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2009 A Successful Year for PCFGA!!

2009 was a very productive and successful year at PCFGA and your Executive is pleased to provide you with this newsletter capturing some of the highlights with administration, services, programming, events, facility upgrades, and community partnerships and support. There has been further program growth, a record high membership base, and a whole lot of range additions and improvements, just to name a few!

PCFGA's level of success is *completely* dependent upon volunteerism of the members and 2009 demonstrated a membership with energy, interest and commitment to creating and maintaining a quality environment that is safe and fun for members, renters, and guests alike.

Happy New Year to the Membership and may 2010 bring further success!

PCFGA Executives

NOTICES: Election and Proposed Special Resolution on February 25, 2010

Executive Election

PCFGA would like to announce that an executive election will be held as part of the first General Meeting of 2010 on February 25th.

President, Jamie Halliday, and Secretary, Brenda Smith, provided notice of resignation at the November General Meeting, to allow for continued variety within club administration.

Both will continue to serve in their administrative roles up until the election date.

As per the PCFGA By-Laws, any Member in good standing is eligible for an Executive position in the society. You may put your name forward for nomination or nominate another member in person for President *or** Vice President and Secretary positions at the Feb 25th meeting. All votes must also be in person and not by proxy.

**Open position is dependent upon whether the Vice-President chooses to assume role of President or remain as Vice.*

Proposed Special Resolution

Members are also encouraged to attend the Feb 25th to vote upon a Special Resolution which proposes to add a dissolution clause to the PCFGA By-Laws.

This clause is required in some grant application processes, and will also provide clarity on how PCFGA assets will be allocated should the society ever come to dissolve.

Services

MEMBERSHIP & PRIVACY

Kris Rollhieser

Membership reached a record high in 2009 at just over 300! Instant processing of applications was made available at the 6th Annual Gun Show, making renewals convenient for members. Sensibly, a privacy officer function was also added to the Membership Coordinator's role. Memberships are available for print on the website, or at IGA & Bushwhackers in Peace River.

WEBSITE

Chris Snow

2009 saw the end of online memberships as the costs and major inconveniences just weren't worth it! The PCFGA website is a great way to promote club programs and happenings, and to communicate with the membership. 2010 Calendar of Events coming soon!

RANGE RENTALS

Jamie Halliday

Range rentals brings additional income, approx. \$2500/year, for PCFGA operations, and it broadens club exposure. Rentals also builds community relations with law enforcement and other government departments, along with local business and special interest groups!

Please forward any service inquiries to info@pcfga.net !

2009 IN REVIEW

Administration

Administration saw a busy year developing new policies and procedures, updating and organizing documentation, and improving communication with the membership.

POLICY & PROCEDURE

The revised PCFGA By-Laws received government approval this year, which updated them from the 1974 version.

A complaints process was developed, along with policies to reasonably regulate increases to membership and rental fees.

A Program Proposals along with an assigned Program Coordinator is now an established stan-

dard of practice with programming to ensure successful facilitation.

COMMUNICATION

Website, member emails and mail-outs, newsletters, regularly scheduled meetings, and meeting minutes...all get messages out to the membership. Meeting structure was revised to allow greater productivity while still maintaining collaborative discussion with the membership.

Media advertising and a new road-side sign also help with public communications. An improvement would be to have a secure, dry, and durable stand at the front gate to post calendars and com-

municationsproject anyone???

FINANCIAL

2009 saw completion of the 2008 Raffle and a rise in support from a variety of local businesses.

PCFGA continues to seek fundraising opportunities including an application for a Community Facility Enhancement Program grant (CFEP) from the Government of Alberta, and putting in for a chance to work a casino night in Grande Prairie.



Partnership: Alberta Fish & Wildlife, Peace River

YOUTH MENTORSHIP

This year, PCFGA voted to support the Peace River Alberta Fish & Wildlife's Youth Mentorship Program. The goal of this program is to introduce youth who may not otherwise have the opportunity or means to participate in hunting and shooting activities.

The program is organized and facilitated by Fish & Wildlife staff, while gov-

ernment organizations and community groups provide financial sponsorship.

PCFGA primarily provides support with administrative aspects otherwise unavailable to the program, use of the range facility for training and education, and this year provided a small donation of \$500 for ammunition. A PCFGA Liason is also in place to further establish and maintain this partner-

ship, as well as to jointly promote youth participation in safe hunting and shooting sports.

Alberta Fish & Wildlife hosted their year-end banquet in December, and presented PCFGA with a plaque in appreciation for support of the program. Thank you to Fish & Wildlife staff, PCFGA Liason, *Greg Bernetic*, and all supporting community sponsors!

