



The Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association

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RNBRA Members and RNBRA Shooting Clubs,

The RNBRA is saddened by the death of Her Honour Jocelyne Roy Vienneau, the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. Her Honour served as Patron of the Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association and took an active interest in our history and our sport.

In 2017, Her Honour attended our Annual New Brunswick Prize Match at CFB Gagetown, presented our prestigious Prince of Wales trophy and represented the Governor General in presentation of the silver and bronze GG medals. Following the presentation, Her Honour made a memorable speech on the commitment and dedication to excellence that is required to reach the pinnacle of sport. The Prince of Wales trophy has been on permanent display at Government House since 2017.

The RNBRA wishes to offer its condolences to the friends and family of Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.

Gordon Holloway
RNBRA President

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

Call for Nominations

The RNBRA 2019/2020 Nominating Committee hereby calls for nominations for the following positions to stand for election at our next Annual General Meeting to be held in October 2019:

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Three (3) Directors-at-Large

For the officer positions, we will accept nominations signed by two regular RNBRA members in good standing. A biographic sketch of each nominee and a statement of the nominee's willingness to serve if elected shall be provided with each nomination. It is the responsibility of the nominator and the seconder to provide this required information. Deadline for submissions will be 10:00pm August 31st, 2019.

The Nominating Committee is also seeking nominations for Honorary Life Members. Note Article 11.1.3 of the RNBRA bylaws:

"Any nomination for Honorary Life Membership shall be made by the Nominating Committee or shall be made over the signatures of five regular members in good standing and forwarded to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee within the established time frame. Such nomination shall be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating why the nominee should be so honoured. Nominations for Honorary Life Memberships shall be very selective and infrequent."

Please email all nominations to larry.schrive@hotmail.com.

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Special Events

The 35th Gun Show hosted by Odell Collectors & Shooters Fraternity at the Fredericton Inn will be August 30 & 31st. Admission is \$5. For information or table rentals please contact Steven Fox at (506) 451-0018.

Friday August 30: 5 – 9pm

Saturday August 31: 9am – 5pm

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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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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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Shooting Schedules

The Fullbore 2019 shooting schedule is [available online](#) now.

Interested in Benchrest Shooting? 2019 schedules are online for both [Minto](#) and [Petitcodiac](#). There are a lot of events coming up! More information on the [Benchrest Blog](#).

The 2019 Fredericton Trap and Skeet schedule is [available here](#) and on their website www.ft-sc.com.

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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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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FAQ of the Month – How Do I Become a Good Handgun Shooter?

1. How you stand

- a. For two hands holding the handgun – Isosceles Triangle Stance
 - Face target with feet shoulder-width apart
 - Stand naturally erect
 - You may put the weak side foot 10cm ahead of the strong foot
- b. One-hand hold*
 - Stand sideways to target
 - Secure weak hand to body

2. How you hold

- Hold the handgun with your strong hand
- Hold your strong hand with your weak hand
- Place your weak hand thumb under your strong hand thumb
- The weak hand thumb does not exert very much pressure in two-hand or one-hand hold

3. How you sight

- Align the rear sight with the top of the front sight
- Front sight is positioned in the middle of the rear sight notch with equal space on each side
- The point of focus is on the front sight when delivering the shot
- The sight will wander on the bull within your natural arc of movement, but you must maintain your alignment of the front and rear sight

4. How you breathe

- Let the air out of your lungs by breathing out (like a heavy sigh)
- Pause before breathing in (no more than 10-15 seconds) and then take your shot

5. Trigger Control

- The pad of the trigger finger between the tip and the first joint should press the trigger
- Place the trigger finger on the centre of the trigger
- The trigger finger is your best safety
- The bang should be a surprise when the trigger breaks
- When your gun goes off, you should be able to say where the shot went on the target

*Holding one hand:

- Look at the target & bring up your gun
- Lower the gun & close your eyes
- Bring up the gun & open your eyes
- If not on the target, shift your foot very little
- Repeat until you open your eyes and the gun is on target
- You are now in the proper position

~ Steven Stewart

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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.

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Benchrest News

The 2nd Annual RNBRA Benchrest for Score Championships will be held at the Minto Gun Club. Rimfire BR will be Saturday August 17 and Centerfire BR will be Sunday September 8. Pre-registration is required. [Click here](#) for full details or contact [Bert deVink](#).

Information on New Brunswick Benchrest Shooting is available online at the [Benchrest blog](#), including 2019 shooting schedules for Minto and Petitcodiac.

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Fullbore News

On June 29 – July 1, the RNBRA Fullbore Section hosted the 9th Annual Eastern Canada F-Class Championship at Batouche Range on 5 CDSB Gagetown. The match was wet and windy but drew 27 competitors from New Brunswick, PEI, Quebec, Ontario, Maine, New Hampshire, Michigan and Tennessee.

