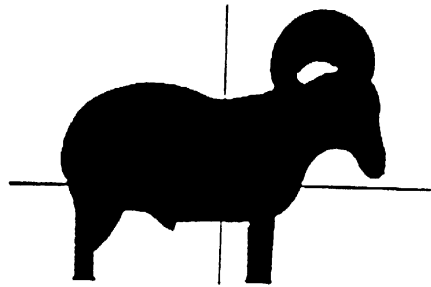




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Secretarial notes.

Well, it appears our association did not do so well last year for memberships. Our total count for full and associate members was 791 compared to 946 in 1998. Full membership was 179 compared to 237 in 98. We are holding on to 11 clubs, same as last year. I am sure we will do better this year. For one thing, there will be more matches, target and silhouette, more opportunity to participate. We must promote our association. Sell one to a friend. You are a member, and if you have children, why not purchase a membership for them. It is only \$4, and would make a huge difference to our membership numbers. Sask Sport looks favorably on growth, one of the criteria of our funding. Also, I ask all clubs, to please send in a list of all your members for this year, by December. If they have not paid a membership to the SPSBA, they are still counted as an associate member, and they count. If anyone out there has any ideas for fund raising that would be very helpful in getting our self-help up.

Have a fun and successful year, and I'll see you at the matches.

Neil Suttill

Observations of Reg Potter

One of the good happenings for the Association last year and this year is the participation of Regina Police Pistol and Rifle Club. Not only the increased number of members but the fact they are hosting matches in probably the best indoor range in Canada, the RCMP range at 50 meters with returning targets, how much better can you get it. They are going to host an outdoor match in June "weather permitting, not permitting but with luck would be indoors at the RCMP range" stay tuned for further info. We really do appreciate the good work Regina Police Club.

The dedication of Cory Niefer to his goal of representing Canada in the Olympics is very impressive. With the amount of work and the dedication he puts to this goal I'm sure that he will make it happen. His recent trip to Australia to compete in a World Cup match is an example of that. Anyone with internet access that wants to check out how he and the other Canadian shooters fared should check out the following web site. <http://www.sius.com/index04.htm> In fact the results of quite a few international matches are listed there.

So far all we know is that the Nationals are to be in August, at a range in the Victoria B.C. area.

The contact person is Terry Bagg, telephone: 250/246-9879.

Report From The Crosman Grand Prix 2000

The Senior rifle team of Reg Potter, Cory Niefer and Barrie Gwillim captured Bronze in the men's team event. Cory improved his score by 22 points from the Sask. Air rifle championships in Regina, and placed 8th in the open class. Reg placed 10th and Barrie 16th. The open class is one tough match at this event with four countries other than Canada competing.

I was proud of our junior rifle team. Although they didn't bring home any medals, they all improved from the match in Regina. Kevin Hill improved his score by 16 points and placed 12th out of the thirty male juniors. Joey Day came up a whopping 60 points from the Regina shoot, and placed 18th. The boys placed 5th as a team.

In the girls match, Amanda Lincoln improved by 5 points and placed 12th out of 21 competitors. Bryna Mackenzie improved by 21 points and placed 15th. Kim Bruce improved by a whopping 66 points to place 18th. Amanda and Kim placed 6th as a team. Well done junior shooters! The rifle teams were a pleasure to travel with.

There were 2 Sask. Pistol shooters at the Crosmans Heather Kuttai, Sask's only wheelchair athlete at the Crosmans, placed 2nd in her pistol class. Pat Krantz placed 12th out of 32 competitors in the Air pistol expert class. Submitted by Bob Johnson
Junior team coach.

Get To The Range or Airport On Time

I feel this subject needs some attention as a few years back, we had two competitors miss their flight, and this year we had some competitors who had a very close call.

