



The Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association

Promoting marksmanship through competition since 1866

RNBRA Newsletter
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Dear RNBRA Members and RNBRA Shooting Clubs,

Welcome to our first RNBRA e-Newsletter! The newsletter will be issued 6 times a year and will include news about the shooting sports in our province. Including news from our affiliated clubs; news about fullbore, smallbore, shotgun, benchrest, air gun and practical pistol competitions; news about New Brunswick shooters competing in the Atlantic Provinces and in National and International Matches; news about RNBRA supported workshops on competitive shooting and range officer training. What else would you like to see in the Newsletter? We want your feedback, so please send your suggestions to kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com.

Gordon Holloway
RNBRA President

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Membership Renewal

Members and Shooting Clubs can apply for the 2017/18 membership online by going to rnbra.ca/membership-form. You can submit the form online or print off a copy and mail it in.

Membership fees can be paid by Email Money Transfer (preferred method) or by mailing a cheque or money order. Once payment is received you will receive a card in the mail.

The individual membership covers the cost of NFA insurance. The insurance policy and card are available on the RNBRA website for download.

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President's Report

The President's Report from the RNBRA Annual General Meeting on October 29, 2017 is always available on the [RNBRA website](#), as well as Meeting Minutes and other reports from that meeting. [Click here](#) to download the President's Report.

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Why Should Your Club Join the RNBRA?

The RNBRA promotes, supports and organizes competitive and recreational shooting in New Brunswick. Membership is open to interested persons of good character, whether adult or junior. Member interests include recreational and competitive shooting, collecting and hunting, involving all types of shooting.

Clubs are invited to affiliate with RNBRA. Members of affiliated clubs save \$10 on individual memberships while juniors pay half. The RNBRA respects and supports the autonomy of individual clubs but seeks support from clubs to promote competitive shooting.

Membership benefits include:

- 1. Organized Matches:** RNBRA sponsors, schedules and coordinates many competitive matches. These are posted on the [RNBRA website](#).
- 2. Dominion of Canada Rifle Association:** RNBRA membership is a prerequisite to members in the DCRA, which permits participation in certain provincial, national, and international target rifle, military rifle, and pistol competitive matches using DND range facilities.
- 3. Funding Structure:** RNBRA offers funding for fullbore, smallbore, pistol, and air gun.
- 4. Range Safety Officer Training:** RNBRA offers courses for training and certification of Range Safety Officers (RSO). An RSO is required every time more than two people are using a range.
- 5. Technical Advice:** RNBRA can provide information and advice on range design and targets, names of governing authorities, rules of various shooting disciplines, and how to develop and run shooting competitions. Pre-range inspection evaluations are available for clubs seeking to prepare their range for government inspections.
- 6. Workshops:** Members receive \$10 off all workshops organized by the RNBRA.

- 7. Courses:** The RNBRA sponsors courses throughout the year related to shooting sports and coaching where a portion or all of the course fees are covered by the RNBRA.
- 8. Trophies and Prizes:** RNBRA has many trophies available for a large number of shooting clubs. Many are long-standing and have a prestigious history. ([Click here](#) for more information on RNBRA trophies and medals.)
- 9. Insurance:** NFA insurance is included with each individual membership.
- 10. Regular Updates on Association Activities:** Stay up-to-date on activities relating to work on behalf of members and affiliated clubs and news of issues of interest to recreational and competitive shooters with the RNBRA newsletter, [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).
- 11. Provincial Recognition:** The RNBRA is recognized as the sport governing body by the New Brunswick government and this gives shooters a strong central voice on laws, regulations, and other issues of interest and concern throughout the province and country.

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RNBRA Overview

The New Brunswick Rifle Association was founded in 1866 to govern competitive rifle shooting in the province. It was granted permission to include the title Royal in its name by Queen Elizabeth II in 1983.

The purpose of the RNBRA is to promote: sportsmanship, marksmanship, safe proficient use of firearms, and competitive shooting sports in the Military, Civic Police, and Civilian population.

In the early 1980s the RNBRA was recognized by the provincial government as the sport governing body for all shooting sports in the province. As the sport governing body, we submit a yearly government directed sport profile which includes RNBRA sanctioned programs and initiatives as well as an operational budget and other information. Based on this profile we receive money from the New Brunswick Department of Sport and Recreation to help support our programs.

The RNBRA is governed according to a written constitution and bylaws by a governing board consisting of three members at large, a member elected by each section representing the active disciplines within the RNBRA as well as the executive and the Past President. The president, 1st and 2nd vice-presidents and the three board members at large are elected at the AGM.

