. A truly outstanding performance. The only other Canadian in the top 100 was Ian Hogg, who placed 54<sup>th</sup>.

The team had a pretty successful training day for the Palma Match, which was capped off by a Team dinner and team selection later that evening. We were optimistic about our chances for the big match. Day one of the Palma match started with a member requesting to be substituted before breakfast and a second member requesting to withdraw from the match before the first shot was fired. The team made the necessary changes and pressed on. We had a decent start at 800 yards (8 points off) but things went south from there, particularly at 1000 yards. We ended day one in 6<sup>th</sup> place 130 points behind the leading Great Britain squad. The one bright spot was the performance of Des Vamplew. Des had the top score on the range with a brilliant 225.28.

On day two, while we improved our score by 14 points, we essentially had the same result, placing 6<sup>th</sup> for the day. The final results were as follows:

1. Great Britain: 7106.825
2. USA: 7034.725
3. South Africa: 7010.705
4. Australia: 6983.738
5. New Zealand: 6954.711
6. Canada: 6856.634
7. West Indies: 6614.410
8. Germany: 6612.440

Top Canadian was Des Vamplew

with a 443.49.

Ultimately, we simply made too many mistakes and had a series of unfortunate events plague our efforts. From rifle malfunctions to members pulling themselves from the team, members having to withdraw from the team in the weeks leading up to the WLRC to coaching errors and some poor shooting, Canada did not perform at an acceptable level. As Captain and one of the coaches, I have a number of recommendations as to how we can improve on this performance. If the Team Captain for the 2019 Palma Team would like me to be involved in any capacity, I would be happy to share my thoughts and I would love the chance to help make the necessary improvements to have Canada compete once again on the world stage.

My final thoughts are a huge vote of thanks to the team members who comprised Team Canada this past summer. While we didn't experience the success we had hoped for, I know you all worked hard in preparing for the WLRC and I hope that you continue to improve your respective Team and Individual shooting. The biggest thanks have to go to Gary Bowman, our Adjutant. Gary put an incredible amount of time and effort into helping organize this tour and the organization of this trip was world-class. Thank you Gary!

*Peter Westlake*  
Captain



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# PRA SIERRA RESULTS

## British Columbia

### 2015 – BC ISSF REPORT:

Once again this year, both BCRA sanctioned ISSF matches were hosted by Mission & District Rod & Gun Club at their 300-yard fullbore range.

### 2015 Lower Mainland Regional ISSF Championship:

Twenty competitors participated in this annual event which was held on April 26 where each competitor was required to shoot three 15-shot relays on the 300 yard ICFRA target, with a High Possible Score of 225 – 45v.

The winners were:

Target Rifle – Don Pitcairn (224 – 30v)

F-Class (FTR) – Brian Mylleville (225 – 35v)

F-Class (Open) – Brent Meyer (224 – 25v)

The turnout for this match was low but not entirely surprising since it did partially conflict with the Kamloops Gun Show on that same weekend which is something to be mindful of in future planning.

### 2015 BC Sierra ISSF Championship:

Thirty-eight competitors participated in this annual event on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Over the course of two days, each of the competitors was required to shoot five 15-shot relays on the 300 yard ICFRA target, with a Highest Possible Score of 375 – 75v. The winners were:

Target Rifle – Jim Paton (373 – 42v)

F-Class (FTR) – Brian Mylleville (368 – 44v)

F-Class (Open) – Steve Baardsen (374 – 48v)

All of our competitors received complimentary Sierra Palma bullets donated by Sierra Bullets and many donated their bullets to the British Columbia Under-25 Rifle Program. ***The Match Director, our competitors and the BCRA would like to thank Sierra Bullets for their continued support of our ISSF Provincial Championship.***

This year we switched the order of the two matches such that the 2-Day ISSF Sierra Championship, which is our Provincial Championship, would be the finale of our short-range ISSF season and that worked out well. The plan is to try to adopt the same order for these ISSF matches in 2016 and it is expected that both of these matches will again be hosted by the Mission & District Rod & Gun Club.

These matches are a great opportunity to check the performance of your equipment before our local shooting season ventures into mid to long range shooting. They are also an excellent opportunity to introduce new shooters to our sport and we should all be encouraging our fellow shooters to participate.

*Brian Mylleville  
BC ISSF Director*



## PRA SIERRA RESULTS

### APRA Sierra Match

The 2015 Sierra Match was a success again this year. Attendance for this year's match was 18, down from a high of 24. The match had to be postponed for a week, due to rain. This may be part of the reason for reduced attendance. Some of the shooters shot and departed, not participating in the photo.

The Match winners, in the photo below kneeling from left to right, were:

TR - Ken Nelson  
FO - Gunter Beer  
FTR- Armen Papazyan

The Sierra bullets were divided up among the 3 match winners. They are holding the bullets in the photo.

The APRA wishes to thank Sierra Bullets for their support of this match. Hopefully Sierra Bullets will continue to support this match in future.

*Frank Lalear*



### 2015 MANITOBA SIERRA CHALLENGE

We had a glorious day of sunshine and fickle winds to shoot the Sierra Challenge. We had a good turnout of 26 competitors shooting all 4 disciplines of TR, FTR, FO and Service Rifle. The wind was quite tricky at times and the very quick directional changes and increase in strength was enough to see the more than odd 8 appear. I should know because I got most of them. As you will see from the results the conditions did not bother some especially Gerry Wiens, who went clean, a great effort. Bruce MacDonald, as ever, produced the best TR score, Gerry Wiens won the FTR, with Ryan Wyenberg winning the F Open and Barry Hamilton the Service Rifle, with a very creditable score. Everyone enjoyed the weather and the day and it was good to see new members trying out a competitive shoot for the first time.

Our thanks go to Sierra Bullets for their continued support and generous bullet donation.

*John Chapman*



# PRA SIERRA RESULTS

## NCRRA Sierra Report

The Sierra 300M ISU shot was successfully conducted last Sunday, October 4.

We had a good turnout, with a chilly October morning start, but the sun warmed things up nicely as the day progressed. We used the electronic targets and fired a 400 point course at 300M.

The winners were;

Target Rifle —	1st	Steve Hunt	391.15
	2nd	Sean Williams	380.9
	3rd	Alain Marion	371.8
F- Class TR —	1st	Paul Van Duyse	400.27
	2nd	Mark Fletcher	399.28
	3rd	Oleg Koutchine	398.28

Well done all. Very respectable scores.

I would also like to thank the organizers; Sean Williams (RSO for the day), Alain Marion and Ian Robertson for their part in getting the electronic targets humming.

Finally a big round of applause to the Sierra Bulletsmiths for their continued support in producing top grade match projectiles.

Yours in recreational shooting,

## RNBRA - AUGUST 29, 2015 - "SIERRA BULLET MATCH" - SAINT ANTOINE



There was a fall feeling to the air - especially in the morning. This was a little different from previous years as the "Sierra Bullet Match" has usually been shot in the spring. The day began a little cool but warmed up very nicely. The winds remained light and were switching from predominantly right to left.

This year, the Chairperson decided to give each of the 15 shooters one box of bullets as incentive to shoot this match. We thank the **Sierra Bullet Co.** for their continuing generous donations. The Match was held at the Saint Antoine Range, Ron Surette was the Range Officer and Michelle Cormier Match Director. Electronic scoring was used resulting in a considerable reduction in the time required to conduct the match and allowed the competitors plenty of time to exchange information and reminisce.

### TARGET RIFLE CLASS:

Don Coleman - 567/16X  
Ron Surette - 566/10X  
Mike Lutes - 555/11X  
Conrad Leroux - 555/5X  
Michelle Cormier - 552/9X  
Edgar Poirier - 546/9X

### F-TR CLASS:

Adam MacDonald - 600/33X  
Paul Bastarache - 597/41X  
Ken Kyle - 596/36X  
Harrison Brown - 596/30X  
Ron Mason - 594/29X  
J.C. Gautreau - 593/32X  
Maurice Bennett - 583/18X

