



# The Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association

*Promoting marksmanship through competition since 1866*

RNBRA Newsletter  
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RNBRA Members and RNBRA Shooting Clubs,

On behalf of the RNBRA Executive and Board, I would like to assure you that the day-to-day work of the Association continues despite the challenges necessitated to contain and control the COVID-19 virus. Gun clubs are currently assessing the financial impact on their membership given the Provincial measures that have closed most shooting ranges and the New Brunswick Influenza Plan restrictions on public gatherings. However, clubs have indicated that they are continuing to plan events for when the current restrictions are lifted and shooting can commence.

Likewise, there is good news from the Province of New Brunswick. To ease concerns related to the submission and assessment of Funding Model I, which is the RNBRA application for Provincial funding to support RNBRA-sanctioned shooting events, training and other shooting initiatives; the Director of the Sport & Tourism Branch has informed RNBRA that the Province has suspended the April 15, 2020 deadline for submission, and will be forwarding 75% of the amount RNBRA received in 2019-2020, until the formal application is received and reviewed for 2020-2021. I would encourage the clubs and individuals, from whom Laura has requested information for the completion of Funding Model 1, to continue submitting their reports and financial statements; your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Also thank you to all contributors to this edition of the RNBRA Newsletter, Laura appreciates the contributions highlighting club and individual activities and especially the photographs that acknowledge the remarkable shooters who represent their respective clubs at the local, Provincial, National and International level.

In closing, more good news; on March 25, 2020, the Office of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick announced that, Her Honour, the Honourable Brenda L. Murphy, ONB, has consented to be the Honourary Patron of the RNBRA and to lend the support of her office to our organization. Once championships and competitions commence it is RNBRA's intent to invite the Hon Ms. Murphy to attend some functions and present awards. To this end, if your Club would like an invitation forwarded to the Office of our Honourary Patron, please channel your request through the RNBRA Board.

The RNBRA wishes you and your families continued good health and anticipate a time when all shooters can return to the ranges.

Debbie Craig  
RNBRA President

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Please direct all questions, comments, submissions, ideas, and suggestions to Laura at [\*\*info@rnbra.ca\*\*](mailto:info@rnbra.ca).

Don't forget to check us out on [\*\*Facebook!\*\*](#)

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This issue of the RNBRA Newsletter is a bit different. Normally at this time we would be preparing for the busy shooting spring and summer season: loading ammo, cleaning firearms, sighting in rifles, and making plans to attend matches and competitions. At the time of this writing, New Brunswick is in a State of Emergency with mandatory social distancing practices, as well as a snowfall warning. Things can change very quickly. Before heading to the range, check with the club to make sure it is open. Before attending a scheduled event, check with the organizers to see what protocols are in place. A list of our affiliated clubs and their contacts is available on the [\*\*RNBRA website\*\*](#).

While we wait at home for it to be safe to attend events again, think about other ways to stay involved in the sport. Send an email or call a fellow shooter. Share a favorite photo or special memory on social media. Maybe try reloading for the first time. Practice dry-firing in your basement to keep your muscle memory. Write an article for the RNBRA Newsletter. We'd also love to share your photos and memories. Check out our [\*\*Memories section\*\*](#) for some favorites from our Executive. Please keep yourselves, your family, friends and fellow shooters safe. We'll meet on the range when we can.

~ Laura, RNBRA Secretary

## Shooting Club News

Please contact the organizations directly for the latest updates; Facebook is very popular for updates or you can email the club (check with Laura at [info@rnbra.ca](mailto:info@rnbra.ca) for contact information).

This list was compiled April 10, 2020.

**Club de Tir St-Antoine Gun Club Inc.:** open to members.

**Fundy Shooting Sports Inc.:** range is closed.

**Hampton Rifle & Pistol Club:** Tuesday night Meet & Greet cancelled.

**Lake George Gun Club:** temporarily closed until COVID-19 state of emergency has been lifted.

**Minto Gun Club:** all shoots suspended until further notice.

**Petitcodiac Sportsman's Club:** all shoots cancelled until the end of April.

**River Valley Sporting Association:** range road is closed due to weather.

**St. Croix Sportsman Club:** range is open but social distancing must be practiced. Limit of 5 people on the range at one time.