There are currently two active sections: Fullbore target rifle and Pistol. Each section is responsible to be financially sound and self governed by a constitution and bylaws consistent with the purpose of the RNBRA. The sections administer programs and competitions consistent with their shooting disciplines and are responsible to send a representative to the Governing Board of the RNBRA for overall promotion of shooting sports in NB.

RNBRA affiliated shooting clubs provide very important support to the RNBRA mission. They provide the facilities and organization to host RNBRA sanctioned provincial competitions. In return, the RNBRA keeps the affiliated clubs updated on development, programs and relations of the RNBRA and to provide assistance to the clubs to promote competitive shooting sports. Members of RNBRA affiliated

clubs receive a \$10 discount on their memberships and each affiliated club has the right to appoint a voting member to attend the RNBRA AGM.

The RNBRA is affiliated with the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association & the Shooting Federation of Canada, two of the national competitive shooting bodies in Canada. We send two representatives to the DCRA council and one representative to the SFC in order to help promote competitive shooting at the National and International level. We are also affiliated with the Canada's National Firearms Association from whom we purchase liability insurance for our full members.

The Association is committed to Junior development in shooting sports as competitive shooting teaches many valuable life skills such as: commitment, sportsmanship, focus, and problem solving.

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Shooting Schedules

The Fullbore section runs a full competition program each summer and some members compete at the international level. The Pistol section is very active in the province and hosts many IPSC activities with members competing nationally and internationally. The RNBRA is often able to help fund inter-maritime, national, and international competitions held in New Brunswick.

The Fullbore Shooting Schedule for 2018 is available online [here](#). For the latest information on fullbore events, be sure to follow the [fullbore blog](#).

Stay tuned for 2018 schedules for Air Gun, IPSC, and the Fredericton Trap & Skeet Club.

If you would like to have your club's shooting schedule distributed to RNBRA members and posted on the website, please send information to Laura at kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com.

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Courses

For those interested in coaching, the RNBRA is sponsoring an Entry Level Coaching Course, mandatory for all coaches. This 2-day course is put on by CoachNB and paid for by the RNBRA. It will cover making ethical decisions, planning a practice and nutrition.

Dates: Saturday March 10, 11am-6pm (lunch is provided by RNBRA); Sunday March 11, 9am-1pm

Location: 199 Union Street, St. Stephen NB

For more information, contact Don Brown at d.brown@bellaliant.net or (506) 466-3377. If you or your club is interested in attending this course in other areas around NB, send an email to Laura.

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The RNBRA offers a course for training and certification of Range Safety Officers (RSO). An RSO is required every time two people or more people are using a range. For information on this course, please contact Steven Stewart at smskew@rogers.com.

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Workshops

There are several workshops offered by the RNBRA that are available to shooting clubs upon request. Currently there is one on load development and one on fullbore shooting.

The Fredericton Trap and Skeet Club can arrange a private introduction to shotgun shooting for any RNBRA members or group upon request (no special permit is required). Charge is \$25 per round of 25 clays. This introduction includes everything needed to shoot (shotgun, ammunition, clays, eye and ear protection, and qualified member one-on-one instruction). For more information, please contact Laurence Gilbey (club President) at gilbey2707@rogers.com.

If you or your club are hosting a workshop or event and would like it featured in the RNBRA newsletter, please send all information to Laura at kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com.

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Interesting Information: A blog for scientific shooters

If you're looking for a good resource and a scientific approach to shooting, check out [Adam MacDonald's shooting blog](#). Adam is an FTR shooter in Fredericton with a background in engineering, software, and electronics. Most recently Adam received a bronze medal for placing 9th in the 2017 World F-Class Championships (individual) and a silver medal for placing 2nd in the team match. Adam says, "With this blog I will share my experiences with load development, shooting strategy, and development of new products." Visit the site at www.autotrickler.com/blog.

Have something interesting to share? Send ideas to Laura at kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com.

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FAQ of the Month:

What are the wind flag requirements and specifications?

From the ICFRA Technical Rules & Regulations for Fullbore Target Rifle Shooting, 2016: Annex T/F

FLAG LAYOUT AND SPECIFICATIONS FO ALL-DISTANCE NEW-BUILD RANGES:

F1. Wind Flags should not be less than 12 foot six inches in length¹ and should be made of woven polyester bunting with weight close to 165 grams per square metre. Note that some other synthetic materials which are not woven may be less permeable to the wind and hence fly higher for a given wind speed. The all-range specifications for ranges that do not have pre-existing flags is: A truncated pennant fabricated from 'Admiralty woven (or spun) polyester bunting' of a nominal weight of 165 g per sq m (do NOT allow a lighter substitute!!) The dimensions should be: Length 12'6", depth at the hoist 5 f., depth at the fly 12" and the flags should be coloured blue over yellow². They should be flown from a standard flag rope and hoist and NOT be anchored to the flagpole.