### F-O CLASS:

Bert deVink - 593/24X  
Hermel Duguay - no card

## 2014/2015 DCRA POSTAL PROGRAM RESULTS

<b>Match 1.3 Cadet Air Rifle Team</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	2820 Chutes de la Chaudiere (Pink)	Charny, QC	1553
<b>Silver</b>	907 Black Knights	Langley, BC	1549
<b>Bronze</b>	676 Kittyhawk	Sidney, BC	1533
<b>Match 1.4 Cadet Air Rifle Individual Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Marian Patrick, 2403 SD&G Highlanders RCACC	Cornwall, ON	394
<b>Silver</b>	Evangeline Liu, 907 Black Knights RCACS	Langley, BC	393
<b>Bronze</b>	Kyra Tuggle, 676 Kittyhawk	Sidney, BC	392
<b>Match 1.5 Cadet Staff Air Rifle Prone</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Joanie Valdes, 2846 Richelieu L'Ancienne-Lorette	CSP St-Jaques, QC	377
<b>Silver</b>	S Deyel 2511 LSSR RCACC	Thunder Bay, ON	377
<b>Bronze</b>	Richard Saucier, 110 Sea "Stormont"	Cornwall, ON	360
<b>Match 1.6 Cadet Staff/Cadet Pairs Air Rifle Prone Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Mike Asprey, Hannah Glawson, 2610 RCACC (Pink)	Port Dufferin, NS	573
<b>Silver</b>	Étienne Bossé, Gabriel Gagné, 2820 Chutes de la Chaudiere	L'Ancienne-Lorette, QC	563
<b>Bronze</b>	Richard Saucier, Marian Patrick, 110 Sea "Stormont"	Cornwall, ON	562
<b>Match 1.8 Stage 1 Air Rifle Team Match for the Youth of the Commonwealth</b>			
<b>1st Place</b>	907 Black Knights RCACS	Langley, BC	1527
<b>2nd Place</b>	CC 2898 Ste-Marie	Ste-Marie, QC	1441
<b>3rd Place</b>	51 Canadian Aviation Museum Sq	Ottawa, ON	1409
<b>Match 1.8 Stage 2 Air Rifle Team Match for the Youth of the Commonwealth</b>			
<b>1st Place</b>	907 Black Knights RCACS	Langley, BC	1510
<b>2nd Place</b>	51 Canadian Aviation Museum Sq	Gatineau, QC	1479
<b>3rd Place</b>	CC 2898 Ste-Marie	Ste-Marie, QC	1403
<b>Match 1.9 Cadet Air Rifle Standing Individual Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Marian Patrick, 2403 SD&G Highlanders RCACC	Cornwall, ON	342
<b>Silver</b>	Alexandria Haripal, 856 RCACS	Ajax, ON	327
<b>Bronze</b>	Morgan Pépin, 792 Air Cadet Sq	Iroquois Falls, ON	315
<b>Match 2.3 Junior Air Rifle Team Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	51 Canadian Aviation Museum Sq	Gatineau, QC	1486
<b>Match 2.4 Junior Air Rifle Individual Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Gabriel Staples-Shaw, 676 Kittyhawk	Sidney, BC	360
<b>Match 3.1 Open Smallbore Rifle Team Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Castors de Charlesbourg	Quebec City, QC	2351
<b>Match 3.2 Open Iron Sight Smallbore Rifle Individual Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Marcel Kolb, Annapolis Valley Shooting Sports Club	Kentville, NS	597
<b>Silver</b>	Gale Stewart, Castors de Charlesbourg	Quebec City, QC	597
<b>Bronze</b>	Gale Stewart, Castors de Charlesbourg	Quebec City, QC	594
<b>Match 3.3 Open Any Sight Smallbore Rifle Individual Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Marcel Kolb, Annapolis Valley Shooting Sports Club	Kentville, NS	598
<b>Silver</b>	Derek Budd, Red Deer Fish & Game	Benalto, AB	598
<b>Bronze</b>	Gale Stewart, Castors de Charlesbourg	Quebec City, QC	594
<b>Match 3.4 Open Pairs Smallbore Rifle Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Marcel Kolb, Bill Giles, Annapolis Valley Shootings Sports Club	Kentville, NS	587
<b>Match 3.5 Open Air Rifle Team Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Castors de Charlesbourg	Quebec City, QC	2239
<b>Match 3.6 Open Air Rifle Individual Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Mario Methot, Castors de Charlesbourg	Quebec City, QC	578
<b>Silver</b>	Audrey-Anne Déry, Castors de Charlesbourg	Quebec City, QC	578
<b>Bronze</b>	Antoine Bêty, CC 2898 Ste-Marie	Ste-Marie, QC	564
<b>Match 3.7 Open F-Class Smallbore Rifle Team Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Kamloops Target Sports Association	Kamloops, BC	2391
<b>Match 3.8 Open F-Class Smallbore Rifle Individual Match</b>			
<b>Gold</b>	Al Mutch	Kentville, NS	600
<b>Silver</b>	Bill Giles	Kentville, NS	600
<b>Bronze</b>	Bob Collicut	Kentville, NS	599

## 2014/2015 DCRA POSTAL PROGRAM



*Cadets from 828 Hurricane Sqn, RCACS, located in Delta, BC, hold up a framed DCRA badge display. The cadets have participated in Postal Matches over the last few years. From left to right, Jacky Kam (wearing his cadet junior 3rd place medal), Ivor Jackson, Chris Gillies, Grace Pu, and Lawrence Rivers.*



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Saturday 28 March 2015 – Connaught Ranges

**Chairman:** BGen (Ret'd) Ray Romses

**Vice-President:** Des Vamplew

**Comptroller:** Dr. Jim Thompson

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Keith Bornn

**In Attendance:** 24 members

### ITEM 1: *Opening Remarks*

Opening remarks were presented by BGen (ret'd) Ray Romses who welcomed all. The address is attached as Annex A.

### ITEM 2: *Statutory Declaration of Notice of AGM*

As read by the Secretary/Treasurer, Keith Bornn:

- Bill 169, The Act to Incorporate the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, assented into law on 7 July 1900, requires an Annual General Meeting of members of the association;
- Moreover, Chapter 7 of the association bylaws states that an AGM shall be held each year to deal with issues as and when required;
- It was announced at the March 2014 AGM, and subsequently published on the DCRA website that the Annual General Meeting would be held here in the Shotgun Club Connaught Ranges on 28 March 2015, commencing at 1000 hours;
- This meeting, now fully assembled, fulfils those requirements.

### ITEM 3: *Approval of Agenda*

The Chairman asked if there were any other items to be added to the agenda.

**Motion AGM 01/15:** Moved by Peter Dobell, and Seconded by Paul Reibin, that the agenda be approved as distributed. **Carried**

### ITEM 4: *Adoption of Minutes from the DCRA AGM 29 March 2014 & SAGM 17 August 2014*

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the subject minutes.

**Motion AGM 02/15:** Moved by Paul Reibin and Seconded by Chris Jones that the Minutes of the DCRA AGM of 29 March 2014, and SAGM of 17 Aug 2014, be approved. **Carried unanimously**

### ITEM 5: *Annual Report*

The Chairman advised that the Annual Report will be prepared by the Secretary/Treasurer and posted on the website.

### ITEM 6: *Reports from Provincial Rifle Associations*

- **Newfoundland.** No report this year.

- **Nova Scotia.** A written report was submitted by the NSRA and read by the Chairman. The NRSA Annual Report is attached as Annex B.
- **Prince Edward Island.** The PEIRA annual report was read by Chuck Bachmanek, and is attached as Annex C.
- **New Brunswick.** A written report was submitted and presented by Michael Lutes, the President of the RNBRA. The report is attached as Annex D.
- **Quebec.** A bilingual written report was submitted by Robert Fortier, President of the PQRA and presented by Alain Marion. The report is attached as Annex E.
- **Ontario.** Report presented by Steven Spinney on behalf of the ORA President with input from Peter Westlake. A written report will be submitted in due course and attached as Annex F.
- **Manitoba.** A written report was submitted by John Chapman, President of the MPRA and read by the Chairman. A copy is attached as Annex G.
- **Saskatchewan.** A report was submitted and presented by Keith Skjerdal, President of the SPRA. The report is attached as Annex H.
- **Alberta.** No report submitted.
- **British Columbia.** Peter Dobell, president of the BCRA, presented a verbal report outlining events in his association over the past year. The President requested the Secretary-Treasurer to prepare a letter to Dave Adams on his retirement and to Peter Dobell congratulating him on his appointment as President of the BCRA. The full report is attached as Annex T.
- **NCRRA.** Bill Molnar, president of the NCRRA, presented a verbal report, a copy of which is attached as Annex I.

### ITEM 7: *Executive Vice President Report and Committee Reports.*

- **Executive Vice President Report.** A verbal report was presented by the Vice-President, a copy of which is attached as Annex J.
- **Shooting Committee Chairman Report.** On behalf of Serge Bissonnette, the Shooting Committee Chairman, Daniel Chisholm introduced the sub-committee chairpersons;
  - **Canadian Championships (TR/F-Class) Committee.** Daniel Chisholm reported on

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CFRC 2014 and plans for CFRC 2015, providing updates on F-Class, and Target Rifle championships. The report is attached as Annex K.

- **International Teams Committee.**

- ◆ Peter Westlake reported on preparations for the 2015 Palma Teams (Senior, Veterans & Under 25), going to Camp Perry. In summary, preparations are going well. Alain Marion expressed appreciation on behalf of the teams for the generosity of Steve Hunt in providing ammunition for the Under 25 Team.
- ◆ Jim Thompson presented a report on preparations for the Canadian teams preparing for Bisley 2015.

- **Service Conditions.** The Match Director, Keith Bornn, presented an update on the 2014 NSCC planning for the 2015 competition. The report was a synopsis of the report submitted by the Service Conditions Chairman, attached as Annex L.

- **Black Powder Committee.** A written report was submitted by Chris Jones, Chairman of the Black Powder Committee. The report is attached as Annex M.

- **Winter Postal Program.** Peter Westlake presented a verbal report indicating a slight increase in participation this year, representing all provinces and territories and indicating continuing support for the program. The program is showing a modest profit.

- **Under 25 Report.** A written report was read by the chairman, and is attached as Annex N.

- **F-Class Report.** A report was presented by Scott Bissett and is attached as Annex O. Keith Skjerdal queried the DCRA support to the Western F-Class Championship and was advised that it is a DCRA sponsored and sanctioned event for which the DCRA provides DCRA medals as prizes

At 1205 the Chairman adjourned the meeting for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1330 hours.

- **Shooting Support Committee Chairman Report.** Peter Westlake introduced the chairpersons of each sub-committee.

- **Rules Committee.** A written report was presented and submitted by Dr Roger Mullin, Chairman of the Rules Committee. He highlighted the need for rule book translation into French and the ongoing efforts in the F-Class community to develop specific F-Class rules as per ICFRA rulebooks. He also noted a need for electronic target rules. Daniel Chis-

holm advised that electronic target rules are already, in large measure, covered through our existing TR & F-Class rules. In subsequent discussion, the need for rules for Close Quarter Battle Ranges was noted. Des Vamplew stated that the ORA conducts these matches and is working on applicable rules. The Secretary-Treasurer advised that Keith Cunningham would not be at the 2015 NSCC and his future participation was uncertain. Hence the Secretary-Treasurer was requested to pursue the possibility of the association taking possession of and responsibility for the NSCC rulebook. The Report of the Rules Committee is attached as Annex P.

- **Coaching Committee.** Attached as Annex Q is the report presented by Peter Westlake on behalf of Pat Vamplew, the Coaching Committee Chairman.

- **National Training Program & Electronic Training Committees.** Peter Westlake presented the report prepared by Laurie Hearn and Dave Adams. The report is attached as Annex R.

- **Electronic Target Review Committee.** Steven Spinney reported that his committee has commenced review of DCRA rules and is seeking input from other nations that are already using electronic targets. Lively discussion ensued regarding the use of electronic targets and the need for both monitors and printed scores. The report is attached as Annex S.

- **ICFRA Committee Rep.** Stan Frost presented this report. He noted the upcoming ICFRA AGM at Camp Perry, the retirement of several ICFRA officers, and the nominations for replacements. He indicated a need for the DCRA to decide which candidate to support as the replacement for Phil Harrison as Secretary-General. The written report is attached as Annex U. During the subsequent discussion, it was decided that Peter Westlake, Serge Bissonnette and a Veterans team member will represent Canada and the DCRA at the ICFRA committee and Council meetings. Des Vamplew advised that a message from the Palma Match Director had re-

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requested that Canada reconsider its decision to not have an Under-21 Team at Camp Perry. Four national teams are required to conduct a competition in the Under-21 category, and only two have indicated an ability to compete.

