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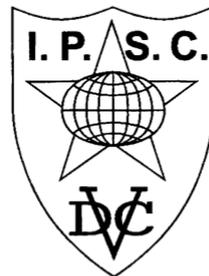
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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hi! Things are running along smoothly within IPSC Canada. The NEC is handling any issues as they occur. Provincial Championships are progressing and it looks like this year's nationals will be an excellent event. The biggest issue at hand is next year's World Shoot in Greece. We will likely get 50+ slots for our members to go. This is how the slots will be allocated.

First, we will select teams of 4 people for each of our three popular divisions. Standard, Open and Production. We will use the national ranking system to do this. If you are unfamiliar with the national ranking system, it is the list of shooters who have attended the last three national championships. The shooters are ranked based on their two best results out of the three. Once we have our 3 teams, we will go down the ranks, alternating divisions - offering slots to shooters until we run out of slots. If we have more shooters than slots, we will request more from IPSC. They will check to see if any other regions did not use all their slots and reallocate some in a second pass. If you are not on the ranking list, you can still get a slot, but only after those ranked get a chance.

Of course, we don't have time to contact every person on the list to ask them if they want a slot to go. That's where you come in. If you want to go, contact your section coordinator and let them know you want to go. Your section coordinator will be asked for this list early next year. We'll use it to know who to specifically contact.

When we get the slots allocated, we will have a limited amount of time to lock them in. I.e. we have to pay for them - and they are non-refundable. If you have contacted your section coordinator and then get offered a slot, you will have a very finite amount of time (likely a week) to get your entry payment in full to IPSC Canada or you will forfeit your slot and we'll offer it to someone else. This will likely be in the \$600 range.

If you are considering attending the World Shoot in Greece, understand this is a major event and of course, it's going to be a big trip. Entry will be around \$500-\$600. The event runs for a little over a week, so hotels are going to be the better part of \$1500, airfare won't be less than \$1700 and of course, you're in Europe, so food, etc. will be expensive. You'll easily spend \$5000 and be gone for 2 weeks. If that's within your means and you want to shoot a World Shoot, then talk with your SC.

As always, the AGM will be held in conjunction with the national championships. This year it is schedule to be July 28th. If a change of venue is required, it will be published on the website and on the Nationals information sources. At this AGM, we will be approving a housekeeping change in our constitution.

Whereas section 7.08 of By-law No. 1 of the International Practical Shooting Confederation - Region of Canada (IPSC Canada) is inconsistent with section

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7.15; And whereas it is in the best interest of IPSC Canada to resolve this inconsistency in a manner which complies with the requirements of the Canada Corporation Act; Now therefore be it moved and seconded that By-law No. 1 be amended by removing from section 7.08 the words "in addition to any other proxy vote or votes which he may have cast" and the punctuation appearing before and after those words. "

Other than that, it will be the usual update of IPSC Canada's situation.

I have one other thing I want to mention here; the Internet.

This thing is a blessing and a curse. We certainly did exist before the internet, and we operated just fine - thank you, but the growth of the internet has led a lot of people to the knowledge that we and handguns are out there for them to play with and that can't be overlooked. It has definitely played a role in our growth. However, that growth is stifled. A small group of our members insist on portraying us as our old nemesis, "Irrational People Squabbling Constantly" and I can guarantee you that it's chasing away possible interest.

We all know that if we don't present ourselves properly and grow, we'll die of attrition. At the gun club, when a new possible member or shooter comes up, do you attempt to scare him or her by rattling off accidents that have injured people? Do you curse at them? Do you spit a couple times during the conversation? Do you go on about the latest gun crimes? Do you pick your nose? No. You show them that you're just like them, a decent person who's interested in a fun pastime and you hope that they will join you. The Internet should be the same thing.

Some would argue that Internet forums where they fight and complain are required, because they wouldn't have a voice otherwise. Baloney. The organizations still exist now that existed before the Internet. Clubs have club reps, zones have zone reps, sections have boards and the boards have presidents. The sections vote to choose a leader and that's the RD. Everyone's elected. There are literally hundreds of people you can bring your personal concerns to. (without the sad veil of anonymity) If a zone rep hears a complaint enough, he'll take it to his board. If a board thinks it's a good idea, they'll take it to the NEC, and if the NEC feels that the idea benefits the country as a whole, they'll take it to IPSC.

