

WINTER 2021

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BACKSTOP AND BERM REMEDIATION COMPLETE

Broda Construction completed all of the height additions to the 200, 300, 400 and 500 meter ranges in January 2021. In addition they built the 80m by 2.5m Berm on the east side of the Silhouette Range due to having to stop the simultaneous use of the Black Powder Range and the Silhouette Range because the safety area of the Silhouette range encompassed the down range area of the Black Powder Range. They also completed a Backstop at the 100m mid range target and complete rebuilds to the east and west Backstops at the Multi-gun Range.

This work cost the Club in excess of \$30,000.00 but Broda did far more work

that we paid for so if you know anyone at Broda or have a chance please say "Thank you" to them for their donation to our club.

The work has yet to be approved by Parks and by the CFO so that we can open the Silhouette and the Black Powder Ranges up and remove the sign which was required to shut down one while the other is in operation. This probably won't happen until late April or May but I am very confident that it we will pass the inspections.



COMMUNITY FUTURES

It took a lot of work and we had to jump through a number of hoops but we were successful at securing an interest free loan of \$20,000.00 from the Community Future Program. The membership decided

that we should put the money into a GIC in the bank. It is due to be paid back on December 31 of 2022 and if it is paid back on time 25% of the loan is forgiven.

As you will note in the Secretary/Treasurer's report, we

have received the money and it is safely tucked away in the Conexus Credit Union.

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Special points of interest:

- Backstop and Berm Construction complete.
- "GUN CLUB ROAD" has been officially named and road signs are up on Highway #3.
- A mulcher unit widened the road into the West Range.

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Junior Program

Back in September of 2020 we shut down the Junior Program as we no longer had a certified coach to run it. At that time we also did not have any young folks coming out to shoot.

Recently I have had a couple of phone calls from parents who were inquiring about having their kids learn to shoot. How dedicated these parents and kids would be is anybody's guess but the youth are the future of our club and sport.

If you are, or know of a person that is a certified coach, or willing to become certified, please talk to them to see if they would be interested in starting the Junior Program back up.



Secretary/Treasurer Report

It's been a week now since I first heard the call of Canada Geese flying overhead this year. These must be the impatient (another word would suffice here!) ones as I don't know where they will be finding open water or uncovered fields with food available. Good thing they come equipped with down filled coats!

From the Secretary-Treasurer standpoint this year has been very slow. Because of COVID I only go into Arnie's Guns and the Coop Tackle Store once a month. If there gets to be 10 or more memberships waiting at the Coop the lady there phones me to come and get them otherwise it's usually mid month.

This year more members are paying by EMT (no cost to the member or club) and a few online by PayPal (PayPal charges the club \$10). As I write this (March 15th) there are just over 80 yearly members paid up. I will be going into the Coop and Arnie's this week but I doubt there will be more than 20 in total there. That will put us halfway towards our usual yearly membership of 200. The warming weather will entice many to renew as usual in the spring, but the continued uncertainty with the Federal "Government" will continue to limit our membership.

At the beginning of each year we pay all the club's association memberships and insurance policies as well as our rent to the PA Wildlife Federation and our lease for the West Range (we still have a \$1200 credit there) so our expenses are quite high this time of year. That is why we encourage members to renew early (a \$25 saving) to keep the bank account looking favorable.

The \$20,000 loan from Community Futures has been received and invested in a GIC at Conexus. The West Range Berm Restoration has been paid for. I believe Al will comment on the inspection - certification - hurry up and wait process!

I expect some expenses this spring for repair of targets and stands. I am wondering what shape the "Gun Range Road" in will be in after all the bush clearing and construction equipment traffic!

Any organization can expect to have ongoing expenses. It is due to the generosity of our executive, membership and local businesses that we remain in such a favorable financial situation. As soon as the range re-certification is complete we can re-designate the sign inside the north gate as a place to acknowledge those individuals and business who have helped so much.

If you want more financial information or to have the monthly executive meeting minutes forwarded to you please send me an email. This year the monthly executive meetings are being held on ZOOM or by email.