- **Administration Chairman Report.** Bill Molnar, Chairman of the Administration Committee, introduced his representatives who gave their reports.
  - **Canadian Pavilion at Bisley Limited (CPBL).** Stan Frost reported on the pavilion management change, as well as the condition and planned repairs to the pavilion. He reported that there were ongoing negotiations with the previous managers to settle accounts. He noted the phased development plan and difficulties created by the loss of future funding from the Macdonald Stewart Foundation. He then briefed on the recent burst pipe and subsequent flood that has destroyed the new lounge carpet and other items. The plumber who was doing upgrades has admitted responsibility, and investigations are ongoing. He noted the under-insured state of the Pavilion and ongoing search for affordable increased insurance. The CPBL Report is attached as Annex V.
  - **Property Committee.** Bill Molnar reported on staff reductions, prioritization of work, and the satisfactory the state of the furnace, HVAC, a/c and sump pump. There have been no further developments on radon issue and the second floor balcony will be stained as soon as weather permits. In the absence of money for a QM building the Secretary-Treasurer will investigate the purchase of a container (sea can) to store targets.
  - **Website Update.** A written report on the Website and Social Media was submitted by Aaron Daley, the association Web Guru. It was presented by Peter Westlake and is attached as Annex W.
  - **Sesquicentennial Celebrations Committee Report.** Scott McGinnis presented his report which is attached as Annex X.
  - **Marksman.** An update was presented by Scott Bissett, noting the problems with the

cancellation of the Fall Marksman and publication of the Spring Marksman.

- **Business Development and Fund Raising Committee.** A report was submitted by Gary Bowman and is attached as Annex Y.
- **Membership & Communication Standing Committee.** Des Vamplew reported that this committee was created at the last Executive Committee meeting and indicated that much initial work was required into PRA membership structures followed by coordinating, standardizing and streamlining of the DCRA and PRA membership issues. The objective is to increase DCRA membership and revenue.

### ITEM 8: Vote of Thanks.

The Vote of Thanks was presented by the Chairman in English and by Alain Marion en francais.

His Excellency, The Right Honourable David Lloyd Johnson CC CMM COM CD FRSC FRCPS for his generous contributions towards the prize list, and for serving as our Patron.

The Minister of National Defence and the staff of the Department for their cooperation and assistance during the year.

The Macdonald Stewart Foundation for their continued support by contributing to the prize list, and hosting the Macdonald Stewart - DCRA dinner, and above all for their continued generous interest in and support of the Macdonald Stewart Pavilion at Bisley.

The Bank of Montreal for their contribution towards the prize list.

To Sierra Bullets for their generous contribution to the ISSF Provincial matches and National Championships in the Long Range Challenge.

And to the many individuals, too numerous to list, who have contributed time and money towards our activities.

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Son Excellence le Très Honorable David Lloyd Johnson, CC CMM COM CD FRSC, FRCPS pour son généreuse contribution à la liste des prix et pour avoir été un des

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Patrons de l'Association.

Le Ministre de la Défense et le personnel de son ministère, pour leur coopération et leur aide durant l'année.

La Fondation Macdonald Stewart, pour leur contribution à la liste des prix, pour le dîner Macdonald Stewart et surtout pour l'intérêt et la générosité qu'ils manifestent dans l'entretien du Pavillon Macdonald Stewart à Bisley.

La Banque de Montréal, pour sa contribution à la liste des prix.

Sierra Bullets, pour sa contribution à la liste des prix provinciale "Sierra 300m Championnat". et national pour la compétition.

Ainsi qu'à toute les personnes qui ont contribué de leur temps et de leur argent pour assurer le succès de nos activités.

**Motion AGM 03/15:** It was moved by Bill Molnar and seconded by Paul Reibin to accept the Vote of Thanks as read by the Chairman in English and by Alain Marion en français. **Carried Unanimously**

### **ITEM 9: Adoption of Financial Statements.**

The Financial Report was presented by Jim Thompson. The Financial Report, Balance Sheet, and Summary of Operations including the 2015 Budget are attached as Annex Z.

The Comptroller explained that \$70K was removed from the liquid portion of the investments. Half of that has been replaced and the remainder will go back within the next couple weeks.

The Sec-Tres reported that the current balance in the Investment Fund is \$332,744. This total resulted from the return of \$35K into the fund on 28 Feb. A further return of \$35K is planned for the near future as funds come into the office from 2015 entry fees. Last Fall's downturn in the economy is also reflected in the lower than hoped for overall return on our investments but an overall growth of some \$53K over 15 months is still very healthy.

The Comptroller explained the figures on the Balance Sheet including Committed Funds, Team/Current Funds, Assets and Liabilities.

**Motion AGM 04/15:** It was moved by Jim Thompson, and seconded by Paul Reibin, that the Operating Accounts for FY 2014-2015 be accepted and recommended to Council for approval. **Carried**

**Motion AGM 05/15:** It was moved by Jim Thompson, and seconded by Peter Dobell that the Balance Sheet as at 31 Oct 2014, be accepted and recommended to Council for approval. **Carried.**

### **ITEM 10: Approval of FY 2014-2015 Budget 2013/2014.**

The Comptroller explained the work behind the 2014-2015 Budget as shown on the Summary of Operations at Annex Z.

**Motion AGM 06/15:** It was moved by Jim Thompson, and seconded by Paul Reibin that the 2014-2015 budget be accepted and recommended to Council for approval. **Carried.**

### **ITEM 11: Approval of Actions of Council and Executive in FY 2012-2013.**

The Vice-President called upon members to move, second and approve the actions of Council and of the Executive Committee during FY 2013/2014.

**Motion AGM 07/14:** It was moved by Scott Bissett, and seconded by Peter Westlake, that the actions of Council and of the Executive Committee during FY 2013/2014 be approved. **Carried.**

### **ITEM 12: Report of the Honours and Awards Committee.**

Mr Colin Brown, Chairman of the Honours and Awards Committee, reported that at the Council Meeting earlier this morning it was moved that LCol Robert Barrette and LCol Lloyd Sainsbury be recommended to this AGM for selection as Honorary Life Members. The motion and the biographies of the nominees, is attached as Annex AA.

**Motion AGM 08/15.** Moved by Colin Brown, and seconded by Peter Dobell, that LCol Barrette & LCol Sainsbury be appointed Honorary Life Members of the Association. **Carried unanimously.**

The Chairman of the Honours and Awards Committee then reported that the Council had recommended to this AGM that Maj (Ret'd) David Letson be appointed a Life Governor of the DCRA. The motion and the biography of Maj (Ret'd) Letson are attached as Annex AB.

**Motion AGM 09/15.** Moved by Colin Brown, and seconded by Keith Skjerdal, that Maj (Ret'd) David Letson be appointed a Life Governor of the DCRA.

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Carried unanimously.

### ITEM 13: *Report of the Nominating Committee.*

The Vice President called upon the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to propose nominations for election. The Report of the 2014 Nominating Committee is attached as Annex AC.

**Motion AGM 10/15:** It was moved by Peter Westlake, and seconded by Stan Frost, that BGen (Ret'd) R. R. Romses be re-elected as President and Chairman of Council. **Carried unanimously.**

**Motion AGM 11/15:** It was moved by Peter Westlake, and seconded by Peter Dobell, that Des Vamplew be re-elected as Executive Vice-President. **Carried unanimously.**

**Motion AGM 12/15:** It was moved by Peter Westlake, and seconded by Stan Frost, that Dr. Jim Thompson be re-elected Comptroller. **Carried.**

**Secretarial Note:** The nomination of Dr. Thompson for the position of Deputy Chairman of Council is forwarded to Council for approval.

**Motion AGM 13/15:** It was moved by Peter Westlake, and seconded by Bill Molnar, that the ten people listed at Annex AC, be elected Council Members-at-Large with terms expiring in 2017. **Carried unanimously**

**Motion AGM 14/15:** It was moved by Peter Westlake, and seconded by Paul Reibin, that Peter Westlake, Pat Vamplew and Steven Spinney be elected to the Nominating Committee. **Carried Unanimously**

**Motion AGM 15/15:** It was moved by Peter Westlake, and seconded by Chuck Bachmanek, that the PRA Presidents be appointed Vice-Presidents of the Association and PRA Designated Members of Council be affirmed as listed below and at Annex AC. Exceptions are to replace the PRA Presidents from Quebec and New Brunswick with R. Fortier

and M. Lutes respectively. **Carried**

**Motion AGM 16/15:** It was moved by Peter Westlake, and seconded by Bill Molnar, to affirm the Honorary Appointments of the Patron, Vice-Patrons, Honorary President and Honorary Vice-Presidents as shown at Annex AC. **Carried**

### ITEM 14: *Date of next AGM*

The Chairman advised that the next AGM would not be held on 28 March 2016 due to Easter. Following discussion it was determined that the next AGM would be held in Connaught on 02 April 2016.

### ITEM 15: *New Business*

- **Donation of Picture and Raffle in Support of the Under 25s.** Paul Reibin advised that he was able to procure a limited edition print of the painting of the Bisle Clock Tower. He is donating it to the DCRA to raise money for the Under-25 Fund. During the discussion which followed, it was noted that the best approach to selling tickets was a price of \$10, with the draw reserved until all tickets are sold. It was noted that the DCRA office could not conduct such an unlicensed raffle as it would jeopardize the charity status of the association. Further the cost and administrative burden of obtaining a licence was beyond the resources of the office staff. Further discussion indicated that tickets could be sold at various ORA matches, NCRRA matches and the Western & Eastern F-Class Regionals. Scott Bissett volunteered to find an organizer to conduct the raffle.

### ITEM 16: *Adjournment*

**Motion AGM 17/15:** It was moved by Bill Molnar and seconded by Gail Garland that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

**Annexes available from the DCRA office on request.**



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# SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## Semi-Annual General Meeting 16 August 2015 Connaught Rifle Ranges, Ottawa, ON

**Chairman:** Dr. J.C. Thompson

**Recording Secretary:** SE Frost

**In Attendance:**

J Chapman	DM Chisholm	R Dawson	J Dugas
M Lutes	LCol (Ret'd) WJ Molnar	Dr. RA Mullin	A Paton
JAM Paton	P Reibin	S Spinney	Paul Tremblay
DGP Vamplew	PB Vamplew	P Van Duyse	P Westlake

### Item 1 Opening Remarks

Dr Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting and offered General Romses' apologies and greetings to all.

