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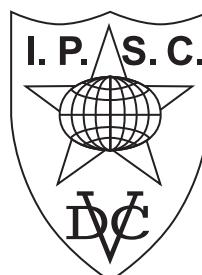
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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings! It's a very busy year for IPSC Canada. This year, we send our largest contingent ever to the World Shoot, & the General Assembly will update our rule book. At the same time, we need to update our constitution while again growing and maintaining the biggest and most active pistol shooting sport in Canada.

The World Shoot. 71 members of IPSC Canada will shoot in the World Shoot in Florida this fall. There will be 4 divisional teams and 3 senior divisional teams in the mix. Representing us in Standard will be Mike Burrell, JP Drolet, Scott Penner and Mike Dame. In Open, Don Chang, Alex Szakacs, Robert Elliot and Chris Yang. In Production; Nick King, Ryan Cady, Eugene Kuleshov and James Smith and in Classic; Ivan Runions, Jamieson Ross, Kelly Wisoley and Massimo Novati. We will be finalizing the Senior teams for Standard, Production and Open shortly after this Diligentia goes to press. This is the biggest contingent of Canadians to ever attend a World Shoot and the logistics have been quite daunting, but we're working through it quite well - thank heavens for email!

The General Assembly. In Florida this year, the General Assembly (All the regions of IPSC) will vote on rule updates for our rule book. Earlier this year, The NEC collected all the rules that we would like to see updated and submitted them to IPSC for consideration. It was a smooth process, with all sections participating. Hopefully, IPSC's rules committees will see how important we think the updates are and we'll be voting with the rest of the General Assembly to accept them this fall.

Our Constitution. Industry Canada's laws have changed and required us to make some minor updates to our constitution. You can see it at <http://www.extremeshooting.ca/documents/ipsccanadaconstitution2014.pdf>

We will be voting the new constitution in at the Annual General Meeting on the 30th of July at the Nationals in Pitt Meadows.

Last year, we exceeded 2300 members, we continue to grow, we continue to have more matches (most sold out) and we continue to thrive. I'll give you a more detailed update in the fall issue of Diligentia, until then - good shooting!

Sean Hansen

Regional Director, IPSC Canada.



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NATIONAL RANGE OFFICERS INSTITUTE CANADA REPORT

Hello all & welcome to 2014! Hope you are all enjoying the 2012 edition of the IPSC rule book, because as you may know a new rule book will be coming out either late this year or early 2015. Together with the help of Sean & the NEC, Canada has come up with a list of changes and clarification to take to the rules committee. We have our fingers crossed to see most or all of our suggestions implemented and accepted by the world body.

Now for an update on the rollout of the Range Master maintenance policy: Regretfully I have not had the time to roll it out all across the country. I have however been able to roll it out in several provinces as a trial / evaluation. I am thrilled to report that it has proved very successful in every province in the initial trial. Most people see the logic in having our top officials remain active and current. In the past it was taken for granted that once you reached the rank of RM, you had learned everything there was to learn. Just like our shooting skills, the skill of being a knowledgeable and efficient RM requires constant practice and the desire to be the best you can be. This is what we should expect from all of our range officials, even more so from our senior officials.

I would like to pass along a special "Thank You" to Chris Kingston & George Theriault for taking care of a bunch of RO & CRO courses in Atlantic Canada, and for their constant stream of good ideas, suggestions, and support.

Finally, Congratulations to Todd Ondrik, Ralph Sanford, and Kelly Wisoley who have all been granted an upgrade to provisional Range Master Status. Please join me in wishing them the best of luck with their new positions.

Good luck to all of our teams going to the World Shoot this year, and congratulations to all of the NROI Canada officials who were chosen to work the match. I am sure they will all make Canada proud!

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Clint "Bam Bam" Milburn
President, NROI Canada



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Once again we have begun another fun filled year of shooting in Sunny BC! This year's matches have started a little slower than normal, due in large part to one of our main clubs being focused on hosting the 2014 Canadian National Championship. That being said, BC is still on track to host at least 24 qualifiers this year, culminating in a full 3 day provincial championship. This year the IPSCBC Provincial championship will be held in Kelowna over the Labor Day long weekend. By time this report is printed, I'm pretty sure the registration and match copy will available on our website. If you're interested, please register early, as there will be a cap to the amount of shooters they can take.

