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Summer 2011 Highlights

Well, we managed to get the carriers or target holders up and running for the first match of the year. The weather was good this year and not one match was rained out, to my knowledge. There are still a few soft spots along the road but passable.

The matches were down in attendance this year, 16 out for the Victory Day shoot, 15 for the June LR match, 7 for the Drillers/ISSF, 30 for the Annual, 8 for the Aug LR and 40 guys for the PPRA. The number of Fclass shooters are up while the TR numbers are down.

Both the Provincial and the PPRA matches were well attended, in fact, the PPRA saw its largest turn out in many years, with shooters from all across North America showing up, and many range records beaten.

Summer 2011 Disappointments

The big disappointments this year at our club were:

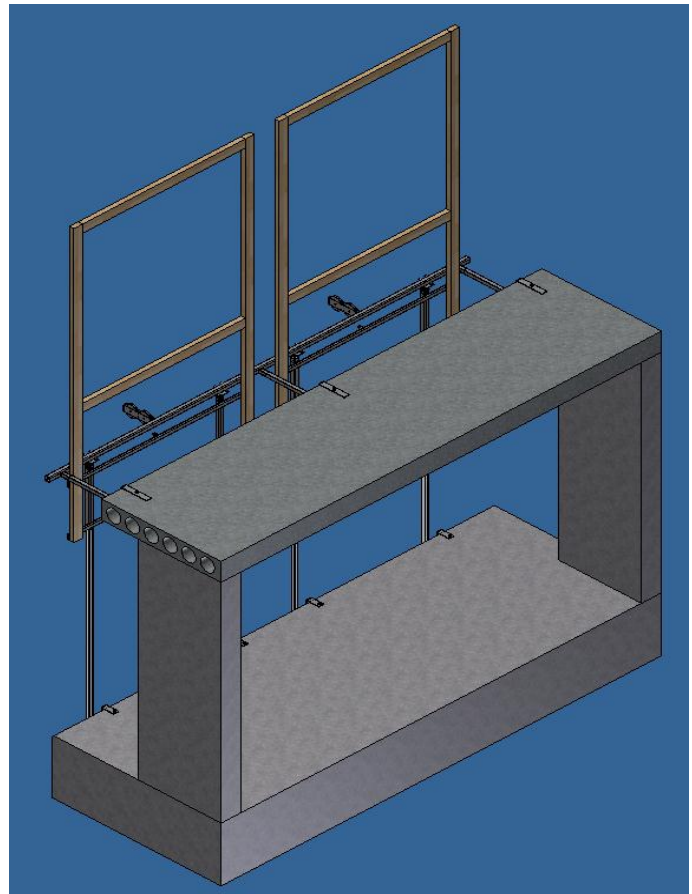
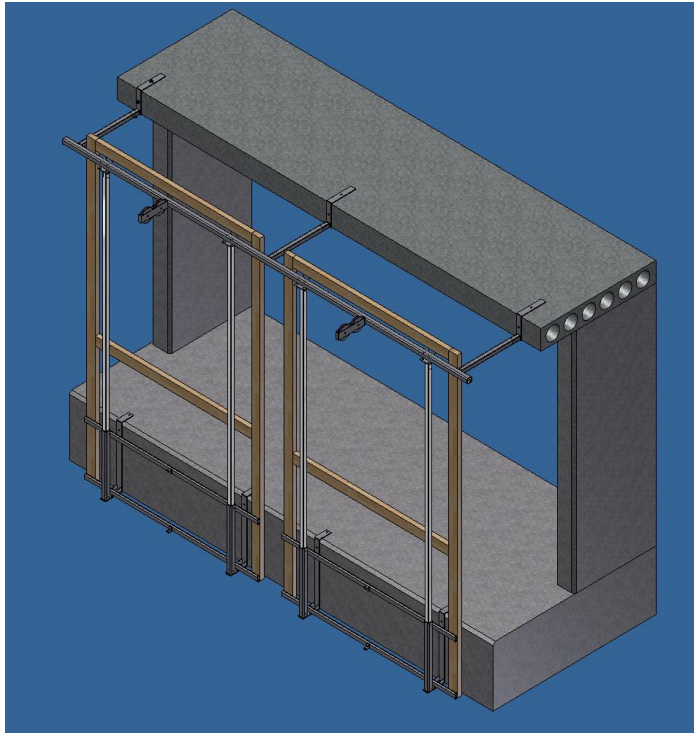
1. No prizes at our Annual Prize match – still waiting for them to be awarded.
2. No DCRA medals for Fclass, in fact there were not even a full set of DCRA medals for the TR class, even when we voted in a meeting to have 2 full sets this year.
3. Not enough target pullers at most matches and competitors having to man the targets
4. Carriers too far away from the catwalk making hard to mark targets and impossible for small kids

As many of you may know, our existing target system has and will continue to be a nightmare with frost and heaving. The club have a lot invested with the old system and more recently (probably 6-7000 more last year in equipment costs) and it may be worse now that it was originally:

- too heavy
- too far away from the catwalk with the new holes in use
- too much water around the pipes, three of the six pipes have already moved so they had to be re-positioned, etc.

