

WHITEHORSE RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

MARCH 18, 2020

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The world is battling an invisible enemy.

Many countries world-wide are affected.

Events have been cancelled.

Schools and public places are closed.

Travel in and out of Canada is restricted.

A public health emergency has just been declared for Yukon.

WHITEHORSE RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

The world has been pummeled by scary information about this COVID-19 respiratory virus. Canada is now seeing an increase in cases and government at all levels are scrambling to respond, prevent catastrophic spread of this disease and subsequent impact to our health care system and make adjustments to the financial forces that manipulate our economy.

Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands well and frequently. Keep your hands away from your face. Maintain a distance of at least six feet or two metres from others. Work from home if you can.

Whitehorse Rifle & Pistol Club is not immune and not exempt from following the directions of senior government and health officials.

CURRENT ACTIONS

Here are some of the things that are happening (or unhappening) right now.

Canadian Firearms Safety Courses

The Canadian Firearms Safety Course, originally scheduled for this weekend March 21 & 22, 2020 is cancelled. No additional courses will be scheduled as long as the local public health measures, that are currently in place to control the transmission of COVID-19, are in effect.

Indoor Range

Effective immediately, Wednesday March 18, 2020, at 1:30 PM, the indoor range is now closed. No shooting activities will be conducted in the indoor range until further notice.

Annual General Meeting

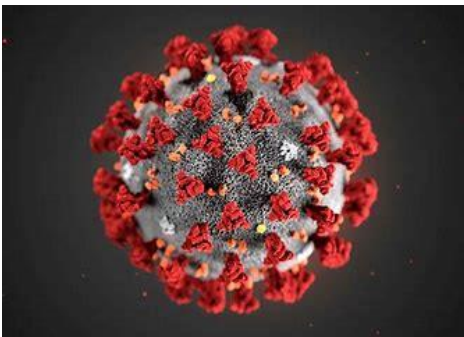
The AGM will be postponed.

Swap Meet

Originally planned for April 5, 2020 will now be cancelled.

Lock Change

The locks on the gates will be changed by 9:00 PM Monday March 30, 2020, as is the usual practice.



The corona virus responsible for COVID-19

Proof of membership in an approved gun club is required to renew your restricted PAL.

Membership Renewals

The new membership year begins April 1, 2020 and already more than 100 members have renewed. Membership fees remain unchanged. See the web page to download a form.

In order to comply with the social distancing requirements, previously scheduled times to do this at the clubhouse have been cancelled.

You can renew electronically by completing your form and emailing it with credit card details. Your renewal sticker will be mailed to you. You can also renew by mail with either a personal cheque or by including credit card details.

If you had a gate key in 2019, a new key will be mailed to you with your membership renewal. If you mail the old key back to the club, tape it to a small card or paper inside the envelope so that the key doesn't break out of the envelope on its trip through the postal system.

Orientation

A gate key will not be issued to a new member until they have participated in a range orientation. And a member whose membership has lapsed for one year or more is expected to participate in a range orientation before receiving a gate key.

Everybody wants a key so they can try out their new stuff, otherwise, why did you get a membership? We get it., however, the club is obligated to ensure that those who have access fully understand the responsibilities. Options will be examined as to how we can accomplish this task and still keep everyone safe and healthy.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Maintaining our health is the first priority. Remember that this organization is operated by volunteers.

Membership renewals and gate keys are also important for club members.

Nobody knows for sure how this COVID-19 is going to behave when it officially arrives to the Yukon.

April has always been a time at the range where we wait for the snow to melt and the mud to dry up so we can get out and tune up the rifle, enjoy the spring air, and pick up the garbage that accumulated over the winter.

As plans and programs are adjusted, news will be posted to the web page.

Stay well and, wash your hands!