Speaking of capping matches and sellouts; BC's most resent issue is too many shooters and not enough matches. Who would have ever thought we would get to this point? Everyone I talk to is interested in growing the sport, growing the sport, and repeat! Well, I think we have almost out grown our capacity for shooters when compared to the number of matches. Without a new influx of match directors and people who truly wish to help out putting on matches, we have arrived at the point where we are getting so many new students that they are getting frustrated at not being able to get into a match right away. So, at this point I will get up on my soap box and take this opportunity to appeal to anyone and everyone in BC interested in putting on Level II matches to please step up and help out! The current group of MD's and driven shooters is close to "burnout" and without an influx of new blood and energy, frustration and disappointment is going to set in for new shooters wishing to take their new "Black Badge" for a test drive. Yelling for "help" at the top of my lungs has had little effect, so if you have ideas, please let us know!

Now for a quick update on the upcoming 2014 Canadian National Championships being held at Thompson Mountain Sportsman's Association (TMSA) in Pitt Meadows BC. As a small piece of trivia, does anyone know where & when the first IPSC Canadian National Championship was held? If you are buying one of the Nationals Match Jerseys, all you have to do is look on the sleeve for the answer! The jersey sleeves list all of the years, starting with the first one ever held, that TMSA hosted the Canadian nationals! 1978 was the first Canadian National Championships ever and the sleeves list all 9 other years it was held at TMSA. So if you are coming, don't forget to order this historical salute to IPSC in Canada.

I look forward to seeing you all in Vancouver at the end of July.

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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.

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Jim Pshyk
Section Coordinator
IPSC Alberta



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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 lead 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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A Very Busy Year in Ontario

Matches:

As of today, we have completed 37 Level 1 handgun matches, 3 Level 1 shotgun matches, and 12 Level 2 handgun matches.

There are 2 Level 3 handgun matches on the calendar, and there is the potential for at least 2 more if things go according to plan.

The Ontario Shotgun Provincials is scheduled for August. Interest in IPSC shotgun is definitely growing in the Section. With Karl at the helm again, it should be a fantastic match.

Aside from the 54 matches already in the bag, there are currently about 50 more on the calendar. That's over 100 already completed and/or scheduled, and the outdoor shooting season has just begun. We are on track to break last year's record of 135 sanctioned matches.

Courses:

As of this weekend (May 24) 10 Black Badge courses have been completed. That is close to ninety new shooters to join the ranks.

We have completed 3 Range Officer courses, and we have scheduled 1 more on the weekend of June 7th. So far, we have trained and certified 50 new Range Officers in 2014. That brings our total "current" officials to 213. We may need to drag some out of retirement.

Match Support:

We now have a Director with a Match Support portfolio. One of our main objectives is to improve the quantity and the quality of Ontario matches.

Our website currently lists 33 IPSC affiliated clubs. Our Club Reps' meeting was a great opportunity for clubs to share lots of great information about planning, building, and running matches.

Our on-line match system is in full swing. It is a fully automated match setup, notification, registration, and results system. It is very slick. In fact, it is becoming common to see match results posted on-line while you drive home from the match. Our member classifications and provincial Rankings are also online.

We will be developing an on-line RO points system too. Eventually we will do away with the RO cards entirely. With 1 click, a Match Director could "sign-off" on match officials' points. I cannot wait to see it.

Our on-line Members' Forum is becoming more popular and has 1045 members



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in total (we have opened it up to some non-Ontario members).

If your Section is interested in taking advantage of some of the on-line features and services, have your Section Coordinator contact me at president@ipsc-ont.org.

Provincial Championship Match:

Our Provincials will be at the Sharon Gun Club in beautiful Sharon Ontario, just east of Newmarket.

