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HRSC Newsletter for shooters in and around Hay River

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

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Long time club member Tom MacDonald left us in early 2015 for a place where gun laws and politicians don't exist in the same sentence. Happy shooting Tom, you don't have to double check them reloads anymore. Tom was a long time friend, Trap Director And IPSC shooter at the HRSC.

2015 at the HRSC

Hopeful Expectations

Yes it's already May, the fifth month of the year and I'm just getting this out. No one's come forward to help so complaining is not an option... for anyone. We have a lot planned for this year and I'm not sure what will get done.

That was what you all were supposed to read last year but obviously that didn't happen so I'll use what I had for last year as a start for this newsletter. Sorry folks but we really do need help with this news letter.

First and foremost, "MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE FOLKS". Peter is out of town so I will except membership applications and renewals. Folks this is important. If you haven't filled out the new membership forms from our web site, please do. We need your updated information along with current contact and Emergency contact info. Also for the following memberships, Parent, Couple, and Family, we need a membership form for every person attached to

the main membership. Call if you need help. Every person gets their own membership number for the life of our database system which is connected to individual member insurance while shooting or participating at our facilities.

We will be having our AGM later this spring when our president arrives back in town and we confirm a set of dates. Please look out for the emails, green screen and FaceBook notices. One of many things I will bring up again is Range Etiquette. As in how you treat our outdoor range. We are not a gravel pit where you can bring your household items to blow apart. "Not that you should bring waste to a pit."

2014 Forest Fire Season didn't stop the sport of shooting at HRSC

Three generations of the Thomson family wouldn't be stopped from having fun trap shooting by a mere Forest Fire. Yes summer 2014 was one of the worst. Shooters were still out doing what they do, shooting for the sport of it, safely having fun.



2015 Annual General Meeting

The 2015 Hay River Shooting Club AGM came to order with nine members present. The Agenda was presented and discussed with no additional items added so the AGM carried on to the discussion of the minutes for the 2014 AGM and General Meetings. There wasn't any changes so the AGM continued on to the next agenda item, reports.

The financial and membership reports were presented and accepted as is.

The next item was starting a youth / Junior shooting program. Kevin Jacobs presented his ideas and thoughts on this and will report back the out come.

Rod O'Brien spoke up and was willing to take over as the Trap Director and get things started again.

Kevin Lafferty spoke about contacting the Metis Association to consult about partnering in courses and events related to the shooting sports.

Several HRSC Sponsored Canadian Firearms Safety Courses are being offered this spring to accommodate the need in Hay River. These will include the Restricted versions also.

Kevin Jacobs is going to offer some practical handgun familiarization courses so we stay safe as a club when hand gunning in groups.

Range maintenance and Porta Potties were discussed and Kevin Jacobs will report back on Rental cost and alternatives.

Kevin Lafferty so graciously offered to liaison with ENR to offer a couple day live fire sight in and general hunter safety seminars with prizes at the outdoor range.

The road rehabilitation program was discussed and passed so we will go ahead with the money allocated for the worst side only which is the west side. This will include the required culvert replacement. The east or highway side will be done next year. Last year the road was surveyed to determine what had to be done to bring the road up to a safe level and stay there for a number of years with minimal maintenance. The cost to do the complete project was too much for one year so it was

agreed that the worst first would get the rehabilitation and the least cost would be done the following year. The west



side of the tracks is the worst side and includes the replacement of the culvert. After measuring the length it was determined that a section had to be added. As the existing culvert was old and had parts that were collapsed it was more cost effective to replace it with one complete piece of culvert. The east side is a basic raising of the road and widening a bit.

The range shed was discussed and decided that the centre partitions will be removed to allow a much safer sight line for the RO's and shooters.

The fisherman's Federation have a couple of ramps that we can put to good use. Rob Wilkins and Kevin Lafferty will approach them to see what we have to do to acquire them.

We discussed the possibility of creating a training / practice handgun range that can be used west of the trap shooting positions parallel with the rifle range, this discussion is still ongoing.

25 and 50m permanent shooting positions were discussed and eventually voted against.

