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RNBRA Members and RNBRA Shooting Clubs,

The snow is melting and soon we will be back at it. It has been a long winter but there is much to look forward to this shooting season. The F-Class and IPSC programs give you a match to shoot almost every weekend and there are provincial championships in smallbore and benchrest planned. The F-Class Easterns will be held in NB again this year and all F-Class shooters are welcome. Competitive shooting is exciting and it is a great way to meet people. So check out the shooting programs in our newsletter and sign up for shooting competition this summer.

See you at the range,

Gordon Holloway RNBRA President

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

Don't forget to check us out on **Facebook!**

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RNBRA Membership and Club Affiliation

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. The individual membership covers the cost of NFA insurance anywhere in the world.

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.

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Open Range Day

Fundy Shooting Sports Inc. will be hosting an Open Range Day at Mispec Range on Saturday April 27, 10am – 3pm. Admission is free. Please do not bring your own firearm or ammunition. There will be ammunition available to purchase at the range and rifles, handguns, and shotguns available to use. A BBQ lunch and refreshments will be available. All proceeds are in support of "The Joshua Group." Preregistration is required; send an email to OpenRange2019@Outlook.com to register or for more information.

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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 Gord at president@rnbra.ca.

Federal: Shooting Clubs and Shooting Ranges Regulations

Provincial: **Shooting Range Leasing Policy**

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Shooting Schedules

The tentative Fullbore 2019 shooting schedule is <u>available online</u> now. Be sure to check back for updates. The season opener is April 27 (no match fee).

The 2019 Fredericton Trap and Skeet schedule is <u>available here</u> and on their website <u>www.ft-sc.com</u>. The next match is the George Lindsay Memorial Skeet Shoot on April 20.

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

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.

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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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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

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**.

Benchrest News

The RNBRA is looking for affiliated clubs interested in hosting the 2019 Provincial Benchrest Championship, which includes a Rimfire event and a Centrefire event. The host club must have suitable benches and covered firing points for 50 and/or 100 meters or yards. Targets and frames will be provided by the host club; medals and trophies will be provided by the RNBRA. If several clubs express interest in hosting either or both events, the clubs involved will meet with the RNBRA and work out a decision. Some factors to be considered would be club facilities, location, dates available, club experience, and commitment of club members to conduct and support the event. Please contact Conrad Leroux at **gcealeroux@outlook.com** if your club is interested or for more information.

Information on New Brunswick Benchrest Shooting is available online at the **Benchrest blog**.

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Fullbore News

Registration is now open for the 2019 Eastern Canada F-Class Championships which are being held at Batouche again this year from June 29-July 1. Register on the website at www.easternfclass.ca (credit card and PayPal accepted). The course of fire will be the same as last year, with 158 round count including sighters. Prizes for individuals and teams will be awarded. A reduced entry fee for competitors under 25 years old is available. For more information, visit our website or email Match Director Gord Holloway at president@rnbra.ca.

All the latest news and information on the competitive Fullbore program is always available at the **Fullbore blog**. The tentative Fullbore 2019 shooting schedule is **available online** now. Be sure to check back for updates.

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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.

More information on the Competitive Practical Pistol Program is available at the **IPSC website**.

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Shotgun & Smallbore News

Stay tuned news on upcoming events in 2019.

Shooting Club News

Don't forget to renew your club affiliation for 2019. 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
- Discounts on bulk purchases of .22 RF ammunition through Ross Faulkner at the Gun Dealer

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.