



# Yellowknife Shooting Club Winter 2012 Newsletter

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*Shoot for the fun of it*

## Appreciations

The club would like to remind members of the help provided to the club by Tru Hardware. Tru Hardware has been accepting club membership applications on our behalf for several years now at no cost, without this it would be much more awkward to get your key and membership card each year. Please take the time to thank them when picking up your memberships! We would also like to thank Woodstove Catering, Ace Enterprises and Unico Roofing for their support of the Club.

Also a big hand is due our volunteers, It is hard to remember an organization the size and scope of the Yellowknife Shooting Club is 100% volunteer based - There are no paid positions in the club. From the executive through to our range officers, and the many club members who come help out at range cleanups, an enormous collective thank you is due for making the ranges the tremendous facilities they are! If you can spare a few hours - why not come and lend a hand, there are some ways to do this in the volunteer section of this newsletter.

## Upcoming Club Activities

### No More Turkey Shoot Dec 26th

Did you get a new airgun for Christmas? Come try it out at the Shooting Performance Centre. You are a member, and have never been down to see the performance centre?

Why don't you come check it out Dec 26th 1-4pm. Drop in and try out the excellent quality club loaner rifles and pistols, or bring your own airgun (Non PAL under 500 FPS airguns shooting lead pellets only). Range Officers and club members will be available to show you around, and get you started.

### Monthly ISSF Match

Saturday January 8th 2013, sign up at the shooting performance centre to shoot air pistol or rifle at the monthly match

### February Reloading Course

Interested in reloading but have never seen the process? February 10th, the YKSC will be hosting its first ever reloading course. The course is designed to be a beginners introductory overview to reloading ammunition for your rifles and pistols. Limited spots are available through the City of Yellowknife course registration system:

<https://econnect.yellowknife.ca/Start/Start.asp>

## What's New

### Competitive Program

Three YKSC shooters are going to Red Deer in January to compete in the Alberta Provincial Air Rifle and Air pistol competition. The junior team has been training hard for the past several months and hopes to have fun, and place well in the Alberta Provincials. This will be the team's first "away" competition shooting airgun. Wish them luck!

### New Club Executive

Our fall AGM was held Nov 6th, electing a new YKSC executive. There were a number of changes to the executive this year, including Barry Taylor, our long standing president stepping down. We would all like to thank Barry for his many many years of service as the clubs president, maybe Barry will be able to find some time to shoot again now. Scott Cairns was elected president to fill the vacancy. Gordon Hamre agreed to another term as Secretary, and JP Landry will be lending a hand as Treasurer. Please welcome the new executive - the club would not exist without these volunteers! A complete list of executive are at the end of this News Letter.

### Outdoor Range Improvements

Members probably noticed all the earthwork and improvements done at the outdoor range. These were done to bring the range up to modern safety standards, and to make the range better and more usable for members. In total, there was over \$15,000 of earthwork, as well as new signage, a flag system, and other improvements. Next time you are out at the outdoor range, be sure to check it out - also check out the newly redrafted Range Rules and permitted uses, posted on each range. The improvements allowed us to pass our five year

range inspection with flying colors, and thus ensures the long term use of the range.

To chilly to shoot at the outdoor range? Not with the enclosed area with woodstove on the 300m rifle range. Pack some firewood along with your range bag - get a fire going when you arrive, and it will have started warming up by the time you are back from setting targets.

Remember to leave the outdoor range in good shape when finished - pick up your spent brass and debris and dispose of it! Reloadable brass can be left in the white plywood "reloading exchange" on the Rifle Range. Non-reloadable brass (rimfire, or steel-cased milsurp, or bertram primed cases ) can be thrown in the garbage cans along with shot targets, coffee mugs and other refuse.

## Volunteer Corner

Many people may have a few spare hours, and or some skills they could use to help out the club, but simply do not know how they can help. Here are some ideas beyond attending a scheduled range cleanup, or meeting.

**Volunteer Coordinator** - the club needs a person with some time, and enthusiasm who can point potential volunteers towards club needs, arrange resources and supplies, and track member volunteer hours for recognition, and volunteer deposits.

**Website and social media** - one of the challenges we always face is getting information out to members in a timely fashion. If you have skills in website, or social media maintenance, we need your help

**Newsletter Editor** - do you have a journalistic streak, or a publishing bent? If you enjoy desktop publishing, the YKSC could really use your skills to get this newsletter together for our members on a more regular basis!

**Newsletter Writers** - have something to contribute to the shooting club? A report on your latest rifle, or reloading project? A recent hunting trip? why not share it with members through an article in the shooting club newsletter.

**Indoor Range Volunteers** - Do you have a few hours you could act as an alternate to supervise the indoor range? You do not have to be a qualified range officer, as you will be paired with one. We need alternate adults whom we can phone to act as range supervisors when a regular volunteer can not make it. How about offering your name to work a shift or two. The Shooting Performance Center operates Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

**Outdoor Range Assistance** - We always need members who can help out at the outdoor range. Do you have some scrap lumber lying around the house? Why not put it together as target backers for the range, and drop them off to the range. Are you out at the range with an empty truck? How about run the garbage cans to the dump, empty them, and bring them back. Do you have a portable welder? The club always has welding jobs around to maintain the range and equipment. How about snow clearing equipment - keeping the access road into the range passable in the winter is a major expense for the club.

