



The Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association

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RNBRA Members and RNBRA Shooting Clubs,

I attended a Roundtable Discussion hosted by Public Safety Canada and the Hon Bill Blair, Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction (Minister Blair was not present for our session), in Moncton on October 29, 2018. The topic was Reducing Violent Crime: A dialogue on handguns and assault weapons. The emphasis was consideration of "a ban on handguns and assault weapons in Canada, while not impeding the lawful use of firearms by Canadians". There were 20 representatives of shooting organizations, police departments, and firearm vendors and training centres from Atlantic Canada. This included the PEI Rifle Assoc, NS Rifle Assoc, RNBRA, IPSC Canada, IPSC NS, Shooting Federation of NS, Fundy Shooting Sports, and Springfield Sports Club, among others. The Minister met with groups advocating for stricter firearms legislation in the morning and our group was hosted in the afternoon by a deputy minister. They are also looking for written submissions on this issue from Canadians and there is a online survey to be completed [here](#).

I think it is imperative that those of us who enjoy the shooting sports make our voices heard by expressing our concerns and ideas. Please complete the online survey and contact your MP either as individuals or on behalf of our sporting organizations. The opportunity for input closes on November 10, 2018.

Gordon Holloway
RNBRA President

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Please direct all questions, comments, submissions, ideas, and suggestions to Laura at
info@rnbra.ca.

RNBRA Annual General Meeting

On October 14, the RNBRA held its Annual General Meeting in Sussex. Board members presented their annual reports which will be publically available on the RNBRA website. The 2018-2019 Board was elected as follows:

President: Gordon Holloway

1st Vice-President: Debbie Craig

2nd Vice-President: Lorraine Chapman

Directors-at-Large: Don Brown; Bert deVink; Dianne Gould

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New Affiliated Club Outreach Program

The RNBRA is developing an outreach program for affiliated clubs for the 2019 season. One benefit is that the RNBRA will supply approved SFC targets to any affiliated club free of charge in order to promote competitive shooting. This includes targets for rifle, pistol, rimfire (.22) and centrefire shooting. If you are interested, please contact Steven Stewart by phone 506-478-0997 or by email smskew@rogers.com.

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RNBRA Membership

New and renewing Members and Clubs can complete their 2019 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 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 available online [here](#). There's one more scheduled Level II match in November!

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

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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 info@rnbra.ca 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

Over the weekend of October 20-21, two Range Safety Officer courses were held, one at the Lake George Gun Club and one at the Fundy Shooting Sports club. A total of 25 students completed the course. If you are interested in holding an RSO course at your local shooting club, 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. For more information on these courses or to arrange one at your club, contact Laura at info@rnbra.ca.

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 info@rnbra.ca.

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Air Gun News

Congratulations to Alexis Guitard and Alyssa Gidney for placing second and third, respectively, at a recent match in Augusta, Maine.

Information on the St. Croix Youth Air Gun Program is available on the [RNBRA website](#) or the [St. Croix Sportsman Club website](#) or you can contact Don Brown at d.brown4@bellaliant.net.

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Benchrest News

In September the RNBRA Provincial Benchrest Championship was held over two days, hosted by the Minto Gun Club. On September 9, the Centerfire events had 12 individual competitors, of whom 5 entered both the Sporter and the open centerfire classes. Volker Topf won the Sporter Centerfire Class and Bert Devink won the Open Centerfire Class. On September 23, the Rimfire events had 24 individual competitors, of whom 6 entered both the Sporter and Open classes. Volker Topf won both the Rimfire Open Class and the Rimfire Sporter Class.



The events were well-appreciated, well-run and well-attended. The Minto club ran the events very efficiently and smoothly. On both days, the club provided chili, hot dogs and pastries. Congratulations are due to President Dave Chaverie and his team of volunteer range officers, cooks, scorers, and gofers. Special thanks goes to Bert DeVink and Conrad Leroux for organizing the championship.

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

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Fullbore News

On October 21st, the RNBRA Fullbore Section held a Long Range Steel Challenge match on the Enniskillen range complex, near Camp Petersville. The range is part of the 5 CDSB Gagetown Training Area. The match was loosely styled after PRS matches, which are gaining popularity in the US and other parts of Canada. There were 8 stages in total, with steel targets from 350m all the way out to 995m. Stages were shot from the prone position or off a barricade.

15 competitors from NB, NS, and PEI braved the chilly October winds to shoot a challenging course of fire under very difficult conditions. The wind blew all day, coming mainly from the north, but occasionally switching to the northwest. The afternoon saw gusts near 40kph.

Thanks to Range Control at 5 CDSB Gagetown for their support throughout the planning phases and during the range. Without their support, we wouldn't be able to conduct a range of this style. I'd also like to thank the RNBRA fullbore section for allowing me to conduct a range outside the norm. A special thanks goes to Peter Hirsch at Hirsch Precision, who sent a Terrapin X up with the NS shooters to ensure we had accurate ranges for the competitors.



The RNBRA Fullbore section hopes to be able to offer this type of shooting again in the future. Anyone interested can contact the Fullbore Chairman Adam MacDonald at adamjmac@gmail.com.

Submitted by 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

Anyone interested in learning more about International Practical Shooting Confederation membership and competitions please email us at 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

The Fredericton Trap & Skeet Club held its final formal shoot of 2018 on Sunday October 14 when the club hosted the 10th Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association Provincial Shotgun Championship Shoot. A total of 24 shooters from clubs in the region attended the shoot. The shoot comprised of 25 skeet targets, 25 trap targets and 50 sporting clays targets.

RNBRA's Conrad Leroux was on hand to present trophy plaques to the winners, whose names will also be inscribed on the permanent plaque in our clubhouse.

Lucas McCollum had a great day of shooting and captured the HOA title with a score of 83. John Roberts earned himself a 1st Runnerup prize with a score of 80. The 2nd Runnerup was Gary Dealy with a score of 76. The high junior prize, with Lucas capturing HOA, was Matthew Wainwright with a score of 71. High ladies prize was captured by Tracy Roberts with a score of 59.

A lunch of hamburgers was provided by Nancy and Gary Gallop from our BBQ kiosk.

We wish to thank all of the many, many shooters who attended our competitive shotgun events this season and look forward to seeing them again in 2019!

Our final shoot of 2018 will be an informal fun shoot – our Christmas Charity Shoot from which we make a financial contribution to one of the many deserving charities in the Fredericton region. This year the Christmas Charity shoot will be held on Sunday December 2.

In the meantime stay tuned through our [website](#) for news on upcoming events in 2019.

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Shooting Club News

On September 8th, **Fundy Shooting Sports Inc.** put on its 12th annual "Scout Appreciation Day" at our range facility at Mispec, NB. We had the pleasure of hosting over 30 Scouts, 12 Scout Leaders and 20 or so parents. The Scouts were given an hour of firearm safety on the firearms that they would be using. They were then divided into two groups, one went to the Rimfire Range to shoot .22LR bolt action rifles and the other half went to shoot aerial targets with 20GA shotguns.

Each Scout had the opportunity to shoot at five (5) thrown clay targets. Those Scouts that went to the Rimfire Range had an opportunity to shoot 10 rounds at paper targets at 25 yards and then shoot 10 rounds at balloon targets at 50 yards. We provided a BBQ lunch to all who were present and also presented each Scout with a club hat, Fox 40 whistle, ball compass, assorted candy and decals, pens and newsletter from NBWTF who provided some funding for the event. ~Submitted by David Greene



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:

info@rnbra.ca.

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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 info@rnbra.ca. If you are unsure, send it along anyway. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited for space.

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