



Yellowknife Shooting Club

Northwest Territories

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Yellowknife Shooting Club Winter 2014/15 Newsletter

President's Message

Happy New Year! Welcome to the Yellowknife Shooting Club winter newsletter. 2014 was a great year for the club - our membership climbed to over 500 strong again this year. A reminder: our membership year runs November 15th to November 15th so it may well be time to renew. Membership forms can be downloaded from our website www.yellowknifeshootingclub.ca or can be picked up at True Value Hardware or at the Shooting Performance Center. Filled forms and fees can be dropped to True Value Hardware or at the Shooting Performance Center.

The club website hosts our up to date calendar of activities and events. For those on Facebook, please "Like" and friend the club page. Match notices and other club events are posted to the Facebook page regularly - a painless way to keep up to date with club matches, meetings, and volunteer opportunities.

The Shooting Performance Center is in full swing again this year. Yellowknife's two Cadet Corps shoot at the Center on Monday and Thursday evenings. Our Canada Winter Games team practices on Tuesday evenings. The Center is open for member use Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:30 - 10pm; turnout thus far has been excellent. The diehard shooters are making lots of use of the outdoor range. An old blanket can help keep your ejected brass out of the snow and don't forget to take a bundle of wood for the stove in the warm up shack.

We are lucky to have Junior members Mary Cairns and Elizabeth McCullum, who have taken on the role of newsletter editors for the club. This will have two very positive effects - we will have a newsletter - and the grammar and spelling will be much improved from the ones I tried to do!

Tight Groups!

Scott Cairns, YKSC President

Action Pistol

New Action Pistol Shooter Information

Do you want to become a shooter?

Do you want to improve your skills and have fun?

Interested in Action shooting?

6 STEPS TO GETTING STARTED

1st - Get a Restricted PAL if you do not already have one.

2nd - Come on out watch a few events to see what it is all about.

3rd - Determine what division you want to shoot in.

4th - Determine what gear you will need to start. Talk to some other shooters and see what they are using.

5th - Attend the Black Badge Safety Course



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to get you on your way.

6th – Successfully complete a match and get involved with your local club.

The Past Year

The Action Pistol Section was active this past season with some weekly night shoots. Shooters were able to come to the Yellowknife Shooting Range where we were all challenged to shoot an array of targets where being under the pressure of time and speed would push the shooter to new limits. Besides the weekly planned shoots there were a few matches held during the season July 19, Aug 23, Sept 20 and 27. Successful Black Badge courses were also held this season in June and Aug. Twenty new shooters received the IPSC Black Badge safety training course that is now available locally here at the YKSC. Thank you to all the guys and gals that came out this season to make it a great success. Hope to see more happy faces this year on the Pistol Range. For planned activities for the coming 2015 Season please have a look at the YKSC website 2015 calendar.

This past year was a very exciting one for Michelle and I as we were able to participate in some challenging I.P.S.C. matches in Alberta and taking part in the Canadian Nationals. I also took part in the I.P.S.C. World Shoot held in Frostproff Florida finishing 53rd overall as well as the United States I.P.S.C Nationals in which I finished 8th overall. This level of competition has



proven to be very rewarding as one is able to compete against some of the best shooters in the country and the world. Michelle and I are happy to bring back ideas from other clubs where we attended matches and share these ideas with our own members to improve our club events making them more exciting and challenging. We look forward to another great season having fun on the range.

- John and Michelle Dzurka



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Competing in the Prairie Open

The year 2015 will bring a nationwide competition that will take place this coming February in Prince George, BC: the Canada Winter Games! The Yellowknife Shooting Club is supporting a team of four individuals to represent the North: Elizabeth McCullum and Melissa Clark, who will compete in air rifle, and Liam Wilford and Mary Cairns who will compete in air pistol. Earlier this year the team travelled to Winnipeg to compete in the Prairie Open against shooters from across the country. The team gained experience in a competitive environment – and had fun in the meantime. It was their first out of town competition as an official team and they learned a lot from the experience.

The team left early on the 21st of November in order to arrive at the venue in time to “scope out” the competition and the location. The venue didn’t look like much from the outside, but the interior was well-developed with high-tech electronic targets, which were relatively new to the team as well as an equipped canteen and lots of welcoming volunteers. After going through equipment check (during which both coaches had to make major changes to their gear) the team took to the line to warm themselves up for their big shoot, which would begin early the next day.

The 22nd was a standard ISSF format shoot: 40 shots for women and 60 for men within a certain allotted time. The shooters, although tired from the time change and early rise, shot well; Mary Cairns won a third-place medal for her age category and the Head Coach, Conrad Schubert, made the finals although was unable to attend them due to a team emergency: during that period the team was

stuck in the Human rights Museum after-hours while attempting to get competitor Mary Cairns out of an elevator. Although trapped for over an hour, the mechanical difficulties were eventually resolved and she was freed from her glass prison to everyone’s great relief.