**Volunteers at Large** - There are often small jobs that need doing to help the club, and we always need volunteers willing to carry out this

short term, short duration task. Please let us have your email so we can contact you for help every now and then.

Have some of the skills above, or do you have ideas that can help the club? Give Scott Cairns an email - srcairns@yahoo.ca

## What was up Last summer?

The Yellowknife Shooting club had a busy summer, there were a variety of activities going on at the club last summer.

### Silhouette

Silhouette started shooting 03 May despite the odd snow bank on the range. We shoot Thursday evenings and the first and third Sundays of the month. May long weekend saw three junior and three adult shooters travel to Cranbrook, BC, to compete in the 23th annual Bull River Invitational. Three Yellowknife Juniors shot personal bests at the match with Celina Hoeve winning B-Class aggregate in silhouette rifle. All shooters placed well in the match. In July, four shooters went to Kamloops, BC, to shoot in the Nationals at Heffley Creek Range. Two Yellowknife juniors performed astoundingly, Mary Cairns and Elizabeth McCullum won the title Junior Canadian Champion, in smallbore hunter rifle and smallbore silhouette rifle, respectively.

The Yellowknife Shooting Club and the NWT Federation of Shooting Sports hosted the 2012 Territorial Silhouette Championship at the outdoor range in September. Junior shooter Mary Cairns is the new smallbore Territorial Champion. Brent Rausch won smallbore and

highpower handgun classes, and Jim Robinson won the highpower cowboy rifle class.

### Shotgun

Shotgun Section shot 1 June to mid-Sept every Wednesday and averaged six to seven shooters per night. There were no rainy Wednesdays last summer and no nights were lost to weather.

### Air

The Shooting Performance Centre opened on 1 October. The club ran a very successful Family Learn to Shoot course for fourteen eager new shooters. The Club hosts International Shooting Sport Federation air pistol and air rifle matches the second Saturday of every month. The NWTFFS email match runs continuously. Air Cadets train every Monday, Army Cadets every Thursday night. The Shooting Performance Centre is open to club member use 6:30-10:30 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

### Rifle

Rifle section had a quiet year running only one military rifle shoot. The section has plans for the coming year.

### Handgun

This past summer handgun section maintained regular Monday evening shoots, and provided a variety of shooting activities ranging from IPSC Style competitions and drills to general plinking. Handgun Section has a variety of props and target types as well as moving targets to provide different shooting challenges for our members. The section will continue to develop and build more of these exciting targets as time and materials become available.

Last spring Handgun Section hosted a fun shoot for the general public where for a fee, we provided pistols, ammunition, targets and instruction on handgun handling and shooting.

We put the shooters through a variety of target shooting drills and ended the afternoon with a mini match. The response was over whelming and we actually had to turn away people. The feedback from the participants was positive and indicates a lot of interest in hand gunning and shooting in general. In future the handgun section plans to hold more frequent but smaller events to provide a more positive experience for participants and encourages other sections to do the same.

This shooting season ended with our Annual Territorial Match on September 14th and 15th.

First Place: John Dzurka

Second Place: MJ Dzurka

Third Place: Nick Dzurka

## Getting ready for Spring?

### Silhouette Shooting Thursday Nights

This year beginning in May, the Silhouette Division of the club will continue with our regular schedule for metallic silhouette shooting at the outdoor range. Each Thursday evening starting around 6:30 until dark (or until the ammo runs out), all members and guests of the YKSC are welcome to come out and participate in the fun.

The club has small bore as well as high power targets and can operate both ranges at the same time, so if you have a .22 or a centre fire rifle or pistol, you can come out, step up to the line and knock-em down.

Families and shooters who are new to silhouette are particularly welcome. There will be someone there to show you how silhouette shooting works, give tips and discuss the different equipment that can be used. For the Junior Shooters we even have some good quality club rifles available for use on a first

come first served basis. Check the YKSC Calendar for the dates of the bi-weekly small bore and high power Silhouette matches throughout the summer. Start planning your Thursday nights and weekends now – see you at the range. For further information contact: Brent Rausch, Bob Reid or Breck Prescott.

### **Handgun Monday Nights**

Handgun plans to shoot Monday nights through the summer, and intends to hold another pistol familiarization course in the spring. Last year the session filled up fast! Check back to the website and radio ads advertising the event.

### **Do you or your organization need some space?**

The Shooting Performance centre is available weekdays during business hours and throughout the summer. Do you or your organization need some space for meetings, or longer term for operations during the summer? Perhaps renting the shooting performance centre could meet your needs, and help out the club. Contact a member of the executive!

### **Reminder Check your PAL and ATT**

A reminder to all of our members check your Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) and for people with a restricted licence, check your Authorisation to Transport (ATT) - Make sure they are valid! If either are about to expire better get on to the CFO for renewal. 1-800-731-4000 will contact the Mirimichi Firearms Office and get the process started.



*Sighting in and getting prepared for the evening match. Silhouette shooters confirm their sight adjustments are appropriate for that evening's weather*

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