### Item 2 Approval of Minutes of SAGM of 17 August 2014

**Motion S01/15:** by LCol Molnar, seconded by J Dugas, that the minutes of the SAGM of 17 August 2014 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

### Item 3 Report on 2015 Bisley Team

Dr Thompson noted that a full report on the Team would appear in the Fall Marksman and also referred members to the daily blog on the DCRA web site. He expressed disappointment in some of the team results, noting that the Team lacked depth in both shooting and coaching because of the World Championships at Camp Perry. Some noteworthy results were Jim Paton winning the St George's First Stage, placing second in the Ghurkha Appeal and placing 15<sup>th</sup> in the Grand Aggregate; and three Team members and four Canadian Cadets making the Queen's Final. He also reported that the Pavilion was in good shape. The new manager, Theresa Barbato was doing a good job, and both the interior and the garden looked great.

### Item 4 Report on 2015 World Championships Teams

Peter Westlake stated that a full report would appear in the Fall Marksman. He noted individual successes: Ian Hogg won two matches in the US Nationals, Alain Marion and Bob Best placed 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in the Veterans World Championship and Mirko Teglassi placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the World Championship. In the team events, our Veterans won the bronze medal, the Under 25s placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of 11, and the Palma Team placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams. He observed that the USNRA does things differently from our matches but overall they did a very good job. He gave special thanks to Gary Bowman, who acted as Adjutant for all three teams, and Kathy Corcoran for the excellent office support. He was disappointed in our team results and has some recommendations for the future.

Dr Thompson thanked Peter for his hard work in organising and running the team.

### Item 5 Update on Canadian Championships

Dan Chisholm noted that the TR entry was down, approximately 150, while the FCNC entry was a very good 108. There would be an international team, the Friends of Connaught. Dr Thompson observed that the FCNC had been very successful with entries from USA, Great Britain and Canada and a lot of satisfaction expressed by all. Additionally, there were 24 Black Powder shooters, down from the expectation, and muzzle loading was a growing category with prizes for both muzzle loaders and cartridge rifles.

Pat Vamplew asked about the use of A Range. Dr Thompson responded that we had been told A Range was unavailable. Subsequently, the new building on A Range was condemned, making A Range available but it was too much work too late in the schedule to reorganise the matches. A Range was used on Saturday morning.

Pat Vamplew suggested wooden blocks be placed in the frames under the target legs to raise them above the grass. Dr. Thompson replied that the grass was to be cut.

Jacques Dugas questioned the use of different flags on the ranges. Dr Thompson replied that Range Control handled the flags and forgot to do D Range. They also did not use DCRA flags despite having been specifically requested to do so. The problem was a complete change of range staff, who were learning on the job. He commended Kathy Corcoran for sorting out many problems that he and Dan Chisholm were unable to deal with while at Bisley.

Pat Vamplew asked if there would be a Prairie Provinces team. Dr Thompson noted that this issue had been dealt with at Friday's Executive meeting. It had been agreed to accept combined teams as and when they were proposed. Because there were no official visiting teams, John Deane had agreed to organise a Friends of Connaught team to compete in the Canada and Commonwealth Matches. The Commonwealth team size had been reduced from 12 to 8 but the Canada team remained 8. The Athelings would compete in both these matches and the Canadian Cadets and staff were forming an Under 25 team to compete in both and alongside against the Athelings. The Outlander team had been reduced from 8 to 4, preferably from one country.

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Dugas asked about markers. Dr Thompson replied that they had been a mixed group until Sunday but they would be all Smiths Falls markers from then on. He asked that any marking problems be reported so that Pat Quinn could be apprised of the situation.

Steven Spinney asked about captains for the international matches and was told LCol Molnar for the Commonwealth and Dan Chisholm for the Canada Match. Dr Thompson noted that two Canadian teams could be accepted in the Canada and Commonwealth Matches.

Paul Tremblay complained that one Range Officer was shouting rather than using the loud hailer.

Jim Paton questioned the lack of number boards on D Range. Dr Thompson stated that Public Works refused to install them before the matches finished.

Paul Van Duyse raised marking issues during the FCNC, including difficulty finding small bullet holes and using indicator discs with shot holes. Dr Thompson confirmed that the rule is not to use discs with holes and noted a need to remind the butt staff.

Paul Van Duyse continued that some shooters were taking more than 2 minutes to fire a shot and the Range Officers did not have a watch to time shooters. Dr Mullin noted that when he was scrutineering in 2013 he saw very few infractions. However, for 2017 ICFRA would want to know how the championships will be run and how the rules will be applied. He further felt that the Range Officers were intimidated by the shooters.

Paul Van Duyse cited a case where a squadded

shooter

failed to appear and the remaining shooter was allowed to shoot single-string and finished in 3 minutes, which was manifestly unfair. The rules should require that a no one can shoot single-string. Paul Reibin stated that the single shooter should have been re-squadded with a pair, making three on the target. Des Vamplew noted that the point was made and would be reinforced with the range staff.

Jim Paton asked why trigger weighing was not random, rather than only for highest possible scores. He saw no competitive advantage to a light trigger.

### Item 6 New Business

Anna Paton stated that DCRA needs to sell Connaught as the place for the anniversary matches, needs better communications, and needs to restore camping on the range. Dr Thompson replied that restoring camping had been a major effort. He expressed concern that the move of NDHQ to Carling Avenue could result in a larger Regular Force presence on the range. Ms Paton stated that the DCRA needed to tell would-be campers that they are not being ignored. Des Vamplew noted that it appeared that the issue was out of the hands of range personnel and the camping ban was coming from outside the range management.

### Item 7 Adjournment

**Motion:** by LCol Molnar, seconded by R Dawson, that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 2105 h.



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## PRA REPORTS

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RIFLE ASSOCIATION

The Association had a very late start this spring. Had no range access until last weekend in May. Some shoots did not occur due to scheduling conflicts. This was due to the extraordinary accumulation of snow last winter and the resulting damage to target frames. Once the season was underway members took part in the Inter-maritime Match, shot since the 1860's, British Team Match, all of the Maritime Provincial Matches. We are now rec-

ognized associate members of Sport PEI and SFC.

All of PEI conducted matches had been run using Silver Mountain's e-marking system that had worked flawlessly, any problems encountered were minor and the source usually the reader "operator" (the competitor).

The Association received an invite this year to the Interservices Matches conducted by the Prince Edward Island Regiment, firing rifles and pis-

tols, our four man team had a very good showing. This season for the first time in a very long time the Association conducted a Service Rifle match that had been very well received by all participants. Our pistol shooters have a very active core of and take full advantage of any available range time rain or shine.

Membership is up, largely due to social media (Facebook) and word of mouth of enthusiastic members.

### ROYAL NEW BRUNSWICK RIFLE ASSOCIATION

This has been another busy year for the RNBRA Fullbore Section. We sponsored 22 matches in total, which were attended by 204 participants. Each of these matches required the services of dedicated people to prepare, set up and take down the range, to organize the event, to serve as Range Safety Officer and to set up and take down the scoring system. Needless to say, many people helped in making these matches successful.

#### **Matches Hosted by the RNBRA Fullbore Section**

Seven Target Rifle and FTR matches were held on the Batouche Range at CFB Gagetown. We thank the base personnel for their assistance and continued cooperation with our shooting program. The Season Opener, the Fredericton Centennial Match, the Memorial/MacGillivray Match, The Coleman/Stapleford Match, the RNBRA Annual Prize Match, the Long Range Practice and the Any Rifle-Any Sight Match drew the participation of 73 shooters.

In addition, Batouche was the venue for our section's two Black Powder Cartridge matches, one Precision Rifle Match and four Military Rifle Matches with a total of 30 participants. These figures are based on information available at this time.

The following four matches were hosted by the Club de Tir Saint Antoine Gun Club at their beautiful 600-metre range. The Sierra Bullet Match in which the Sierra Bullets Co. do-

nated the prizes, drew 15 shooters. Our thanks go to Sierra for their annual support. The Inter-Maritime Team Trials were held in Saint Antoine. The RCR Centennial Match and the All Comers Match followed in the schedule. These events drew 55 participants.

This year we were fortunate to shoot 3 matches at the lovely Saint Gabriel Range. The Saint Gabriel 600, The Gautreau 600 and the Bastarache Bash drew 35 participants.

Our Annual Prize Match was a bit better attended than last year. The match was well organized by Gordon Holloway, the Vice-Chairman of the Fullbore Section, and many volunteers. Some very good scores were recorded and all enjoyed the event.

New Brunswick contributed five competitors to the Annual Mini-Palma Match, in which a team comprised of Maritime shooters faces off against a team from the New England States. This year the match was held in Nova Scotia. Our Maritime Provinces Team, led by Captain John Marshall from NS, won this match for the third year in a row!

The RNBRA Annual Smallbore MTR competition was held this year in Woodstock NB, with the Woodstock Rifle and Pistol Club hosting a very fine event under the direction of Dr. Hans van Spingelen. Both senior and junior shooters attended this event. The Fullbore Section contributed both

expertise for the event and the Snow and Burge Prize to the top Junior shooters.

#### **Projects and Issues During 2015**

1. After many years of membership in the RNBRA and attending our APMs, our friend Leo d'Amour may not be able to travel to New Brunswick any longer. Our section is sponsoring Leo as life member of the RNBRA.
2. A second issue, which has occupied much of the efforts of former RNBRA Treasurer Michelle Cormier, former Fullbore Section Treasurer Conrad Leroux, Lorraine Chapman, and Larry Schriver, has been the identification of Fullbore Section moneys, investments, trust funds etc. in an effort to repatriate the Section's finances. Many thanks to all of the above. At this point, the Fullbore Section controls its own operating finances and the repatriation of the Trust Funds is almost complete. In the interest of collaboration, the Fullbore Section has relinquished its claims on the MacGillivray Trust Fund. The Snow and Burge Trust Funds have been rolled into one as both are to provide prizes to Junior members and to encourage their development as Fullbore shooters. The Alban Emery Trust



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- Fund is to be used to provide prizes for the Alban Emery Matches at the APM. The Al Lockett Prize Fund is for providing a prize at the annual All Comers Match. The trust funds have yet to be invested once fully repatriated. This year, for the first time in many years, the Funds have provided a plaque and a small cash prize, in keeping with their intended purposes, to the top shooters in the Junior Prone MTR Match, the Alban Emery Aggregate and the All Comers Match.
3. Financially, we are on track to remain in the black after this calendar year. In anticipation of having, eventually, to replace our e-target systems we have set aside \$10 per shooter per match for this purpose. We gratefully acknowledge about \$1400 received from the RNBRA. At this point, this money has been set aside to fund the acquisition of an additional electronic marking system. More detailed financial statements will be available at the AGM and the Fullbore AGM.
  4. The changes that took place at CFB Gagetown continue this year and these primarily affect our scheduling. Heather McKinnon, our liaison with the base, has been most helpful in arranging access to Batouche. Our thanks go to her.
  5. The RNBRA Fullbore Blog site continues its coverage of all Fullbore activities and has been visited almost 50,000 times in total by readers in Canada and around the world.
  6. The Executive of the Fullbore Section normally communicates by e-mail or phone but has met, more or less formally, three times this year. One of these meetings focused on budgetary matters, the second focused on the upcoming MTR Match and electronic targets while the third was devoted to Fullbore Trust Funds.

