

# **New Ontario Shooters Association**

## **Thunder Bay, Ontario**

### **Some Highlights From NOSA s History**

The "New" in our name relates to the once popular term of New Ontario for this portion of the province.

Our shooting club started in 1909 as the New Ontario Rifle Association, a rifle long range target shooting club, and incorporated several other local clubs over the years as we expanded our interests to other types of rifle and pistol target shooting.

The club has operated continuously since 1909 except for brief pauses to fight two world wars.

Gathered together in this PDF file are some excerpts from newspaper articles published in the Daily Times Journal in 1911. These were kindly obtained by Shauna Kosoris from the archives of Thunder Bay Public Library.

We realize that these old newspaper articles are a bit difficult to read, but they do preserve some of the flavour of shooting sports as they were practiced in our very early years.

Later here are some Northwestern Ontario Rifle Association (N.O.R.A.) newsletters from June 1987. These were obtained thanks to Gerry Kosoris.

Who knows, the club may change its name in the future when phasers are added to our repertoire ;-)





# New Ontario Rifle Association

## Plan Big Program For Next Week

Commencing Monday, August 7, and continuing for four days the first annual prize meeting of the New Ontario District Rifle Association will be held on the rifle range in Fort William. The entries for this event promise to be large and a lengthy program, including shooting from 200 to 1000 yards, has been arranged. Member coming from outside points will be allowed special rates on the railways and it is expected that there will be representatives present from Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver, and other western points in addition to those from Rain River, Kenora, Fort Frances, Schreiber, White River and other points in the district.

The following is the program:—

### NOTICE TO COMPETITORS.

1. Competitors must make themselves acquainted with the regulations, also with the conditions of any match for which they have entered, as in neither case will the plea of ignorance be entertained.

2. Competitors must refer to the Notice Board morning and afternoon, to ascertain orders issued altering the original details of shooting, or affecting them seriously.

3. Competitors must, when at the firing point, comply with all orders given by the Range Officer on duty.

4. The Council will use their best endeavors to secure telephonic communication with the butt, but they will not be answerable for the result of any breakdown in the arrangements, whether of a temporary or a permanent nature. Such occurrences must not be allowed to interrupt the shooting, nor will it be admitted as a claim on the part of a competitor to any indulgence.

5. Entries for all regular competitions and Aggregates will close on Monday, the 7th August.

6. Post Entries may be accepted at the option of the Match Committee. The privilege of Post Entries will be withdrawn as soon as the target accommodation allotted for each competition is absorbed, and whenever else the Match Committee may determine. Post Entries will be charged an additional per cent.

7. Competitors' Meeting will be held in the general dining room of the Competitors' Building on the Range, on Wednesday evening, 2nd August, at 8 o'clock, or at such other time and place as may be determined.

8. Entries to be made on specified form with the Secretary, W. H. Adams. The Secretary will be in his office Friday and Saturday evenings, August 4th and 5th, from 8 to 10 o'clock, and Saturday afternoon for the purpose of receiving entries.

### OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION.

Honorary Patron

SIR WILLIAM WHYTE, VICE PRES. C. P. R.

Third .....	5.00
Fourth .....	5.00
Two Prizes of .....	3.50—\$ 7.00
Three Prizes of .....	2.50— 7.50
Ten Prizes of .....	2.00— 20.00
Fifteen Prizes of .....	1.00— 15.00
Total—Thirty-four Prizes .....	\$78.00
Ten Tyro Prizes of .....	\$1.00— 10.00

Total—Thirty-four Prizes ..... \$88.00

### SECOND EVENT.

#### Hotelkeepers' Match.

A handsome Trophy, \$100.00 and \$100.00 added the Hotelkeepers, presented by the Hotelkeepers of Fort William. This Match is open to members of the Association who are residents of the New Ontario District and will become the property of the member winning three times in succession.

### CONDITIONS.

Range—500 yards.

Position—Any with head to target.

Number of Rounds—One sighting shot and seven scores.

Entrance fee—60c.

First Prize .....	Cup and \$10.00
Second .....	8.00
Third .....	7.00
Fourth .....	6.00
Fifth .....	5.00
Three Prizes .....	4.00—\$12.00
Five Prizes .....	3.00— 15.00
Ten Prizes .....	2.00— 20.00

Total 33 Prizes ..... 10  
Ten Tyro Prizes ..... 1.00— 10

Total ..... \$103

Honorary Patron

SIR WILLIAM WHYTE, VICE PRES. C. P. R.

Patrons

COLONEL S. W. RAY, MAYOR, PORT ARTHUR.

CAPTAIN S. C. YOUNG, MAYOR, FORT WILLIAM.

MAJOR W. A. MUNROE, 90TH, WINNIPEG.

