

The Buffalo Bulls-Eye

The official newsletter of the
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A message from your Board

It is with great sorrow that we must begin this newsletter with news that members of our club have consciously damaged equipment and targets. Over the winter we collected over a dozen H-Stands that had been used for target practice, you will see them stacked next to the upper shed if you go to the range before we do the clean-up.

We also had someone during the last two weeks of January shoot down trees on the Jungle run with yellow shotgun shells. This has resulted in the Board deciding to restrict access to the Jungle Run before anymore damage is done. Protection of the trees is part of the agreement we have with the CFO for this particular range template.

In the past few weeks, the damage has worsened;

On the 100m range someone attached their targets to the crossbeam of the gong stand and shot out the bolts intended to support the gong. Someone else, perhaps the same party, walked up to the same stand and shot at it with birdshot; two offences that could each result in expulsion from the club.

Someone else placed a cinder block on top of the 200m gong stand and shot at it. This, even though the gong was in place and available as a valid target. Consider this; they walked 200m uphill to place a cinderblock on a stand which was supporting a steel gong, available for their use. We know that this occurred on Saturday June 22nd.

The most egregious offence was discovered during the orientation of our newest members last Friday. Someone took out the 22lr silhouettes targets used by the Young Guns Program and destroyed them using calibers they were not intended for. The following images show what they looked like new, and then what they looked like after been shot;

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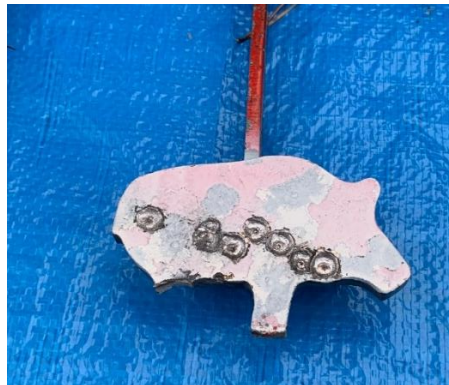
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They also damaged the rimfire swingers. Please see the before and after images;



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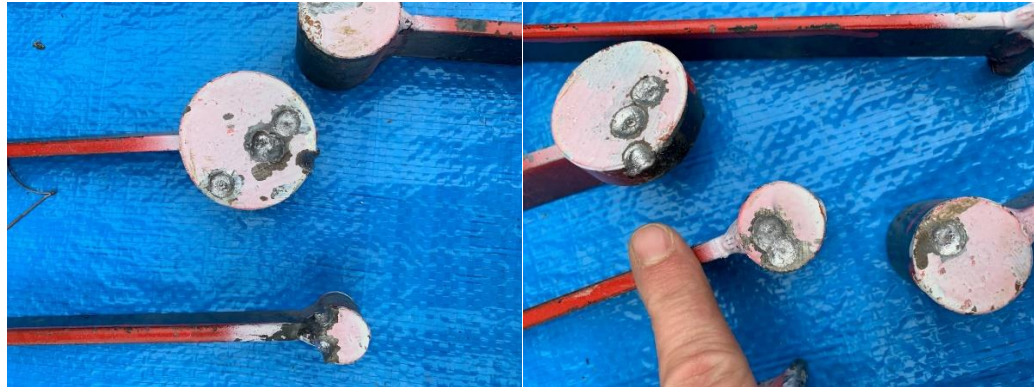
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Please take a moment and consider if you have witnessed anyone misusing or abusing club property. Every time something is damaged, it must be replaced. Every dollar and volunteer hour required to replace something is diverted from valuable improvements to the range. This is your time and your money that is being wasted on reckless, immature and selfish behaviour.

If you recall seeing someone not acting in accordance with the club rules or behaving recklessly, we implore you to record their vehicle make/model and license plate and to take their picture if you can do so without putting yourself at risk of a confrontation.

At the very least, take a photo of the sign-in binder and send an email to info@btsa.ca immediately. We will prosecute such transgressions to the fullest extent that the law will allow. Some of these examples could have meant a person losing their PAL or RPAL

Now, thanks to this damage, the club is assessing who has access to the buildings and storage lockers. We will be changing out all existing locks and only Match Directors will be granted the combinations. The Jungle Run is closed to any unsupervised activity. The Steel Orientation Program is being assessed and changes may be coming. You will soon see signage indicating that you are under surveillance as we fast-track some other security measures. All these things divert time and money from the other projects that were planned, and we are all suffering because of the actions of a few.

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COMPETITION AND PROGRAMS

Please check out the [events page](#), as all the USPSA, Steel Challenge, and Action Shooting League events have been added

Fun With Your Handgun

Fun with your Handgun continues on alternating Monday nights, with a variety of disciplines being showcased to new or experienced shooters each evening.

Action Shooting League (ASL)

Our Sunday afternoon and Monday evening sessions continue to run, weather permitting with good turnout. Several BTSA members represented the club well in June at the Canadian Historical Arms Society's (CHAS) fundraiser which raised \$10,670.00 for the Stollery Children's Hospital.

We hosted our first 3 Gun Nation Major event on June 30th with approximately 20 competitors from across southern Alberta. We had 3 squads go through 4 stages and had everything torn down and cleaned up by 4pm. All in all a good day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Women's Program - Annie Oakley Day

We are very excited to report that our inaugural BTSA woman's-only event was a smashing success.

Sunday June 23rd was an exciting time for 24 new shooters who were able to try out a wide variety of handguns, long guns and carbines. They were introduced to static firing lines, Steel Challenge and 3Gun. The weather was unstable but thankfully the worst of it was over the lunch hour. Shoo and Chele had many volunteers and sponsors to thank, and I'm sure we'll see a dedicated email on that in the future.