7. The Annual Meeting of the Fullbore Section will be held in Sussex NB on November 8, 2015.
8. The annual planning meeting (known as the "Atlantic High Power Rifle Committee Meeting") of the Fullbore Sections of the Three Maritime Provinces, will be held in Amherst NS on October 25, 2015 at the Wandlyn Inn. At this meeting the schedules of our major matches is set so that there is no conflict in dates. Other issues are usually also discussed.
9. We thank the RNBRA for continuing to purchase insurance coverage for all its members with the National Firearms Association (NFA). This insurance covers liability arising out of our shooting activities and covers RNBRA-sanctioned shooting events.
10. Lastly, the Fullbore section will be recognizing the long term dedication to, and work on behalf of, Fullbore Shooting in New Brunswick of one of its long-time members.

### **Out-of-Province Shooting, Matches and Championships**

New Brunswick target shooters have traditionally been very supportive of championships in the sister provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as well as championships hosted by the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.

This year, Fullbore Section members went to ten out-of-province matches (47 competitors). Our shooters did well with several top finishes in the PEI - Annual Prize Match (seven shooters) at their Alexandra Range, the Nova Scotia - Annual Prize Match (four shooters) at their Bull Meadow Range, the Atlantic Championships (ten shooters) held in Nova Scotia, the Canadian Target Rifle, F-class and Blackpowder Championships (nine shooters) held in Ottawa at the Connaught Ranges, in the Mini-Palma (five shooters) held in Nova Scotia at the Bull Meadow Range and in the annual Inter-Maritime/British Team Match (nine

shooters) held at the Alexandra Range in PEI. In addition, one competitor went to the Victoria Day Matches in Ottawa, two others went to the Bisley Fullbore Championships in England, and two competitors went to the World Long Range Championships in Camp Perry, Ohio. Additionally, one competitor went to the World Veterans Individual Target Rifle Championships at Camp Perry and was a member of the Canadian Veterans Team, which won a bronze medal at the World Long Range Championships. These participants were not assisted by the RNBRA Fullbore Section as funds were not available. They are to be congratulated not only for their fine shooting and competitive spirit but also for their dedication to this sport.

### **New Shooters**

We were pleased to see a number of new or renewed shooters join us this year. A big welcome to Ahmed alSaggaf, Nick Munn, Matt Lambert, John McCluskey, Hermel Duguay, Robert Roussel, and Gaetan Richardson. We hope you enjoyed yourselves at our matches and found a home for your shooting passion. We hope to see you all during 2016.

### **Sad News**

We were saddened to mark the passing in August of Martin F. Topf, a shooting friend and mentor to many of us. Although not a fullbore shooter, Martin is well known in the New Brunswick shooting community for his decades of supporting shooters and various disciplines across the province. Our condolences go out to the Topf family.

### **People to Thank**

The following very dedicated and impressive people have made my job of Chairman of the Fullbore Section so much less difficult. They have also contributed to Fullbore shooting in significant ways during the past year - in fact it would be a truism to say that Fullbore shooting in New Brunswick could not have happened without their contributions. My thanks for your service.

1. The Fullbore Section Executive: Gordon Holloway - Vice Chairman; Don Coleman - Secretary and Representative to

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- the RNBRA Board; Daniel Chisholm - Treasurer and Representative to the DCRA; and Michael Lutes - RNBRA President.
2. Adam MacDonald for his dedication and help with the electronic target system.
  3. Ron Surette and Michelle Cormier for their work in organizing, range maintenance, match directing and "RSOing" many Fullbore Section events. Also, The Club de Tir Saint Antoine Gun Club for allowing us to use their facility for several events.
  4. Paul Bastarache and J.C. Gautreau for their work in organizing, range maintenance and hosting the matches at the Saint Gabriel Range.
  5. Gordon Holloway for his tireless work on the 2015 Fullbore Section APM. and also the many volunteers who made this event a success. Special mention to Michael Lutes for stepping in to provide RSO coverage during the APM.
  6. Paul McIlveen, Mike Leroy, and Brian Doherty, Match Directors, for looking after the Black Powder, Precision and Military events.
  7. Paul Bastarache, J.C. Gautreau, Michelle Cormier, Don Coleman, Ron Surette, Conrad Leroux, Adam MacDonald and Michael Lutes - Match Directors, for looking after many TR and FTR events.
  8. Michael Lutes and Don Coleman for picking up the slack when I could not attend an event or be there to represent us.
  9. The many unnamed and generous shooters for donating their time, effort and knowledge to ensure events were successful, that the work would get done and that new shooters would benefit from their expertise.
  10. Those who contributed write-ups and pictures to the Fullbore Section Blog.

*G. H. (Bert) deVink,  
Fullbore Section Chairman*

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION

The 2015 season was a very good one at PQRA. Our new-shooter day gathered 50 new shooters who came from all over the Province to give a try at F-Class. On that number we managed to recruit a dozen, and created interests for the 2016 new-shooter day.

On July 11th and 12th we had our 134th Provincial Championship, held at Batoche Range at CFB Valcartier. After two days and seven relays, for a HPS of 525.105v, the winners of the three classes are, from left to right:

F/TR, Pascal Lemelin with 503.45  
 TR, Paul Tremblay with 520.55  
 F/O, Normand Nadeau with 509.65  
 Congratulations!

Also, we had the first edition of the Léo D'Amour match. It is a new match that will be held every year, to honour Léo and his lifetime with the shooting sport. Léo is doing well, he was present for the occasion to give the trophy to the winners of the various events of the day. The first event consists of 60 rounds at 600 yards (old US targets we had, 10 point max per shot, HPS 600 pts). Second event of the day is the smallest group contest at 600 yards. Unlimited sighters, 10 shot rapid fire (without target marking), smallest grouping wins. Last event was a regular 600-yard match, but with 300-yard targets (4 feet frame, 300y targets), meaning a 1 ½ inch v-bull! Needless to say it was very challenging. Here is Léo talking to the group, you can see the trophy named after him behind him on the bench.

From all of us at PQRA, have a nice winter and we'll see you in 2016!

*Robert Fortier,  
Président PQRA*



# PPRA CHAMPIONSHIP

Labour Day Weekend saw 25 shooters from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, including 7 Greenshots, competing in the PPRA Championship at the North Star Range, east of Nokomis, Saskatchewan. Day One was the Alberta Aggregate consisting of 2 sighters and 10 to count at 300m, 500, 600 and 900y. The weather was cool with overcast skies and occasional rain. Wind was from the right all day but only making significant changes at 900y. Kevin Lapine made a great start with a 50.9 at 300m, tying the range record for F Open, while your scribe provided comic relief by starting without a wind zero and missing five straight before finding paper. At 500y Darrell Grant showed the way in TR with 50.5, matched by Charles Ries in FTR, while Cal Waldner led FO with 50.7. At 600y only two 50s were recorded, both in FO, by Ryan Wyenburg and Dennis Lair. At 900y Cal Waldner managed the only possible, 50.5. In the Alberta Aggregate, Darrell Grant recovered from a mediocre 300m to win TR with 193.16 and John Chapman was top Expert with 186.13. Jason Daeninck, a Greenshot, won FTR with 188.12, followed by top Expert Gord Hulbert on 186.9 and Charles Ries top Sharpshooter on 181.12. In FO Cal Waldner won with an impressive 197.21, while Darrel McLean was top Expert on 191.17 and Frank Heisler was top Greenshot on 194.19.

Day Two was the Manitoba Aggregate, a Palma course. The weather was cold and overcast all day with left wind for a change but the largest wind bracket was only 4 minutes at 900y. Bruce MacDonald was top TR at 800y with 75.9, Gord Hulbert led FTR with 75.6 and Frank Heisler set a new range record in FO with an excellent 75.11. At 900y the only possibles were in FO with Ryan Wyenburg setting a new range record at 75.10. At 1000y the changes were not big but they were tricky and no possibles were recorded. For the Manitoba Aggregate, Bruce MacDonald won TR with 221.17, Stan Frost was top Expert with 212.9. In FTR Gord Hulbert won with 214.3, Charles Ries was top Sharpshooter on 186.4 and Jason Daeninck was top Greenshot with 203.10. In FO Ryan Wyenburg won with an outstanding 223.24, a new range record, Darrel McLean was top Expert with 218.17, and Frank Heisler was top Greenshot with 214.9.

This completed the Saskatchewan Aggregate for the PPRA individual championship, with Bruce MacDonald winning TR with 411.29 and John Chapman top Expert on 393.22. Gord Hulbert won FTR with 400.22, Charles Ries was top Sharpshooter on 367.16 and Jason Daeninck was top Greenshot with 391.22. In FO Ryan Wyenburg won with 418.36, Darrel McLean was top Expert with 409.34 and Frank Heisler was top Greenshot with 408.38.

Monday morning started with rain, which quit before the delayed shooting start, leaving a cold and very windy day. There were not enough TR shooters for a team match but the intrepid F Class ventured out with mixed FO/FTR teams for a match consisting of two 15-shot strings at 900y. Manitoba won with 576.38, and exceptional effort under the circumstances.

Circle Labour Day Weekend for next year's PPRA Championship. All are welcome. We cannot promise perfect weather but we can offer challenging winds, camp sites on the range and good fellowship.

*Stan Frost*

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## ADVENTURES TO THE FAR SIDE - PART 4

At the end of our last chapter, we had completed the smallbore training and reduced the number of shooters from 20 to 10. Margaret and I are now back in K.L. staying at the Olympic Hotel which is situated just across the street from the headquarters of the Malaysian Sports Council offices.

It was now time to settle the question on where the training for fullbore would take place. I had heard that there were several ranges that were being considered. Along with the selection of a venue for training was the question of where Margaret and I would live. After being shown a couple of ranges that were not suitable, I submitted a new training plan that would have us at the police range near the city of Ipoh. You may recall that it was there that I first met some of the police shooters to train them for the trials while using the FN rifle.