We used a new registration system this year. From the Match webpage, there were several payment and registration options including instant credit card sign-up, standard on-line registration form and EMT, or a good old-fashioned printable form and cheque in the snail-mail. It has filled up very fast.

Leadership & Governance:

A new IPSC Ontario Board of Directors took office in January, replacing 4 out of 5 Directors. (2 Directors resigned midterm). The new additions bring well over 80 years of collective IPSC experience. In various combinations, the 5 of us; are Range Officers and Range Masters, we are champions and average shooters, we shoot in all Divisions, 4 of us are Black Badge Instructors, and 2 of us are Range Officer Instructors. First and foremost, we are all members, and we all expect the best for IPSC Ontario.

The Board of Directors will be asking the members to pass a couple constitutional amendments this year at our AGM in the autumn. Most are minor and simply update and enhance the existing elements. We will however be asking the members to increase the size of the Board from 5 members to 7 members.

There are a few reasons for this. A great amount of knowledge, experience, and horsepower comes with 7 people. There is just too much work for 5 Directors. As well, for every Director we lose in midterm (and there always seems to be some) we lose 20% of our management capacity. That is a huge hit and could easily knock out a Board's ability to manage, especially if we lose 2 or more. The other reason is, with only 5 members, it is too easy for 3 people to take control and dominate a Board. With 7 members, it would take 4 people of a like mind to do so.

It is an exciting time for IPSC Ontario. We are growing. We are communicating. We are automating. Most importantly, we are shooting.

See you on the range.

Michael Galin DVC
IPSC Ontario Section Coordinator



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Hello fellow shooters,

IPSC is still very healthy in the marvellous Province of Québec.

The year 2014 started with another success at the Montreal Shooting Club. More than an hundred shooters attended the MIC 2014. Once again, the stage designers and builders offered us challenging and fun stages.

We continue to grow. Three new ranges, St-Tite, Rivière-du-Loup and Sartigan will host their first IPSC match this summer. To increase our offering in training, Simon Lavoie joined the Black Badge Instructor group. We also had two RO course and planning a third one this fall.

Last year, during the Club Rep meeting many decisions were voted. One was about the classification system. Starting January 2015, we will use the Ontario Classification System. It seems to us that the OCS is simple, fair and give a good evaluation of the performance.

The 2014 Quebec Provincials will be held at Valcartier Military Base near Québec City. It will be a level 3 match with 12 stages. The shooting will take place August 29th to 31st.

Simon Gerbeau



Bonjour amis tireurs,

L'IPSC continue d'aller très bien dans la belle province de Québec.

L'année 2014 a débutée en force au Club de Tir de Montréal. Plus d'une centaine de tireurs ont participé au CIM 2014. Encore une fois les dessinateurs de stages et les constructeurs nous ont offert des stages difficiles et intéressants.

Notre expansion continue. Les Clubs de St-Tite, Sartigan et Rivière-du-Loup feront leur premier match d'IPSC cet été. Pour augmenter les possibilités de cours, Simon Lavoie a complété sa formation d'instructeur de Black Badge. Nous avons eu deux formations de Range Officer et en prévoyons une troisième cette automne.

Lors de la dernière réunion des représentants de club, plusieurs décisions ont été prises. L'une d'elles concerne le système de classification. À partir de janvier 2015, nous adopterons le système de classification ontarien. Nous croyons que le OCS est simple, juste et donne une bonne évaluation des performances.

Le Provincial du Québec 2014 aura lieu sur la base militaire de Valcartier près de Québec. Il s'agira d'un match niveau 3 de 12 stages que l'on pourra tirer du 29 au 31 aout.

Simon Gerbeau



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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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This are pretty much the same here in Nova Scotia. Level 2s every month with good turnout. A new class of ROs graduated this spring. Black Badge coruses producing plenty of shooters. Our provincials are this August and planned to be a Level 3 this August 23/24. If you're going to be in the Maritimes, I recommend you attend. It will be approx 18 stages, 300 rounds with lots of fun, comraderie and competiton.

Hope to see you on the range this summer.

Sean Hansen
Section Coordinato, IPSC Nova Scotia.

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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