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Cowboy Action

We are planning on hosting two Cowboy Shoots at the Prince Albert range this season. The first one is scheduled for Saturday June the 12th. The shoot will be at the Black Powder range with a safety briefing at 09:30 and shooting beginning at 10:00.

This shoot is on a Saturday and held in conjunction with the Candle Lake Cowboy Action Shooters who will be hosting a shoot on the next day, Sunday the 13th Of June. Ken Granberg, Candle Lake Cowboy Action Shooting coordinator, and myself decided to try a two day shoot split between the two ranges and see if it will turn into an event.

We have not set a date for the second shoot but will wait and see how the Co-Vid 19 plays out.

Last year our shoots were cancelled because of the pandemic and are sure hoping for a better year.

Shotgun Venue

So the good news is that Myron has the parts to repair the singles trap machine this spring in time for trap shooting. The doubles trap thrower is installed in the second trap house but has not been completely set up yet and Myron and Steve will be trying to get it up and running for this years shooting.

Saskatchewan Skeet is having their AGM shortly so we should find out about any activities that they may be trying to hold before too long.

Of course as with everything else in this crazy “build back better” world that we live in, the rules around COVID will dictate what can, and can’t be done. Hopefully we can have some face-to-face shooting events at the trap and skeet range.



Silhouette Shooting

The Silhouette Venue is trying to set up some dates to do some shooting. It appears that Chris is going to try and do a small bore shoot on June 12, a large bore shoot on June 13. Chris is also looking at setting up a MILSURP match on June 20.

The above matches and dates are all in the planning stage and as with all other matches dependent on the COVID situation. Watch for posters being emailed out to you with dates and times as we confirm them.

Multi-gun Range

Taylor has a real tough situation on his hands currently as the Director for the Multi-gun range. With the banning of AR15s the sport of three gun has become a thing of the past. He is in the process of trying to find something another shooting sport that can be held that would be of interest to the membership and fun to try.

Should you have any ideas as to what you might like to see, please give Taylor or any of the Directors a call and share your ideas.

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Chief Range Officer

There hasn't been much that we have been able to do at the ranges in the past year and some of the ranges are in need of some repairs and clean-up. This spring we will have a couple of work bees and we probably will need to get a welding truck out to the west range to get the stands and the silhouettes fixed up and back in service. Once we get the approval from the RCMP or Saskatchewan CFO (whoever will end up doing our inspection) we will get plans in place and let you all know when we will be doing the work bees.

The indoor range at the Wildlife Building is in need of some repairs to the back stops but again we will need a welder to help us. We will need to hire someone for those repairs. The outdoor range at the Wildlife Building needs to have the 20 yard target stand rebuilt but we can't get there right now.

So all in all we need to keep doing our maintenance work to keep the ranges active. You, as members, can help us out by not shooting up the target stands and hang targets only where they are supposed to go.

Wildlife Indoor and Baffled Ranges

We have been training every Wed evening and Sunday afternoon under Covid-19 provincial guidelines. At times we have had more people out shooting with us than before Covid hit which is nice to see. Unfortunately, the "First Bang" competition couldn't be held this year. We are hoping we will be able to host the NRA National Championships this summer, date to be determined.

We are looking for someone who is willing to take on the junior program. This is a great opportunity for young shooters to get involved with a great sport. The Sask Winter Games are coming next February and each zone can put a team to compete. This is an event where many sports are involved and the young athletes get to meet other young and make friends and memories which will last a lifetime. If you are interested or have young shooters who would like to come and try the sport please contact us and we will get you started.

We will be shooting at our regular times Wed evening 7:00 and Sunday afternoon at 1:00. As soon as weather is permitting, we will be moving outdoors. Come out and have some fun with us.

Harvey Lavigne

Memberships are available at the Coop on 2nd Avenue. You can also get the application form from our web page at paprc.org fill it in, scan it and send it to Les at paprc@hotmail.com and pay by electronic money transfer. Contact numbers for the club are:

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