

THE BUFFALO BULLS-EYE

The Official Newsletter of the
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Notice Of Annual General Meeting January 19, 2014

- o Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting for members in good standing of BTSA will be held at Canada Olympic Park on **Sunday, January 19th 2014 at 10:30 a.m.** for the purpose of:
 - Receiving and considering the annual report and financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013;
 - Electing directors; and
 - Transacting such further business as may properly come before the meeting (We will also be renewing memberships at the meeting)

- o All 2013 members in good standing of the BTSA present at the meeting shall have the right to exercise one vote. Proxies shall not be permitted.

- o This year's AGM will be at a new venue at Canada Olympic Park, The Old Hall of Fame Theatre. A sandwich lunch will be provided following the meeting.

- o The BTSA AGM will be followed by the APRA AGM at the same venue. ***Please plan to carpool and/or arrive early as parking will be busy due to ski hill traffic.***

- ❖ ***Join the Executive!***
BTSA is seeking nominations from individuals to serve on the executive of the BTSA. If you are interested we would like to hear from you. (info@btsa.ca) As an added incentive, by being active on the BTSA board, your BTSA dues for the following year will be waived by the club.

- o There's another exciting year of shooting events planned in 2014, so the AGM is a great chance to find out more. Following are some key dates for 2014 but please remember to check the calendar regularly at:
<http://www.albertarifle.com/forum/calendar.php>

o **IPSC**

- o July 19/20, 2014 IPSC Level 2
- o September 27/28, 2014 IPSC Level 2

o **Young Guns**

- o May 31, 2014
- o July 20, 2014
- o October 25, 2014

o **Alberta Children's Hospital Charity Shoot**

- o June 14, 2014

o **Turkey Shoot**

- o September 20, 2014

o **Chairman's message for 2013**

2013 saw tremendous growth again for the BTSA. We finished the year with close to 500 individuals on the membership list and with this level of growth come the usual growing pains. Added to this were the devastating Southern Alberta floods which affected some of our key members greatly. However, despite some hiccups we also had some tremendous successes:

- o Young guns-3 fun-filled shoots were held and our up and coming, future members had a blast! Special thanks to our Young Guns coordinator Nick Lui who did a great job with the kids
- o IPSC continues to attract many top-ranked shooters and despite being smack dab in the middle of the floods, we hosted the Provincials at our Homestead ranges on June 29th and 30th. Special thanks go out to all those who stepped up and organized this event on short notice under trying circumstances. We also held 5 well-attended Level 1 matches throughout the shooting season.
- o IDPA/ATHL held 5 matches throughout the summer and continue to put on creative and fun events for the defensive shooting discipline.
- o The Alberta Children's Hospital Charity shoot was held again on June 1st and we as a club again raised a substantial amount of money for the Alberta Children's Hospital to put directly to the good work that they do.
- o The Turkey shoot was held on September 14th and we had a record 38 shooters in attendance for another family friendly day
- o Monday Night Holster group was somewhat hit and miss this year. Joe Breslawski returned to lead the group on Monday evenings however he was personally hard hit by the flooding in the spring and as a result we struggled with consistent attendance. Look for this important program to resume weekly in 2014. It's a great way to get to know other members in the club.
- o Wednesday Night Hunter group was held again in 2013, however attendance was very sporadic. We also ended our agreement with the Fullbore club to use the 900 metre range for this event going forward, so if we perceive that there is enough interest in this activity in 2014, we will look at a modified program on our own 200 metre range. Special thanks go out to Markus Furrer for hosting this program in 2013.

Finally, 2013 marked my final year on the board as I will be stepping down in 2014. I would like to say thank you for your patience and support this year, one filled with many challenges but also many rewarding moments. The executive are striving to become more accessible and have more face to face contact with the members where it is expedient. I'm aware that there were frustrations for some of you but rest assured that the board continues to work on making things run as smoothly as possible for all. Many of you took advantage of the opportunity to meet with us prior to board meetings to obtain range keys, guest passes and address membership issues. This seemed to work well for both sides and we hope to continue this in 2014. With close to 500 individuals in the club and many more prospective members with questions, the emails and administration of the club can be extremely time-consuming and overwhelming. By making the executive more personally available we hope to be more responsive and timely to members' needs and make BTSA even better going forward.

Thank you to all of you who contributed in so many ways to the success of the club in 2013. Have a safe and happy shooting season in 2014.

Glen Bailey
BTSA Chair