



Yellowknife Shooting Club

Northwest Territories

Shoot for the fun of it!

Yellowknife Shooting Club Spring 2014 Newsletter

Warmer weather is returning, and the snow banks are receding at the outdoor range. Time to get the guns out of storage, and get ready for the summer outdoors season. At the start of a new shooting season, please take a moment to review the **Range Orders** posted on each range. They contain valuable safety and emergency information, as well as what firearms are allowed on what ranges and other rules for users of the facilities.

Summer Highlights

We are planning a very active summer at the outdoor range. Club membership continues to soar, and we anticipate the range will get a lot of use this summer. Check the club calendar at www.yellowknifeshootingclub.ca for regular updates. Regularly scheduled section shoots are:

Mondays - Handgun 19:00

Wednesday - Trap 19:30

Thursday - 18:00 smallbore silhouette rifle and pistol match

1st Sunday of the Month 13:00 - smallbore silhouette rifle and pistol match

3rd Sunday of the month 13:00 - high power Cowboy Rifle and Pistol silhouette match

Some Upcoming Special Events

Territorial Airgun Championship - Saturday April 26th at the Shooting Performance Centre

Spring General Meeting - Tuesday May 13th -19:30
Shooting Performance Centre

Spring Range Cleanup - May 31st 09:00 come work off those volunteer hours, and make the range a better place to shoot.

Black Badge Course - June 18-19, August 9-10

Our Sponsors

Tru Hardware continues to provide the major service as a point of contact for our memberships.

Woodstove Catering provides a considerable break on the rent of the Shooting Performance Centre.

Lapka Electrical donated electrician time and materials to the continuing operation of the Shooting Performance Centre. These donations are very much appreciated by the club, please take a moment to thanks (and patronize) our Club Sponsors.

Range Bookings

Group Members book individual ranges at the outdoor range from time to time. These bookings can be found on the club calendar. The calendar will specify which range will be in use e.g. handgun, rifle, plinking etc, and the hours (if unspecified it means during office hours). The range facility is still open to members during these times, and members are welcome to use the rest of the range, just please do not interfere with the booked members training activities

Black Badge Training

Yellowknife is very lucky to now have an instructor qualified to teach Black Badge courses. John Dzurka has offered to put on two courses this year for club members. The Yellowknife Shooting Club requires Black Badge certification for carrying and drawing a loaded pistol from a holster. The certification is also the starting point for participating in action shooting games such as IPSC and cowboy action matches. The two courses are scheduled for June 18th and 19th, and August 9th and 10th. Register early with John Dzurka phone (445 -4783 or email at reconjohn@hotmail.com) to avoid disappointment.

Silhouette Section

The Yellowknife Shooting Club hosts an active silhouette shooting program. The Silhouette Section will start the 2014 season on Thursday May 1st, weather permitting. During the summer months, we shoot a smallbore (.22 rimfire) rifle and handgun match on Thursday evenings. Sight-in starts at 6:00 pm and the match starts at 7:00 pm.

We also shoot a smallbore rifle and handgun match on the first Sunday of each month. On the third Sunday of each month, we hold a high-power cowboy rifle and handgun match. For Sunday matches, the range is set-up for sight-in at 1:00 pm and the match begins at 2:00 pm. Friendly instruction and assistance are provided for newcomers. Please come out and give silhouette shooting a try.

Special welcome for Juniors

Smallbore silhouette shooting is an excellent introduction to shooting for youths. Junior members, with parental supervision, are welcome at our shoots. The club has several good quality .22 rifles to loan to junior shooters. Safety training,

safety equipment, ammunition and coaching are provided.

What is Silhouette Shooting?

Silhouette shooting uses animal-shaped steel targets (chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams) placed on stands at different distances. For smallbore (.22 rimfire) rifle and handgun competitions, two rows of five animals are set up at 40 metres (chickens), 60 metres (pigs), 77 metres (turkeys) and 100 metres (rams). High Power Handgun and Cowboy Rifle targets are set at 50, 100, 150 and 200 metres. A match typically consists of 40 shots, one per each animal target. Scoring is simple: a shot that knocks the intended critter of the stand is scored as hit; if it doesn't, it is scored as a miss. And to keep it challenging, all rifle shooting is done from the standing position. For juniors and newcomers we can accommodate shooting off a bench, or a rest, in accordance with abilities.

Airgun Section Activities

Shooting Performance Centre airgun season is winding down. The indoor range saw a lot of use by junior and adult shooters alike. Cadets use the facility Mondays and Thursdays. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday are open for all club members from 6:30 till 10pm. The territorial airgun championship will be held April 26th at the Centre to wind down the season.

Constitution and By-Law Amendments

Following a report from the Constitution and Bylaw review committee, the Executive presented a slate of constitutional and by-law amendments at the fall Annual General Meeting. Amongst many housekeeping changes, the following substantive amendments were approved by the general membership at the fall AGM.

- The requirement to hold a firearms license in order to be a member of the club has been removed.
- All fees quoted in the by-laws have now been moved to a separate fee schedule, so that constitutional amendment is not required to adjust fees. Changes in the fee structure of the club will still need to be approved by membership at a General Meeting.
- Age of a junior membership is raised from 16 to 19, consistent with age of the Majority, and legal responsibility in the NWT.
- The executive has been granted the power to approve the Non-member use of facilities

from time to time in accordance with rates published in the fee structure.

- The club has adopted the guidelines of the NWT Federation of Shooting Sports Harassment and Gender Equity Policy as a dispute and discipline resolution policy.
- The club has increased the limit for executive discretionary use of funds from \$2000 to \$10000
- The club has replaced the requirement for a financial audit, the Auditor being replaced by an annual financial review.

Final drafting has been completed, and the new constitution has been filed with the public registry. These amendments make the club stronger going forward.

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