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# THE TRIGGER EFFECT

HRSC Newsletter for shooters in and around Hay River

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

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## Handgun Safety and Handling Action Shooting Course

HRSC will be putting on a handgun action shooting safety course. The cost is \$50 for members. For non-members the cost is \$75 and includes a 2014 HRSC membership. This course is 2 days long starting at 9 AM sharp so give yourself ample time to be setup for 9 AM. Targets, course and test material is provided along with lunch and refreshments on both days. The training is designed around the IPSC Black badge style course. This course will give you the training required to compete in HRSC sanctioned and league shooting events. For more information please visit the: HRSC website. [www.hayrivershootingclub.org](http://www.hayrivershootingclub.org)

All members are welcome to come and watch. You can also bring your friends. Just make sure you and your guests have proper eye and ear protection as the HRSC's gear has been greatly depleted over the years. *Kevin Jacobs*

## Action Shooting League Night

After the first Handgun Safety course, I will be starting a weekly action shooting night. Years ago it was Wednesdays so I think I'm going to stick with that until I hear enough opposition and support for another night. Starting at 6:30 at the outdoor range with maybe three stages or 2- 3 hours of competition. The

number of stages will depend on course design. We will be informally using IPSC rules and of course HRSC Range and RSOS rules will always apply. As always for more information see our website at [www.hayrivershootingclub.org](http://www.hayrivershootingclub.org). Hand loads are acceptable as long as you have tested at least 10 rounds randomly from your batch and you have chronograph data to back up your loads. We don't want any accidents as that'll just ruin your night of fun and games. If you don't have a chrono, just call, email or use the on line form to contact one of us. I have a chrono and would help with your load testing. *Kevin Jacobs*

### 2009 Defensive Handgun Course, Steel and Paper Stage.

Ralph Colwell, our former Secretary / treasurer just knocked down a regular steel popper weak hand in this both hands, weak hand stage. 8 round stage (4 steel, 2 paper, 1 No-Shoot). This stage was shot 2-paper and 2-steel with both hands, mag change and the last two steel shot with weak hand only.



## A Slow Death

*Original article* Where are we as a Firearms Community *by Robert Paddon, Canadian Firearms Journal - [www.nfa.ca](http://www.nfa.ca)*

Peter, our HRSC President showed me this article and asked if I could put something on our website about it. As I'm not a writer I don't know the proper way to explain this but I'll try the best I can.

Mr. Paddon talked about his personal Ethos and made suggestions about having a club Ethos. Here are his suggestions for a club Ethos.

1. *Good governance takes effort.*
2. *We are not an old boys club.*
3. *Shooting is shooting no matter what discharges the projectile.*
4. *Volunteer organizations cannot be run by one percent of it's membership.*
5. *Training and development are important.*
6. *Change is normal and continuous improvement is what your organization should strive for.*

### *Good governance takes effort.*

In our case everything has already been done for us by the founding members except maintenance. The clubs bylaws have to be maintained to reflect any changes to the way we do business and yearly submittal. By that I mean if we change things like types of membership and requirements or even what time of the year we hold our AGM and filing with the government every year. At this time Peter, our president does all that so we don't have to worry, or do we. Peter is under a big load and probably does not want to do this forever so this is where organizational committees come into play to help offload some of the burdens of maintenance. We should be having more meetings except that hardly anyone shows up. I guess we should try quarterly or three regular meetings and the AGM as the forth.

### *We are not an old boys club.*

This ones short. We definitely are not an old boys club. Everyone and everything that can shoot is welcome at the HRSC as long as it doesn't contravene any laws in Canada including our own bylaws, range rules and the HRSC's RSOS.

### *Shooting is shooting no matter what discharges the projectile.*

For the most part I think everyone in the HRSC supports any type of shooting sport. I myself am not critical of other types of shooting sports. I am a hand gunner first

and do not disapprove or think trap or archery or even plinking is less important in our club.



As a club we have to represent all shooting disciplines one hundred percent. Like myself some of us may put more emphasis on one discipline more than another but thats just my personal enjoyment. If I shot trap or archery, that's probably what I would put my time into. As a membership in whole, we have to support all types of shooting activities. We are not an old boys club. Children, women, men, young and old are all encouraged to join our club and enjoy the shooting sport of their choice.

### *Volunteer organizations cannot be run by one percent of it's membership.*

We are a pretty small club as far as shooting clubs go so I understand why we have a hard time finding volunteers. It's hard to run a club with two, three, or four executive. We are but it's real hard and sooner or later some of the executive won't want to do their job because of burnout. Mr. Paddon writes, can your club achieve the 10-80-10 rule? 10 percent of the club holds the executive positions. For the size of our membership, the HRSC executive is about 3 percent of the membership. 80 percent of the membership is what Mr. Paddon calls the silent majority. They are the part of the membership that supports the "10 percent" executive, or in our case 3 percent executive. The executive delegates and the 80 percent help out where needed like club asset maintenance and or cleanup work bees. Help with committees. As Mr. Paddon puts it, "the last 10 percent of the club membership is the frustrating portion. They feel that since they pay dues, they have a right to complain about how the club is run by the first 10 percent group." In our case 3 percent. In short they are the complainers that will not make suggestions for improving the club as a whole. They will not help out or make themselves available for any club functions. In our club I'm not sure we have a lot of the last 10 percent. As an executive we have kind of dropped the ball as far as work bees and such. In our defense, with only three of us on the executive, it is kind of hard to plan any thing. This is why clubs have directors, committee chairs and committees.

