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Open letter to all Yukon Shooters

The Yukon Shooting Federation (YSF), registered in 1983 with the Societies Branch of the Yukon Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, is the governing body for the shooting sports in Yukon. The objectives of the society are to sponsor all kinds of shooting competitions and prize meets; to assist clubs and organizations engaged in competitive shooting; standardize shooting regulations and practices within the Yukon; and, act as the Territorial body for any form of shooting in which its members may wish to participate. Any organized shooting club registered in the Yukon can apply for affiliation with the YSF and be represented on the board. The YSF is also affiliated with the Shooting Federation of Canada which is the national governing body for the shooting sports in Canada.

At the local level the YSF is affiliated with Sport Yukon. This relationship provides a mechanism for accessing special funding and training opportunities to support individual athletes or teams, in addition to financial assistance to affiliated clubs for special projects.

In recent years the YSF has supported the Canadian National Silhouette Rifle Championships, the Yukon Handgun and Rifle Silhouette Championships and the Youth Airgun Shooting Program. The YSF has also facilitated the process for team development for the shooting sports at the Arctic Winter Games and the Canada Winter Games. Initiating youth shooting programs in two rural communities was attempted by loaning targets and air rifles to a local co-ordinator, however the programs were quickly discontinued due to lack of community support.

This organization exists to support all affiliated shooting clubs in the Yukon, however as communities started developing their own gun clubs, the reliance on the YSF for support diminished. Leadership in the YSF has been closely associated with the Whitehorse Rifle and Pistol Club (WRPC) for several years and for this reason the distinct roles of the two organizations has become blurred in the eyes of some. Committed to ensuring the continuation of the YSF and its mandate, the same individuals have held executive roles for many years in this volunteer organization just to keep the society vital and responsive to the needs of involved and active shooters.

The Yukon Shooting Federation requires revitalization and new leadership in order to move this sport organization forward. The management of the YSF requires the appointment a minimum of five (5) directors, but no more than twelve (12) and from this Board of Directors they shall elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The fiscal year runs from November 1st to October 31st.

Please consider attending the Annual General Meeting of the Yukon Shooting Federation on Sunday November 10, 2013 at 1:00 pm at the Clubhouse of the Whitehorse Rifle and Pistol Club on Grey Mountain Road.

Come out and hear why you should consider being part of this process to revitalize a valuable and necessary asset to the Yukon shooting sports community.