Never rely on hotel wakeup calls! They are unreliable and even with our modern technology, the systems can break down. Invest in a good alarm clock, battery operated, and set it. It's a good idea to have a buddy on the same flight and exchange wakeup with you. You cannot afford to miss a flight and it would be inexcusable to miss your relay when you are representing your province at a national competition. Allow yourself plenty of time!

Sometimes you are traveling on a shuttle bus, or at games, on school buses, that may run every fifteen minutes. Plan to travel on two buses

earlier than necessary, as I have seen them fill up, or even break down, resulting in you having to wait for the next one.

I hope this article will help, and result in less stress and anxiety for our athletes.

Submitted by Bob Johnson

Note: Look after that return ticket! To buy a one-way ticket home can be pretty expensive.

Barrie on Silhouette

Well it's time to put the B.B. guns away and take out the real ones! Match dates are in this issue and by the time you read this we should be able to get a little outdoor practice in.

Was up to Ron Herman's this past week and picked up some Moly coated Sierra bullets. Understand that while Barb and I were away the geniuses or (genee-I) whatever - that run this country put an embargo on bullets. I was lucky enough to bring some practice stuff back with me – border was only concerned about how much wine we had. These bullets were from Nebraska, and were a very good price.

Ron got some custom 6.5 144gr VLD bullets from a fellow down south. We will see if can improve our knock down percentage of Big River Rams with these.

Last issue I mentioned the availability of new scopes and my interest in the "mil-dots". Using multiple dots could be an alternative to purchasing a new scope (especially for new "on a budget" shooters). Anyone interested in this could get in touch with me. Harvey Trace in Alberta can install dots in certain scopes for a reasonable price. He also does repairs on WEAVER'S.

There are some very good scopes on the market as I mentioned and a couple that are very reasonably priced come from MIWAY in the U.S. TASC0 4-16X and 6-24X are both listed for under \$100 U.S.

This MIDWAY outfit is also selling replacement barrels at a very god price. I know several people in Alberta who are using them and they seem to shoot fine.

Got some Lapua 6 BR brass to up-grade my 7 BR ammo supply. Most uniform brass I've ever handled, but a lot of work to get to 7 MM. Really not worth it. Remington 7 BR brass is plenty good enough.

Hope to put the small bore silhouette range back into operation this summer. With any luck we'll have a small match or two late in the fall.

How To Get A Better Score Without Shooting Any Better

Always shoot at your on target. A crossfire can result in penalties of up to 10 points in some disciplines.

Make sure your sights are adjusted so your group is central. No matter how good or how poor you are shooting, you will a higher score if your group is centered.

Shoot the required number of shoots in a match. Excessive shoots will cause a loss of your highest scoring shoots, plus a penalty, and shots not fired are, of course zeros.

Being sure your equipment is up to the task is a great confidence builder. Always check that the sights are tight, and your target rifle is clean. A camera puffer is handy to blow the dust out of your sights.

Take break once in a while according to what best suits your rhythm. In air rifle, for example, some break every tens shots, while others feel better shooting 20 shots between breaks.

Since most people shoot with a cant, be sure it is consistent from shot to shot. The fact that free rifle shooters use a spirit level on their front sight emphasizes the importance of a consistent cant.

Load your rifle in a consistent manner. With small bore rifles, insert the cartridge into the chamber with your fingers. Dropping the cartridge on the loading ramp and pushing it in with the bolt, could cause lead to be shaved off resulting in an unstable bullet.

In air rifle be sure and load one pellet for each shoot. Once again consistency prevents a mistake. Discharging an air rifle without a pellet is counted as a zero. At our provincials a competitor inadvertently loaded two pellets at once, resulting in a -14 with one squeeze of the trigger. One pellet was six and the other was out of the scoring rings.

Put only one target on the carrier at a time in air rifle. It is accepted practice in air rifle to shoot two shoots at a target if you are short of time. You may do this twice, or crossfire twice in a match on yourself twice in match, and turn in the unfired targets with no penalty. More than two incidents per match would cause a two point penalty. At the Crosmans, a junior from the USA was running short of time, and in place of double shooting two targets, she just put two targets on the carrier at a time, she did this twice and the result a 20 point penalty.

