

# SQUAMISH VALLEY ROD AND GUN CLUB

## Presidents Report Five 2009

December 2009

Well Kiewit is gone! What did they do for us: widened and lengthened the rifle range, levelled the area where the old trap range was back to the property line which will give us about 1.5 ha. ( 4 acres) with a berm all around for a new trap range and archery field; re- gravelled and compacted the driveway. Not a lot for compensation for affecting club operations for three years. To complete the archery range and raise the berm on the north side will cost the club about \$5,000. There is a lesson to learned; had the club insisted on a written agreement with Kiewit and Highways the outcome could have been far more beneficial for us. Instead of costing money we would have been ahead in compensation work. Lesson – each club member needs to participate with the club executive, participating means attending meetings, questioning the executive on what they are doing or not doing that is or will affect the club.

Firearms Range Inspector did an inspection in November of our existing (indoor and rifle) and proposed pistol and trap ranges. His concern was the necessity of raising the berm on the north side of the rifle range as the height is now insufficient due to the Kiewit fill on the archery range. He was very helpful and requested that we keep him informed of our range modifications and installations for his next inspection prior to re-issuing range approvals.

New entrance to the club grounds is underway with the neighbours doing the location. Once this completed the new club sign will be installed. The sign is now ready and I want to thank Mike Miller – Miller Design, who did the art work and Chris of Canada Ammo who had the sign made.

Our membership is over 400 and will require a motion at the AGM, limiting the number of members (except archers) as the rifle range continues to be very busy with members and police agencies leading up to the Olympics. A motion to limit the number of shooting members would include reserving a set number of memberships for Squamish residents.

There remains a proposal to create a 2010 Olympic Legacy training centre for summer biathlon and , ski jumping and other compatible sports on crown lands adjacent to ours and may include some of our facilities. Proposal is being presented to Mayor and Council for approval.

### Range Use

Shooters continue doing a better job of cleaning up their casings, targets and stands after use. Each member is responsible to see that other shooters clean up when they are finished ( Cleaning up targets holders, targets, golf balls etc.). Policing agencies will be utilizing our facilities on an ongoing basis in preparation for the Olympics. **Guests MUST sign in with their full name in print!** Members are responsible to see that guests do so. What continues to occur is first name only or not legible which is unacceptable for NFA requirements and our insurance. Range rules are now on website. I want to thank

Mike Gillespie for his work on modifying the rifle range building, putting up signs and burning range debris on a regular basis.

### Archery

Archery Section continues to bring more members, young and older. Club holding some major events in the future.

### Pistol

With the new pistol range roughed out, construction of range facilities can commence. **Volunteers required, call Peter Lewis 815 -4301**

### Black Powder

Up and running again

### .22 Shoot

A lot of interest from the younger members of the Biathlon group.

### Hunter Shoot

Continues to be popular

### Biathlon

Lots of interest and participation on both the indoor and rifle range.

**CLUB MEMBERS CAN NOT EXPECT CLUB FACILITIES TO BE BUILT OR MAINTAINED IF MEMBERS DO NOT VOLUNTEER TIME FOR WORK PARTIES! OFFER YOUR SERVICES. IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS LET ME KNOW. IF YOU HAVE COMPLAINTS LET ME KNOW BUT PROVIDE ME WITH IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS AS WELL AS HOW YOU WILL HELP SOLVE THE ISSUE!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST FOR 2010**

Mike