So, the next time you're about to type some derogatory comment about another IPSC shooter or event, stop & think. The damage you're about to do has as much destructive capability as when the anti gunners get a few minutes of a politician's time.

DVC, Sean.



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The outdoor season here in Manitoba started out very wet with the first two matches on the schedule having to be cancelled due to rain. Conditions have improved since then however and subsequent matches have been well attended. Our membership is steady at approximately 100 again this year.

IPSC Manitoba's 2010 level III provincial championships will be held at the Brandon Wildlife Association range on August 21st and 22nd. Anyone who is interested in taking in the match is certainly welcome to join us. Please check the IPSC Mb. web site ([HYPERLINK "http://www.ipscmanitoba.ca"](http://www.ipscmanitoba.ca)) for more details.

We're looking forward to another successful year for the section, and I hope to see many of you at Port Coquitlam at the nationals.

Brad Kirkpatrick
Section Coordinator
IPSC Manitoba





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Hello from the West Coast!

The Olympics have come and gone and things around here are finally back to normal. Our shooting season is well under way and to date we have seen 12 Level II matches held around the Province. In addition to this we are still to see 4 more Level II matches, our Provincial Championships and of course, as you may have already heard, the 2010 IPSC National Championships.

Membership numbers are where they should be by this time of year but as with previous years, it is a mix of new and of returning members. Although the membership has reached a plateau over the last few years, I do not believe that this is an indication of where the membership is going. We are working diligently to grow the sport out West through increased training courses. As such, we are currently working to provide more Black Badge courses, Instructor courses, and Range Officer courses.

Planning for the 2010 Nationals are long completed and we are well into the final set-up in preparation for the big day. In case you haven't heard, the 2010 Canadian Nationals are to be held at the Thompson Mountain Sportsman's Association this year. As can be expected, the workload involved in putting on the match is quite high and is taking up a fair amount of the resources. All in all, it has been very productive as the ranges at TMSA are coming together quite nicely. They have expanded the facilities and will have a total of 16 ranges plus a chronograph bay for our purposes. For more information on the match, check out the website at <http://ipsc-canada.org/2010natmain.html>. Registrations have been coming in at a constant pace and more are expected to come before the June 30th, 2010 early cut-off. So, if you haven't registered yet you should do so soon.

Hope to see you all at the Nationals. DVC.

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Greetings from IPSC Ontario

2010 has been a year of change for IPSC Ontario starting off with new President/Section Coordinator, Rachel Blum and a new Vice President (Josko Kovic). I have been given the honour of representing IPSC Ontario as President for the next two years and look forward to the challenge and moving us forward. I would at this time like to thank Craig “Quigley” Stoklosar for his contributions to IPSC Ontario for the last five years.

This Board has been very busy this year, and we are only six months into 2010, and a lot has happened:

There have been changes to IPSC Ontario Board of Directors over the last few months due to two members of the board resigning; both Bud Melless and Dave Huta resigned in April. The IPSC Ontario Board and the members wish them well: Dave in his future endeavours; and Bud in his well-deserved retirement and thank them both for their years of service.

In April Pat Harrison was asked and accepted an appointment to the board as IPSC Ontario Communications Director and our Web master and in July, Bernard DeGagne was asked and accepted an appointment to the board. We welcome both gentlemen and look forward to working together with them and our membership.

At the request of a majority of the Club Reps, large-print up-dated Rule Books were sent to all Club Reps to have at their clubs, for all members and Range Officials.

An official Ontario Provincial Match Committee was formed.

A current member with years of experience was appointed to the position of Black Badge Training Coordinator in April this year. Since Kent Hill's appointment he has welcomed over 85 new students with the assistance of our Instructors.

A long-awaited Range Officer Course was scheduled for May 15 & 16 with over 25 members attending.

A new and improved Sitrep was sent out to all members in May 2010.

IPSC Ontario has just signed the final papers for Incorporation.

Board Insurance was obtained.