It was also during this time that we became more familiar with the politics involved with the 98 Games venue and the question of whether our event would be in the games or not. We were able to read the newspaper on a daily basis and could not believe some of the information that was being printed. On one occasion an article stated that the fullbore event was not a medal event and should not be in the games. It was about this time that I realized that when Malaysia won the bid to host the 98 games they had included fullbore in the bid but I think they were not sure just what fullbore Queen's meant.

The only organized shooting discipline in Malaysia covered all the Olympic events. 300m fullbore is in the games menu so some people in Malaysia may have thought they would have it included in their plans for a new shooting facility in K.L. This meant that there was no need for a 1000yd range. I faxed a letter to Colin Cheshire at the NRA in Great Britain office. He was quickly on the case. Through his efforts he was able to inform all the countries that had given their support to the program presented in the original bid believing it was the Queen's event. Letters were sent and in the end it was a government decision that solved the problem and everyone was informed that all shooting would take place at a new venue on the island of Langkawi.

By coincidence, my new training plan suggesting that the police base at Ulu Kinta near Ipoh was now accepted. This meant that Margaret and I could now live a more normal life style. We received help from Mr. Loh San Wah, the man who sold us the car, and soon found accommodation. He found us a nice duplex. It was built in the Malaysian style and located in a fairly new subdivision. The population and businesses are largely Chinese in Ipoh so all of our neighbours were Chinese. My contract said that we would have furnished accommodation. And that happened gradually until we were fairly happy.

The Malaysian homes all have ceiling fans and a long opening in the wall near the ceiling in each room. The opening is about six inches deep and extends the length of the room. It wasn't long before we were buying curtain netting to cover the opening and preventing most of the flying insects from visiting. It didn't stop the geckos but they turned out to be out friends and evening entertainment... It wasn't long before Margaret saw her first cockroach. I can't really remember her reaction but she wasn't thrilled. As you probably know, they are quite large in the tropics.

Our first visitor to our new home was a young Chinese boy who wanted to know if we would like to have the Chinese newspaper delivered to our door and was surprised when we told him that we did not understand Chinese. He came back later that night to apologize for not introducing himself and left his phone number so that we could phone him any time we needed help. He came back some days later and asked us if we were comfortable.

We had been told beforehand that the Chinese women warm up slowly and prefer to let their husbands do the talking (so Margaret was doing most of her talking to the men!), but she gradually, after seeing the women neighbours for the second or third time, received a smile and a hello. Our next-door neighbour, Kwan, came over one evening with his daughter, bringing a plate containing different coloured Chinese cakes. About a week later I broke the front teeth on my bridge while eating corn on the cob. Margaret had to go looking for a dentist the next day while I was at the range... She found an office very close to the was signed as "Dental Surgeon." She went in to ask about a repair and the fellow said "sure Margaret, just have Sandy come in with it." Turned out he was our neighbour with the cakes. Small world.

Margaret found a used book rental store called "The Novel Hut" where the books were catalogued on the shelves according to the initial of the authors first name. She couldn't think of the first name of the author named "Delderfield," so



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asked the store owner if he knew of that writer by his last name and if there were any books by him in his store. He asked if she knew any of the titles of his books and Margaret replied "God is an Englishman" ( a well known book and a great story by Delderfield). The store owner was a little perplexed, since he was a Muslim and hadn't heard about this English god. All must have been forgiven though because when Margaret went back later she admired the newly painted walls in the store and the owner promptly offered to come to her home and paint her walls... I told Margaret that they didn't need painting.

Very close to us was a fairly large block of shops containing just about anything one would need in a house. There were also quite a few eating establishments that Margaret and I patronized regularly. We could order great food and drink for very little money. We didn't understand some of the shop names as they were mostly in Chinese so we gave them our own names... like... "The blue Chair place," "the fly place," "the soup place," "the kwai chow place...." One place was just a very large room with tables and chairs and around the perimeter would be five or six private vendors called "Hawkers." Each one of them cooked just one dish and as you walked in and were sitting down, you could see each of them looking at you. To order your food you looked at one of them and held up two fingers and you had just ordered your meal. As soon as you were seated the owner of the room would arrive to ask about your drinks. The owner only sold drinks and rented space to the hawkers. They all got to know us and those who could would come over to talk. We enjoyed this part of life very much.

It was about this time that we heard about a new computer thing called the internet so we went to an afternoon class where we could learn something about this great new thing. It seemed to be ok but it turned out that it would cost us quite a lot of money to hook up to it. We decide that it was too expensive for the short time we would be using it. Little did I know.

We were pleased to see that there was a barber and hair dresser in the nearby complex so went together. We went to the hairdresser because it appears that the Chinese women give a better haircut. Neither of us was prepared for experiencing a 20 min shampoo-massage (which extended down our back as far as our clothing would allow) and involved the ears, forehead, chin and of course the scalp and using a complete bottle of shampoo. The haircut then took about 10 minutes and then our hair was washed again. All this for 12.00. For my next haircut I tried the regular barber.

That just about cleans it up for this time.

See you next edition with some shooting and travel experiences.

*Margaret and Sandy Peden*



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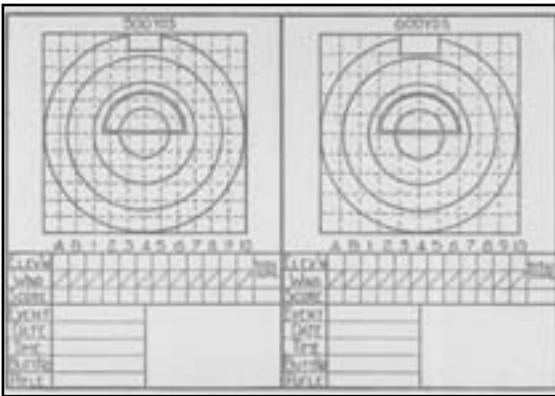
## THE ROLE OF PLOTTING IN PREPARING TO WIN

“Loud cheers from the champagne party echoed through the hallways as glasses were tossed into the fireplace in celebration of winning yet another major trophy” – '69 Commandant, Johnnie Johnston.

One of the key factors in a successful shooting sports organization, which frequently dominates the discussion, is the ability to develop winning teams. Historical experience indicates that successful results appear to stem from a fully coordinated organization, each segment making significant contributions.

This paper will focus on some historical data relating to the process of improving the shooter's ability to be competitive, both individually and as a coached team member. Examples used in this paper will be based on graphic plotting. The types of plotting systems one may use are not being compared, to avoid trampling on preconceived notions that may involve plotting, or no plotting! However, the bottom line test for whatever system used is simply — was this procedure a factor in helping to win the match?

We know that as the sport of target shooting developed, someone designed a plotting diagram to assist in “centering the group” on the bullseye to improve scores.



Pictured here is one of the early diagrams showing the half-moon sighting mark - in the days of the front post sight. At some point in time, possibly when aperture front sights were permitted, Parker Hale produced a plotting diagram with a round aiming mark and added an elevation graph. This design indicates that proponents for the advancement of the skill of marksmanship were examining various factors of 'how to' improve scores. And, as scores improved, by whatever means, scoring rings were reduced and V rings were inserted to minimize shoot-offs.



The Canadian design shown above was developed by the author for the '69 Bisley team. The original plates and the copying drum shown here are now historical items.

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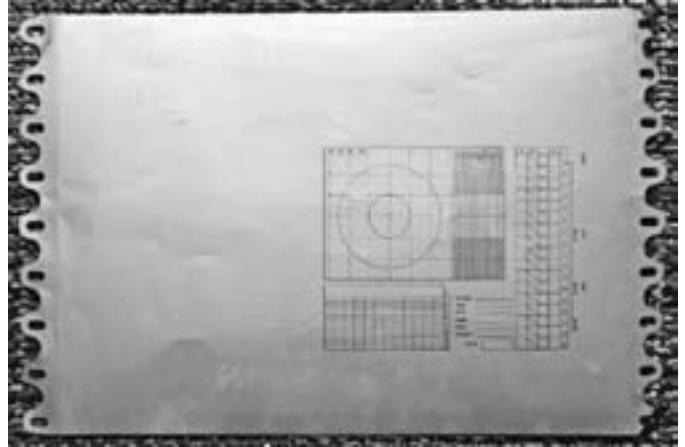
# THE ROLE OF PLOTTING IN PREPARING TO WIN

Foremost in the minds of the neophyte Bisley Team officers in 1969, when reviewing historical team practices/results, was the definition of insanity sometimes attributed to Einstein — “doing the same things over and over again and expecting different results.” The key elements required for peak team performance were carefully reviewed and analyzed.

One of the changes made was introducing the Canadian graphing technique. The addition of a windage graph to the plotting diagram when used in conjunction with statistical theory (i.e. the laws of probability), provides the opportunity to further improve the competitor’s shooting skills.



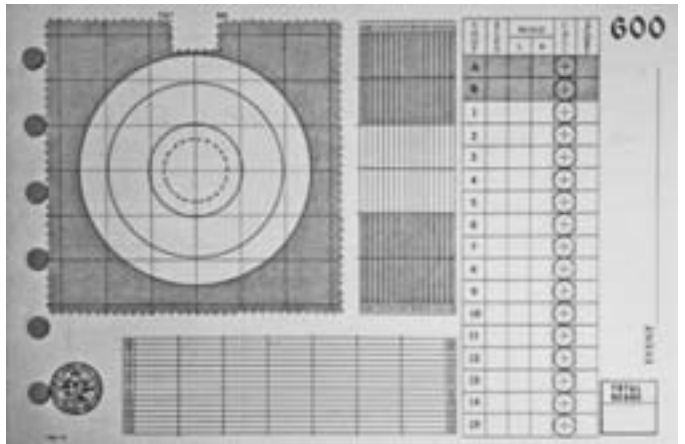
Coaches who understood the statistical concept embedded in the procedure used the plotting system as an aid in contributing to an unqualified team success in '69 - winning the Kolapore trophy (shown here), Mackinnon, Overseas, and Family matches. In '71 and '72 the author, as Chair of the Shooting Committee, again used the '69 system in winning the Kolapore both years (3



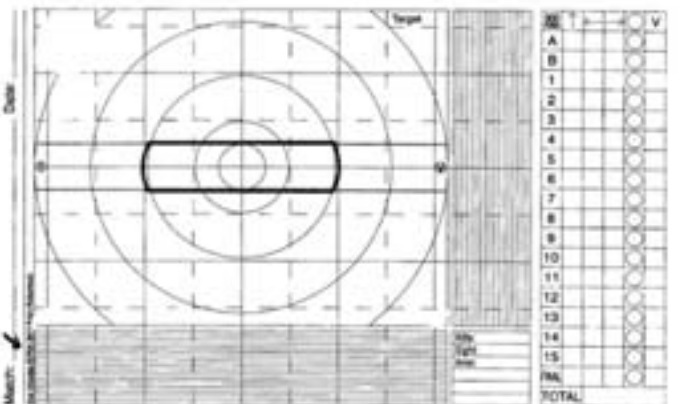
for 3!). Also, in '71 and '72, working with the CAF Commandants, DCRA initiated and engineered TR wins in the short and long range Military Services matches, a first for the Canadian Armed Forces in each of these events.

