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Observations from the secretary.

We have come through last year with an increase of full members and all 8 zones represented. Which is very good. On the down side there was a decrease in number of communities and a decrease in number of associate members. Lots of members did not renew. Our funding from Sask Sport depends on numbers of members, communities and zones represented. Therefore, we must work to get members from all communities.

Last year I was somewhat lax in checking for memberships at matches and some participants got to shoot all year without a membership. I must be more diligent this year and I ask **all officials taking registration to please check for their membership.** Remember this year it is \$7 for adult and \$4 for juniors. **Also, please indicate age on the membership applications;** Sask Sport requires that for demographics.

Our Provincial Rifle Championships are on July 9th to 11th in Saskatoon again this year. At that time is our **annual meeting** which is important for **all** members to attend. National matches are east and west this year. The National Silhouette Championships are at Bull River on the usual July 1st holiday. The SFC National Rifle Championships are in Beachburg near Ottawa, August 7th to 15th, a week later than last year. We hope to have good representation at both meets.

SILHOUETTE MATCH DATES 1999

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| May 1– | Big River | 80 shots; small bore |
| May 2 - | Big River | 40 shots; high power |
| May 8 & 9 – | Prince Albert | 40 & 40 shots; Black Powder |
| May 30 - | Morse | 80 shots; small bore |
| June 6 - | Saskatoon | 60 Shots; small bore |
| June 12 & 13 - | Hudson Bay | 40 & 40 shots; high power |
| July 24 & 25 – | Big River | 40 & 40 shots; Prov. HP |
| Aug. 7 & 8 - | Melfort | 80 & 40 shots; Prov. SB |
| Sept.11 & 12 – | Prince Albert | 40 & 40 shots; Black Powder |

Team Report from the Crosman Championships

Our Saskatchewan rifle team, consisting of four seniors and four juniors, attended the Crosman Air Gun Championship in Toronto, Feb 5th, 6th and 7th. Our senior team placed as follows, all in the open or Master Class. Reg Potter placed 9th with a score of 1106. Cory Niefer placed 10th with a score of 1100. Neil Suttill placed 11th with a score of 1094. Barrie Gwillim placed a very respectable 15th with a score of 1071, considering he was suffering from some terrible flu bug.

I was pleased with the junior team. Their scores all came up from what they shoot at the team trials in Regina. They were a pleasure to travel with, they did their best and everyone had a good time. Chris Friesen placed 20th with a score of 991, up 10 points from the team trials. Sheldon Van Eaton placed 22nd with a score of 952, up 36 points from the team trials. The two boys as a team were in 8th place.

In the Junior Ladies match Jaimie Ford placed 20th with a score of 677, up 26 points from the trials. Amanda Lincoln placed 23rd with a score of 661, up 47 points from Regina. As a team, the girls were in tenth place.

The junior team and myself are all looking forward to attending the Canada Winter Games in Newfoundland, and we will be trying to better our scores at the matches.

Bob Johson
Rifle Team Coach

Report from the 99 Canada Winter Games

Our Canada Games Team this year consisted of Helen Johnson, Team Manager; Bob Johnson, Rifle Coach and Don Mooney, Pistol Coach. Athletes shooting air rifle were Amanda Lincoln, Jaimie Ford, Terry Black and Chris Friesen. Athletes shooting pistol Robin Bagu, Cheryl Clements, Phil Mooney and Barry McDonald.

Our rifle team this year seemed to be plagued with injuries – none from shooting of course! Prior to the Games Amanda broke her wrist which caused her to break training for a couple of weeks. Terry broke his leg which put him out of action for several weeks. This continued at the games with Jaimie breaking her little finger, which meant she to shoot in pain and Terry picked up a flu bug.

All of the provinces were represented at the shooting venue except P.E.I.. In the ladies individual rifle match Jaimie placed 14th with a score of 337 and Amanda placed 16th with a score of 334. In the men's individual rifle match . Chris placed 12th with a personal best of 528 and Terry placed 18th with a score of 492.

In the air rifle Men's team event, Chris and Terry placed 8th with a combined score of 693. In the air rifle ladies team event Amanda and Jaimie placed 8th with a combined score of 693. In this event Amanda shot a personal best of 357.

In the Men's air pistol individual match Phil captured the silver medal with a score of 672.2 after the finals. Barry placed 4th after the finals with a score of 622.8. In the ladies individual air pistol match Cheryl placed 9th with a personal best 343 and Robin placed 14th with a score of 317. In the Ladies air pistol team event Robin and Cheryl placed 7th with a combined score of 661. In this match Robin shot a personal best of 342. In the Men's team event, Phil and Barry captured the gold medal with a score of 1075.

The team was a pleasure to travel with and they were good ambassadors for Saskatchewan. The people of Corner Brook were fantastic hosts and treated us like royalty.

Bob Johson
Rifle Team Coach

Barrie on Silhouette

March means spring is just around the corner. Dig out those silhouette rifles and get at it.