Revisions to the Constitution are under review and awaiting feedback from its members



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A Club Rep meeting was held in March 2010 with 22 out of 28 Club Reps in attendance, first one in fifteen years. All felt it was long over due.

Communication between the Board and Club Reps has been established, which now allows Club Reps to communicate with, and update, their club members on announcements being made by the board.

IPSC Ontario Memberships continue to grow; we are currently just over 1000 members.

Members of the Board and a current member travelled to Sudbury to promote IPSC Ontario and to assist a new Club Rep re-establish IPSC in Sudbury.

The IPSC Ontario Provincial Championship Match was held in Barrie and was extremely successful. We had 232 competitors.

ADVANCE \d4Congratulations to our Ontario Champions: Alex Szakacs - Open; Kent Hill - Production; Mike Burrell - Standard; and Bernie DeGagne - Revolver.

For the last two years I oversaw the mentor program in Ontario. This initiative was very well received and gave me a chance to meet new members giving them the opportunity to put a face to the name and to give them contact information if they had any questions once the course was over. This is a project that the board has decided to continue and grow with all board members now taking an active role in this initiative.

Well, they say behind every good man is a woman. However, in this case I would have to say that behind, or rather beside me, there are four great men and I am looking forward to working with all them. Each and every one of them offers and gives so much to IPSC, I am proud to be a part of this dynamic team.

IPSC Ontario Board of Directors for 2010 are:

Rachel Blum
Josko Kovic
Virgil Fala
Pat Harrison
Bernard DeGagne

Rachel Blum
1Section Coordinator, Ontario



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Hello everyone!

The 2009 and 2010 indoor winter league is over. Clubs from Montreal and Quebec City area have put on some great matches. To all involved, congratulations on some innovative stage designs that have created quite the challenge for shooters on all levels.

Summer outdoor leagues have begun and clubs involved will be Quebec City (Club des Castors), St-Jacques, Val-d'Or, Trois-Rivieres, Granby and St-Hyacinthe.

Our Black Badge program has been quite successful this year and we have managed to increase our membership again over the past years.

Congratulations to the winners again, and many thanks to the volunteers at the 2009 Provincials. Another great outcome!

Regrettably, this year's Provincials are questionable as to whether or not they will be held. Please check our site for an update.

Looking forward to the Nationals and good luck to all!

Mario Kolethras
Quebec Section Coordinator



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Bonjour à tous,

La saison d'hiver 2009-2010 de tir intérieur est maintenant terminée. Les clubs des régions de Montréal et de Québec ont offert des matches formidables. Toutes nos félicitations à ceux qui se sont impliqués dans le désign de ces stages innovateurs qui ont créé tout un défi aux tireurs de tous les niveaux.

Les Clubs les Castors de Québec, de Saint-Jacques, de Val d'Or, de Trois-Rivières, de Granby et de Saint-Hyacinthe, ont déjà débuté avec la saison estivale des matches de tir extérieur.

Les cours de Black Badge ont été un grand succès cette année, ce qui nous a permis de surpasser l'augmentation des inscriptions de nouveaux membres en comparaison des années antérieures.

Encore une fois, félicitations à tous les gagnants et mille mercis à tous les volontaires de notre Provincial 2009. Une autre grande réalisation.

Il est regrettable, mais la réalisation du Provincial de cette année est encore douteuse, à savoir s'il sera tenu ou non. À ce sujet, nous vous demandons de vérifier le site internet afin de vous tenir au courant des mises à jour.

Espérant vous voir au National, et bonne chance à tous.

Mario Kolethras,
Coordinateur Section Québec.



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Greetings from New Brunswick.

On behalf of the members of NB. I would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to everyone who attended our matches throughout last season. We hope you found the matches fun and challenging, reconnected with old friends, but most of all. We hope you had a great time and are looking forward to returning.

We had a busy last year with 10 – Level II's, 2 - 3Gun's, 3 Provincial Championships, and 2 Level III matches. As well, on top of the busy match schedule. The training co-ord was keeping the instructors busy with 4 BB crse and 1 RO crse. All before the snow flew. Well done to the trainer's, all the club rep's and the countless volunteers.