We see more possibilities in the future for this valuable educational opportunity but we need volunteers to make it all possible, so consider this an opportunity to give back to the sports that have enriched all of our lives so much. See you next year!

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RANGE ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE

The **Jungle Run/Walking Trail** is now closed. This is to prevent further environmental damage to the surrounding area. This range may only be used as a part of programs and events sanctioned by the board.

Walking Trail/Jungle Run



Walking Trail/Jungle Run Information and Rules

THIS RANGE IS CLOSED EXCEPT FOR SANCTIONED CLUB EVENTS

- Users may be subject to video surveillance
- Use of Centrefire Rifle or Shotguns (slug or pellet) is Prohibited at all times.
- Failure to comply with rules may result in termination of membership

25E Range

Also be advised that there have been changes to the firearms allowed to be used on the 25E range. Centerfire rifles and shotguns are **no longer** allowed to be used on this range, unless that use is part of programs or events sanctioned by the Board. You may continue to use rimfire pistols and rifles, centerfire pistols and pistol calibre carbines.

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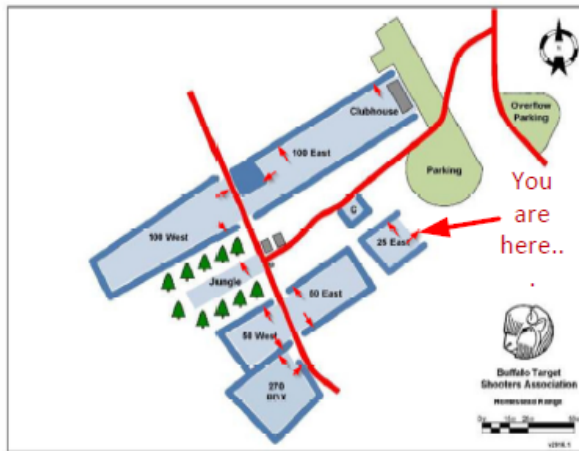
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25M East Range



25M East Range Information and Rules

Firearms Allowed: Rimfire rifle and handgun, pistols, and pistol calibre carbines
NO CENTERFIRE RIFLES OR SHOTGUNS ALLOWED ON THIS RANGE EXCEPT FOR CLUB SANCTIONED EVENTS – Failure to comply may result in termination of membership

- Users may be subject to video surveillance
- The 25-meter East range is only for handguns, pistol calibre carbines and rimfire pistols and rifles
- Targets must be placed immediately in front of the berm. Be wary of target placement. Place targets so bullets strike the large western berm.
- Firing points and firing lines should be paced back from the berms/targets, with all firing points in line with one another (i.e. – shooters should all be at the same distance as one another).

All other BTSA range rules remain in force and effect. You may find more information on our range rules [here](#).

We ask that you and your guests comply with these changes.

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Safety

Please be advised of some of the following updates and changes;

- A gentle reminder that if the APRA gate is locked in the open position, you are to leave it in that condition. If it is closed when you arrive, you must pull through and lock it behind you.
- In the next month or two, we will be adding billboards to the club house and garage area with the current range rules and a map of the facility, including the STARS contact information.
- We continue to add new orientation sessions. For members needing to complete their triennial renewal, you are welcome to sign up for a face-to-face orientation while we continue to research online options.
- Black Badge courses continue to be offered and prove attractive to new shooters and experienced hands alike as an introduction to holster safety and as a gateway to [IPSC](#). This summer about 40-50% of participants have been BTSA or APRA members. If you are looking to gain some comfort with a holster or in the action sports, this is a course you should seriously consider.

MEMBERSHIP & WEBSITE

We now have over 1000 active members and would like to remind everyone of the following:

- The most current and accurate source of information is our website at www.btsa.ca
- You must log into the website to see all the information and services that are available to members only. If you don't log in, you will only see what the public sees.
- The mobile app is a great way to keep current on the events and happenings of the association. There are instructions on how to get it on the website.
- We remind the membership that we don't print and mail out cards anymore. There are instructions on the website as to how to print your own card, and the cards of your family members.
- Please ensure that your membership profile is **up to date** and includes all relevant contact information, and a suitable photo.
- We have dozens of events scheduled over the summer, so please check the events page at our website before driving out on short notice.
- As always, if you have questions relating to your membership or renewal, please contact us at membership@btsa.ca

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UPCOMING EVENTS (chronologically)

Canadian National Steel Challenge Championships.

On July 12th, the Buffalo Target Shooters Association will be holding our 5th Canadian National Steel Challenge Championships! This is the premiere sanctioned Steel Challenge event in Canada, and it draws competitors from far and wide.

Steel Challenge is fun for the whole family, and BTSA will be offering training, practice days, and club matches throughout the year. The first training session called Steel Challenge 101, is coming up on May 8th. Please join us for that!

For more information, please go to the BTSA [Steel Challenge](#) events or the official page of [Canadian National Steel Challenge Shooting Association](#)

Young Guns

August 10th is around the corner and the [event registration](#) will go live in early July.

Please share this opportunity with friends and neighbours who are not range members but who have an interest in the shooting sports. It is a great opportunity for those without access to firearms, to be able to bring their kids out to learn the joys of the shooting disciplines.

We will be looking for volunteers again to help set up for the day and to act as range safety officers.

LOST AND FOUND

An umbrella was left on the 270 on June 23rd. It has the "The Bullet Shop" logo on it and the owner would really like it back.