R. H. HOBSON, VICE PRES. CANADIAN STEEL CO.

JAMES WHALEN, PRES. GREAT LAKES DREDGING CO.

Honorary President

COLONEL STEELE, C.B., M.V.O., A.D.C., D.O.C. 10.

President

MAJOR E. R. WAYLAND.

Vice President

W. J. HUSTON.

Secretary

W. H. ADAMS.

Treasurer

J. W. WHITEHURST.

Council

MAJOR MUNROE, 90TH, WINNIPEG.

CAPTAIN McNIGHT, 96TH, FORT WILLIAM.

MAJOR J. A. LITTLE, 96TH, FORT WILLIAM.

LIEUT. A. M. BLACKBURN, 90TH, WINNIPEG.

J. W. WHITEHURST, F.W.R.A.

REV. HIRAM HULL, F.W.R.A.

W. J. HUSTON, F.W.R.A., CHAIRMAN.

The Council of the N.O.R.A. wish to thank the undermentioned contributors to the Prize List:—

The Corporation of the City of Fort William for the Fort William Challenge Cup.

The Kakabeka Brewing Company, Ltd., for the Kakabeka Brewing Co. Challenge Cup.

The Soo Falls Brewing Company of Sault St. Marie for Challenge Cup.

The Bankers of Fort William for \$100.00 as supporting Prize in their competition.

The Hotelkeepers for \$150.00 as supporting Prize for the Hotelkeepers' Match.

The Business Men and Citizens generally for their loyal support and co-operation in helping the officers of the Association to make the meet a great success.

## FIRST DAY.

a.m.			
8.00 to 9.00	Extra series of	200	Yards
9.00 to 10.00	Tyro Match of	200	"
10.00 to 10.30	Extra series of	200	"
10.30 to 12.00	Bankers' Match	300	"
12.00 to 1.00	Luncheon.		
p.m.			
1.00 to 1.45	Extra series at	500	Yards

Ten Tyro Prizes ..... 1.00 = 10

Total ..... \$100

## THIRD EVENT.

## Conmee Match.

A handsome Silver Cup presented by Hon. Jai Conmee, M. P., and \$100.00 added by the Business Men of Fort William. This Match is open to members who are residents of the New Ontario District and will be the property of the member winning it three times in succession.

## CONDITIONS.

Range—600 yards.

Position—Any with head to target.

Number of Rounds—One sighting and seven shots on score.

Entrance fee—60c.

First Prize ..... \$10

Second ..... 8

Fourth ..... 6

Fifth ..... 5

Three Prizes ..... \$4.00—12

Five Prizes ..... 3.00—15

Ten Prizes ..... 2.00—20

Ten Prizes ..... 1.00—10

Third ..... 7

Thirty-three Prizes ..... \$93

Ten Tyro Prizes ..... 1.00—10

Forty-three Prizes ..... \$103

## FOURTH EVENT.

## The Fort William Corporation Challenge Cup.

A handsome Sterling Silver Trophy, value \$300, to be competed for in two stages. The first stage is open to all members of the Association; the second stage open to the competitors who make the 30 highest score in the first stage. A Gold Medal will be presented to His Worship the Mayor to the highest aggregate score in the two stages; a M.R.A. Silver Medal will be presented to the highest score in the first stage.

A M. A. Bronze Medal will be presented to the Tyro making the highest aggregate score in the 1st and 2nd stages combined or in the 1st stage, provided no Tyro enters the 2nd stage, 15 Tyro prizes will be presented in the 1st stage.

## SOO FALLS EVENT.

## Cup Valued at \$150.00.

Range—600 and 700 yards.

Position—Any with head to target.

Number of rounds—One sighting shot and seven shots on score at each range.

Entrance fee—\$1.00.

First Prize ..... \$ 10.00

Second ..... 9.00

Third ..... 8.00

Fourth ..... 7.00

meet a great success.

### FIRST DAY.

a.m.			
8.00 to 9.00	Extra series of	200	Yards
9.00 to 10.00	Tryo Match of	200	"
10.00 to 10.30	Extra series of	200	"
10.30 to 12.00	Bankers' Match	300	"
12.00 to 1.00	Luncheon.		
p.m.			
1.00 to 1.45	Extra series at	500	Yards
1.45 to 3.00	Hotelkeepers' Match at	500	"
3.00 to 4.00	Extra series at	600	"
4.00 to 6.00	Commee Match at	600	"
Revolver Match 8.15 a.m. to 5 p.m. all week.			

