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TO PROMOTE A SAFE, FUN SHOOTING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL SHOOTING DISCIPLINES.

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2013 AGM Set for March 16

As the executive had promised, we are having our 2013 Annual General Meeting on March 16, 2013. This is in line with getting all HRSC administrative functions back to our original time-line. Look for more information later in this newsletter. Mark your calendars for **MARCH 16, 2013**

Membership has picked the Newsletter Name

Because of the tremendous feedback on the newsletter name, The official newsletter name stands as **THE TRIGGER EFFECT**. This comes into effect immediately until further notice by way of ME and 2 other members. All comments will be accepted but may not be acted upon, or may be thrown into the recycle bin. No seriously folks, we had a couple of positive comments last newsletter and that's all. We would really appreciate more comments positive or negative.

HRSC Website

The HRSC official website software is going to be WordPress. I have asked the website committee to pick a theme that we could use and modify as our own. The other question is, Official HRSC colors. What do you think about the Newsletter colors as our official colors? If you have other color combinations,

just email them to me. Example; Name color, heading color, list boxes etc. While you're at it, why don't you help us pick a theme. Just remember, we want the free ones that are updated regularly. Here is the website address <http://theme.wordpress.com/>, just email me at news@hayrivershootingclub.org with your favorite picks. Who knows, maybe yours will be our favorite also. For now we'll set up a temporary site that will at least have a contact and membership forms available from it. www.hayrivershootingclub.org

2009 Defensive Handgun Course man on man steel stage.

A youth shooter in the defensive handgun course. Notice the square plate on it's way down after the youth pulled the trigger. He was up against a seasoned shooter.



The Summer Shooting Season.

By Ralph Colwell

Funny how every spring, like clock-work, we dust off the iron barrel (s) and get them cleaned up for their summer debut. And equally so, every fall, we wrap them up in their cozy nests for winters hibernation. Now, yes there are some of us lucky few solders that march into the fall and early winter with our iron barrels to do a little hunting. This being the traditional thing to do, I for the most part do diligently abide by the seasonal transitions. But it has to be said loud and clear, in the valleys below and high on the mountain tops ... that the Summer Shooting Season puts a heck of a lot of smiles on all of us. With the disciplines of Trap Shooting, Rifle Silhouette, IPSC & IDPA, and what ever else suits your fancy, it's the love of the sport that keeps us unified!

Winter is hard enough bearing all the trials and tribulations of Mother Nature's storms and blizzards, yet staying warm and comfortable in ones domain. I can relate this thought to the youngster I once was. My shooting coach was this excellent marksman whom delighted himself on perfection. Yet, with the strong adult that he was, he showed incredible youth in his love of fun for the game at hand. "Name your discipline!", he would say! He had them all ready for competition. Military Rifle Shoot, Trap Shooting, Defensive Pistol, even Cowboy Action was a enjoyable pass time. His dog, Kakisa, was an avid lover of the shooting sports as well. I've enjoyed many times of seeing him all relaxed on the firing line at Barry's feet. Now in all of this summer fun, it was the winter time that Barry took the most enjoyment of the shooting sports. He told me once; "...this is time you perfect your skill with mental drills and physical conformability!" Good advice, coming from a guy whom took first place in most competitions at the Gray Mountain Shooting Club in Whitehorse.

For myself, I use the winter to reflect and strategize on what I have done, and what I want to do for the next year. Allow me to ask each of you ... "What do you do in the winter months?" Do you practice your technique? I friend of mine, whom used to live in Hay River; the same friend whom got me into the IPSC sport, said that the winter was the best time to do IPSC holster drills. Since the ever so scary, DQ, was almost predictable to those whom failed to practice, Ray practiced religiously.

Memories count the most. I think that's what keeps the

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the shooting sports alive. Drawing on those times of laughter on

and off the range, certainly does wanders for the heart. Remembering times of pain, agony, and then jumping up and down in sheer joy of not coming in last place in a match (...yes that was me 😊). And it is that love of the shooting sports, we wish to pass down to the younger generations. I attribute this to my old shooting coach; Barry Hinde. Here is a man, whom regardless of money or expense to his bank account, shared the love and passion in all that he did. Allow me to encourage each and every one of us to do the same. Be an encouragement to the young and old.

With every winter, comes a summer; and with every old shooter, there is a young shooter just waiting for someone to guide them!

Photographs and past events

Last newsletter I had requested any past photograph or event stories. Unfortunately, we have had ZERO response. I know theres allot of pictures out there, and stories. If you can just send us an email, we'll be glad to pick them up and digitize them for use on our website and newsletter. If they are already digital and huge, same thing goes, we'll bring over a USB key and gladly pick them up. Again just send us an email at this address news@hayrivershootingclub.org and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Ways and Means Committee

I'm not the brightest bulb on the Christmas tree but I thought I new what Ways and Means really meant, well I was partially right and mostly wrong because of the way I've seen the term used. I have found 2 definitions:

1. Methods and resources available to accomplish an end, especially to meet expenses. 2. Methods and means, especially legislation, for raising revenue needed by a government. So my question is, what committee takes care of training and or seminars. Or do we use Ways and Means because in a round about way we are doing a membership drive? Please send your comments to the news email address.

Did You Know

By Fred Lamb

The first hand gun a novice shooter purchases is often a revolver, They are not complicated, easy to clean and in the case of the older shooters well imprinted in our imaginations from the years of cowboy TV shows that proliferated in the early years of television and fairly easy to purchase once you have successfully taken the "restricted firearms examination". The popularity of the Cowboy Action Shooting Sport which focuses on 19 century single action replicas, has popularized revolvers including the modern double action revolvers. A lot of female shooters favour revolvers for the simple operating system and the reliability.