**Thomaston Corner Shooting Range:** open to members and social distancing measures must be followed.

**Upper Miramichi Firearms Club:** temporarily closed.

**Woodstock Pistol & Rifle Club:** orientation sessions cancelled; range is open but social distancing must be practiced.

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## RNBRA Membership

New and renewing Members and Clubs can complete their 2020 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.

Don't forget to renew your club affiliation for 2020. Affiliated clubs receive a number of benefits including:

- Funding for programs, special events and matches
- Free paper targets for rifle, pistol, rimfire and centrefire shooting
- Free advice and pre-inspections of ranges

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## Shooting Schedules

Hampton Rifle & Pistol Club will be hosting three Level III IPSC matches this year. These events are going ahead as planned. If they need to be cancelled, those involved will be notified. For more information, visit the [HRPC website](#) or contact [Richard Telesnicki](#).

June 20: The SNB250, a sanctioned Level III hand gun event

July 11-12: The first ever in NB, a sanctioned Level III rifle shoot

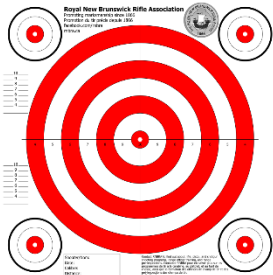
August 29-30: IPSC Provincials, sanctioned Level III hand gun event



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

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## Free Paper Targets for Affiliated Clubs



The RNBRA will be distributing 200 paper targets to all interested affiliated clubs. Targets are 16x16". Contact [Steven Stewart](#) to make delivery arrangements. Additional targets can be purchased at \$40 per 200 targets.

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## Interesting Facts

In 2018 Canada had:

- 4,442 firearms businesses
- 2,002 ammo only businesses
- 2,183,827 PAL
  - 424,361 issued, including 289,966 renewals
  - 75,070 PAL did not renew
- 983,538 restricted firearms
- 180,405 prohibited firearms
- 1,832 public agencies that have firearms
- 25,430 seized firearms
  - 3,708 restricted
  - 1,692 prohibited
- 459,538 individuals prohibited from possessing firearms

In 2018 New Brunswick had:

- 70,111 PAL
- 23,045 registered firearms
  - 18,713 restricted
  - 4,332 prohibited
- 664 seized firearms

Source: Commissioner of Firearms 2018 Report [<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/2018-commissioner-firearms-report>]

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## Shooting Memories

Team NB wins Lum Match at Canadian Fullbore Nationals in Ottawa



Fullbore Section's best attended match – The Atlantics with 33 competitors from NB, NS, PEI, PQ and the New England States



Swapping stories and knowledge at the Canadian F-Class Easterns



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## RNBRA Notice

A call for nominations to the RNBRA Board will be delivered to all members on June 1, 2020; positions include President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, and three Board of Director positions. Curious about what it's like to be on the Board? Email Laura at [info@rnbra.ca](mailto:info@rnbra.ca).

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## Shooting Club Range Inspections

The RNBRA can provide range pre-inspections and advice for affiliated clubs looking to meet the NB Government shooting range construction requirements. We can also provide, upon request, a copy of the *Standards for Design and Construction of Shooting Ranges in New Brunswick* issued by the Chief Provincial Firearms Office. For more information, email [info@rnbra.ca](mailto:info@rnbra.ca).

Federal: [Shooting Clubs and Shooting Ranges Regulations](#)

Provincial: [Shooting Range Leasing Policy](#)

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## Fullbore Section Update

The RNBRA Fullbore Section has launched a brand-new website:

<https://rnbrafullboreblog.weebly.com/>

The old blog is still online, but will not be updated. Please sign up for emails on the new website if you want to stay informed of Fullbore events. The 2020 schedule has not been confirmed as CFB Gagetown is not accepting range bookings at this time.

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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](mailto: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

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 us at [info@rnbra.ca](mailto:info@rnbra.ca).

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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](mailto: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](mailto:info@rnbra.ca).

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## Quick Contacts & Links

Air Gun: Don Brown at [d.brown4@bellaliant.net](mailto:d.brown4@bellaliant.net)

Benchrest: <http://newbrunswick-benchrest.blogspot.com/>

**\*\*NEW WEBSITE\*\*** Fullbore & PRS: <https://rnbrafullboreblog.weebly.com/>

Practical Pistol: [ipscnewbrunswick@gmail.com](mailto:ipscnewbrunswick@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 [info@rnbra.ca](mailto:info@rnbra.ca).

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