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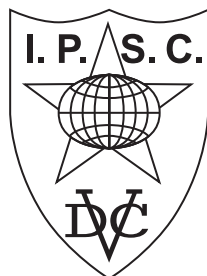
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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello Everyone.

It's been a great summer of shooting. I'll try to hit on all the things that I've been involved with this year.

First up is the NEC meeting. The National Executive met in Cambellton, New Brunswick this summer. It had record attendance by the section coordinators and representation of the sections at the meeting. We discussed a need for sections to create and implement a code of conduct for their memberships, updates to the constitution & the growth of IPSC Shotgun. NROI touched on their concerns with officials not keeping up to date. It was a lively meeting and went well. Throughout the year, the NEC will maintain contact via email and continue to run the business of IPSC Canada.

The Nationals were held in Dalhousie, New Brunswick. This was our biggest attended nationals in history with over 300 competitors. Match Director Serge Noel and Match Administrator Chris Kingston presented us with some excellent, challenging stages with amazing props. Again, for the third year in a row, rain tried to slow us down but excellent planning and coordination on the organizer's part kept the match running on time. Range Masters Georges Theriault and Clint Milburn worked tirelessly in the days before the match and during the match to ensure that the stages were presented fairly and the competitors had a fair playing field. The CROs from across the country and even from outside the country did an excellent job of running the stages and the match turned out perfectly. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Serge, Chris, Georges and Clint for all the hard work that they put in to put on this excellent show.

Congratulations goes out to Open Division Champion, Chris Yang, Standard Division Champion Jean-Philippe Drolet, & Production Champion Nick King. Further congratulations goes out to Ivan Runions for capturing the top spot in Classic Division. Speaking of Classic; Classic division saw a doubling of support at this match - with 28 competitors as opposed to 12 the previous year. If this maintains it's growth, we'll likely be crowing a Classic Champion in 2014.

World Shoot 2014 - Florida - One of the biggest topics that I deal with is the World Shoot that is coming up next year. As most of you know, it will be held in Florida in early October, 2014. The question is - how do you get to go?

While Canada gets as many slots as any other region in the confederation; we will only get a finite number of slots to attend. In the past, that number was close to 60, but until they are issued later this year (could be as late as December 31st) we will not know the number. To determine who gets these slots, The NEC uses



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the national ranking system. The National ranking system is based on results from the nationals. It is posted on our website. If you are not in the top 4 of Classic, or top 25 of production, standard or open division, don't expect to be offered a slot. We won't get more than 60 slots and there will be very few people in the top ranking that will refuse slots. If you are in that position, and want to attend, you need to contact your section coordinator by November 30th via email and tell them that if you get offered, you will take a slot. Your section coordinators will gather up these lists (along with your contact information) and forward them to me.

What costs are associated with the World Shoot? Entry is estimated to be in the \$750 range. The match is approx. 500 rounds and you will need accommodations in Florida for about a week and a half. Expect the total trip to cost at least \$4,000.

Some conditions of being issued slots: 1. Slots are not personally transferrable. IPSC Canada owns the slot and chooses who will use it. If you determine at a later date that you cannot attend, you can contact the RD and he will try to find someone in the proper division ranking to purchase the use of the slot from you. A short wait list will be kept. 2. You MUST be eligible to travel to the USA when issued a slot. Meaning, By Nov 30, you may be required to provide a letter from the US Customs & Border Protection / Immigration that you are allowed to travel to the USA. If there is ANY doubt, just saying "I'm allowed or will be allowed to attend" will not be enough. Legal documentation proving your admissibility will be required. 3. You must pay for your use of the slot within 2 weeks of notification. 4. Slots will only be offered to members in good standing as of the date of slot offering. 5. Further conditions will weigh on team slots. Team members will be informed of those when they are offered team slots. Teams will be selected from the people that get slots. The best 4 in each division according to the ranking will be offered a position on the official Canadian Team, which will get uniforms and a financial honorarium to attend.