DCRA adopted the plotting diagram shown here with the logo following the successes of the '69 Bisley team. With minor changes this plotting diagram is now seen in use worldwide.

Graphic plotting systems have proven their worth as the science of fullbore marksmanship has advanced. Various other innovations have gained in popularity and recorded some successes. However, the graphic design continues to frequent the firing line not only because of familiarity, but because the nature of the design permits it to effectively respond to grouping shifts caused by changes in a shooter’s position during a match.



A modification to the Canadian graphing system was introduced by the author in 2015 for the ICFRA target F Class competition where “possibles” require the “impossible,” i.e. estimating wind variations of 3 to 5 inches at 900 metres! Using Ian Robertson’s drawing shown here, a highlighted zone was added. In F Class shooting, the dynamics of coaching changed from TR coached shooting — as the shooter now sees the score and point of impact as each shot is fired. This new diagram was designed to encourage the shooter to psychologically focus on the key elements required to fire sub-minute of angle centered groups. Test results have proven encouraging for both individuals and team coaches, as the cause of points lost to elevation or wind can be immediately analyzed.



The use of plotting is simply a tool — but it can be one of the significant factors in developing a winning process!

*By Don Hall, '69 Bisley Adjutant*

## SANDY PEDEN'S THANK-YOU SPEECH

Thank you,

I am honoured to be standing here today before you as an inductee into the Victoria City Sports Hall of Fame, and to be included in the same group as these other fine athletes, Lauren, Rick, Ike, Bruce and Steve. I congratulate each of you on having such successful careers.

My wife Margaret and I have been sports fans for many years and have watched many Olympic and Commonwealth games to witness some of the victories that we are celebrating this evening. It is truly amazing to see what our young athletes do.

It may seem strange to you to see someone who is over 80 years' age elected to the hall as an athlete. But as you may know, one cannot be nominated until they have retired from their sport. My sport of Competitive long range Rifle shooting is sometimes referred to as a LIFE LONG SPORT and I have done my best to make it that, but after 50 years I have found that there were too many youngsters making it difficult for these old bones to stay near the top.

At this point I think is customary to give thanks to people who had given you help along the way, people like 'your coach.' But first I would like to give you a little bit of the background of my sport and where it originated.

What we do is lay on the ground, rain or shine, and shoot at a paper target that would be 300, 500, 600, 900 and 1000 yds away. Success comes by developing self-discipline and being able to read the wind. For example, four miles per hour of wind at 90degrees at 1000 yds will be enough to give you an error of four feet from the center of the target.

The origins of the target rifle shooting go back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century when Queen Victoria sanctioned the creation of the NRA of Great Britain. In those days, all of the competitors came from the military, and they attended an annual competition that took place on rifle ranges on the Wimbledon common. These competitions lasted for seven to ten days, and they were always one of the high social events of the year, with the winner taking The Queens Prize of 500 pounds, a tidy sum for a prize. There could be as many as a thousand marksmen taking part.

In 1890 the venue was changed to a place called Bisley, about 50 miles from London, where to this day, the competition continues. There are still over a thousand competitors in the annual competition, and they come from Commonwealth countries, and in more recent years Europe and the USA.

Rifle associations were created in the 19th century in every colony throughout the British Empire for the promotion of marksmanship in the interests of Defence of the Realm.

Each country awarded the top prize of the Governor General's badge in annual competition, and in Canada, each province awarded the Lt. Governor's badge to the provincial champion. Every year, Canada sends a team to compete at Bisley. This team is made up of the top marksmen and women determined at the annual competitions held in Ottawa.

After ten days of shooting, the final competition at Bisley

is to determine the overall winner of the Queens's prize. It only includes the top 100 out of the 1,000 to 1,500 competitors. These top 100 marksmen and women shoot at 900 and 1,000 yards to compete for the Queen's Prize. The overall winner is placed in a large chair and lifted onto the shoulders of his or her team, and marched away behind a military band that plays 'Hail the conquering hero comes.' It's a stirring sight, and the goal of every competitor. It's the Stanley Cup of shooting.

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association was created in 1868 and sent its first team to England in 1873. Canada has sent a team every year since, excluding the war years. In 1897, Canada built its own building at Bisley to house the Canadian team. The Canadian pavilion was built by Canadians with Canadian materials and furnished by donations from the rifle associations in Canada. The Canadian pavilion is recognized as the best team house in Bisley, and many events are held there, featuring over the past 125 years many illustrious guests. There is a photo of the building on my display, taken in 1969 on my first visit to Bisley.

If you get the time to examine the memorabilia displayed here today, you will see the Scroll of Marksmen for the British Columbia Rifle Association. The first competition was held in Victoria in 1875, thus making the BCRA the oldest sporting association in BC... Almost as old as the Six Mile Pub.

Originally, targets were built on Clover Point, with the shooters firing from long range along what is now Dallas Rd. The BCRA has held a provincial championship every year since 1875, excluding the war years. Past venues for provincial competition include Clover Point, Goldstream, Central Park in what is now Burnaby, Richmond, Nanaimo, New Westminster, and Heals Range in Victoria. One of the trophies competed for was donated by the family of Sir James Douglas, the first Governor of the Colony. Another trophy was donated by Sir Arthur Currie, a well-known Victorian who led Canadians to a victory at Vimy ridge.

As I mentioned earlier, most of the competitors came from the military. I started to compete in 1960 while serving in the Royal Canadian Navy. At the time, I was working in the land base HMCS Naden, and during the lunch hour I would go to the indoor .22 range to shoot. I had never shot before but it had always been of interest to me. One day, the Chief Petty office asked me if I would like to come out to Heals range on the weekend to shoot the .303 rifle. My reply was yes, but I do not have a rifle. He opened a large locker on the wall and it was full of .303 Enfield rifles. He said pick one and come out next Saturday. I asked my wife if it was ok and she said sure...

I arrived at the range to see about forty shooters dressed in various sorts of shooting garb. Most of them were WWII veterans with a lot of experience. The navy chief was there, and he introduced me to the rest of the navy shooters.... Then I was given the house rules...

See those guys over there... they're from the Canadian Scottish reg. Those are from the 15 field reg... those are regular army... and so on... Stay away from them... So

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here's what you do... follow the range officer's orders... Get down and shoot bullseyes. We have to beat those others...

That pretty well was the extent of being coached. I did find a book written by an Englishman named Fuller and learned some from that.

It took eight years for me to qualify for the Canadian team to Bisley. Once you reach that level you really start to learn from some of the best.

BUT... I did need a lot help to reach that goal, but it did not come from someone coaching me, because there were no coaches. It came from the support I received from my best friend and my children. My wife Margaret supported me through thick and thin and never let me give up. Each one of our children helped on the range on weekends, and during the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Margaret and my daughters organized and ran the butts and stats for the fullbore event.

So thank you, sweetheart. Thanks kids. I love you.

Support also came from my friend Derek Daines who happened to be one of the top gunsmiths in Canada. Derek always made sure that any rifle that I was using was going to work properly. Thanks Derek.

There were many successes over the years. A couple that will always be at the front of my memory is a national smallbore competition. My youngest daughter Angela was in the 676 Air Cadets at Sydney and one year we won the Senior/ Junior match. The following year she was not in cadets but I entered us anyway. When I was driving her to

the range I thought that I was really going to have to bear down for a good score because she hadn't shot in a year. I had some trouble and dropped a couple of points... But Angie shot a perfect score, and we won again... Thanks Angie... The second fond memory is winning the BC Father and Son match at 600 yds twice, with my son Ed. Thanks son.

A parting note... Back in the 70s I met a teenage boy while coaching the 676 Air Cadet Squadron in Sidney. After he left cadets, this young man began to shoot full-bore rifle... He has since won the Queen's prize at Bisley once, and the Governor General's prize at Ottawa five times. In 1997 he won the gold medal at the Commonwealth shooting Championships in Malaysia and in 1998 he won the gold and a silver at the Commonwealth games in Kuala Lumpur, plus a silver at the 2014 Games in Glasgow. He is from Victoria. His name is Jim Paton and he is here with me this evening... I am sure that Jim will be inducted into our hall of fame some day, but he is only 56 years old right now, so he has another 20 years to go until retiring.

Thank you very much for this honour. I am grateful to have my sport recognized, and to recognized by my peers for my achievements. My thanks also go to all the volunteers in the Victoria Sports hall of fame... for all the work they had done and for not giving me the hook for my extra long three-minute talk... Thank you.

*Sandy Peden*

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## 2015 PALMA VETERANS TEAM

### Bronze .... Again

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 your Canadian Veterans Team took the bronze for the second consecutive time, repeating its World Championship achievement in Australia four years ago. To be a veteran one must exceed 60 years of age on the day of the contest ... and the old farts did it.

The team, headed by captain Roger Mullin, adjutant Tony Betts and head coaches Dave Adams and the omnipresent Alain Marion included BC's Bob Pitcairn, Bob Best and Ken Westling, Alberta's Ken Nelson, Ontario's Pat Vamplew, Deen Mohideen, Mike Wong Shui (target coach), Scott Murray and Serge Bissonnette, Quebec's Jacques Dugas and Paul Tremblay, New Brunswick resident Don Coleman and Nova Scotia's taff, Jeff Jenkins. The team was supported as well by several family members and Peter Dobell of BC, all of whom contributed to the less glamorous but essential aspects of team shooting. I am proud to have been associated with each and every one of them. The team showed no jealousies, maximum cooperation, preparation and commitment and, most importantly for me, extreme respect for the position of captain. I felt that they wanted to win the match for themselves, Canada and especially for me. This is a wonderful position for a team captain to be in and is not always, or even often, the case.