Submitted by Bob Johnson

C-68 in Action. Following is a letter typical of how Bill C-68 is working.
Date: Sun, 02 Apr 2000 13:21:52 -0600
From: JOHNSON LAURENCE
<lr.johnson@home.com>
Subject: Another "question 14B victim!"

I too, am a victim of Liberal arrogance and incompetence as evidenced by the fact that Miramichi returned my application for a PAL to replace my about-to-expire FAC. Their excuse: that even though I answered "no" to 14a, that I must still answer 14b! Family members, when shown the wording of the form, agreed one shouldn't have to answer 14b if the answer to 14a was "no".

As if that wasn't bad enough, I am now in receipt of a letter from Miramichi that admits their incompetence! How did this admission come about? Because I had my wife of 32 years sign as one of my guarantors.

In the same mailing, I received a letter stating that, "according to Firearms Licence Regulations section 3(1)(c), spouses are not eligible to be references for such applications"

In the instructions on the version of the form I filled-in, it states that a guarantor "may be a relative, friend or other person who has known me for at least three years". Nowhere does it say that my wife, who certainly knows me well, could not be one of my guarantors!

This letter admits: "Our application instructions concerning references were not clear and we have taken steps to ensure that this is corrected in the next version of the Possession and Acquisition Licence form".

The result is that, since my old FAC expired on March 01, 2000, I am no longer licenced to own my own property, nor can I apply for an ATT for my restricted firearms.

And so it goes on and on! I hope that those who are waiting for this mess to just "go-away" will get wake-up, become politically involved and remember that one party and one party only has included in it's founding principles the adoption of "practical firearms legislation". That party is the Canadian Alliance.

Laurence R. Johnson
collector of CDN and
British Commonwealth
arms and active shooter of same!

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April 29	Prince Albert, 80 shot SB
April 30	Prince Albert, 40 shot HP
May 13	Big River, 80 shots SB,
May 14	Big River, 40 shots HP
May 13 & 14	Prince Albert; Black Powder cartridge.
May 28	Morse, 80- SB
June 3 & 4	Saskatoon, 60- SB each day
June 10 & 11	Hudson Bay, 40- HP each day
June 18	Candle Lake, 80- SB
July 2 to 8	Nationals, Rosebud Club, Homestead Range West of Calgary
July 8 & 9	Bethune; Black Powder cartridge
July 22 & 23	Provincial SB Saskatoon, 60/60
Aug 12 & 13	Provincial HP, Prince Albert, 80/80
Aug 27	Melfort, 80-SB
Sept. 9 & 19	Prince Albert; Black Powder cartridge

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PROVINCIAL SB RIFLE MATCHES SASKATOON

- DATE : **JULY 14, 15, & 16, 2000**
- PLACE : SASKATOON WILDLIFE FEDERATION RANGE
- TIME : Friday - 5:00PM
Saturday & Sunday - 9:00AM
- FEES : Adults \$12.00 each event or 3 for \$30.00
Juniors \$7.00 each event or 3 for \$20.00
- PROGRAM : **Friday** - 60 rounds air rifle
2 relays of 6 shooters; 6:00 to 7:45PM and 8:00 to 9:45PM
- Saturday** – Match rifle; 3-Position - 120 rounds; Prone - 60
- Sunday** - Sporting rifle; 3-Position - 120 rounds; Prone – 60
- Both days, 1st 40 shots Prone will double as 3-P Prone.
- UIT & SFC rules and classification (air, match and sporter)
- If more than 16 entries on Sat. or Sun., two relays will be needed.
- PRIZES : Awards to match winners and class winners according to number of entries. Annual trophies for aggregate winners.

NOTE: The Annual Meeting of the SPSBA will take place Saturday afternoon after the 3-p match.

Please pre-register to get the relays you want

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