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WRPC Spring Newsletter



Whitehorse Rifle and Pistol Club

President's Message

MEMBERSHIP YEAR

JANUARY

TO

DECEMBER

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| INDIVIDUAL | \$100 |
| DUAL | \$110 |
| FAMILY | \$125 |
| YOUTH | \$27.50 |

Effective August 1st

Late Renewals or

New Memberships

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| INDIVIDUAL | \$150 |
| DUAL | \$165 |
| FAMILY | \$187.50 |
| YOUTH | \$40 |

Thank you to all the club members that turned out for the AGM at the end of January. A number of important decisions were made at the Annual General Meeting that will, once completed, see the organization continue to move forward ensuring that operational standards are achieved and maintained.

Maintenance of existing structures and landscape will remain as a priority for this year with the development of a work plan to define some significant capital projects. Additionally, our club constitution will be undergoing a review and revision to ensure

core principles are clearly articulated and our accounting methods will be assessed to make sure we are making the correct decisions with the club's finances.

This is a volunteer based organization, so as a member, your support, physical as well as financial, is appreciated. With a very healthy roster of 300+ memberships there is considerable skill and labour that can be of benefit to your club. Please consider coming out to assist when a work party is announced. Let us know if something requires repair

Here's to another good year of shooting !

Regards,

Nora Trombley

Wednesday January 30, 2013

Annual General meeting was held at the Club House

Executive Officers Elected

President: Nora Trombley

Vice President: David Buchanan

Secretary/Treasurer: Shanna Williams

Red flag = Live Fire. Green flag = Cease Fire

Strategic Work Plan

At the AGM in January 2013, a motion was passed to develop a strategic work plan which would be presented to the membership for approval and would sustain any changes to the executive over the next 3-5 years.

From the members that were present at the AGM, a small committee was convened and assigned the task identifying key projects and routine maintenance tasks for the work plan.

A number of these jobs can be accomplished by club members who are willing and able to tackle the challenge. This list includes routine repairs and painting of outhouses, sheds, target stands, brush clearing, building benches and other small construction projects.

Capital projects that will require the skills and expertise of licensed contractors include assessment and upgrade of the air exchange system in the indoor range, removal of in-ground oil tanks and instal-

lation of one above ground tank, structural addition to the clubhouse to include a separate office, kitchen, and a universal washroom. Availability of a water source will permit improved hand-washing practices and enable us to do a better job of keeping the clubhouse clean.

Obviously, these projects will require some significant funding and communication with a variety of municipal and government departments to

obtain all the proper permits.

Once cost estimates are available for the capital projects, a special general meeting will be called for presentation to members in order to obtain their approval to move forward.

PAST PRESIDENT—GEOFFREY FLETCHER

With a vision to be involved in the development of a gun club worthy of a five star rating, a considerable amount of work was accomplished at the range by past president, Geoff Fletcher. He ensured that all members, both new and old, received an orientation tour prior to being issued with a key to the gate, acknowledging that respect for the range and understanding of the rules would be better achieved when individuals received con-

sistent information at a personal level.

Many days, in all weather conditions, Geoff and his furry companion Mutt, could be seen at the range, picking up garbage, cutting and replacing target boards, meeting with various user groups, and taking the time to participate in the scheduled fun shoots. Always encouraging new shooters and helping experienced enthusiasts to trouble shoot a problem, Geoff had a

wealth of knowledge about firearms that he was happy to share with others and he promoted all the shooting disciplines equally. Safety on the firing line and around the range was the driving principle of his decisions on behalf of the club.

Thanks Geoff, for your hard work, hearty laugh, objective outlook and willingness to get the job done.

R.I.P.

**Geoff passed away
in March at
Whitehorse General
Hospital**

Range Schedule

May and June are going to be very busy with several of the government agencies conducting training and qualification exercises during the day.

In order to accommodate this demand for access to the gun range there may be a couple of days in May when the Centre Fire Bench Rest range and the PPC range are being used at the same time.

Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated during this brief disruption to access.

The WRPC continues to support the availability of Canadian Firearms Safety Courses, on almost a regular monthly basis. Classes fill up quickly, so register early for your course.

Dates are posted on the whiteboard and on the website.

The regular shooting disciplines of Trap, and Rifle Silhouette will be underway on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings throughout the season with a variety of Fun Shoots scattered across the calendar. Come out and play, and try a new challenge to test your shooting skill.

Please note that changes to the schedule can occur with little notice.

**PUBLIC NIGHT
THURSDAY
7 PM TO 9 PM
MAY 2 TO SEPT 26**

**Spring Swap
Meet
Sunday May 12
11 AM to 3 PM
Set up at 10 AM**



**YUKON FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION
EVENTS AT WRPC
YUKON OUTDOOR WOMEN
WORKSHOP MAY 31ST
YOUTH OUTDOOR EDUCATION
CAMP JULY 8TH**

RANGE SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

**REGISTERED TRAP SHOOTS
JUNE 8 & 9
JULY 14 & 15**

**YUKON RIFLE SILHOUETTE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
JUNE 15 & 16**

**YUKON HANDGUN
CHAMPIONSHIPS
JULY 21 & 22**

**RANGE CLEAN UP DAYS TO BE
ANNOUNCED**

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Safety on the range is a priority and all users are expected to follow the range safety rules when using the facilities.

The safety rules are posted at all of the various range areas, next to the front door of the clubhouse and have been included with each new and renewed membership..

Each range area is approved for a specific class of firearm, caliber and type of ammunition to ensure a safe shooting environment. For example, the Trap Range is approved for shotguns only and you can shoot .22 cal handgun and rifle at the indoor range, but discharging a .50 BMG is not permitted anywhere at the range. These approvals are renewed on a five year basis providing the shooting range demonstrates compliance with the regulations.

SAFETY ON THE FIRING LINE



As a reminder:

Every member is responsible for ensuring that they handle their firearms safely at the range and that they comply with the range rules.

Anyone can call a cease fire when there is a situation observed that is not safe.

Flags must be used at each range area.

When the GREEN flag or square is raised it means that a CEASE FIRE is in place and NO shooting is permitted. The GREEN

flag will be up when people are down range setting up targets.

Activating the amber lights at the center fire and silhouette areas is an additional indicator that someone is down range.

When the RED flag or square is raised it means that the range is LIVE and shooting is permitted.

Any handling of your

firearm, whether it is a sight or scope adjustment or cycling the action, will be done at the firing line and only when it is safe to do so and there is no one down range.

Take your time—

Scan the line and make sure it is safe to shoot.

KEEP IT SAFE

KEEP IT FUN



No handling of firearms behind the firing line