On the 23rd, a slightly different format was employed; after shooting a standard match the shooters would compete in a faceoff called the “Super Final”, during which music, cowbells and sarcastic comments were encouraged from the audience and even from the competitors themselves. Melissa, Liam, Mary, and Conrad all made it to the Super Finals. Mary and Liam made it to the second round of the Final and finished in the top ten, competing even against members of the National team.

The team had little time to relax, as they flew out only a few hours later; they managed to make it to the airport in time for their flight thanks to the gracious assistance of one of the local shooters, who showed them the quickest route. The team along with their coaches arrived back in Yellowknife late that night, exhausted but happy with their performance. They are looking forward to their next out of town competition, which is in late January. This competition is important to both the shooters and their coaches as it is located in the same venue as the Canada Winter Games and will offer a good idea of what they will face in February.

-Elizabeth McCullum and Mary Cairns,
members of the CWG team



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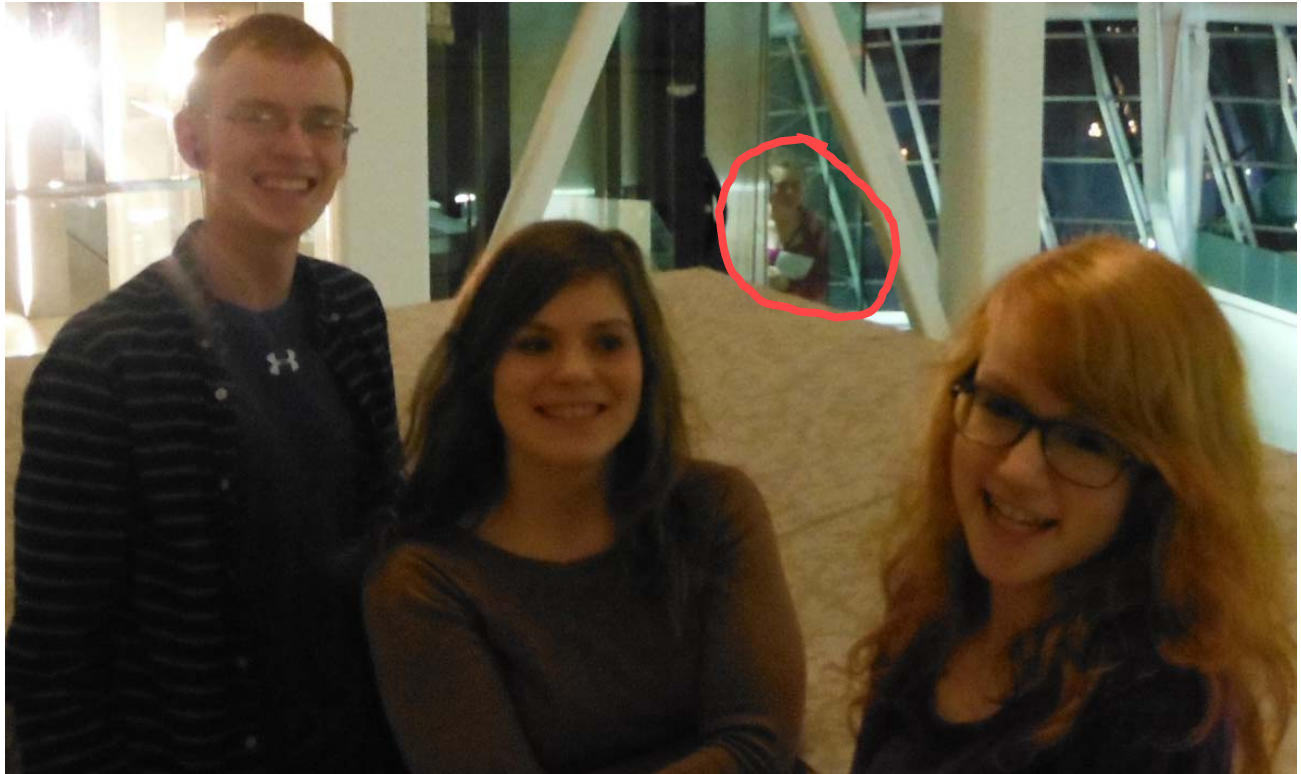
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Canada Winter Games Team competing at the Prairie Open in Winnipeg Manitoba. Team visit to the Human Rights Museum - Pistol shooter Mary Cairns Stuck in glass elevator in background.