F2. Flagpoles must be provided on both flanks of the range and *may* be provided on the centre line of the range providing there is sufficient clearance afforded by a gap in the line of targets displayed. The clearance between the centre line of the edge of targets and the nearest flag line must not be less than 7 metres. Flagpoles should be mounted in two (or more) files at the following distances up range from the line of targets: 35, 200, 365, 530, 695 and 860 yards (or metres on metric ranges). Flagpoles should be 7.5 m tall or such a height as will allow the flag to be flown 7 m above the muzzle to target-centre line. All flagpoles must be visible from all firing points. It is permissible to tailor flagpole heights so that flags are flown at the height of the trajectory of a round fired from 1000 yards of the point in question.

¹ But may be longer if custom and practice on the host range so dictates.

² Red over yellow is acceptable. Green should NOT be used.

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Air Gun News

Congratulations to Alyssa Gidney who was featured in an article in The Saint Croix Courier for her shooting achievements, including winning the silver medal at the NRA Open Air Rifle/Pistol Section shoot in Augusta. Alyssa also placed first in the Marksman category. See the full article [here](#).

Information on the St. Croix Youth Air Gun Program is available on the [RNBRA website](#) or the [St. Croix Sportsman Club website](#).

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Benchrest News

Information on New Brunswick Benchrest Shooting is available online at the [Benchrest blog](#). You can sign up to receive email notifications for new blog posts by entering your email address in the box on the right of the page.

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Fullbore News

All the latest news and information on the competitive Fullbore program is available at the [Fullbore blog](#). You can sign up to receive email notifications for new blog posts by entering your email address in the box on the right of the page.

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Practical Pistol News

Information on the Competitive Practical Pistol Program is available at the [IPSC website](#).

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Shotgun News

The Fredericton Trap & Skeet Club is an affiliated club of the RNBRA and hosts the annual RNBRA Provincial Shotgun Championship. The 2018 shoot schedule will be posted on their website shortly (www.ft-sc.com), as well as all the current updates pertaining to the 2018 shooting season. The FTSC can also offer, upon request, a private introduction to shotgun shooting that includes everything needed to shoot (shotgun, ammunition, clays, eye and ear protection and qualified member one on one instruction). For more information, please contact Laurence Gilbey (club president) at gilbey2707@rogers.com. The FTSC looks forward to sharing their interests in the shooting sports.

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Smallbore News

The RNBRA Smallbore Championship will be held Saturday March 3 at the Northside Indoor Pistol Range. The 25-meter range will be used with electronic target scoring (manual scoring will be back up); 60 rounds on score with unlimited sighters. Match fee is \$20. Senior and Junior competitors welcome. Classes with awards for the following:

1. MTR (Modified Target Rifle) with front rest, scope and prone
2. TR (Target Rifle) with front rest, scope and prone
3. Standing any rifle and equipment
4. Sporting/Hunting rifle prone, max 4X scope, no support

Date: Saturday March 3, 8am-4pm

Location: Northside Indoor Pistol Range, 65 Route 148, Killarney Road NB

For more information, contact Steven Stewart, RNBRA at smskew@rogers.com or (506) 478-0997.

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Shooting Club News

A list of affiliated shooting clubs is available on the [RNBRA website](#).

The Grande Digue Hunting & Fishing Club in Shediac River is open all winter long for members. Memberships are available at the club which is open Friday (5pm-10pm), Saturday (2pm-6pm) and Sunday (2pm-5pm) and located at 135 Albert Melanson Road. Fees are: \$50 for rifle; \$60 for hand gun; \$30 for a social membership. If your partner joins, they will receive a \$10 discount off their membership price.

The Hampton Rifle & Pistol Club is open 365 days a year from dawn to dusk and includes 5 pistol bays, a 50 yd range and a 100-400 yd range. The Club has sheltered bays and welcomes all disciplines. Click [here](#) to find the Club on Google Maps. For more information, you can call Chris at 832-1921 or send an email to infohrpcnb@gmail.com. Check them out on [Facebook - @HRPCNB](#).

Send club news submissions to Laura at kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com.

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Newsletter Submissions

The RNBRA newsletter is open to submissions from members, shooting clubs, and non-members for any interesting information, events, questions, ideas, or anything else related to the RNBRA's mission: promoting marksmanship through competitive shooting.

Please send all newsletter submissions to Laura at kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com. If you are unsure, send it along anyway. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited for space.

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