### SECOND DAY.

a.m.			
8.00 to 9.00	Extra series at	200	Yards
9.00 to 10.30	First stage of City Corporation at	200	Yards
10.30 to 11.15	Extra series at	500	"
11.15 to 12.30	Corporation Match at	500	"
12.30 to 1.30	Luncheon.		
p.m.			
1.30 to 2.30	Extra series at	600	Yards
2.30 to 4.00	Corporation Match at	600	"
4.00 to 4.30	Practice Shots.		
4.30 to 6.00	Soo Falls at	600	"

### THIRD DAY.

a.m.			
8.00 to 9.15	Extra series at	700	Yards
9.15 to 10.45	Second stage Corporation Match at	700	"
10.45 to 12.00	Soo Falls at	700	"
12.00 to 1.00	Luncheon.		
p.m.			
1.00 to 2.00	Extra series at	1000	"
2.00 to 4.00	Kakabeka Falls at	1000	"
4.00 to 4.30	Practice Shots.		
4.30 to 6.00	Second stage Corporation	1000	"

### FOURTH DAY.

8.00 to 9.30	Extra series at	300	"
9.30 to 11.00	Kakabeka Falls at	300	"
11.00 to 12.00	Hotel Clerks' Match at	500	"
12.00 to 1.00	Luncheon.		
Afternoon	Cadets and School Boys' Match.		
	Ogilvie Cup Competition.		

### FIRST EVENT.

#### Bankers' Match.

A handsome Cup valued at \$100.00 and \$50.00 added by the Bankers of Fort William. This Cup is open for Members of the Association who are residents of the New Ontario District and will become the property of the competitor winning it three times in succession.

### CONDITIONS.

Range—200 yards.

Position—Any with head to target.

Number of Rounds—One sighting and seven shots on score.

First Prize ..... Cup and \$10.00

Second ..... 3.00

### SOO FALLS EVENT.

Cup Valued at \$150.00.

Range—600 and 700 yards.

Position—Any with head to target.

Number of rounds—One sighting shot and seven shots on score at each range.

Entrance fee—\$1.00.

First Prize ..... \$ 10.00

Second ..... 9.00

Third ..... 8.00

Fourth ..... 7.00

Fifth ..... 6.00

Five prizes of ..... \$5.00— 25.00

Ten prizes of ..... 3.00— 30.00

Ten prizes of ..... 2.00— 20.00

Thirty prizes ..... \$115.00

Forty-five prizes ..... \$130.00

\$360.00

### ALL COMERS' AGGREGATE.

City Corporation, First Stage.

Soo Falls.

Kakabeka Falls.

First Prize ..... \$10.00

Second ..... 8.00

Third ..... 7.00

Fourth ..... 6.00

Fifth ..... 5.00

Ten prizes of \$4.00 ..... 40.00

Ten prizes of \$3.00 ..... 30.00

Ten prizes of \$2.00 ..... 20.00

Thirty-five prizes of ..... \$126.00

### TYRO AGGREGATE.

Tyro Making Highest Aggregate.

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Hotelkeepers.

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First Stage City Corporation and Soo Falls Competition

First prize ..... \$ 5.00

Second ..... 4.00

Ten prizes of \$2.00 ..... 20.00

Twenty prizes of \$1.00 ..... 20.00

\$49.00

### FOURTH EVENT.

First Stage 200, 500 and 600 Yards.

Kakabeka Cup.

Value \$300.00, presented by Kakabeka Brewing Co.

Range—300 and 1000 yards.

First prize ..... \$ 10.00

Second ..... 9.00

Third ..... 8.00

Fourth ..... 7.00

Fifth ..... 6.00

Five prizes of \$50.00 ..... 25.00

Five prizes of \$4.00 ..... 20.00

Ten prizes of \$3.00 ..... 30.00

Twenty prizes of \$1.50 ..... 30.00

Fifteen Tyros of \$1.00 ..... 15.00

\$150.00

# 1911 The Daily Times

TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SECTION ONE

PORT WILLIAM, ONT., FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

## RIFLEMEN CONCLUDE THEIR SHOOT WITH TRIP AROUND HARBOR

**Presentation of Prizes by Major  
Wayland the Principal Feature—  
Speeches by Rev. Hiram Hull and  
And Other Prominent Members of  
The Club**

Perhaps the most satisfactory thing in connection with this week's rifle has been the chorus of praise that was forthcoming from the visitors to the city, for each and every one of them have spoken in the highest terms of the efforts of the executive of the rifle association to make their stay here a successful and memorable one. And last night while the presentation of prizes was taking place on board the Hibernia—which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by James Whalen, and provided the guests with refreshments—every recipient of prizes declared that the way they had been received and treated would be made known to all the shooters throughout the year, and they would bring all their comrades with them to the next year's meet.