To address these issues, Keith Skjerdal requested approval from the executive to install a two carrier system into one of the target bays to test out how these will work at Nokomis. The executive has approved a trial for a carrier system that has two 6x6 carriers per bay, to be installed in one of the bays. These carriers are very similar to the US design in Sacramento. The design was first started by Claude Chevrier at the request of Keith Skjerdal. Tom McCrea will be finalizing the design by late October or early November. We hope to have these new carriers installed into bay 5 before year end. The executive will have to make a decision shortly after that as to what direction we will be going carrier wise and I'm hoping we end up with this new design in all the bays. Claude is looking into a different system for the targets themselves, and hopefully this will also improve the system as well. Below is Claude original CAD design. This was sent to Tom how will make some changes and beef it up some, I'm sure it will

work well and be light years ahead of the cantilever system we have today and look forward to the new system.



Spring 2012 Challenges

We still may have issues with the target crews. They have gotten smaller in physical size and half the time not enough of them come out. This is becoming an issue in itself. We either have to go to competitor marking at our matches and lower the entry fees, or find some bigger kids or adults. With the Western Regional Fclass Championship coming to Nokomis in 2012, we have to fix this too.

Doug has suggested a cadet crew from the area and he said they would be around still for the Westerns. This will be fine but they will have to come out and prove they are capable before the Westerns. If they are not good enough, I would like someone to recruit some regular men from either one of the armories in Saskatoon, the town of Nokomis, or from CFB Dundurn. My hope is that we can get people with better work ethics, no cell phones or music devices in the butts and less Message 4 on target 6 requests.

The Western's will be a ton of work and I have come up with a list of tasks that we all can help with. I have asked the TR shooters to help run this event and they have agreed to help us with it. I have, with the help of past Western match directors, come up with a list of tasks that will need to be done before this match and I'm hoping our membership will take ownership of these tasks and all help make this event one of the biggest and best ever.

Below is the list and you will see lots of ??????? where names must be assigned before we can proceed with this event. I'm hoping some of you will step up and offer your name to some of these unassigned positions.

**Western Canada F Class Championships
Meeting Minutes
(Draft-01)**

Item	Discussion	Action Required / Response	Action By / Date
1	Schedule / Date	<p style="text-align: center;">The confirmed WCFCC Match Date is accepted as proposed: Practice Thursday, June 28 Match Friday, June 29th to Sunday July 1st</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">???????????? to contact the DCRA with the WCFCC dates and request DCRA approval, DCRA medals and arrange the advertising for the Marksmen and distribution of the 2012 Northstar Range match dates prior to January 31st 2012</p>
2	Budget and Financial considerations	<p style="text-align: center;">Separate WCFCC account and monetary activity from the existing SPRA general accountings and banking practices. It has been determined and accepted that individual match entry fee's be fixed at \$350.00 with a projected minimum 20 participants. Less than the minimum results in event cancellation and refund dispersal. CRSO, Target Gallery Officer and Markers will be paid commensurate with figures determined at the MPRA/APRA events.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">????A?? will coordinate and operate the WCFCC General Ledger and administer financial activity including generation of the initial operational budget after submissions regarding fixed cost analysis and requirements are established and submitted by Meeting attendees. Estimated completion by Feb 01, 2012</p>
3	Match Committee and responsibilities During the discussion it was agreed to appoint the Field Judges (Match dispute resolution) on the day.	<p style="text-align: center;">Positions within the SPRA WCFCC Match Team include; Match Director WCFCC Liaison CRSO ARSO Communications Coordinator Treasurer Target Butts Manager Field Operations Statistician</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">???1??? appointed as Match Director * ???????? appointed as WCFCC Liaison (DCRA) including Communications, Entry Form generation and presentation * Marvin Michel appointed as Chief Range Safety Officer *</p>

		<p align="center">Technical Support Rules are DCRA / ICFRA 2009 Edition</p>	<p>Gord Hulbert appointed as Target Butts Manager and will administer technical aspects including Rifle class, weight and safety issues as they arise</p> <p>Dennis Uhrich appointed as Field Operation Manager *</p> <p>????A?? appointed as Treasurer *</p> <p>Sylvia Skafel has offered to act as Statisticians and to possibly generate a Match Summary. Keth will train her in the operation of the match software. *</p> <p>???1??? has agreed to locate 6-8 men as Target Markers. *</p> <p>All attendees agrees to promote and elicit support donations / prizes such that are available.</p>
<p align="center">4</p>	<p align="center">Course of Fire, Match format</p>	<p>Propose firing a 2-15 format from the 800, 900, 1000 points and a team match at 1000 for 2 days. Last Day is 2-15 x 2 at 1000. Some versatility may be required to fit the program within current estimated relay time frame. Start Time of 08:00 is imperative. No tolerance will be applied for late comers. Team scores do not count towards the Individual Grand Aggregate.</p>	<p>Course of Fire is accepted as presented within the Draft Match Bulletin and Registration Form attached Challenge ticket policy is to purchase non refundable \$5.00 Challenge Tickets prior to match commencement. All funds generated will be returned via the 50-50 Draw or subsequently donated to the Canadian National F Class Team 2013 efforts Rain delay / cancellation will be dealt with on the day with the course of fire modified to suite.</p>

