

Prince George Rod and Gun Club

Newsletter: January 2016

I would like to wish the club members and their families a happy new year. 2016 saw lots of changes to the club facilities and 2017 will continue to see lots of work take place. I am glad to hear many members enjoying both of our range facilities that offer such a wide variety of shooting sports. From Trap to Action handgun shooting, PGRGC offers many more disciplines, the facilities, and equipment for them, than most other clubs. All sections are led by volunteers, using their own time to organize competitions, events, and the background work to keep things running. PGRGC has something for everyone, shotgun sports, Cowboy action, Silhouette, and soon 3 Gun!

A 1000m range is a rare sight, and ours will only grow with time. It is your continued support as members of the club that allows the continued growth, improvement, and expansion of the facilities that you use. In addition to our members, we serve other user groups, youth organizations, police and security training etc. Membership has grown steadily over the past few years, many wishing to use the Blackwater range.

I encourage all members to take a drive out to the Blackwater range if you have not yet seen it.

Andrew Tomlinson-Vice President

News

The Blackwater range recently had more work done to the 1000m range. Rock was removed from the 500m line and the area between the shelter and 100m was drained of water. . The Action bays received a lot of work earlier this year and are now settling over the winter. A 100m bay was built at one end allowing some distance shooting in future 3 gun matches. Some touch ups in the spring will complete bays and outhouses.

The PGRGC would like to thank Telus and Ryan Peddie for the donation of three ATCO type trailers. A 40' trailer was placed on the Action bays, and two smaller units placed at Hartman and Blackwater rifle ranges. These buildings will significantly improve conditions for future events.

A large metal Buffalo has been placed on the 1000m. This AR500 plate target is available for all members to shoot.

Thank you to all members who have been cleaning up their garbage and brass on both ranges. Buckets and brooms are located on both ranges for members to deposit their brass into. Brass is used by other members for reloading or discarded. We often find the buckets to be full one day and empty the next as people stock up on brass.

Snow plowing will take place at both range facilities over the winter, although it may not be immediate.

Annual General Meeting

The PGRGC's AGM will be held on March 6th 7-9pm at the Hartman clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend. Elections of executive and directors will take place at this meeting.

Heritage Day

After an absence of a few years, this will make a comeback this year on May 27th 2017. The club will open its doors to the public and non-members. There will be displays of firearms and firearms safety, demonstrations of the various shooting sports offered at the PGRGC, and attendees may purchase tickets to shoot a variety of rifles and pistols. Help from some members will be needed, please let the Vice-President know if you can help. Information will be coming soon.

Gun Show

The Gun Show will be held on May 13-14 2017 at the CN Centre Kin 2 Arena. Contact Don Reeves or the club to purchase tables.

Blackwater Range

Many members are using the Blackwater range frequently. If you need the combination for the gate lock you need to get in touch with the membership director through the club email in advance of your visit.

The Blackwater range is open during the winter and will be ploughed from the gate to the 1000m shelter and to the first handgun bay. Driving around the range in winter is at your own risk however and we do not guarantee that the range will be ploughed immediately after every snowfall.

Membership

Membership numbers of the PGRGC stands around 930 and growing. Daypass use is expanding as more out of town users are visiting the 1000m range. Day passes and Memberships are available at The Northern Hardware on 3rd ave. You may also buy your membership online via the website.

As of November, renewals and new memberships will be handled through The Northern Home Hardware. You can drop off your applications and pay at the upstairs service desk and pick up your membership card once it has been processed (Approx 2-3 weeks).

You can still mail your application to the club. Notices of membership expiry will now only be done through email, and no longer mailed out.

Please be sure you are using the most recent renewal forms from the club website. Old renewal forms and cheques without the appropriate amount will not be accepted. The membership renewal form can be found here: <https://www.pgrgclub.ca/wp-content/uploads/ApplicationFormRev2016Mar.pdf>

Fees as of March 2016 are

Individual Member \$135.00

Family: (includes 2 domestic partners, & their children up to age 18) \$150.00

Junior Member: (solo shooter aged 13 to 18) \$60.00

Senior: (aged 65 and older) \$60.00

Heather Sapergia has now taken over Membership duties from Merl Sinoski. There may be some small delays in processing as the new membership director takes over.

Firearms News and Politics

The club advises all members to stay informed about political activities and events concerning firearms and our sports. The three large firearms organizations; NFA, CSSA, and CCFR advocate for your firearms rights and freedoms. They also publish articles and counter arguments to government policy and media stories that are unfavorable to legitimate firearms owners and users. They have also had successful cases in court. Although the PGRGC advocates on your behalf, these organizations have more members and lobby Ottawa where one club could not. Please inform yourselves, become members of these organizations and support them.

Members can also make their voice heard by writing to their MP, to the ministers of justice and public safety, the Prime Minister and to the opposition parties. Mailing letters to politicians in Ottawa is free, and physical letters will have more impact than digital emails.

Tanning workshop

The club is looking for interest people to attend a 3 day seminar on Brain Tanning, a hands on workshop where an instructor will give you a deer hide and take it to completion which you will keep. Tools and materials will be provided. We need 10 people willing to participate, cost \$275. Please email Ron Kole at koleronx59@telus.net if you are interested. No date is set yet.

Directors Meetings

The Directors of the PGRGC meet every first Monday of the month (bumped one week if the first Monday is a Holiday). Members are welcome and encouraged to attend (may not vote though). 7-9pm Hartman clubhouse. See calendar online

Website

The club website is www.pgrgclub.ca. The calendar has been updated as have other pages. This calendar is the official list of bookings, rentals, and closures. Short term advisories will be posted on the home page slider.

Club Rules

The club rules can be found here <https://www.pgrgclub.ca/wp-content/uploads/Rules-Master.pdf>

All members must abide by these and be aware of them. Paper copies will soon be posted on the ranges.

3 Gun

This action shooting sport will be coming to PGRGC in the near future. Competitors use must use a rifle, shotgun and handgun through a variety of stages. If you are interested in helping the club get this sport going please contact Andrew Tomlinson using the club email address, we need volunteers to help!

Black powder

Black powder shooting will continue to have Sunday shoots as long as the temperature is tolerable. Start time is 10:00 Sundays and usually end by 1. BP also shoots when there is snow.

Trap

Sunday afternoon practices generally run from late March or early April until October; Wednesday evening practices run from mid-May to mid-September. Check the website for details.

Newsletter:

If you have articles images or ideas to share in the newsletter please pass them on to Andrew Tomlinson through the club email

Contact

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