Range rentals were discussed with attendees asking if any rentals were planned yet. As of the AGM we have not had any requests for dates. This will be an ongoing discussion as this will change from week to week.

Purchasing shooting mats like the Rangers use was discussed. More research has to be done first before committing to the cost.

It was rumoured that the Army Engineers might be looking at our range with ways to improve it and deficiencies to fix. This is a good thing as any free professional advice to improve our shooting range is always a benefit to our shooting community in Hay River and the surrounding area.

The last piece of business was the elections of officers and appointment of Directors and Chairs.

Your 2015 Executive and Directors

President	Peter Osted agreed to serve as president for another year.
Vice-president	Garth Carman will serve as vice president.
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Vacant
Chief Range Officer	Kevin Jacobs
Trap chair	Rod O'Brien
Pistol/Small Bore /	
Large Bore Chair	Kevin Jacobs
Junior Programs /	
Air Rifle Chair	Kevin Jacobs
Property and	
Maintenance Chair	Rob Wilkins
Ranger Liaison	Kevin Lafferty

The 2016 AGM is coming soon so keep your eyes out for the announcement of dates.

There will be a work party the Saturday after first week of range access. Stay tuned. Last year we had income from rentals but unfortunately wasn't a whole lot. As we still need more upgrades and maintenance to our facilities, money is tight.

Range Standing OrderS (RSOS) and Range Rules

The RSOS and Range Rules are done. Please go to the website, 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 *Kevin Jacobs*



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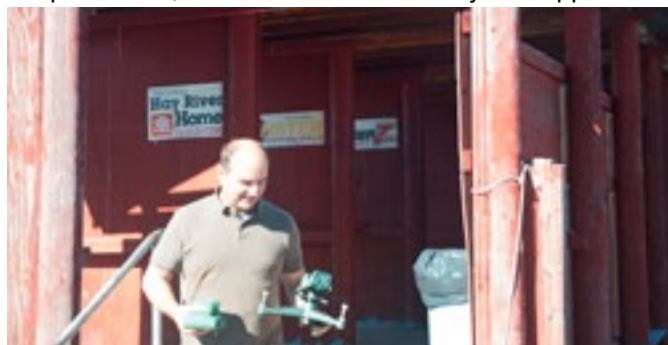
This is brought over from the last newsletter. Last newsletter I had requested any past photograph or event stories. Unfortunately, we have had ZERO response. I know theres allot of pictures out there, and stories. If you can just send us an email, we'll be glad to pick them up and digitize them for 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 and we will respond as quickly as possible. *Kevin Jacobs*

Summer Activities

Last summer the outdoor range was busy with private rentals. Unfortunately we missed the Rangers as they did not have their annual fall/winter training at the outdoor range so we can only hope they come back this way this fall. 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.

All of the road construction was finished last year thanks to Carters. They did the whole project and let us keep half the cost on the books till this year. At the AGM we had planned to do it in two stages to help spread the cost over two years so we did not fall short on funds if something happened.

We had our first annual Site Your Rifle In event. Thank you everyone who showed up, thanks to Kevin Lafferty (Rangers Liaison) and Karl Cox from Renewable Resources Ft. Smith. We didn't have a lot of attendees but it was still a success because it was one more event we brought and will continue to bring to Hay River. A special thank you to those that showed up to help. Your time is greatly appreciated. Last but not least, thank you to those businesses that sponsored this event in one shape or form, we can't do this without your support.





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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.

- Youth
- Handgun, Rifle
- Trap
- Newsletter
- Website
- Ways and means
- Building, 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

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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.

Last year thanks to Pat Bobinski we had six Canadian Firearms Safety Courses from April to October. Also it was unfortunate but we didn't get as much interest for the Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course as we would have liked. Thank you Poul Osted who was the instructor for the CRFSC last year.

I didn't put on any Handgun Safety Courses last year as I was just too busy. Hopefully I can hold one or two this year so we can Action Shoot Safely together.

I am starting a 2 gun fun shoot again this summer scheduled for Saturdays, see the web site for more info www.hayrivershootingclub.org. 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 were 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*