5	Target Type	Target proposed is NRA LRFC on 6x6 frames. Re-facing includes wear centers after each relay, full face renewed daily (if / when required)	NRA Targets to be ordered by ???? by Feb 1, 2012 Target type and maintenance are accepted as proposed?
6	Target Markers	Target Markers are considered an absolute necessity. Minimum of eight are required with twelve the number to allow uninterrupted conduction of the shooting schedule.	????????? will contacted a SWF, HMC Unicorn and Dundurn as required to cultivate a relationship and acquire the manpower. ????????????? will train and monitor progress of the prospective markers with early indoctrination and usage at the SPRA Prov's and other earlier Matches to fine tune the operation.
7	Operations	Operations include Parking Lot organization / preparation including camping layout, Marker Transport, Draws and Awards procurement / presentation. It was accepted that firing point parking will be restricted to the RSO, any participants with special needs and no more than 2 relays of shooters and their vehicles. All special needs participants will be accommodated per DCRA / SPRA Bylaws and Rules. Special marking / high visibility vests will be worn by RSO's ARSO's, Technical Support and Match Director	????????????? has volunteered to organize and monitor the traffic and aid preparation for any of the facility infrastructure to accommodate Special Event activity. Sylvia Skafel has volunteered her expertise in providing a concession/BBQ similar to those employed at the US FClass nationals were you can buy a burger, pop and chips for \$5.00 at lunchtime. ????????? will generate Event Logo, posters, ad copy and posting materials for distribution by all with ?????????? coordinating.

<p>8</p>	<p>Technical Support</p>	<p>Rifle Weigh in and safety</p>	<p>????????? has volunteered his services as Technical Supervisor including Rifle Weight / Safety and Class determinations. His decisions will be final.</p> <p>??????????? will include and complimentary ECI in the competitor package. Package to include the score cards, a bolt flag, shot value card and the relay assignment per shooter. Bolt Flag usage is mandatory by all rules and will be enforced, no exceptions, by all Match Committee Members, at all times.</p> <p>????????? as Chief Range Safety officer will conduct the Competitor and RSO Safety Briefing prior to each days event</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Awards</p>	<p>Awards, Draws and other activities will attempt to represent and reproduce the prior WCFC's at Winnipeg and Calgary.</p> <p>Class Awards, including the unlisted 50-50 Draw are per the Draft Match Bulletin and Registration Form attached.</p> <p>??????????? will also solicit SPRA Prov's awards pricing additionally and separated from the WCFCC awards to reap bulk buy pricing if it's possible</p> <p>????? to arrange supper at the Nokomis league and to check if the backyard to the league would be available to save costs of a hall rental. 64 people are expected for the supper.</p>	<p>Awards procurement / pricing schedules and solicitation for Major Corporate sponsorship will be lead by ???????? with ????? acting as the SPRA DCRA Representative and will coordinate the retrieval of the DCRA Medals and HPS Pins for Possibles shot at the WCFCC.</p> <p>??????????? will investigate the Special Event giveaway Golf Shirts for pricing and delivery once the event Logo and art work are completed by ????????????</p> <p>Awards other than the Match Winners will be awarded via Brass Draw / 50-50 Cash Draw. If sufficient funds are accumulated, cash prizes for performance will be awarded per the formula suggested by</p>

			<p>the MPRA 2010 event. The Match director will not participate in or receive any awards other than for performance earned</p>
10	Range Improvements	<p>It has been determined the existing frames are unexceptable.</p>	<p>Tom, Claude, Shawn, Keith and Gord will complete a new design for carrier and targets. This activity is to be complemented by the Members participation in the Spring Cleanup and Range Maintenance (Date TBD) 1000 yd Flag Pole rope will be installed prior to the SPRA 2012 season.</p>
11	Sponsors	<p>Contact and solicit event sponsorship from previous donators and apply first right of refusal to PGW for major event sponsorship.</p>	<p>Keith Skjerdal will contact PGW and report via email.</p> <p>All committee members have volunteered to attempt procurement of prizes and sponsorship through personal sources in addition to the listing of prior donators provided to each which must be allocated prior to the end of the meeting.</p>
12	Closing	<p>As Match Director I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the attendees for the interest shown and volunteering support unselfishly for the monumental task we are about to embark on. I'm confident the SPRA / WCFCC will be equal to and surpass the initial WCFCC events. I thank you sincerely and look forward to huge fun.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keith Skjerdal</p>	