We will be taking the number of slots we get and dividing them up this way; 4 slots to classic (A team) and the remaining slots will be divided equally between Open, Standard and Production. In the event that the remaining slots do not divide up equally, the first extra slot will go to production division and if a second exists, it will go to Standard. (I.e. if we get 54 slots; Classic gets 4 - Production gets 17, Standard gets 17 and Open gets 16)

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We will go down each division's ranking and compare the list to the number of people that have acknowledged they want to attend. An email (we must have your email address on file!) will be sent with the particulars and a time limit (2 weeks) to confirm acceptance and pay for the slot. If the member cannot remit payment in time, the slot will go back to the division to be given to someone else.

NOTICE: IPSC Canada has an established, clear, fair process for awarding slots to the World Shoot. ANY attempts to subvert the process will result in disciplinary actions; ranging from forfeit of the World Shoot Slot to suspension or banishment from IPSC Canada.

PLEASE do not contact me to tell me that you want to go to the World Shoot. You MUST contact your section coordinator. (Make sure they have your email address) You have until November 30th to let your Section Coordinator know if you want to go to the World Shoot (but remember that due to limited slots, only the first 25 in standard, production and open, and the top 4 in classic have a chance)

I know that many people will be disappointed that they cannot attend this match. There is not much we can do about it. 5 days, 11 hours of daylight and 30 ranges only allow 1200 competitors and the rest of the world is attending. If you are a member of NROI, you can contact the match committee and offer to work by helping the IROA officials on site. If you're accepted, you have an opportunity to shoot in the pre-match. The only other method to shoot in this match would be to talk to one of the sponsors about using their slots to shoot in the pre-match. (Sponsors get slots with their sponsorships)

A few Canadians attended the European Handgun Championships in September in Portugal. Congratulations are in order to Mike Auger for being top Super Senior at competition!

Next year's nationals are scheduled for the same long weekend in August in Pitt Meadows, (outside of Vancouver) British Columbia. As I write this, Planning has already begun for stages, officials, awards ceremonies and all the small elements of putting on a great match. I'm already looking forward to the trip.

That's about it for now.

Have a great winter. See you on the range.

Sean.



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Diligentia Article September 2013

Hello once again from the surprisingly sunny & dry west coast of Canada.

Right off the top I would like to congratulate the winners & match directors for a fantastic 2013 Canadian Nationals in New Brunswick! It will be a heck of a job to try and top that match! I know our MD's are eager, but they're not crazy. So keep a look out for information on the 2014 IPSC Canadian Nationals, hosted by Thompson Mountain Sportsman's Association in Pitt Meadows BC. The website should be up soon and registration information will be shortly after that.

Classic Division is proving to be a winner! Here in BC the division is growing quite well also. We have just promoted our first 2 GM classed shooters. If the interest keeps growing as it has been, then BC may be able to field a team for next year's nationals.

We have just finished our Provincial championship which was hosted at the same range as next year's nationals will be. Our valiant MD Larry Lomax did a great job putting together a 15 stage match for around 175 shooters. Guess what? It even finished on or ahead of schedule each day... so to all though doubters who told me it would run late, time to pay up on those bets... told you so! Congratulations to the match winners: Michael Lam - Open, Nick King - Production, John Robinson - Revolver, "Alberta" Ivan - Classic, and even I was able to pull out a win in Standard. Great Job Larry & Crew, and what an awesome dinner, WOW!

After just finishing the 2013 season with 24 qualifiers and a provincial championship, I have a strange feeling that we will see much more next year. With every match in the Lower Mainland zone (9) being total sellouts this past year, the membership is demanding more matches. So, my new year's prediction is that; IPSC BC will experience record membership growth and match participation in the 2014 season. With over 26 qualifiers province wide, culminating in a record breaking "provincials" from Nick & Marcy in Kelowna. Wish I luck, we will need it... ☺

Wishing everyone a safe, fun filled year from sunny BC. See you on the range!