2009 In Review

PROGRAMS



Participants in the 2009 BPCR Provincials

BPCR: **Jamie Halliday**

The black powder program proudly hosted the 2009 Alberta Provincials over summer and made the local paper! Congrats to Gerard Mizga, 2009 Champion! A buffalo roast supper was arranged for the event, which was both fitting and filling!

Range work done this fall will greatly enhance the black powder shooting experience in 2010! Jamie plans to continue as Program Coordinator and is looking to host 2 sanctioned provincial matches and a fun shoot in 2010.

IDPA: **Greg Bernetic**

This year was busy with IDPA with several regularly scheduled practice events and a sanctioned Postal Match in September. Improvements to the program include the addition of several new steel poppers, and recent addition of 2 pistol bays gives more room for play!

Growth in membership and more matches is expected, and Steve Fitchie will take a turn as Program Coordinator for 2010!

.22 Silhouette: **Chris Snow**

This program was renewed in 2009 for summer and fall and had an average of 3 to 4 shooters. This is a practical program to learn and improve rifle skills, not to mention cost efficient!

Trap: **Aaron Butler**

Trap was a bit slower this year, partly from being hit with poor shooting weather, but saw up to 10 shooters at times, indicating Membership interest in this fun shooting sport. Program improvements for 2010 include bulk purchase of clays and adjustments to program scheduling.

Anyone wishing to learn more about PCFGA programs or to get involved with programming are encouraged to visit the website at www.pcfga.net or email at info@pcfga.net!

IDPA Postal Match action



EVENTS

The 6th Annual Gun Show was held in September at the Grimshaw Curling Rink and tallied 608 through the doors, almost a full house of vendors, and \$2500 club profit! Thanks to Jerrold Lundgard and supporting volunteers for organizing this large event!

Tactical Response from Camden Tennessee was invited to provide fighting



rifle and advanced fighting rifle courses over the summer and saw 10 participants in each. It was so popular that they will be back this spring to provide fighting pistol, advanced fighting pistol and fighting shotgun

courses!

A Hunter Education

course was held at the clubhouse this summer, and PCFGA offers space for this training free of charge to facilitators in effort to support and encourage opportunities for learning safe hunting practices.

Two **Clean Up Days** were held in Spring and Fall and bringing a record number of member volunteers together to get a lot of tasks

A 1st Annual Volunteer Appreciation was held in October to recognize the Member contribution that makes PCFGA a success!

The meal and activities were both successful and this event is intended to continue annually, near the end of summer/early fall (but before hunting season next time!).

FACILITY UPGRADES

CLUBHOUSE-The inside of the clubhouse was worked on last winter up until spring to finish and expand electrical work, the sectioning off a small kitchen from the main area, and the walls and ceiling were painted. The building serves as a meeting space for training, education, social events, and other club functions and further improvements are expected in the coming year.



STORAGE-The garage was cleaned out a time or two and all Biathlon targets and supplies were loaned for the 2010 Alberta Winter Games, with eventual donation to the provincial biathlon association. This fall the little brown shed was cremated and in it's memory was replaced by a 40' sea can, which will also serve to replace the old trailer.



RANGE WORK

Big Bore Range- Dirt behind target boards from 200-500m were raised by 3', which allows shooters to see hits and misses easier. This also improves shooting conditions for BPCR, making it an attractive venue for the sport.

Big Bore Range Road-Excellent improvements were made to the road along the big bore range, and there are plans to lay gravel in 2010 to help sustain its integrity and preserve its condition. Vehicle access will be limited.

Small Bore Range- Improvements to this range were many, including construction of a bay roof thanks to a donation made by Shell. Two smaller bays were added to the East and back-stops were built to 4m. The small bore range was recently inspected by Chief Firearms Office staff and reclassified from field firing range to an action pistol range.



EXTRAS-Because the range is used so frequently, porta potties were put on site all year round for member comfort, and the driveway continues to be plowed over the winter.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

SEA CAN PROJECT

Welding is needed to cut a door, as well as installation of a metal door frame and commercial door.

CLUBHOUSE

Installation of cabinetry and countertop is needed as well as completing window and baseboard trim work.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

A date hasn't been set yet, but watch the website for details!

7th ANNUAL GUN SHOW Sept 25 & 26 2010

Support with co-organizing, advertising, promotion, vendor set up/take down, clean up, admissions.

Members who are able to help with the above projects are encouraged to communicate their interest via email at info@pcfga.net.

Thanks to All 2009 Contributors!!

PCFGA Supports Local Business!

Thank You to all PCFGA Members who have contributed and volunteered in 2009, and to community businesses for their support, including:

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