

RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY SPORT & GUN CLUB

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2008

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

On behalf of the executive I would like to wish all members a safe and productive 2008 shooting season.

The range has received its five year certification, I want to thank the members who contributed their time and sweat to this project. To all the section coordinators, you are the unsung hero's of this range, without you the shooting programs would not go on, many thanks.

I want to remind all our members to be proud of your heritage. You come from a long line of firearm owners and hunters in this province. It will come soon that you will be asked to cast your vote in a Federal election, please examine the platforms of the candidates and chose the one who protects your firearms and the rights to own them. Always remember, the world is governed by those who show up.

Chris Kingston
President

2008 EXECUTIVE

This year's Club executive slate has a strong resemblance to last year's. Elections held at the January 9th meeting had the following results:

President: Chris Kingston (506) 684-2810
Vice-President: Jacques Poirier (506) 684-3263
Treasurer: Melvin Shearer (506) 753-5452
CRO: Serge Noel (506) 684-4439
Secretary: Helmut Bitto (506) 684-5325

2008 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

For those of you who haven't registered yet please use the attached form to sign up for 2008. Please note that your signed Club Membership Card serves as your Transportation Permit for unrestricted long guns to approved ranges in New Brunswick..

NEW CLUB WEBSITE

Visit our new website at:

<http://www.restigouchegunclub.com/>

Get the latest news, photos, on-line registration forms, buy and sell, and some great links.

Dawn Beckingham is our web manager.

2007 RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

There was a lot of work done in the Pistol section in 2007 in preparation for the Provincial re-certification. A new

Club building was erected to replace the old Mulligan Camp bunkhouse and a fifth pistol bay was added. In addition, our volunteers picked several tons of rock off the berms and range floor before the range inspection.

2008 IPSC NB PROVINCIALS ON OUR RANGE

For the second year in a row the IPSC NB Provincial Championship match will be held on the Restigouche Range. **The dates are September 5 to 7.** The program includes 17 stages for a total of 349 rounds. Please contact Chris Kingston (684-2810) for more information.

FIREARMS LICENSE RENEWAL

Do not let your PAL or POL firearms license expire... If they expire you are in illegal possession of firearms, and **you have to do the firearms training courses over again to re-qualify for your license.** (expensive and time consuming!) Don't wait, **re-apply now at no charge.** Get your registration forms on-line through our website or contact one of the Club executives.

According to the Chief Firearms Office the holder of a lapsed Possession Only License (POL) can apply for a PAL at no charge before the end of the Federal amnesty period. (currently May 17, 2008) An amendment to the Firearms Licenses Regulations has been proposed that allows a lapsed POL to be renewed without any additional safety courses--- This has not become law yet.

YOUTH .22 TRAINING FOR BON AMI

A four evening .22 rifle course for Youth (under 16 years of age) will be given at the Restigouche Range from 6 to 8 pm on July 2, 9, 16 and 23. The course fee of \$20 includes a one year Youth Club membership. Please contact Serge Noel at 684-4439 or 685-7111.

BON AMI SHOOT – JULY 26

The annual Bon Ami Shoot will be held **at the Restigouche Range**, rain or shine, on Saturday, July 26, with Black Powder from 9 am till noon, .22 Rifle and Pistol from 1 pm to 5 pm. Please contact Serge Noel at 684-4439 or 685-7111.

CHANGES TO THE CLUB CONSTITUTION

The following changes were passed in February 13, 2008:

1. New member category – YOUTH (under 16 years of age) at \$15 annual fee.
2. Membership period up to 5 years. (to match the new 5 year ATT, available since 2007)
3. Revision of Range Rules.