



# The Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association

*Promoting marksmanship through competition since 1886*

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RNBRA Members and RNBRA Shooting Clubs,

Competition is winding down and it is time to relax, to savour your victories, and to carefully re-examine your losses. Evaluate your equipment and start planning for the coming season. Fall is an especially good time to try out new equipment, new loads and new techniques without competitive pressure. Maybe do some hunting.

It is also time for the RNBRA Annual General Meeting which will be held in Sussex on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We welcome the attendance of all RNBRA members and members of affiliated shooting clubs. I will remind you that each affiliated club now has 1 vote at the AGM so please send a representative. It is a good time to bring forth ideas that will help the RNBRA promote the shooting sports in our province.

Good Shooting,

Gordon Holloway  
RNBRA President

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Please direct all questions, comments, submissions, ideas, and suggestions to Laura at **[kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com](mailto:kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com)**. Note that submissions will be reviewed prior to inclusion in the newsletter and may be edited for space. And don't forget to check us out on **[Facebook](#)**!

## 7th Annual F-Class National Championships

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual F-Class National Championships were held on Connaught Range in Ottawa from August 14-16. The event is the highest level F-Class match sponsored by the DCRA and attracts competitors from across Canada, the United States, and beyond. Matches are held at 700m, 800m, and 900m in two classes: F/TR which is restricted to .308 win and .223 Rem; and F-Open where any caliber less than 8mm is permitted. This year the F/TR championship Grand Aggregate was won by Adam MacDonald of Hanwell NB (score 513 out of a possible 525 with 52V) and second place went to Gordon Holloway of Fredericton NB (score 513/525 46V). On the Bisley Aggregate (consisting of all Canadian competitors) Gold went to Adam, Silver to Gordon, and a Bronze to Ken Kyle from Moncton.

Conditions on the first day consisted of light winds; Adam placed second with a score of 224/225 28V (only two V-bulls behind the top shooter) and Gordon, Ken, and Matt Wolf (from Mascarene NB) held 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place respectively. On the second day the wind picked up and Gordon won two matches and Gordon, Ken, and Adam each placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in a match. The final was difficult and Adam and Gord moved ahead of the point leaders to take 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The Lum Team Match was on the final day of the championship. The New Brunswick F-Class Rifle Team consisted of Gordon Holloway, Ken Kyle, Adam MacDonald, and Tony Pham (of Riverview NB). The NB team won 1<sup>st</sup> place among 5 F/TR teams with a score of 869/900 75V, 7 points ahead of second place. The top individual scores of the team match (counting both F-Open and F/TR teams) were shot by Gordon and Adam.



1st Place – The NB F-Class Rifle Team: Gordon Holloway, Tony Pham, Ken Kyle, Adam MacDonald

The success of these New Brunswick shooters at the 2018 F-Class Nationals is in large part a result of the strong competitive shooting program that is run by the Fullbore Section of the RNBRA and sister organizations in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

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## RNBRA Annual General Meeting

The RNBRA 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, October 14th at Smitty's Restaurant in Sussex (**[110 Main Street](#)**), beginning at 9:00am. All individual RNBRA members and representatives of affiliated clubs are welcome. Among other items to be discussed, the 2018/2019 Slate of Officers election will be held at this meeting.

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## RNBRA Membership

New and renewing Members and Clubs can complete their 2018 membership online by going to **[rnbra.ca/membership-form](http://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 anywhere in the world. The insurance policy and card are available on the RNBRA website for download.

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## Shooting Schedules

Looking to expand your shooting schedule? The RNBRA is often able to help fund inter-maritime, national, and international competitions held in New Brunswick.

The IPSC-NB 2018 shooting schedule is now available online **[here](#)**. Be sure to check it out!

The Fullbore shooting schedule for 2018 is always available online **[here](#)**. New shooters are always welcome.

The Air Gun Club shoots Tuesday and Thursday nights at **[St. Croix Sportsman Club](#)**.

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## FAQ of the Month: What are the fullbore target dimensions?

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA) has specific requirements on the dimensions of targets used in fullbore rifle competitions. Typically New Brunswick uses DCRA targets for TR and mid-range F-Class matches; and ICRFA targets, which are an international standard, for F-Class long-range (700-900m) matches. ICFRA targets are smaller and are usually used in world championships.

Target Rifle (TR) and F-Class targets are white in colour with circular scoring rings and black aiming marks. The dimensions in the tables below are diameters in inches; e.g. at 600m, the TR V-Bull circle is 7.25 in.

In general, the 5-ring is around one minute for F-Class and two minutes for TR. You'll see below that as the distance increases, the scoring rings will also increase proportionally. However, notice that the same target face is used for 700m, 800m and 900m. The 700m and 800m target faces are slightly larger relative to their distances. Therefore, you may have an easier time shooting at 700m than 600m!

## Target Rifle (TR)

	Score	300m	400m	500m	600m	700 – 900m
<b>V-Bull</b>	5V	3.125	4.125	5.875	7.25	12
<b>Bull</b>	5	6.25	8.25	11.75	14.5	24
<b>Inner</b>	4	11.25	15.25	26	26	48
<b>Magpie</b>	3	16.5	22.25	39	39	72
<b>Outer</b>	2	22	30	52	52	96
<b>Hit</b>	1	Rest of target				
<b>Target Size</b>	-	4x4 ft	6x6 ft	6x6 ft	6x6 ft	8x6 ft

## F-Class

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	Score	300m	400m	500m	600m	700 – 900m	700 – 900m
<b>V-Bull</b>	5V	1.562	2.063	2.938	3.625	6	5
<b>Bull</b>	5	3.125	4.125	5.875	7.25	12	10
<b>Inner</b>	4	6.25	8.25	11.75	14.5	24	20
<b>Magpie</b>	3	11.25	15.25	26	26	48	32
<b>Outer</b>	2	16.5	22.25	39	39	72	44
<b>Hit</b>	1	Rest of target					
<b>Target Size</b>	-	4x4 ft	6x6 ft	6x6 ft	6x6 ft	8x6 ft	6-10 x 6 ft

Contact the RNBRA if you are interested in getting DCRA or ICFRA targets for your club.