The “to do” list for the year has been cleaning up nicely. With highlights on items like; the growth of our membership, a good number of new members, and even past members that have had their fires rekindled. Club reps with a vision for the future and an interest in their clubs to hold quality matches. To the launching of our new website. (Thanks David) www.ipscnb.ca . As well as welcoming an old club back to IPSC. (The CFB Gagetown Gun Club).

We kicked off the 2010 season with the clubs springing a few level 1 & 2 matches onto the winter dreary members to shake off the cobwebs. Then like a moth to a flame the trainers belted out 4 BB crse and 2 RO crse. Well done.

There is hardly a free weekend on the schedule the entire summer. The clubs have a well distributed amount of matches scheduled, giving everyone a chance to benefit. www.ipsc-matches.net . We are glad to hear that IPSC NB premier match. Is back with the organizers full focus. This is one you don't want to miss. “The Summer Slam”.

Well that sums'er up for now. The Nationals are just around the corner. NB will have a small contingent heading west. Hope to see everyone there. Till then take care and may your sights be clear.

Cheers

George McKillop

IPSC NB Section Coordinator

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Hi Everyone,

This has been a very exciting year for IPSC Alberta.

At the beginning of the year we decided to promote IPSC Alberta by commissioning a professional advertising company to create four IPSC Alberta posters. Each poster shows pictures of our members competing at our local Provincial Qualifying matches. We have now started to contact our local sporting good stores to hang up posters and larger banners to show everyone what we do and what our sport is about.

In addition to the posters we are working on a series of short videos explaining the various aspects of IPSC to build interest and demonstrate the sport. These videos explain the technical points like rules and techniques while we showcase videos taken at some of our competitions. These videos will be played at our local indoor ranges, some retailers and handed out at gun shows and other similar events.

So far this year we have almost 300 members with over 20 junior members and over 30 female members. Our projections indicate we will have over 350 members.

Over the July 3rd and 4th weekend we held the IPSC Alberta Provincial Championships at Strathmore Alberta. I would like to congratulate the following individuals who will be representing Alberta at the 2010 National Championships.

Open Gold Team	Standard Gold Team	Production Gold Team
Alan S.	Dallas T.	Jayson B.
Frank K.	David S.	Francis V.
Ivan R.	Mark R.	Duane S.
Todd O.	Jim C.	Kane K.

This year our section held 25 Provincial qualifying matches along with the Provincial Championships. In addition to these matches IPSC Alberta was able to help put on a fund raising match for the Multiple Sclerosis Society that turned out to be VERY successful and a blast to shoot. Those 44 round stages are definitely a challenge with a single stack, ok, ok, we didn't follow all of the rules but the organization and safety inherent in IPSC competition provided the background for a successful match and let's just say some people will never forget magazines in their shooting bag again.

That's it from IPSC Alberta. I hope to see you at the Nationals in BC.

Todd Ondrik
Section Coordinator
IPSC Alberta



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IPSC NS Report

Hello. IPSC Nova Scotia is doing quite well. Our membership is at about the same level as usual, floating near 100. We're running an aggressive schedule of level 2 matches, one every second weekend and we just completed an RO course. We've had a couple black badge courses and seem to be doing fairly well maintaining membership. The nationals last year left us with a lot of nice props and targetry that we're taking good advantage of at the Halifax AMA range. This will be the home of our provincials in August. The provincials will be a 14 stage match, using our jungle range and all the other ranges at the facility. It's going to happen August 21/22. So if you're in the neighborhood, drop by and shoot with us. We don't have a lot of people heading to BC for the nationals, it's a long way to go – but hope that we'll be able to field some teams at next year's nationals hosted by IPSC Quebec. See you on the range.

Sean.





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Hello Everyone,

Our membership is at 35 expecting 5 more in the next few weeks. The Saskatchewan Provincials are scheduled for Aug. 28 & 29th in Regina at the Regina Wildlife Federation. Match fee including banquet is \$100.00 up until Aug. 21st after Aug.21, 2010 match fee is \$120.00. Entries may be mailed to RAPS at Box 916 Regina SK S4P 3B1.

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Thanks,

Ron J. Balzer

President



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