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Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held at the end of February. Long-time member of Executive, Jeff Hunter, did not run again for election as Member at Large. Laurie Johnson replaced Jeff.

We thank Jeff for his many years of dedicated service to our club.

The presidency was open this year. However, there were no nominations for this position. The current president, Bernie Harrison, agreed to serve for a short-term extension while other members of Executive considered their options.

RENOVATIONS COMING

We are applying for the Capital Conservation Grant to have undertaken the following renovations to our club.

- : both bathrooms: to be updated with new fixtures***
- : clubroom and range to be painted***
- : front doors to be replaced***
- : outside waste removal enclosure to be updated***

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While these are major indoor renovations, we continue to look forward to building the addition on the north side of our club room. We have submitted our application for a Development Permit, and we await either - approval as the proposal is printed, or consideration of any changes the city proposes.

IF approved, we will move forward to commence construction of the addition. The addition will provide us with:

: instructional area for PAL, RSO and meetings

: enhanced storage for our targets and equipment and placement for our safes.

The ultimate goal is to move all of the safes and racks and chairs from the firing range into the storage area. This will open up firing range area and allow for building a better air-wall for cleaner shooting, as well as more space for our members at the firing line.

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POLITICAL ACTION

It is not very often that we take political action, however, with the current public discussions concerning banning handguns, your Executive felt that if this action took place, our Club would be significantly negatively affected.

Thus, we first asked our members to complete a firearms survey on the Canadian Govt. website. We asked our members to take this action in August and September last year.

Our next step was to invite the Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction, the Honourable Bill Blair, to meet with your Executive to discuss the issues. The Minister met with us on January 23. He indicated that he would speak with us for approximately 30 – 45 min. He actually remained with us for 90 minutes discussing positions and concerns.

The following is our executive summary of the meeting held on January 23:

Position of the Minister is identified, and a solution that the Minister was considering:

: ISSUE: there appears to be a leakage of firearms from legal owners to illegal owners.

- **Solution:** probably some sort of increased security at commercial and home storage sites.

- : ISSUE: there are situations where firearms owners become incapable of responsible ownership, much as automobile drivers sometimes become incapable of driving.
- **Solution:** medical professionals may be given the authority to declare that a person may no longer be allowed to own firearms.
- : ISSUE: there are some firearms that are meant only to be “people killers” and these need to be controlled.
- **Solution:** while there was no mention of legislation, the Minister was animated on this subject, and we felt that there appears to be some sort of legislative action coming.
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- The Minister stated several times that our tradition of safe sporting use and sporting competition is to be fostered and that he did not want to stop our sport. He did not provide any direction that would be taken to protect our shooting sports traditions.
 - We felt that the Minister appeared to be moving away from the concept of banning handguns in the light of his position noted above. While he spoke of additional controls, he did not focus any of his plans on banning handguns.
 - When the Minister spoke of defining what an “assault rifle” might be, he did not offer a definition. We felt that the Minister became animated when discussing the “assault rifle” concept – animated as in questioning the need to have such firearms available.
 - The issue of paying-book price for firearms (compensation) that may have to be turned in was discussed.

We took a position to try to determine what the Minister identified as the problem, and then we could attempt to discuss solutions.

PROGRAMS COMING THIS SPRING

LEAGUES: Pistol and Rifle

(Five range positions are reserved for the league on league nights.)

Both Leagues continue to shoot into the spring. Watch the League bulletin boards for information.

Range Safety Officers' Course

Kai Eckardt continues to offer the RSO courses at the club.

Dates are to be marked on the year calendar on the Club bulletin board and on our website.

PALr Courses

Kai Eckardt continues to offer PALr courses.

Course dates are to be listed on the Club calendar on the bulletin board and on our website

YOU CAN REGISTER AT THE CONTROL DESK, but full payment is made directly to either the AFSS or to Kai.

Ladies/Couples learn to shoot SATURDAY JUNE 15

Saturday classes for Ladies ONLY ---- Cost is \$25.00 person

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Competitions

For long-term listings see the bulletin board as well as the web site.

Junior Shooting Program – Spring season continues to operate

Junior Shooting Program -- Friday evenings.

10m air pistol and air rifle shooting for youths aged 12 to 21.

Relay start at 7:00pm

Questions? Email us at juniors@crpc.ca

CASINO!

**We have been assigned a Casino this year. December 28 and 29.
The sign-up sheet is by the calendar on the north wall in the clubroom.**

**Please signup only in one block ... the more club members involved,
the better.**

Our last casino was a success... all working positions were filled.

Club members who participated are to be congratulated.

CLUB RANGE OFFICER POSITION

We continue to seek Club members willing to apply for a position on the staff at the club. Our Range Officers are primarily in charge of range safety ... as well as they help run your Club's business.

We require the following qualifications and capabilities:

- : certificated Range Safety Officer with proof of certification from a reputable shooting organization which provides instruction;**
- : knowledgeable in the wide range of different firearms used at the club;**
- : ability to relate to other club members;**
- : ability to manage new memberships and pass on information about the club to perspective members.**

If interested, please submit a written request for interview to the President Bernie Harrison.