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Clint "BamBam" Milburn

IPSC BC Section Coordinator

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The past year IPSC Alberta held 15 qualifiers and our Provincials held on the July long weekend. Even with the flooding and the fact some of our organizers and participants were affected we still managed to pull off the match,

Our 10 BB instructors have been busy recruiting and bringing new shooters into our association., and have an all time high of 388 shooters to date and expect the number to be 400 before the end of the year. With the growth of members it is a challenge to put on enough matches to suit all shooters.

We have lost the use of the Lethbridge range due to so many instances of bullets leaving the range. IPSC shooters and Competitions were not a contributing factor. Looking ahead we hope in the not too distant future to be able to hold matches at a new range in Edson which is in the infancy of its existence. We also hope to be able to hold matches again at the Canmore range as well as a new range opening up next year in Milo Alberta. With that we hope to be able to hold as many if not more matches in the coming months.

The Ft McMurray Range is in the process of getting certification for its expansion from the CFO and with that will host the 2014 Provincials on the July long weekend.

We now have access to a facility, with future expansion, which will have the capacity to host a Nationals event in a few years and as such have put our name in for the 2017 Nationals to be held at the Homestead Range in Kananaskis outside of Calgary.

IPSC Alberta was represented well at the Nationals in New Brunswick and would like to thank the members and host club (Restigouche Gun Club) for putting on a great event this summer. The amount of work and participation from your province and club was outstanding as the stages and prop design were second to none.

Hope everyone had a good shooting year in 2013 and hopefully more great matches to come in 2014. See you all again in Vancouver for the 2014 Nationals at the Thompson Mountain Range.

DVC

Jim Pshyk

Section Coordinator

IPSC Alberta



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We had the provincial championships in Saskatoon September 21 and 22. Cliff Kobelsky took top honors in the open division and Jeff Baron put on an awesome performance to take production by storm. With Provincials behind us we are looking forward to starting our 2014 shooting year. With the end of summer and first signs of fall our thoughts of shooting are turning from the great outdoors to the indoor range. We will, of course, try and squeeze every last ounce of the nice weather to shoot outdoors.

We will be holding matches the third Saturday of each month this winter in Saskatoon with the exception of December. Check the website for the December match, usually we hold a fun match to try and generate some interest in the sport or invite some of the old shooters back to shoot to see if they still have “what it takes” or maybe catch the bug again. Regina is still without an indoor facility. However, the roof is up and it’s looking pretty good we may be shooting there for the 2015 winter season. With that accomplished we will be able to shoot matches in both Regina and Saskatoon during the winter months. Unfortunately the fine residents of the City of Saskatoon have been encroaching on the range facilities and with plans to build a north bridge which will sandwich the Saskatoon Wildlife Federation in the middle the SWF has been given its notice from the city that a move is in order. “Talks” are now in the process and we are keeping our fingers crossed as to get through this with as little pain as possible and end up with a similar or improved facility.

Attendance is increasing in our matches but still not at levels we would like to see. Pre registration is not required for our monthly matches, as of yet (there is always hope), so feel free to come out to one of the monthly sanctioned events in Regina or Saskatoon. The provincials for 2014 will be held in Regina.

You can find more details about our match dates at the SPSA website: www.myspsa.org

Our Black Badge training program remains active and with 25 individuals showing interest in taking the course we are looking forward to seeing an increase in our membership this year.

Hope everyone has a great winter!

It’s happening at the range, see you there

Bruce Lalonde



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IPSC Manitoba has enjoyed another successful outdoor season with attendance at our monthly matches running at near capacity. Our membership is up by over twenty five percent from last year to over 150. This has led to the pleasant dilemma of having to ensure that matches are run as efficiently as possible in order to have all shooters finish and the matches wrapped up in a timely manner.

Another side effect of an upsurge in membership is the need for more range officials. As a result, we will be conducting a level 1 RO course this fall to address this shortage.

