

The Buffalo Bulls-Eye

The official newsletter of the
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As Spring 2021 approaches, thoughts of getting out to the range and partaking of our sport, no doubt, is high on our list of plans. We hope to be able to run successful events for your participation, and enjoyment of our ranges.

We have approximately 850 members in our Association, being comprised of Individual members, Families, Students, Life members and Honorary members. Interest in our Association remains strong, with about 50 new member applications received to date. We thank you all for your continued participation in our Association.

We find ourselves still in the midst of pandemic restrictions that require each member's attention to mitigate the risk, not only for yourselves, but also for the Association. Please familiarize yourself with the Covid policy and rules and adhere to them. They are listed at our website at btsa.ca. It is our goal to provide safe access and usage of our facilities and programs, subject to the Alberta Health guidelines. As these guidelines change from time to time and depending on the state of progression or regression through the stages as defined by the government, we will do our best to keep you informed of the rules by updating the website when there are changes. The current two-week moratorium on shooting events is such an example.

Our ranges have generally wintered well, and thanks to the significant clean-up and maintenance that happened last year, should be ready for another great year of shooting. We will undertake further maintenance where required, and where a range is required to be shut down to do so, we will post the maintenance period on our Events calendar. It's always a good idea to check the Events calendar when you plan on going to the range. Did you know that you can download an app for that? The Wild Apricot app is available for free download on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Just search for "Wild Apricot for Members".

Our board of directors, committees, and volunteers are hard at work to make this year's membership experience and range use the best yet. We have planned a list of approximately 100 events that we hope to run.

Best wishes to all, and I hope to see you out at the range!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS

The communications committee would like to thank all the members who made submissions to the Logo competition. We were overwhelmed with not only the interest in this process but also the quality of the ideas submitted. Presenting the top 3 winners;

3rd Place to John Osbourne (\$50 gift certificate to 911 Supply)



Runner Up – Chris Orton (\$100 gift certificate to 911 Supply)



The Winner – Kevin Johnston (\$250 gift certificate to 911 Supply)



ADMINISTRATION

Please be advised, until notified otherwise, Members may ONLY bring guests to the range if they meet one of the following criteria;

- They are a member of your household and within your direct cohort, or
- They have the required license (PAL or RPAL) for the firearm they will be using. This negates the need for anyone to be within arms' reach of an unlicensed shooter.

If guests are not within your immediate cohort, 2m distance must be always maintained.

RANGE ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE

We are just finalizing our plans for a range cleanup day, hopefully in May but as Covid restrictions allow. We will continue to assess AHS restrictions and how they may apply to this event, and then send out a detailed bulletin with a few weeks' notice.

We are looking for volunteers with skills, tools generators or are simply able to help with cleaning up the ranges and surrounding areas and sheds. We plan to assemble three additional picnic tables and build 6 new safe tables. We also plan to work on some cleanup within the clubhouse, work on the drywall around the windows and apply a first coat of paint.

Additionally, as of May 1 we will be adding another toilet by the club house and an additional handicapped toilet by the garages up by 50 E/W.

The old target shed on the 50E has been repurposed to store some event equipment. All the targets and stands that were in there have now been moved to the west garage or put on the ranges. You will find the shed locked now.

Volunteers are encouraged to send an e-mail to express their availability to range@btsa.ca

USPSA

USPSA is an action shooting organization that blends safety, quality, accuracy and speed through multiple, unique courses of fire. USPSA matches will run through the course of the season on weekends, with each day (Saturday/Sunday) being individual matches. These are Level 1 matches, and will consist of USPSA classifiers stages so competitors can get their official USPSA classification in desired divisions.

Cost will be \$20 per match, registration will be via Practiscore. Dates and additional information can be found on the BTSA calendar as well as BTSA's club on Practiscore. Note that Black Badge certification will be required to shoot these matches.

Steel Challenge

Steel Challenge runs weekly Wednesday evening through the summer. These typically include 4 of the 8 official all-steel stages which are rotated through each week. Each stage has 5 targets with a stop plate that must be shot last. Your best 4/5 attempts are counted for score (except one stage which is best 3/4) and your total time is your score plus any time penalties for missed targets. The lowest score is the fastest shooter.

There are also weekend matches shooting all 8 stages each month and the Canadian National Championship.

Wednesday Matches are \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members per gun with a maximum of 2 guns.

Weekend events are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members with a maximum of 2 guns per session. There may be 1 or 2 sessions per match.

Nationals fees are TBD

Action Shooting League

Action Shooting League is a weekly event that will start April 29th and runs through September. A night to get out and work on your IPSC style action shooting skills. We will have two stages set up which we run twice each. All in all, it's a great night for new and experienced shooters to get out and polish up their action shooting skills!

Members \$5, Non-Members \$15, Sign up on Practiscore. Check out BTSA ASL's Facebook page.

Safety

The new committee has been working to update club policies and procedures related to general safety, orientations, and emergency management during club events.

The committee is working on getting some new safe tables built during the upcoming range clean-up day, and some more signage around emergency response responsibilities that have been recently approved.