There was a jolly crowd to make the trip round the bay last night, most of the visitors being aboard the yacht, and the time was spent in a very merry manner. At the presentation of prizes Major E. R. Wayland officiated, and handed each winner his prize with words appreciative of the worth of the marksmen. The following is the prize list:

**Bankers' Cup**—W. J. Huston.  
**Masterkeepers' Cup**—Rev. Hiram Hull.  
**Cannock Cup**—W. J. Huston.  
**Corporation Bowl and Gold Medal**—Pte. J. A. Auld, 90th regiment, Winnipeg.  
**Corporation Silver Medal**—Pte. H. Auld, 90th regiment, Winnipeg.  
**Corporation Bronze Medal**—Corp. G. Nicholas, 94th regiment, Port William.  
**Sea Falls Cup**—Pte. H. Auld, 90th regiment, Winnipeg.  
**Kakabeka Falls Cup**—Sergeant F. B. Oliver, 90th regiment, Port Arthur.

### GRAND AGGREGATE.

**1st Prize Cup**—Rev. Hiram Hull.  
**2nd Prize Cup**—Corp. G. Nicholas.  
**3rd Prize Cup**—W. J. Huston.  
**4th Prize Cup**—A. G. Porraut.  
**5th Prize Cup**—Sergeant F. B. Oliver.  
**All Camers Aggregate**—Pte. H. Auld, 90th regiment.  
**President's Prize**—Corp. J. F. Andrews, 90th regiment.  
**Vice President's Prize**—Pte. H. Auld, 90th regiment.

been presented by the New Ontario Rifle Association. It only showed what could be done with energy and good management, and the men who had stuck to the association had been successful beyond their own hopes. What had motivated against them this year was the lateness with which the program had been got out, but next year it would be ready two months before the meet so that those from other parts would be able to have a thorough idea of what competitions they could enter. The meeting had been astonishingly successful, and there had not been a kick registered, which was remarkable under the circumstances of an initial meet. He hoped the men who had come from the west would give the rifle a good boost, and then they would not grudge them the prizes they had won.

The Rev. Hiram Hull said that it was a pleasure to associate himself with such clean and clear eyed sportsmen as he saw around. He was a friend of good clean sport, and he looked upon clean rifle shooting as the best sport in the world. They were in the open air, not battered and knocked around in any rough game; there was no chance to hurt a friend or wound an enemy, and every man tried to better himself every time he shot. He had wanted to be a good rifle shot, and in gaining the grand aggregate he was pleased, but at the same time he had the surprise of his life. The reverend gentleman paid tribute to Secretary Treasurer Adams, whom he considered the hardest worked member of the association, though he had been well seconded by Huston, Whitehurst and Hurdon. He complimented the western men on their good sporting spirit, and for their anger was only in the making, and they had come prepared to take things as they found them. The meet had proved of greater consequence than they expected, but he could assure them a more royal reception next year if they would only come back.

Thanks to James Whalen.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Whalen for the trip and his substantial contribution was passed with acclamation, coupling the name of Captain Whalen.

## The Washout at Schreiber



The dump at Schreiber on the C. P. R. just a few minutes after the water began to wash through under the track. The dump is 85 feet in height. Schreiber churches show in the background. The culvert under this dump was not large enough to carry the water, the creek coming through there being so swollen by the heavy rain.

## DEATH OF R. M. HAMILTON WILL SEVER MANY OLD FRIENDSHIPS

**Funeral Will be Held From  
Home of His Nephew in  
Toronto Next Monday**

Many close friendships will be severed through the death of R. M. Hamilton, whose demise was announced in yesterday's Times-Ontario, having taken place during that gentleman's visit to the association east. Later information confirmed the fact that the old citizen died very suddenly at Buckles Beach, Prince Edward Island, C. W. Jarvis of law, Street & Co., being in a vacation with him at the time. The funeral will be held at Toronto from the home of John Miles, a nephew, of 40 Jackson street, Monday afternoon.

It was in 1887 that the deceased gentleman came to Port Arthur from Toronto, he has since that time lived in the city, and has been a resident of the city ever since. He was in the dry goods business with a partner of the same name but no relation, and after his connection with the firm the gentleman removed his residence to Port William after engaging in several other individual trades in Port Arthur.

As a citizen Mr. Hamilton was not very well liked and respected. In the young man who he was, he was not at all other than a most excellent one, and his death will be a loss to the city. His funeral will be held at 4 p.m. as a special holding, and he is believed to be the cause of many a philanthropic endeavor in the

**MORE HARVESTERS.**  
TORONTO, Aug. 11.—Between 2500 and 2600 Ontario farm laborers will leave the Union and West Toronto stations Saturday on the second large harvesters' excursion for the west.

## VICTIMS OF UNLOADED REVOLVER

**Bullet Entered the Leg of Man  
Opening an Artery—Buried  
Near Nipigon**

Another victim of an "unloaded" revolver has just been interred in an unofficial graveyard near a construction hospital on the T. C. R. some 1000 Nipigon.