Our provincial championships were held on Aug. 17th and 18th at Brandon with a record 67 competitors taking part. The shooting and prop tear down at the end of the match had just been completed when a heavy thunderstorm flooded the range and created such a noise inside the metal clad shelter where everyone took refuge, that the trophy presentations had to be delayed by nearly half an hour. Fortunately the hail wasn’t large enough to cause any damage, and when the sun came out afterward, this year’s title holders were announced as follows;

- in Classic Division – Richard Hennessey
- in Production Division – Dave Prouten,
(Derek Brait of Ontario was match winner)
- in Standard Division – Hector Deleon
- in Open Division – James Storey,
(Brayden Hay of Saskatchewan was match winner)

Congratulations to all of the winners.

On behalf of all Manitobans who attended this year’s National Championships at Del Housie, NB, I’d like to extend our thanks to all of the organizers for putting on a first rate competition. The work that obviously must have gone into building the props for some of those stages is truly impressive. Well done everyone.

We’re looking forward to returning to Thompson Mountain near Pitt Meadows, BC. (and that crazy steep road up to the range) for next year’s event. See you then.

Regards
Brad Kirkpatrick
Section Coordinator
IPSC Manitoba



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Greetings IPSC Canada Members from IPSC Ontario

As our fall ends and winter begins, changes will begin for IPSC Ontario in 2014. This year Josko resigned from the IPSC BoD's due to personal reasons. In late August on the forum Bernie DeGagné announced that his term as a board member will end this December and he informed us he that he will not be submitting a nomination form for a further term on the BoD.

After much consideration and thought I also announced that I will not be seeking a nomination for a further term as well. I feel that I have served my time and feel I have done what I can for IPSC Ontario and its members. This will end my sixth year serving on the IPSC Ontario Board of Directors. It was a great opportunity and gave me the chance to meet a lot of great people. Leaving a position such as President/Section Coordinator is not one I feel I can just walk away from, so I will offer my assistance to the new Board and stay on until the AGM to assist with the change over and complete the financials for 2013; and to assist them making the transition go smoothly for the new BoD's and our members. Virgil Fala another longtime director, will also not be seeking nomination for the upcoming elections.

This board has accomplished a lot over the last four years and we are proud of our accomplishments, which include an approved constitution and a more transparent financial reporting and budgeting process for all members to consult. It has been a pleasure serving but we feel it is time for others to take over and continue improving IPSC in Ontario.

This year has not been as busy as other years but busy none the less. An overview of our 2013 year:

- 2013 Ontario Provincials held at the Frontenac Rifle and Pistol Club in Kingston sold out.
- IPSC Shotgun has taken off in Ontario. Karl Blum hosted our very first IPSC Shotgun Provincial match August 10th and 11th at the East Elgin Sportsman Club.
- I attended the Pan Am IPSC Shotgun match – working with both Linda Chico as Match Director and Phil Carreira as the Deputy Range Master.
- The web master team has been busy archiving all of the Ontario's newsletter "SITREP"s on our website.
- Our membership seems to be holding steady. We still struggle with our mentoring of new members and keeping them, but we continue to work on this and continue to seek mentors to help us out. We also continue to look

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at new ways to get members new and old, to assist match directors with helping and assisting at matches.

- New processes were started after our last club rep meeting. The blue provisional card for Ontario now has a section for a work requirement as well as their first match. So for a member to complete the black badge program, they will need to shoot their qualifier and then work/help out at a match. We are hoping this will allow the new members gain knowledge of what it takes to put on a match and that help is much needed to make this sport successful.
- We have held a couple of RO courses this year and Phil Carreira is currently working on our CRO program setting up a system that is fair and equitable for members wanting to take that next step.

Thank you everyone for making the last six years memorable....

I look forward to seeing you all on the range.

Rachel Blum

"Some people come into our lives and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never ever the same"

Flavia Weedn



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Hello fellow shooters

Please forgive my accent :)

I would like to start by thanking Mario Kolethras, our Section Coordinator for the last five years. His work and dedication allowed the province to witness a fantastic growth.

