



PRINCE ALBERT PISTOL & RIFLE CLUB

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Update on Ranges

We are still working hard on getting the upgrades to the West Range Silhouette and Multi-gun Ranges started in order to be able to operate all of the ranges at the same time and meet the requirements of the Shooting Range Approval to keep the ranges open. As you may (or may not) remember during the last inspection by the RCMP Firearms Officer Lana Kerr, it was indicated that our backstops have all eroded and are too low and the firing line from the Silhouette Range could impact someone shooting or working at the Black Powder and Shotgun Ranges. Ms. Kerr indicated that we must not operate the Silhouette Range and the Black Powder Ranges at the same time. She did allow us to operate the Shotgun Range at the same time as either the Silhouette or Black Powder Range as long as no person was forward of the down range area (past the mown cut line north of the trap houses). This is the reason that we have posted a large sign at the entrance to the Silhouette Range indicating that if the Silhouette Range is in operation, the Black Powder Range can not be used, and vice-versa.

We are currently waiting for permits to rebuild the Silhouette and Multi-gun range backstops. Once the permits are received, we will be sending out a Request for Quote to have the work completed. I am hoping that this work can be completed in September



Liberal Gun Ban

On May 1, Justin Trudeau used an Order in Council (OIC) to make a large number of guns safe queens by moving them into the prohibited classification. Whether or not you own any of the now prohibited Armalite Rifle (ARs) or variants thereof or any gun that some RCMP Officer decides is scary looking, Justin Trudeau has once again made the most vetted citizens in Canada more criminalized than they were before. Since that time there has been a huge kerfuffle regarding whether 10- and 12-gauge shotguns are included and the RCMP are quietly adding more and more guns to the list of restricted and prohibited list. Minster Blair keeps telling us that they are not on the list but still refuses to change the wording of the OIC to clear up the confusion.

Several businesses and gun organizations have started legal action to have the OIC reversed and the cases may or may not ever hit the court rooms. If the OIC is not reversed or changed within the two year amnesty period we will either lose our guns to the Liberals buy-back program or they will forever stay in our gun safes until we die and then be forfeited to the government to destroy.

A few members have been calling asking if we, as a gun club, are doing anything to support the legal action being taken by business or firearms rights organizations. We held a meeting on June 10 to decide if there was a common course of action that we should take. The decisions we made were as follows:

- * Sent a small donation (\$200.00) to the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights (this is the major group leading the lawsuit against the Federal Government (we made this decision based on the fact that it is going to cost somewhere between \$50K and \$75K to repair our ranges so that we can keep them open and useable)
- * Recommend to you, the club membership, that you join the CCFR, NFA (National Firearms Association) or

any other gun rights organization of your choice

- * Recommend to you that you donate whatever sum you feel comfortable with to the CCFR or NFA
- * Recommend to you not to turn in your firearms to the local police until the actual court challenges and final decisions are made regarding buy-back programs, etc.
- * Recommend to you that you do not transport or use any of the now prohibited firearms or attempt to sell them without following the "limited circumstances" identified by the OIC

Do not call the Canadian Firearms Center or RCMP and ask if your gun is on the list – this is only allowing the RCMP to track that you do own the firearms.

Venue Log Books

Please always remember to sign into the Range Log Book at each venue before shooting. This is a legal requirement for your insurance coverage. Be certain that any guest that you have with you also signs the log book. These signatures need to be legible or printed after the signature if not legible.

Saskatchewan Gun Rights:

Premier Scott Moe has announced and started a hunt for a Chief Firearms Officer for Saskatchewan rather than having a Federal Government Appointed Officer. In addition Premier Moe has also put forward a bill which will restrict Municipalities from passing bylaws banning the ownership of hand guns within City of Municipal boundaries. Both of these are great news for the gun community in Saskatchewan and we need to be mindful and thankful for these actions by our Premier.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FIREARMS PROHIBITION

On May 1, 2020, the Government of Canada reclassified the following firearms and devices as prohibited:

- Nine (9) types of firearms by make and model, and their variants;
- Firearms with a bore of 20 mm or greater, and those capable of discharging a projectile with a muzzle energy greater than 10,000 Joules;
- Upper receivers of M16, AR-10, AR-15 and M4 pattern firearms.

As the holder of a valid firearms licence, you are being contacted by the Canadian Firearms Program as you may be in possession of one of these firearms.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU:

1. An amnesty has been introduced which protects owners who were in legal possession of one or more of these newly prohibited firearms or devices on the day the amendments to the Classification Regulations came into force, May 1, 2020.
2. The Government intends to implement a buy-back program and is looking at a range of options. More information on the buy-back program will be available at a later date.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THESE FIREARMS/DEVICES:

1. Owners of newly prohibited firearms are to keep them securely stored in accordance with their previous classification.
2. They cannot be sold or imported.
3. They may only be transported under limited circumstances.
4. They cannot be legally used for hunting unless allowed through the Amnesty Order.*
5. They cannot be used for sport shooting, either at a range or elsewhere.

*Exceptions are included under the Amnesty Order to allow for the continued use of the newly prohibited firearms (under the condition of previously non-restricted) by individuals who hunt or trap to sustain themselves or their families, and by professional game warden. Ammunition or empty shells to hunt at the end of the amnesty period, all firearm owners must comply with the new law.

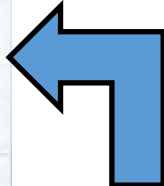
WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

1. Wait for further instructions to participate in the buy-back program.
2. Have your firearm deactivated by an approved business.
3. Legally export your firearm, in which case individuals can engage businesses with the proper firearms privileges.

MORE INFORMATION:

For a list of newly prohibited firearms and information about the announcement or amnesty, go to the Canadian Firearms Program website: www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/firearms

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It has been estimated that it cost the RCMP over \$3 Million dollars to send these letters out to all persons in Canada that have a Purchase and Acquisition Licence.

Shooting Times

- Skeet Shooting:** Monday 6:00 to 9:00
- Trap Shooting:** Thursday 6:00 to 9:00
- Baffled Range:** Wednesday 6:00 to 9:00
Sunday 1:00 to 3:00
- Silhouette Range:** Open 7 days per week from 9:00 to 9:00—access with key fob only
- Multi-gun Range:** Open 7 days per week from 9:00 to 9:00—access with key fob only

Contact Information:

Should you require further information, clarification or wish to discuss any club issue, please contact:

Alan Cannon, President @306-961-4070, or
Les Wessel, Secretary/Treasurer @ 306-940-6767, or
You can also refer to the Web Site (paprc.org) for contacts for each venue.