The shooting occurred several weeks ago in the construction camp of D. W. Murray & Sons. During the evening the men had been playing with a revolver, shooting into the air and at targets. It was thought the chamber had been emptied but it proved that the trigger had caught. One of the men, M. T. M., by name, snatched it suddenly at several of his fellow

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TO: THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOC.( INC?)

DATED: 3/06/87

FROM: Richard Staples

N.O.R.A. July Rifle Match Co-ordinator 1985 & 1986

SUBJECT: The Plans for a July 1987 Match

#### Introduction:

After 2 years of a well attended and well contested July Mt.McKay Fullbore Match competition, this club has the opportunity to have a 3rd Annual Match together with our friends from the M.P.R.A..This year this Club might consider a " Commonwealth Commemorative " Match theme which would, I think, be well received by the members of the City's Commonwealth 1994 Games committee as they entertain Games officials over the summer here at the Lakehead .

I'm optimistic that Mr. Jim Rapino and his committee might be able to give our club some encouragement in undertaking a rifle match following the "Queen's Prize" Commonwealth Games format. The 1966 Commonwealth Games Match could be duplicated for the most part on our 500 yard range this year if this Club decides as a group to host another match with the M.P.R.A. and the Prairie Region Army Cadet Rifle Course members as participants with N.O.R.A. competitors.

( NOTE: At their June 10th meeting, the Games Bid Committee did give their approval to the idea of a " COMMONWEALTH COMMEMORATIVE MATCH " theme for our July 18-19th match. )

#### DISCUSSION:

HERE ARE THE STEPS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THIS CLUB TO HOST A 1987 "COMMONWEALTH COMMEMORATIVE" OR " WHATEVER NAME YOU WANT" FULLBORE MATCH:

ORGANIZATION OF WAYS AND MEANS MATCH COMMITTEE WITH A MATCH DIRECTOR  
Overall Administration of Match from Start to Finish: 4-5 members  
MATCH DIRECTOR: Bob Hammond with ????

PRIZE COMMITTEE: Gathering and Presentation of Prizes  
Gerry Kosoris with ???

STATISTICS: Overall match registration, match cards compilation and posting of official match scores at the match; judicial review of any match disputes by competitors: Mikadon Computing

RANGE SECURITY: Sentry postings and direction of spectator/competitor traffic on the range- for confirmation L.S.S.R. 2511 R.C.A.C.

TARGET BUTT CREW: Staffing and direction for 3000 shots in a 2 day match; L.S.S.R. 2511 R.C.A.C.

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CREW: A consistent well directed group to monitor

the match and run the range according to the range standing orders;  
Chairman: ???? Range Officers: Saturday= ???  
Range Officers: Sunday= ???

SANITATION SITES: How to have the toilet" appear and disappear" at  
Mt.Mckay Range.

CANTEEN: Prior bookings, locating and re-locating canteen on the range  
Gerry Kosoris

TRANSPORT: Target frames( 10) delivery and retrieval; range bus and  
first aid station/ emergency evacuation: George and Steve

AMMUNITION ISSUE TO ALL CONTESTANTS: SECURITY AND RETREIVAL OF BRASS  
George

RANGE SUPPLIES : 6 windflags ; red/green firing/non-firing flags;  
range boundary warnings; target pasters and repairs, communications  
net for sentry points and firing point/ butts; helmets butt party;  
refreshments for target group/markers: Steve and ????

RECEPTIONS: FRIDAY REGISTRATION: Gerry Kosoris  
SATURDAY MATCH REVIEW:  
SUNDAY SEND-OFF AT PRIZE MEETING:

ACCOMMODATIONS AT CONFEDERATION COLLEGE RESIDENCE: Richard Staples

REGISTRATION: pre-match and day of match registration and collection  
of D.C.R.A./ M.P.R.A./ N.O.R.A. fees PRIOR TO MATCH  
Late or Post Entries Penalty Assessment

PUBLICITY: RADIO/TELEVISION/NEWSPAPER/MERCHANTS  
Rick Jason and Richard Staples

PRIZE AWARDING CEREMONIES AND V.I.P. RECEPTION  
Rick Jason, Richard Staples, and ???

RANGE COMMUNICATIONS: P.A. System, CB net : Moe  
Field telephone emergency back-up: R.Staples

SUMMARY: THESE ARE THE FUNCTIONS CARRIED OUT BY YOUR MATCH COMMITTEE  
AND ITS SUPPORTERS OVER THE LAST TWO ANNUAL MATCHES. IF THESE AREAS  
CAN BE SUPPORTED THROUGHOUT THIS CLUB WE COULD HAVE ANOTHER MATCH THIS  
YEAR. IT'S UP TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE TO DECIDE IF THEY CAN GIVE IT  
THE TIME AND EFFORT THAT IT NEEDS IN ORDER TO HAVE A SAFE AND  
ENJOYABLE MATCH HERE AT THE LAKEHEAD.