Sources: [DCRA Rules for the Conduct of Fullbore Rifle Competitions 2018](#)  
[ICFRA Rules & Regulations for F-Class Rifle Shooting 2018](#)

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## Andy Gunter Meritorious Award

The RNBRA is accepting nominations for the Andy Gunter Meritorious Award. Andy Gunter was an industrial arts teacher in Saint John who worked with the RNBRA for many years. This award may be presented to any current or past member of the RNBRA. The criteria for the award shall be as the name suggests: for exceptional service to the Association.

The award may be presented to an individual or group. For a list of previous recipients, click [here](#). To make a nomination, please contact Laura at [kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com](mailto:kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com).

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## Youth Program Funding Opportunity

The RNBRA strives to support youth interested in the shooting sports and has established a Youth Program Fund. Any affiliated club with a youth program or trying to start one may make a request for funding support.

Youth programs may include: specific competitions for under 19, supporting youths who travel to competitions, courses or workshops for youth shooting, holding a Youth Day at your club, etc.

Send requests to Laura at [kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com](mailto:kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com) and include a description of the youth program and the date (if applicable). If you are unsure if your program/event will qualify, just send Laura a quick email and she'll let you know the next steps.

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## Courses

A Range Safety Officer Course will be held on Sunday, October 21 from 9am-3pm at the Lake George Club House (173 Rte 635 HWY Lake George). Cost is \$20. All attendees must have an individual RNBRA membership (available for purchase at the course). Bring your own lunch and pen. This course is limited to 15 participants. To register, contact Steven Stewart at [smskew@rogers.com](mailto:smskew@rogers.com) or **(506) 478-0997**.

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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. For more information on these courses or to arrange one at your club, contact Laura at [kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com](mailto:kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com).

Are you interested in developing your own workshop? The RNBRA may be able to help with funding, organizing and development. Send ideas to Laura at [kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com](mailto:kaderly+RNBRA@gmail.com).

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## Air Gun News

Congratulations to Emily Dean who made it through the trials and is eligible to compete in the 2018 CAT Championships in Guadalajara, Mexico held this year from November 1-11.

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

The second day of the Provincial Championship match, the Rimfire Competition, will be Sunday, September 23 at the Minto Gun Club. There will be Sporter and Open classes and lunch will be available. Entry to this competition is available to all legal shooters. Pre-registration is required. [Click here](#) for full information.

The first day of the Provincial Championship was the Centerfire Competition held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the winners: Volker M. Topf (sporter class) and Bert DeVink (open class).

The RNBRA hopes that this first Provincial Championship event will encourage organized competition at the provincial and regional levels.

Information on New Brunswick Benchrest Shooting is available online at the [Benchrest blog](#).

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## Fullbore News

The RNBRA Fullbore Section had the privilege of hosting the 2018 Atlantic Fullbore Championships September 1-3. The shoot was held on Batouche range located in the 5 CDSB Gagetown training area.

The event was well-attended with 26 competitors from PEI, NS, Quebec, and the host province NB. We had 17 F-Class and 9 TR shooters. The Atlantic is a traditional event that includes 3 separate matches, one for each Atlantic province and a fourth to represent all provinces. The Lady Slipper match (PEI) was shot Saturday, September 1. The Bluenose (NS) and Herring Choker (NB) matches were held Sunday, September 2 and the 3-day match finished with the Downeast on Monday, September 3.

For complete results, visit the [Fullbore blog](#). There were quite a few interesting matches with several third places being determined by count-backs. The 3-day Grand Aggregate was won by Don Coleman (TR) and Adam MacDonald (F-Class).

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all the competitors and volunteers who helped make it a success.

Mark McMullin  
Match Director

All the latest news and information on the competitive Fullbore program is always available at the [Fullbore blog](#).

A new Facebook group has been created by Tony Pham to discuss F-Class shooting in New Brunswick, share photos, results and updates. Check it out at: [New Brunswick F-Class](#).

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## Practical Pistol News

Our IPSC members across the province continue to organize and build high quality matches for our members and the IPSC competitors who travel here from other provinces to compete.

There have eleven Level II matches and two Level III matches held across the province in 2018. During the weekend of August 4/5 the Restigouche Gun Club hosted its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Slam Match in Dalhousie. Once again the organizers outdid themselves, building 16 creative stages that were shot over two days. 154 competitors from across Canada attended the match and on Saturday evening the organizers hosted a large banquet.

Our Provincial Championships are scheduled for September 15/16 in Dalhousie and hosted by the Restigouche Gun Club. This will be a Level III sanctioned competition and we're expecting a very large turnout.

Anyone interested in learning more about International Practical Shooting Confederation membership and competitions please email us at [ipscnewbrunswick@gmail.com](mailto:ipscnewbrunswick@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page [IPSC New Brunswick](#).

Please see our full match schedule on our [website](#).

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

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## Shotgun & Smallbore News

Mark your calendars – The RNBRA Provincial Shotgun Championship Shoot is Sunday October 14. This shoot will be 100 Clays: 25 Skeet; 25 Trap; and 50 Sporting Clays. Registration is from 9am-1pm and the entry fee is \$55. A \$5 burger lunch will be available and awards will be presented. All shooters welcome! For more information, check out the Fredericton Trap & Skeet [website](#).

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## Shooting Club News

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

What's happening at your club? Send club news submissions to Laura at:

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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](mailto: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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