We had a very busy calendar. More than thirty matches were held in the 12 ranges approved for our sport. This is due in big part to the awesome participation and work of our builders.

Formation is one of our priorities. We offered a Range officer course in Montréal in March. All the new officials already showed their involvement, competence and ability to operate a safe firing line.

Black Badge courses are also very popular. For the third year in a row, more than a hundred new shooters will join our ranks. The instructor team will receive two new members who will soon complete their training. Therefore, every region of the province will be covered.

We had our Provincial at Granby. Pascal and his team built and operated a near perfect match. What else could happens when you have good weather, cheerfulness and a good participation?

In addition to our volunteers, we have good shooters. This year, 43 Quebecois attended the Nationals. The standard team composed by Pascal, Tom, Miguel and Jean-Philippe won the match for a second year in a row. Jean-Philippe gave an impressive performance by winning this match. The Classic team composed by Steve, Antoine, Roger and Simon finished in second place. Also, the province supported a Junior team. Although they are new in the sport, Catherine, Alex and Marie-Ève represented our section really well. In the name of all the shooters in the province who had the chance to participate in that match, I will like to thank our New-Brunswick friends.

Our sport works with the efforts of volunteers. I have hundreds of people to thank for the province's success. I just want to mention the exceptional work of three people. Pascal for NROI Section Coordinator and Match Director for the Provincial, Walter for the treasury and Tom for the website. THANK YOU !

Simon Gerbeau

Interim Section Coordinator



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Bonjour amis tireurs.

Je voudrais commencer en remerciant Mario Kolethras pour ses cinq années au poste de coordinateur de section du Québec. Son implication et son travail ont permis à la province de connaître une croissance remarquable.

Le calendrier de compétitions a été très chargé. En tout, plus d'une trentaine de matchs se sont déroulés dans les douze clubs pouvant accueillir notre sport. La participation est excellente et les bénévoles qui construisent ces matchs font un travail digne de mention.

Les formations demeurent une priorité. Un cours de Range Officer a été donné à Montréal en mars. Ces nouveaux officiels se sont déjà fait remarquer par leur implication et leurs aptitudes à veiller à la sécurité.

Les cours de Black Badge sont aussi très populaires. Pour une troisième année consécutive, nous allons avoir plus de cent nouveaux tireurs. L'équipe d'instructeurs sera bientôt agrandie car deux de nos membres sont sur le point de terminer leur formation. Ainsi, des cours seront disponibles dans toutes les régions du Québec.

Notre Provincial s'est déroulé à Granby. Pascal et son équipe on construit et géré un match qui frôlait la perfection. La météo, la participation et la bonne humeur était au rendez-vous.

En plus d'avoir de bons bénévoles, on a des bons tireurs. Cette année, 43 Québécois ont participés au National. L'équipe Standard composé de Pascal, Tom, Miguel et Jean-Philippe a remporté les honneurs pour la deuxième année consécutive. Ce Jean-Philippe a donné toute qu'une performance en remportant cette compétition. L'équipe Classic composé de Steve, Antoine, Roger et Simon a terminé en deuxième place. De plus, la province a supporté une équipe de Junior. Bien que nouveau dans le sport, Catherine, Alex et Marie-Ève ont bien représenté notre section. Au nom de tous les tireurs qui ont eu la chance de participer à ce match, je tiens à remercier nos amis Néo-Brunswickois.

Notre sport fonctionne grâce au travail de ses bénévoles. J'ai des centaines de gens à remercier pour le succès de notre province. Cependant, je me dois de mentionner trois personnes. Pascal comme représentant du NROI de la section et comme directeur de match pour notre provincial, Walter aux finances et Tom pour le site Web. MERCI !

Simon Gerbeau

Coordinateur de section par interim



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Greeting fellow members of IPSC Canada.