I'm going to write on two topics this issue. First on position, namely standing. Browsed through my Bible i.e. "Position Rifle Shooting" by Bill Pullum and Frank Hanenkrat. If you don't have a copy of this, get one. On standing "the body must be able to hold a point of aim in what is naturally an area of aim". Oh how true. Seems by area of aim on a high power turkey is about a foot on each side. Well one trick to narrowing down that area is to be able to look straight ahead and have some cheek pressure on the stock. Again from Pullam and Hanenkrat "the head is as erect as possible". VIAGRA ain't goin't help you here, but a proper fitting stock will. I just changed my light rifle to one that fits and realized I've been shooting that 308 all these years with my mouth partly open to get my jaw bone down or get my eye up to look through the scope. Nice and comfortable – NOT! I eliminated a lot of rifles I would have liked to shoot because of this problem. The one I picked has a nice roll over cheek piece much like my 54 sporter, .22.

Topic 2 – bullets. I think I suggested last time to buy some light bullets to keep recoil down, hence fewer jerks on the trigger. Done some inquiring of Gun magazine writers who always seem to be trying every combination possible, and found some interesting tidbits. I realize the vast majority of us use bullets that come in green boxes – they just seem to shoot the best. Well don't give up entirely on the others. Have found out the yellow plastic box TNT pills are extremely accurate. They are a varmint bullet and probably only good for the first two ranges. Also the A & V red box MAX type are doing very well. There are several custom bullet makers in the U.S. making VLD bullets for almost all calibres used in silhouette.

Introductory/Participation/Target Groups Program

Duration: To **December 31, 1999**. Paper work must be post marked no later than December 31st, 1999.

“Program may be run again in 2000 depending on funding and success of this years program”

For this program a member club would be eligible for up to \$15.00 per eligible participant taking part in the course.

To receive this incentive the club would have to:

1. Provide introductory instruction and have the **NEW FULL MEMBER** shooters actually try shooting, ideally all or at least some of the SPSBA shooting disciplines. Air Rifle, Match Rifle, Silhouette or Sporting Rifle. Potential groups to look at for this program might be 4-H, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, School Classes, Aboriginal people, People with a disability, Youth at risk, Women’s Groups, Economically disadvantaged, Seniors or Hunter Safety Classes.
2. The instructor must be a full member of the SPSBA and possibly a coach or at least familiar with the SPSBA shooting disciplines.
3. Provide receipts for the amounts spent on the project. Expenses might be Range rent, books, ammunition, targets, mileage etc..
4. Participants in the course must purchase an SPSBA membership and sign the form with their address and the club can mail one cheque.

Full Member fees are:

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| Adult | \$ 7.00 |
| Junior “under 19 years in 1999” | \$ 4.00 |

If the club coach/instructor has a small number “1 or ?” of people do the course on different occasions, and collects the fees, gets the signatures and addresses on the form, this is a perfectly acceptable way of doing the program.

The Association would like any courses done this spring submitted by the first of June. Any done during the summer and fall submitted by the first of October and rest in the Office by the 31st of December.

If there are questions about the program, contact any of the SPSBA executive members about it.

Introductory/Participation/Target Groups Program

Target groups are juniors, women, and first time participants at Provincial ISU (match rifle), air rifle and sporting rifle matches.

Under this program, clubs who have members participate at these matches, will receive

\$50 per junior up to a maximum of \$200 per club;

\$50 per adult woman up to a max of \$100 per club;

\$50 per first timer up to a maximum of \$100 per club.

An individual can only be eligible for one category; per match, for example a junior participant being a first time shooter, will qualify for first time shooter only. Next time that person will qualify as a junior.

SPSBA Hosting Program

To be eligible your club must:

1. Host a competition advertised through out the province consisting of at least one of the following disciplines Air Rifle, Match Rifle or Sporting Rifle.
2. Having at least 10 competitors would make the your club eligible for the \$ 200.00 maximum for the year.
3. All competitors must have Full SPSBA memberships.
4. Complete the form and submit to the SPSBA.

BEAR FACTS

The department of fish and game is advising hikers, hunters, and fishermen to take extra precautions and keep a look out for bears while in the field. We advise that outdoorsmen wear noisy little bells on their clothing so as not to startle bears that aren't expecting them. We also advise outdoorsmen to carry pepper spray with them in case of an encounter with a bear. It is also a good idea to watch out for fresh signs of bear activity. Outdoorsmen should recognize the difference between black bear and grizzly bear droppings. Black bear droppings are smaller and contain lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear droppings contain little bells and smell like pepper.

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PROVINCIAL SB RIFLE MATCHES SASKATOON

- DATE : **JULY 9, 10, & 11, 1999**
- 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

Call Reg Potter at **306-528-4403**
Or Email: **potterjr@sk.sympatico.ca**
Maybe even Fax: **306-528-4341**

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Individual Membership Application/Renewal

1999

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City / Town _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Membership Information:

SPSBA Senior \$7.00 Includes \$2,000,000.00 Liability Insurance for any club or association sanctioned rifle shooting activity.

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