After a tough three-day match, first place in both F-Open and F-TR went to last year's winners: Gord Ogg (ON) and Adam MacDonald (NB), respectively.

The team match also proved quite challenging, with three teams in each class. After the first day, Team Mixed Eh (F-O) was ahead by only one V and Team NB (F-TR) had a slight lead in their class. Mixed Eh managed to keep their lead and take first place in F-O. Team NB had an amazing second match and won the F-TR Team Aggregate by 31 points!

Congratulations to all competitors especially New Brunswick shooters: Francis Bezeau, Harrison Brown, Mark Cormier, Gord Holloway, Ken Kyle, Adam MacDonald, Tony Pham, and Roly Trainor. Full results & photos are on the [Easterns Facebook page](#) and will be posted on the [RNBRA Fullbore blog](#) soon.



Individual

F-Open

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| 1. Gord Ogg (ON) | 532-45V |
| 2. Denis Dumont (PQ) | 531-43V |
| 3. Bruce Condie (ON) | 529-41V |

F-TR

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| 1. Adam MacDonald (NB) | 525-33V |
| 2. Kris Feng (PE) | 523-32V |
| 3. Richard Dixon (MI) | 517-35V |

Teams

F-Open

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|----------------------------|---------|
| 1. Mixed Eh | 537-27V |
| 2. Mixed Provinces | 531-26V |
| 3. 3 Yankees + A Hillbilly | 493-18V |

F-TR

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| 1. NB | 523-23V |
| 2. CAN-AM | 493-14V |
| 3. PEI | 491-10V |



Congratulations to the NB shooters who travelled to Bisley for the 150th Imperial Meeting. Results are available [here](#) and more photos are available [here](#). Or watch the [F-Class Prize Ceremony online](#)!

The Canadian F-Class Team of Francis Cotton, Gordon Holloway, Ken Kyle and Adam MacDonald won the International Team Match against England and Germany.

Individual Results for NB in F-Class Matches included:

Gord Holloway: 3rd Grand Aggregate, 3rd Stickledown Aggregate, Donaldson Memorial Challenge Cup, 3 Gold Match Medals, 3 Silver Match Medals.

Ken Kyle: 6th Grand Aggregate, Farquarson Cup, 1 Gold Match Medal, 1 Silver Medal.

Adam MacDonald: 8th Grand Aggregate, 2 Gold Match Medals, 1 Silver Match Medal, 1 Bronze Match Medal.

Francis Bezeau: 15th Grand Aggregate, 1 Silver Match Medal.



Also special congrats to all the Maritime shooters who made the trek across the pond: Mark Clark, Braden Colman-Sadd, Francis Cotton, Marius deChamplain, Barry Langile, XiaoDong Li, and Jian Wu.



Images with thanks @PaulDeach #NRAUK Media

Good luck to everyone attending the Canadian Nationals in August!

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

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Practical Pistol News

IPSC New Brunswick's instructors conducted 7 Black Badge courses through April and May, introducing 44 shooters to practical shooting in the province. Each course concludes with a Level 2 competition which completes students' course requirements. Clubs across the province have hosted thirteen Level 2 competitions and two large Level 3 competitions since April.

IPSC Quebec hosted the 2019 IPSC Canadian National Championships from July 29th to August 4th 2019 at CFB Valcartier near Quebec City. 373 competitors from across Canada, the United States and Europe competed in the match. 22 competitors from New Brunswick attended and our provincial teams competed in 5 divisions including Open, Standard, Classic, Production, and the new Production Optics division. One of the NB competitors also served as Chief Range Officer on one of the ranges during the competition. IPSC NB greatly appreciates the efforts of the volunteers from IPSC Quebec who hosted such a successful event.

The Woodstock Pistol and Rifle Club will host the 2019 IPSC New Brunswick Provincial Championships during September 14th and 15th. 71 competitors from several provinces are expected to compete in the event.

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](#).

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Shotgun & Smallbore News

On June 29, the Woodstock Pistol & Rifle Club hosted the 2019 RNBRA Smallbore Championships. Congrats to the following top place winners:

Chloe Dickinson – Junior MTR Sport & Junior TR

Anna Dickinson – Young Junior MTR Sport (<13)

Steven Stewart – Senior MTR Sport, TR & Standing

Conrad Leroux – Senior MTR Open



Special mention goes to Junior shooter Jorden Hill, who despite having never fired a rifle before, managed to place 2nd in his category.



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Shooting Club News

St. Croix Sportsman Club will be hosting Ladies Day on September 21st from 10am-2pm. This is a great opportunity to learn to shoot in a safe environment, with guns and ammo provided. Entrance fee is \$10. For more information, contact Edna Armstrong at 466-0111 or Tony Phillips at 466-2068.

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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.

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