I would like to first start off by congratulating our Canadian National Champions at this years National Championships held in Dalhousie New Brunswick. I was extremely pleased and thoroughly impressed with the quality of the match, the courses of fire were well designed and constructed and issued great challenges for the competitors. Everything leading right up to and including the banquet was very well done and I would like to offer a sincere thank you to the 2013 Nationals match committee, all volunteers, match officials, sponsors, and all of the competitors for coming to our beautiful Province and we hope you enjoyed your hospitality while you were here. To summarize, I would have to say that the 2013 IPSC Canada Nationals was a success, thanks to all of those who took the time out of their busy lives to make it happen. I believe it exceeded many members' expectations, it truly was a great experience. I suspect there will be even more people coming to NB in the future for the Summer Slam matches as the Nationals may only be the prelude of matches to come in Eastern Canada. Thank you everyone!

We recently had our Provincial Championships on the weekend of September 14-15 held at the Hampton Rifle and Pistol Club Inc., range in Bloomfield N.B. Competitors maneuvered their way through seventeen (17) courses of fire, and fired over three hundred minimum rounds. We have new Provincial Champions in all divisions for 2013 with George McKillop winning the Open title, Moe Hepworth in Production, Jody Waring in Standard, Craig Fearon in Classic, and John Stamp in Revolver. Nick Andersen was High Overall Junior, Diane Gould High Lady, Jon Gould High Senior, and John Griffin was high overall Super Senior. The match was very well attended with some of our friends from N.S present and it was a very exciting and challenging match with excellent stages that tested us thoroughly. Again, another great season with a great match in Dalhousie as always, and our Provincials which in turn are always a great match as well. On October 5/13 we will be having a Level II match where we will be recognizing Classic Division in hopes of growing the division in NB, whereas this will be an opportunity for shooters who normally compete solely in their primary divisions to try something else. The match will be held at the Hampton Club where our Provincials were held. Match director is yours truly, and competitors should expect to fire around two hundred (200) rounds in one day.



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I am honoured that the membership of IPSC New Brunswick has chosen me to stay on another term as Section Coordinator, so my plans of improving our Section in 2014 are already underway. I offer my sincerest of thanks to the members of IPSC-NB for showing their support and confidence in me. Thank you very much, merci beau coup.

Membership surpassed last years numbers and we finish the year with 115 members. Retention is always an issue, so I am hopeful that we will be able to get past members back, and continue to grow. My goal for 2014 is to again increase our membership, encourage more training for Range Officials and offer more mentoring of new shooters and juniors. Being active in our sport can be very tiring, but it is extremely rewarding. Some of my best friends are shooters, and some of the people I hold in the highest regard are or were past IPSC competitors. I would like to tip my hat to all of those hardworking people who dedicate so much of their time and hard work to our sport which in turn helps us all come together and enjoy this pastime we all hold dear. Until next time, I wish you all well, and I am yours in shooting,

Jody Waring

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Greetings.

IPSC Nova Scotia is active and busy. This year, we held one RO Course adding an additional 12 ROs to our ranks & a few black badge courses. Our members maintains the same level under 100. We held 14 Level 2 matches & many level 1 matches. Our provincials had decent attendance, with 50 competitors from the East coast participating. We believe the drop in participation was due to the fact that we scheduled it late in August this year instead of July, so next year - we'll be moving it back to July.

Next year's schedule will again offer the same number of matches & training. We'll probably devote more focus into growing our sport into new clubs and possible getting back to old clubs where we have left.

Have a great winter.

Sean.

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Newfoundland

Greetings All,

This has been a busy year for IPSC-NL. The Section Executive has been focusing on expanding the sport in the province as well as making matches more complex and exciting.

Historically, IPSC-NL has been operating as single group in St. John's. Now, we also have active groups in Gander and Labrador City. We have moved from a single Black Badge course per year to multiple courses with multiple instructors. In addition, we have completed the first locally run Range Officer Course.

We have invested funds in improving our props in order to offer more exciting matches. Our Provincial Competition this year was a 14 stage, 255 round match.

There is an excitement in the air and an expectation of growth in the province. We are looking forward to the next shooting season.

Regards,
Don Chafe
Section Coordinator
IPSC-NL