ADDENDUM JUNE 10TH,1987: THIS PLAN WAS ADOPTED AT OUR MEETING AT THE  
PORT ARTHUR ARMOURY ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 3RD. THE "COMMONWEALTH  
COMMEMORATIVE" THEME WAS PRESENTED TO THE 1994 COMMONWEALTH GAMES  
COMMITTEE AT ITS CONFEDERATION COLLEGE MEETING ON JUNE 10TH AND  
APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE GAMES BID COMMITTEE.

## MEMO REPORT

TO: THE 1994 COMMONWEALTH GAMES BID COMMITTEE  
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY

DATED: 10/06/87

FROM: THE NEW(NORTHWESTERN) ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 1071; POSTAL STN. F,  
THUNDER BAY ONT. P7C 4X8. tel: 622-0809

SUBJECT: A PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION- " COMMONWEALTH COMMEMORATIVE"  
A TARGET RIFLE MATCH AT THE MT.MCKAY DND RANGE: JULY 18 & 19TH  
1987

### INTRODUCTION:

For the past two summers, our target rifle club has held a well attended Bisley type match during the 3rd weekend in July. Summaries of the 1985 and 1986 matches are attached for your review. We are going to hold another competition this year on the weekend of July 18th and 19th. The shooting teams from the Manitoba Provincial Rifle Association Inc. are practising at their St.Charles 1000 yard range headquarters in Winnipeg so that they can visit us again this year.

### DISCUSSION:

THE "COMMONWEALTH COMMEMORATIVE" THEME : 1911-1966-1987 TO 1994

Our "Lakehead Bisley" has a total field of 27 to 30 match participants at our events, with Lakehead and Winnipeg based competitors and about 100 spectators. We can see that, "in 1966 Commonwealth Games terms," there are about the same number of shooters in this Thunder Bay Competition as there were Games contestants in the .303 target rifle match at Jamaica's mid 1960's Commonwealth Games.

In "1994 terms", Mikadon Computing will be doing a " state of the art" computer tabulation of the 1987 results while the match is in progress. This proven computer program was successful last year. The Winnipeg based competitors will be staying at local hotels and the College residence. Local merchants support our competition with trophies for the match events. There is a " Western Gateway Challengers" Trophy and the "Mikadon Cup". Our programme features events which were revived in 1985 following the original 1911 Lakehead match format.

The origins of the Commonwealth Games are in the 1911 Coronation Festival in London in which the Canadian Team gained first place. During that same year, 76 years ago, the first Lakehead Bisley match occurred. In the Lakehead's early 20th Century, the Mt.McKay Range was 1000 yards in length. In 1911 and 1912, Canadians came from across this country to compete in fullbore target rifle here in Thunder Bay.

We could commemorate the anniversary of the 1911 origins of the Commonwealth Games and the 1911 Lakehead Bisley in this 1987 target rifle match.

With your co-operation, we would like to show this community how our Lakehead setting is a very suitable one for the proposed 1994 Games's 10 shooting events.

#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We would like to determine if this 1994 Commonwealth Games Bid Committee would welcome involvement in our July 1987 match event for these reasons:

1. To demonstrate that fullbore rifle shooting facilities have enjoyed support at the Lakehead since the 1911 origins of the Games, and that there is an active 1987 volunteer base in the community for such TR events. The 1911 legacy of sharpshooting contests here at the Lakehead is why the New Ontario Rifle Association exists today.
2. To acquaint the local community, potential supporters of the 1994 Games Bid, and the Bid Review Committee visiting the Lakehead, with fullbore target rifle match competition here at Thunder Bay in the crucial summer of 1987 bid contest time;
3. To present media interviews with past competitors in Commonwealth Games competitions and/or international rifle match competitions such as occur annually at Bisley England; these competitors are part of the Winnipeg delegation that has visited us in 1985 and 1986; we are optimistic that they would co-operate.
4. To employ this annual fullbore rifle match as a promotional vehicle for Games Bid publicity and media opportunities which together can add to the Games Bid support and the community fundraising promotions.

#### SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

That the 1994 Commonwealth Games Bid Committee receive a representative of our 1987 July Match Committee to discuss the above points and to determine what actions can be taken to carry out these mutually beneficial objectives. Our Match Chairman is Bob Hammond and our Rifle Club President is Rick Jason.

We expect that you will give this proposal your immediate attention. Together we can achieve a promotion that will elevate and enhance the Games Bid profile as well as to provide a well contested event in the "Commonwealth Commemorative " 1911-1987 context.