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### *Training and development are important.*

The Range Rules and RSOS are posted on the website [www.hayrivershootingclub.org](http://www.hayrivershootingclub.org) and it's up to you to read and understand them.

As time goes on we will have a better training program. In the past when IPSC action shooting was strong and active in the NWT, the HRSC would put on a Black Badge course about once a year or as needed. In 2009 I had the privilege to attend a Defensive Handgun course. I believe the course was based on IDPA rules and was part of the qualification requirements for IDPA competitions. On July 5th HRSC will be hosting an in club qualification course for action handgun. This course will qualify you for competition in HRSC sanctioned events like league night and weekend shoots. The course will also qualify you as a range officer for HRSC sanctioned events. As far as other courses, it's up to you to tell us what you would like to see. I do long gun and handgun so my time will be used on those disciplines. If you want training or league shoots in other disciplines, let us know. So what did I miss, let me know at [news@hayrivershootingclub.org](mailto:news@hayrivershootingclub.org). Subject: Training.

*Change is normal and continuous improvement is what your organization should strive for.* What we did 20 or 30 years ago can't be done today because of laws and conscience. Rules for clubs, members and firearms owners have changed. As a sporting organization that deals with potential life threatening toys, we have to be more aware and safety conscious as ever. What we do and say now, has to be more politically correct or suffer the consequences of a more demanding society, determined to free us from all our toys, restricted or other wise. We have to continually upgrade our club as the rules change. Appearance can also be a benefit or a detriment. If we have a tidy and groomed outdoor range with proper sign-age, it gives a better impression that safety is a concern for our members and guests. If we have to trip over junk, garbage and debris, that doesn't give a very good impression. Yes we would like to have a proper shooting area and club house, but that comes from help from the members and community. If we had a committee to come up with ideas on what we need to do and how to implement those ideas, I could see a brighter future for the HRSC. So who wants to be the chair for the Ways and Means Committee? We'll use that as the catch all for committees for now. As part of the executive I realize we have to do more but you have to understand, we're only 3 percent. We need help! So if anyone wants to help, we'll find you something. *Kevin Jacobs*

## Ways and Means Committee

We don't have a chair for this committee.

It's not a lot of work if you have two or three people working on the committee. We email or phone when planning and or organizing events and meet every three months at the regular meetings. Same goes for other committees. If you want to organize Trap or youth shooting, gives the word and we'll help you get it started. I'm interested in other things so I'm not going to be the head on these, you as members have to get involved if you want to see things happen. *Kevin Jacobs*



## Photographs and past events

This is brought over from the last newsletter. 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](mailto:news@hayrivershootingclub.org) and we will respond as quickly as possible. *Kevin Jacobs*

## Range Standing OrderS ( RSOS ) and Range Rules

The RSOS and Range Rules are done. Please go to the website, [www.hayrivershootingclub.org](http://www.hayrivershootingclub.org) and download your copy to read. They will be displayed at all HRSC facilities, but you should still have a copy of the RSOS and Range Rules in your shooting bag. This RSOS will eventually become a part of our membership package and will be required reading with signed acknowledgment of understanding. As of yet we are just asking you to read both of them so you can become familiar with our rules and safety regulations. With anything, there's always room for improvement. We did change the wording to reflect the organizations and clubs that use our range. It mostly had to do with safe areas and their own Range Rules. Comments are always welcome good and bad. Email comments to [news@hayrivershootingclub.org](mailto:news@hayrivershootingclub.org) *Kevin Jacobs*



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*Hay River Shooting Club Motto*

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## HRSC Working Committees

We always need volunteers for a number of committees.

- Newsletter
- Website
- Ways and means
- Building, cleanup and renovation

Please email the executive at [executive@hayrivershootingclub.org](mailto: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 - Garth Carman*

*Secretary Treasurer - Still Waiting folks*

*CRO - Kevin Jacobs.*

**Question - Should we change the distance of steel targets from 10m to 7m, 8m with fault line or box. The IPSC rule is 7m, 8m with fault line or box.**

*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](mailto: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

So far this summer the outdoor range has been busy with private rentals. As with all private rentals please respect the renters privacy and do not enter the gates. Please go to the website for more information as we just added a calendar of events with information about event days and range use. If in doubt, err to caution and call one of the executive. I am starting an action shooting night beginning July 9th. If anyone else wants to start something, please email or call before hand so we can schedule the event days.

Please make note of the maps in the RSOS showing where you can shoot and where you are prohibited from shooting. As always do not start any fires at the outdoor range without prior approval and proper fire fighting measures are in place. Only burn in the appropriate areas when fires are approved. Do not walk down range with a lit cigarette or cigar as ashes my fall off in the dry grass and burn, yes it's happened. When the fire bans are in place, burning is strictly forbidden.

As usual the Rangers are at it again, thank god. If it wasn't for them the range would be a real mess. And anyone else that has acted like a gremlin and secretly done work at the outdoor range. Thanks guys n gals and little ones. *Kevin Jacobs*

## HRSC 2014 AGM

Here and gone for another year. May 3rd was the date for the AGM. Wasn't a very big turnout but as you can see from the list on the right nothing changed except Garth became our new Vice President and Peter remained President. Congratulations Peter and Garth. Were still looking for a secretary treasurer. Discussed and passed the RSOS and Range rules. More later. *Kevin Jacobs*