The ICFRA-sanctioned match consisted of four ranges, 2 convertible sighters and 10 on score at each of 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards, all fired on a single day using competitor supplied 308 ammo with 156gr or less bullets – you will be familiar with the experience. Each team placed ten shooters on the line divided between two targets and blazed happily away all day in a traditional coached match. The event took place at the world-famous (“best range in the world”, according to American material) Camp Perry, Ohio, a permanent National Guard facility. The event was fired on ICFRA short- and long-range targets officially under ICFRA rules that, fortunately for us, required paid markers, something not the norm in American experience. Weather conditions were good and the wind challenging for the coaches, at times very challenging.

Over the three preceding days the World Veterans Individual Championship took place concurrent with the American Fullbore championships. Many of our Veterans entered this event as well and two placed in the top twenty-five for their efforts, Alain Marion and Bob Best. Their achievement in the Individual Championship is to be applauded and not altogether unexpected.

While the team did not improve on its third place finish in Australia, there is no question that ours was a potentially stronger and more complete team made up of dedicated people who set out from the start to win this event, something we felt was truly attainable. The team selection process started several years ago by soliciting written interest in the team. In the end over thirty Canadian solid shooters in this age bracket put their names forth for consideration. Dave Adams, Pat Vamplew, Alain Marion, Tony Betts and others reviewed shooting performance over the following months and we were able to narrow the team down close to the allowed number of seventeen in August 2014; it was no easy task. Once one reaches the ripe old age of sixty, one has already achieved much in the game (or at least shown commitment and perseverance, as in the case of the team captain!) A quick review of the above names shows several Queens prize, grand aggregate and other important prizewinners, not to mention several past Commonwealth Games Team members. It became obvious to all that this particular demographic in Canada is our most powerful and eliminating people from the team was extremely difficult – there was not much to choose between the majority. We had a good chance.

Wisely, a decision was made early on to include an additional four shooters for consideration over this past winter, thinking that we might lose a member or two along the way to illness, family concerns and other unpredictable events. It turned out that this was indeed to be the case as a few members reluctantly withdrew due to illness, surgery, surgical procedures in family members and so on. Many in this age group are pensioners on fixed and modest incomes and this proved to be a factor for some as well. Despite that most managed to stay the course. A genuine attempt was made to keep costs as low as possible for the members and a modest fundraising exercise managed to raise a bit more money for team purposes.

The three Canadian teams (the Under 25s, the Veterans and the Palma teams) worked together using the Australian model of 2011 and the adjutant of the Palma team, Gary Bowman, did yeoman's work in coordinating all the logistics for all three teams over the two week period. I speak for the Veterans team when I say we are grateful for the effort and expertise Gary showed in this thankless task – he has a gift for it and will undoubtedly be tapped again and again in this sort of role. We are fortunate to have him.

As has been the Canadian custom of late our team spotted the other senior citizen teams some points at three hundred. I'd like to say it was because we didn't need them and wanted to make the competition close but frankly this tendency is one we must overcome in all our team efforts in future international team matches if we aspire to success. Coming out of the three hundred, whether in the Veterans, Kolapore or Canada match, we must be in the game. Nowadays this means essentially going clean given the high level of skill all over the shooting world. Future teams must solve this.

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We did not and it hurt us. As per usual also we came on strong thereafter but we had a long way to claw back. As expected it was the relay at 1000 where the match was won. The Americans deserved their win and showed us all up. The point gap turned out to be about half a point per man per range between us and the first place team and a quarter point per man per range between us and second. I'd call this a horse race but we were nosed out again. The team captain predicted a horse race when he was appointed and the match did not disappoint. It did not help that when the results were announced on the range our team was placed second due to an error on the part of the organizers. This led to a short-lived euphoria at having beaten our nemesis, the UK. It was not to be and our balloon was pricked.

Prior to the matches a boisterous meet and greet affair was held by the NRA and a specific dinner for Veterans teams was also laid on which took place during the Individual Veterans event. The NRA is fortunate in having access to a fine conference centre right on the camp for affairs such as this. I am pleased to report that the food did not disappoint. As is the custom a few gifts were exchanged between team captains and the NRA officials involved in running the matches while the rest of the shooters who were going to do the hard work waited impatiently to get back to the bar. The team captains agreed that tables would have two members from each team around them in order to increase socialization. The manoeuvre worked famously and team captains when giving their obligatory speeches did not run on at the lip overly.

Accompanying this article is a photograph taken of the team right after the thousand-yard session was completed. With the aid of a magnifying glass one can track the shooting progress of the team from the scoreboard. Future team captains can learn from the evolution of our problems. More legitimate team practice, especially with central control over periods of shooting pauses is a definite recommendation. Looking forward to the next team one can predict another horse race and therefore a genuine opportunity to win again. Our shooters in their late fifties will do us proud and many of the team members this year will make yet another appearance.



Back row: Pat Vamplew, Peter Dobell, Don Coleman, Bob Best, Ken Nelson, Ken Westling, Deen Mohideen  
Middle: Tony Betts, Scott Murray, Jeff Jenkins, Serge Bissonnette, Bob Pitcairn, Dave Adams, Alain Marion, Paul Tremblay, Jacques Dugas, Mike Wong Shui  
Kneeling: Roger Mullin

## 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES TRIALS

The next Commonwealth Games will be held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, in April 2018. The shooting events will be at the Belmont Shooting Centre, Brisbane. At the time of writing, the dates for the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships (CSFC) have not yet been confirmed by the CSF, but it is likely that they will be in the same time frame in 2017. In 2015, the DCRA conducted the first part of a two-year trial, which will conclude in 2016.

- a. **In 2016**, the top 20 shooters from 2015 will be invited to take part in Part 2 of the Trial. Pre-Registration at the time of CFRC entry, along with a \$100 registration fee, will be required. Shooters in the top 20 who do not wish to participate will be replaced in order of the scores from 2015. The fee will go into the Overseas Teams Fund (OTF), which is dedicated to the support of our Commonwealth Games endeavours. Drugs testing may be required by the SFC and/or CGC following the end of the Trial. Any fees will be paid from the OTF. Funding, as far as possible, for the coats of the Trial, for pre-Games training and for attendance at the CSFC will come from the Overseas Teams Fund.
- b. All 20 pre-registered shooters will be squadded, as far as is possible, in the same relays of the Canadian Championships, so that they will shoot shoulder-to-shoulder. Scores in the Canadian Target Rifle Championship will be added to the scores made in 2015. In addition, there will be an additional full day of shooting, firing Stages II (10 at 300-500-600) and III (15 at 800-900) of the CWG event, held on the Sunday following the conclusion of the Canadian Championships.
- c. After the shooting, with all scores to count, the top two shooters will be named as those selected for the CSFC and CWG. The third shooter will be named as the reserve.
- d. A Manager/Coach will be selected by the DCRA in consultation with the three shooters.
- e. The full Commonwealth Games Team will be submitted to the SFC and CGC for approval.
- f. It is intended that all three shooters, with the Manager/Coach, will attend the CSFC in 2017, and that the top two shooters with the M/C will attend the CWG.
- g. The standings after Part 1 of the Trial are:

1. PITCAIRN,ROBERT,CHILLIWACK,BC	821v80
2. ROSSIGNOL,NICOLE,QUEBEC,QC	818v89
3. VAMPLEW,PATRICK,OSHAWA,ON	814v83
4. TREMBLAY,PAUL,QUEBEC,QC	813v84
5. WESTLAKE,PETER,ST.THOMAS,ON	813v68
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17. DUGAS,JACQUES,QUEBEC,QC	807v70
18. LUTES,MICHAEL,NORTON,NB	806v66
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## DCRA 150TH ANNIVERSARY STAMP

The DCRA will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018. In recognition of that Anniversary a letter has recently been sent to the Canada Post - Stamp Advisory Committee requesting that consideration be given to the production of a postage stamp in 2018 commemorating this significant anniversary and the sport of marksmanship shooting. The text of this letter is below. We encourage each of you from across the country to send letters to Canada Post Stamp Advisory Committee supporting this proposal. Similarly, if you could encourage others to do so, i.e. MPs, MLAs, key community leaders, etc., that would be appreciated. We believe it is important that the Stamp Advisory Committee understand that there is a large body of support in Canada for this sport and that therefore it deserves recognition.

February 2015

Chairperson  
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Dear Sir or Madame,

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, one of the oldest sports associations in Canada, will mark its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018, having been founded in 1868 and then incorporated by an Act of Parliament in 1900. With this Anniversary in mind the intent of this letter is to request that consideration be given to the production of a postage stamp commemorating this Anniversary and the sport of marksmanship shooting.

By way of background, the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA) is the National Governing Body for fullbore target shooting in Canada. It is not like the National Rifle Association of the United States, which is also a weapons lobby group. The DCRA, as outlined in its' Mission Statement, promotes and supports the pursuit of excellence in military and civilian marksmanship as a positive and significant contribution to Canada, the sport of shooting, and to the safe handling of firearms. Indeed, competitive shooting is a fun and challenging sport which requires a high degree of concentration, personal discipline, and fitness. Further, it is not a sport which is reserved for or dominated by any particular group of society. Rather, it is one of the few sports whose membership covers the entire spectrum of age, gender, occupation, profession, trade, and even physical disability. The DCRA has members across Canada and is composed of 10 Provincial Rifle Associations, one Territorial Rifle Association, and a National Capital Region Rifle Association. Further background information related to the DCRA is enclosed on a Fact Sheet.

The first DCRA National prize meeting took place in La Prairie, just outside Montreal, in 1868 with more than 900 participants. Since then the DCRA has continued to hold prize meetings every year, except during the two World Wars. Further, the DCRA, has since its' formation, provided teams annually to participate in international competitions which have not only increased the profile of Canada but brought great repute to it. Most recently, members selected by the DCRA won two silver medals (individual and pairs shooting) at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Scotland. All that to say, by 2018 the DCRA and competitive target shooting will have been an important part of our Canadian history and heritage for 150 years which should be appropriately recognized. A stamp in this Anniversary year would help highlight this contribution to Canada. Further, given that marksmanship shooting has not been a sport that Canadian stamps have profiled for many years it can only but enhance the high regard for the diversity of subject areas of Canadian stamps in Canadian and international philatelic circles.

Should you require further information we would be pleased to provide it. Feel free to contact our office as detailed above or our Project Officer for this initiative: Mr. Bill Molnar at 613-592-9361 or [billmolnar@rogers.com](mailto:billmolnar@rogers.com).

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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