## ZERO TARGET

A N.O.R.A. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DATED: JUNE 12TH '87

This newsletter is being created so that N.O.R.A. members and interested local shooters and supporters can know " what's happening or not happening " at the Mt.McKay range. Your volunteer editor assumes no responsibility for the articles or content other than it will be his "best shot" in a busy day. This paper is also usable as a "zero target" so you can " shoot back"...Now for the "N.O.R.A. NEWS":

RANGE SCHEDULE: Jim Doherty and Gerry Kosoris have negotiated it through channels: T.Bay-Winnipeg-Ottawa-Winnipeg-T.Bay= 30 range bookings practically every Wednesday and Sunday from now until the end of August. Again this year, it will FREE TO N.O.R.A. AS A D.C.R.A./M.P.R.A. bonafide fullbore rifle match club. WE'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE 1984...

IN ORDER TO USE THIS 90 OR MORE HOURS OF RANGE TIME WE WILL HAVE TO ANSWER AS A CLUB THESE QUESTIONS:

WHO'S PICKING UP THE RANGE KEY??? WHO'S TAKING IT BACK ???  
WHO'S SETTING UP THE BUTTS WITH TARGETS? WHO'S TAKING THE TARGETS HOME? WHO IS TONIGHT'S RANGE OFFICER( 2 DAYS A WEEK WED. SUNDAY)  
WHO'S MARKING THE TARGETS IN THE NEXT RELAY? WHO ARE GOING TO BE THE SENTRIES? WHO'S ISSUING THE AMMUNITION AND COLLECTING THE BRASS?

EVERY PRACTICE OR MATCH DOES REQUIRE THESE ROUTINES. WHAT SHOULD BE each N.O.R.A. member's " fair share" because we're all "here to shoot" in a safe stress free recreation and do our share of the work unless there's some other option you know will work.

IT IS REALLY TIME FOR THE CLUB TO COME UP WITH A VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE versus a " we'll figure it out when we get to the range " or " I thought YOU were picking up the range key-bringing the targets-or being the range officer. No more " magical thinking " or " I'm here to compete-let some other range flunky do the work"...

THE PERSON WHO SIGNS OUT THE RANGE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RANGE STANDING ORDERS FOR HIMSELF AND FOR THIS CLUB. NO ONE SHOULD EXPECT TO SIGN OUT THE RANGE OR ASK ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER TO SIGN OUT THE RANGE UNLESS THE CLUB CAN BACK THEM UP. That appears to be " fair and reasonable" especially if the person who signs out the range is asked by the large policemen in his black and white police car (1985) or blue and white policecar(1986)" what is happening" this year-1987....

WE'VE FIRED OFF 10,000 OR MORE ROUNDS AND HAVE 10,000 LEFT TO ENJOY.

WE HAVE A REAL TEAM OF CONTENDERS THIS YEAR BUT WE DO NEED TO EQUALIZE OR DISTRIBUTE THE RANGE ROUTINE WORK IF WE REALLY DO WANT TO CONTINUE IN A SAFE, EFFICIENT MANNER FOR SOME 30 DESIGNATED PRACTICES. WHAT DOES THIS CLUB WANT TO DO ???

AMMUNITION: George and Gerry have completed an " ammo inventory " with

20 rounds a member being designated for each individual practice. D.C.R.A. rules do permit handloads this year in an "any rifle-any sight-any safe ammunition" approach. Our range routines will have to be adopted to the handload area. Sure I know that you've never overloaded to excess pressures or had a dud round or even blown up a 44 Magnum revolver cylinder BUT MAYBE THE GUY NEXT TO YOU IS GOING TO DO IT IN YOUR NEXT MATCH IF WE DON'T WATCH OUT TOGETHER. What's our policy Mr. Range Officer???

THE M.P.R.A. APPARENTLY DREW 1500-2000 ROUNDS FOR OUR MUTUAL JULY MATCH THIS YEAR. IF SO, CONFIRMATION WILL MEAN ANOTHER 2000 OR SO ROUNDS FOR OUR MATCH. A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE M.P.R.A..

#### TARGETS:

LAST FALL, LIKE THE FALL BEFORE, OUR CLUB LEFT OUR TARGETS OUT ON THE RANGE... This spring, like last spring they were, like some other large objects like the H.M.S. HOOD or the HINDENBERG... GONE... to similar fate by a person or persons unknown. We have a small remaining store of 200-300-maybe 400 yd. paper targets and no target frames.

It's the best illustration of why we need some range storage at the range or some nearby facility. As we reconstruct yet another set of \$200.00 plus 500 yard targets, let's figure out how to get them to last at least a year or two and who will safeguard them once a lot of time and effort has constructed them. It really is Wintario Grant time once we're incorporated. Steve has taken on the job this year to direct the target construction and I think Billy is offering to store them; they need lots of help from this club as there really is more to target making than just pasting the paper targets on to frames that others have made in their "spare time"...