You have finally received your new revolver from the seller. You have a club membership, so now you're going to grab a bunch of ammunition and head out to the range to do some plinking. Right . Wrong! Revolvers along with any short barrel firearms, certain assault rifles and other designated firearms are "Restricted Firearms". You need a permit issued by the areas Chief firearms Officer to take them to the range and you need a qualified Range Officer to be present and in control of the shooting. Contact the executive of the club and they can tell you who has the range officer qualifications required. This qualification can be earned by taking appropriate courses or by demonstrating a background in other shooting disciplines where similar training is required. Service in the military or a recognized police force may also be accepted by the Shooting Club.

As with any firearms, you should "know" your revolver before heading out to the range, The best way to know your firearm is to locate a competent instructor and have them teach you the do's and don'ts of your handgun and how to shoot it safely so you are not a danger to yourself or anyone else. Are you aware that firing a revolver using an incorrect grip can severely damage your hands; this would be a rare occurrence with a small calibre handgun but with 357 magnum and larger the likelihood of an injury increases as the calibre and power increase and as you advance to using a 44 Remington Magnum , a 454 Casul or a 50 calibre S&W model 500 revolver you are asking to have a digit removed and cauterized in one operation.

When you first fire a revolver a few times you will see soot deposits on around the base of your thumb and



fingers, This is caused by the necessity to have clearance

between the rotating cylinder and the frame of the pistol, sufficient clearance so that as the cylinder heats up from firing cartridges , the expansion will not jam the pistol. The expanding gases build up behind the bullet and after the bullet clears the cartridge casing , gas leaks back and escapes out the back of the cylinder depositing itself on your hand.

This same clearance (a few tens of thousands of an inch) forms a gap between the cylinder and the barrel. When you fire a larger caliber cartridge the pressure is in the 50,000 psi range. There has to be enough volume of gas to not only push the bullet across the gap but accelerate it down the barrel. Some of this gas escapes at extremely high velocity sideways from the cylinder barrel seal. If you are holding the revolver incorrectly and have your index (or any other) finger across the side of the cylinder anything from a severe burn to a lost fingertip is possible. Do not try and test this, among others Mythbusters tm using a .44 Rem Mag demonstrated the accuracy of the claim.

Shooting is a great sport, training is available through the club, but you have to remember that all the training is done by members willing to give up their free time to help you learn to safely enjoy your time out at the range. You have to learn to walk before you can run, progressive training in all the elements of the shooting sports will lead to much more enjoyment of it.

DVC Fred Lamb

Range Standing OrderS (RSOS)

Not much has changed since the previous Newsletter. We are still working on the RSOS. We'll have a working copy ready for the 2013 AGM. As mentioned before, this will always be a work in progress. This RSOS will eventually become a part of our membership package and will be required reading with signed acknowledgment of understanding. As with anything, there's always room for improvement. Comments are always welcome.



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HRSC Working Committees

We always need volunteers for a number of committees.

- Newsletter
- Website
- Ways and means
- Cleanup and renovation

Please email the executive at executive@hayrivershootingclub.org and let them know what committee or committees you would like to volunteer for.

HRSC Executive & Directors

President - Peter Osted, Vice-President - Rod O'Brien, Secretary Treasurer - Ralph Colwell, CRO Kevin Jacobs.

The following are HRSC directors. *Boyd Warner, Fred Lamb, George McGrath, Kevin Lafferty, Linda Hobson, Tommy MacDonald.* We don't have committee member lists yet but will have them for the next newsletter in late April or May.

Any member not paid up, please contact the executive for the new style membership form. Members, if you know someone that wants to join, refer them to the HRSC email address: executive@hayrivershootingclub.org

The Hay River Shooting Club was established in the early 1970's by a small group of individuals that seen a need for such a club. The membership list shows three people from the original 1970's Hay River Shooting club. One from 1980's and seven from the 90's. The club took a down turn in the late 80's early 90's and now is coming back to life with a whole new generation of membership. Thanks to some previous and current veteran members who kept this club alive we still have a place to shoot legally. The HRSC outdoor range hosts a number of different shooting disciplines. Rifle big and small bore, Biathlon shooters training, Handgun with mostly action pistol (formally IPSC), and last but not least is Trap shooting from the designated Trap range.

Summer Activities

Our Secretary/Treasurer has graciously volunteered to head up some of the shooting activities this summer. More to come once we get together to iron out some details...**Also** Kevin Lafferty has come up with a terrific idea and I asked him if he wouldn't mind doing the legwork for it. It has to do with a sight in day or weekend with some sponsors for the event. I think this would be another great membership drive...**I** was snooping on the Yellowknife Shooting Club website and seen a couple good ideas. The one that really caught my eye was a reloading course for newbies. Just something that will give a person some insight on the proper reloading techniques and the type of equipment out there so that the new reloader gets started on the right foot. We all have our own bad habits. That's why a starter course would be great for newbies and a maybe refresher for others.

HRSC 2013 AGM Agenda

March 16, 2013 is the HRSC 2013 AGM. It will be at 2:00pm in the Alice Cambridge Room at the Whispering Willows Building (next to the liquor store, across the street from the Arctic College building). On the agenda is the Financial Statement, Lease and Election of Executive and Directors. Group memberships will also be clarified at this time. Discussion of general business and new business. This AGM was called so we can get back in-line with our bylaws and reporting to the department of Justice. If anyone has an item they would like to bring up, please email executive@hayrivershootingclub.org before the AGM.