

PRINCE ALBERT PISTOL & RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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GUN CONFISCATION

By the time you read this the declaration period for compensation for payment of prohibited guns will be closed.

What did you choose to do? There are so many different views regarding this that it is difficult to decide what to do.

One thing to remember, we currently have until October 31, 2026 before the amnesty period runs out – of course unless the government changes it again. (See below)



New Caution Signs at West Range – please open it when shooting and close it when you leave the range

WELCOME TO 2026

I would like to welcome you to, or back, to the Club. I hope that by now you have purchased your 2026 membership. Remember the Early Bird special of \$125.00 expires on April 1 then the price goes to \$150.00. You can purchase the membership at the Prince Albert Coop service center on 2nd Ave, Arnie's Guns, or online on our web page. Please be certain that when you purchase your membership, you MUST complete the 2026 application form along with a Wildlife Membership. Our club's only source of revenue is your membership so if you haven't bought yours yet please think about it.

2026 EXECUTIVE

At the Annual General Meeting held in December the following executive members were elected:

President: **Wilson LaFaver** Past President: **Steve Jeffers**

Vice President: **Marcia Postle** Secretary/Treasurer: **Alan Cannon**

Directors: Ken Bird, Keith Nielsen, Volker Schmid, Cory Lavigne, Barrett Prokopie, Kelly Kovar, Harvey Lavigne, Gord King, Tianna Stewart

Shotgun Venue

Welcome back, everyone! As the frost finally starts to retreat, we're itching to get back on the line. It's been a long winter, and we can't wait to hear the sound of breaking clay again.

Here is what's on the horizon for upcoming season:

Spring Cleanup & Range Prep: we are eyeing the **end of April** to get the skeet and trap ranges cleaned up and dialed in for the season. Of course, this is "weather permitting" (we all know how April goes), so we'll be keeping a close eye on the forecast.

Join the squad: if you know of someone who wants to join the range this year – or if you're a returning member ready to get some dues sorted – please reach out to Steve Jeffers. You can find his contact information directly on our website. He'll get you set up with everything you need to be range-ready.

Proposed Schedule Changes: we're looking to shake things up a bit this year to make sure everyone gets enough time on the stations. Here is the proposal:

- **SKEET NIGHTS:** moving to **Tuesday**.
- **TRAP SHOOTING:** we are gauging interest in trap shooting either earlier before skeet or on the second field (TBD). We want to ensure safety and fun at the same time.

We need your input! Whether you are a die-hard skeet shooter or you've been waiting for a dedicated trap night, let us know. These changes depend entirely on having squads and help to run the nights.

We're looking forward to a safe, competitive, and most important, fun season. Let's make this the best year yet.

See you at the range soon.

The Directors of the Shotgun Range.

WEST RANGE ACCESS

Recently I have had a number of members ask how to access the West Range and what the process is to get a key fob for the access gates. So, besides a paid-up membership for the current year, a member must access the New Member's Package (available at paprc.org), read the information and then complete the New Member Sign Off Sheet Questions. Then contact one of the executive members and make an appointment to complete the hands-on portion of the orientation. At the appointment time meet the executive member at the West Range and bring the West Range Sign Off Sheet. Once that is complete you will pay a refundable \$50.00 deposit and be issued a West Range key fob.

While we are on the subject, there are two gates at the West Range. The south gate (first one) is very often left open as the police and Conservation Officers use the same gate to access their range, which is to the west of our range. When you go to the range and the gate has been left open, look at the gate lock system – if the lock plate is still in our lock on the post leave the gate open. If the lock plate is not in our lock on the post, please close the gate behind you. If there is a competition at our range, there will be a sign on the east side of the gate post to let you know that the gate is to be left open for other attendees. Unless there is a competition happening, always close and lock the north (second) gate. This is the gate that we audit as required by regulations.

SASKATCHEWAN SILHOUETTE DATES – 2026

Big River

May 2 & 3 - Small bore handicap

Rosebud Range – Alberta

Canadian National Championship

June 28, 29, 30 - Small bore

July 2, 3, 4 - High power

Candle Lake

Provincial Championship

July 25 & 26 - Small Bore

Candle Lake

August 29 & 30 - Small Bore handicap

Candle Lake

May 23 & 24 - Small bore handicap

Meadow Lake

Jul 11 & 12 - Small bore Handicap

Big River

Provincial Championship

August 15 & 16 - High Power



Makes you wonder??

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THE CONFISCATION FIASCO

I have rewritten this newsletter about 6 times because of the changing gun grab fiasco. The latest came from our own Premier Scott Moe.

Saskatchewan is going to allow us to obtain an exemption certificate to keep our newly prohibited guns in our lockups and protect us from federal prosecution, until such time as we receive a “fair” compensation for the confiscation. No police banging on our doors according to Tim McLeod (the Minister of Justice) even after the October so-called deadline.

As I am writing this the Federal Government has declared that the March 31 deadline was a success as they had approximately 67,000 guns declared. This number apparently is about 1/2 of the 136,000 guns they were expecting (about 50% of their goal, or about 2 1/2% of the estimated 2M guns in our lockers).

NEWSLETTERS

We plan to put out a newsletter each quarter. The next one will be around the end of June. If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter please contact us at paprc@hotmail.ca.

Thanks for your input.

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