#### CLUB RIFLE:

YES VIRGINIA, THERE IS A CLUB RIFLE. WE REALIZED A NET PROFIT OF \$752.00 LAST SEPTEMBER AT OUR HUNTER SAFETY COURSE DIRECTED AND MANAGED BY SOME DEDICATED MEMBERS OF N.O.R.A. AND THE L.S.S.R. 2511 R.C.A.C. AND THEIR LEADERS, ALONG WITH SOME PARTICIPANTS OF THE N.W. ONTARIO TRAPPERS ASSOC.

COME OUT AND USE THE VIRTUALLY NEW SPORTCO 44 ( STILL HAVEN'T SEEN IT BUT AM LOOKING FORWARD TO FIRING IT WITH SOME JR. SHOOTERS)  
THANKS TO THE MASTER BLASTER FOR CO-ORDINATING THE PURCHASE.

The rifle cost the club about \$500.00 with remainder of Hunter Education Course Profit going into club bank account. IF YOU'RE A N.O.R.A./D.C.R.A. MEMBER YOU CAN SIGN OUT THE RIFLE FOR CLUB USAGE By giving your F.A.C. to the "Master Blaster" at Nor'Wester Shooters Supply. We expect to hear it along the line in the July match. Anyone in the club can use it. Last year Rick Jason set the precedent by sharing his rifle with J. Doherty and Anita Kovacs so if the club rifle heats up in three successive relays with three successive shooters VIRGINIA, THAT'S WHY ITS GOT THAT WOODEN HANDGUARD...

N.O.R.A. / D.C.R.A. and "HOME ON THE RANGE" politics...

THERE IS A PROVINCIAL ELECTION COMING UP-PROBABLY 3RD WEEK IN September just before moose season. After all, with 90,000 hunters in Ontario, we wouldn't want to spoil the vote. Consider becoming active in ANY PARTY OF YOUR CHOICE. N.O.R.A. will be inviting any and all municipal, provincial, and federal members and would-be members to our July Match. Like last year and the year before, you will have a chance to tell'em like it is in the shooting competition sports and voice your concerns. What better time talk about range improvements, D.C.R.A. support ( how about some .223 or more .308 ), target rifle and service rifle competitions here, in Winnipeg or in Ottawa, or recruiting some more patrons for our Association?

Cliche #1: You don't wait until you have a fire to figure out how a fire extinguisher works, or where it is when you need it NOW..The same rule applies to figuring out politics or knowing your representatives.

COMMONWEALTH COMMEMORATIVE MATCH: JULY 18TH AND 19TH, 1987.

THE PROPOSAL THAT THE GAMES BID COMMITTEE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE IS ATTACHED. IT WOULD HELP US TO PUBLICIZE OUR SPORT OR TO REINFORCE OUR CASE TO SEND A TEAM TO THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS PRIOR TO THESE GAMES WHICH WILL BE HELD SOMEPLACE IN 1994 ( OTTAWA?/ CONNAUGHT RANGE; HAMILTON/ WINONA RANGE/ VICTORIA/ VANCOUVER ISLAND ) yeah, it will be tough if its not in T.Bay but we'll just have to pack a big range lunch if we're going to Victoria in 1994. Am I serious? Is DA 1967 accurate??/

MATCH PLAN FOR JULY 87: ATTACHED...ARE YOU INTERESTED????  
THE CLUB EXECUTIVE DECIDED AT ITS JUNE 3RD MEETING TO HAVE A 3RD ANNUAL MATCH FOLLOWING THE 1985-1986 FORMAT BASED ON THE 1911 ORIGINAL MATCH NAMES. WE HAVE 2 GREAT ANNUAL TROPHIES AND LOTS OF POTENTIAL PRIZES. THIS YEAR, AS A FIRST TIME EVENT, WE HAVE \$500.00 IN THE BANK ACCORDING TO J.D..FRANKLY, I THINK HE'S DOING A FINE JOB AS A CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN TWO ACTIVE CLUBS. TELL JIM TO KEEP UP HIS GOOD LEADERSHIP. P.S. It will be our secret that I suggested this.

SO LONG UNTIL NEXT WEEK OR SO. EXCUSE THE LENGTH, BUT IF I HAD LONGER IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SHORTER.

The only real concern I have is how to convince a certain 15 yearold that he should consider a lighter rifle versus that heavy FN Mauser with the ridiculously short barrel. I do wish he had seen the chronograph figures from 19 and 1/2"...

SEE YOU ON THE FIRING LINE OR DOWN AT THE BUTTS AT #3 TARGET.

R.W.S.