

THE BUFFALO BULLS-EYE

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 13, 2013

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting for members in good standing of BTSA will be held at the **Crestmont Residents Hall, 12400 Cresmont Blvd SW** (see directions below) on **Sunday, January 13th 2013 at 10:30 a.m.** for the purpose of:

- receiving and considering the annual report and financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012;
- electing directors;
- appointing auditors; and
- transacting such further business as may properly come before the meeting (this will include discussion of the SJR situation)

All 2012 members in good standing of the BTSA present at the meeting shall have the right to exercise one vote. Proxies shall not be permitted.

This year's AGM will be at the same venue as previous years (just off Highway 1 (16th Avenue) west, near Valley Ridge: link to map below) http://www.crestmont.ca/html/maps_getting_here.html

Coffee, donuts, and a sandwich lunch will be provided. As well, all current members who attend the AGM will be entered to win a free membership in APRA/BTSA.

The BTSA AGM will be followed by the APRA AGM at the same venue.

Join the Executive!

BTSA is seeking nominations from individuals to serve on the executive of the BTSA. If you are interested we would like to hear from you. (info@btsa.ca)

As an added incentive, by being active on the BTSA board, your BTSA dues for the coming year will be refunded at the end of the board year.

There's another exciting year of shooting events planned in 2013, so the AGM is a great chance to find out more.

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA

Bad behaviour leads to increased monitoring – C'mon people!

If you've been out to the Homestead action ranges recently, you'll have noticed signs posted announcing the presence of cameras on the range. We've had to install the cameras because, unfortunately, a couple of range users have caused damage at the range, and posed risks to personal safety.

In one case, the trees on the "Jungle Run" have been damaged as a result of being shot at. **The trees are not targets, nor are they to serve as target frames.** The trees will not live if abused this way. Once they're gone, that unique range will no longer be available to us. Of greater concern is the risk posed to personal safety, as the range is plated by the CFO for specific target placement.

We've also seen instances where the steels left out for casual shooting on the 50M handgun ranges have been damaged by being shot with rifles. This has destroyed those steels and also poses a risk to those using the range. Those steels are targets only for handguns, nothing else.

We will be checking the range for damage and cross-referencing it against the information provided by the cameras. Anyone found to be behaving inappropriately will find, at minimum, their key turned off and their membership cancelled for at least the current year. Greater penalties may be applied, if deemed necessary by the BTSA and APRA.

It is the responsibility of all BTSA members to ensure the range is protected and being used safely and responsibly at all times. Members seeing inappropriate or dangerous behaviour should report it to info@btsa.ca.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – IT'S TIME

It's time once again to renew your membership. As always you can renew your membership online at www.btsa.ca.

We reached our membership cap in 2012, and while we have adjusted the membership cap to allow us to accommodate some additional shooters, interest in membership of BTSA remains extremely high.

To maintain your membership we need your membership application and payment submitted by January 31, 2013. After that you'll be considered a lapsed member, which means if we get a sudden onslaught of new members there may not be a spot for you. Wait too long and you may also find yourself considered a "new" member again, which means paying the \$100 APRA range fee. So don't delay. Full details are on the BTSA website.

BTSA ON THE WEB!

SEE US AT:

www.BTSA.CA

AND DON'T FORGET
WE HAVE A SECTION
ON THE APRA
WEBSITE, INCLUDING
A FORUM, ON THE
APRA WEBSITE AT
WWW.ALBERTARIFLE.COM

2013 SHOOT SCHEDULE – AND A NEW EVENT REGISTRATION SYSTEM

2013 is going to be another full year of shooting events. Our Monday Night Holster Night will be returning, with the first event scheduled for Monday, May 6. We're hoping to repeat our Wednesday Night "Hunter Shoot" on the Fullbore range, but we need a couple of additional people to act as ROs for that event. If you're able to help share RO responsibilities for that event, please contact us at info@btsa.ca.

To help with management of our numerous events, BTSA has just launched a new Match Registration section on the BTSA website. By visiting www.btsa.ca/matches you can get event information, register for the event, and pay any match fees. Here's our schedule as it stands now. Check the calendar on the Matches section for updates. All events take place at the Homestead Action Ranges.

April 5	Spring Polar Bear Match IPSC Level1
April 14	Steel Challenge #1
May 4	Club Match IPSC Level1
May 5	Steel Challenge #2
May 18	Club Match IPSC Level1
May 19	IDPA at BTSA Action Ranges
May 25-26	Black Badge Training
June 1	BTSA Alberta Children's Hospital Fund Raiser
June 8	Club Match IPSC Level1 BTSA
June 9	Steel Challenge #3
June 23	IDPA at BTSA Action Ranges
June 28 - 30	2013 IPSC Alberta Provincial Championships
July 6	Club Match IPSC Level1
July 7	Steel Challenge #4
July 21	IDPA at BTSA Action Ranges
July 27-28	Black Badge Training
August 10	Club Match IPSC Level1
August 11	Steel Challenge #5
August 24 - 25	IDPA - ATHL 2013 IPSC Alberta Provincial Championships
August 31-Sept. 1	Black Badge Training
September 7	Club Match IPSC Level1 BTSA (Sept 7th)
September 8	Steel Challenge #6
September 21	BTSA Family Turkey Shoot
September 22	IDPA at BTSA Action Ranges
October 5	Club Match IPSC Level1
October 6	Steel Challenge #7

QUESTIONS...AND ANSWERS

Over the year we run into people taking on membership, using the range, or seeking to use the range, who aren't familiar with BTSA and APRA policies or range rules.

Information about policies and the range rules have been shared with members by email, carried in previous editions of the Bullseye and is available on the BTSA website at www.btsa.ca. (Be sure to check out the FAQ.)

We are in the midst of additional adjustments to increase clarity on the range rules for the Action Ranges, and copies of the revised range rules will be sent to all members and uploaded to the website.

As a BTSA member it is your responsibility to ensure you are familiar with, and in compliance of, all BTSA and APRA policies and rules. For now, here are short-form answers to some recent questions:

How does the guest pass system work at the Homestead Action Ranges?

– All non-members must complete and display a guest pass while on the range. This is a one-time guest pass. Members wishing to take a guest to the BTSA ranges must buy a book of passes from the BTSA, and submit receipts from guest passes used. Books of passes will be available for purchase at the AGM.

What type of firearms can I shoot on the Jungle Run? – The primary purpose of this range is for handgun. Acceptable firearms are ONLY those chambered in any handgun calibre, .22 LR rifles and horizontal shotgun. Target placement is critical. **DO NOT SHOOT THE TREES.**

How do I get a key to the Action Ranges? – Keys are provided at the discretion of the BTSA Executive. First step is to ask for a key request form by sending an email to info@btsa.ca. Additional steps will be required before you are allowed to purchase (refundable) a key.

What ranges can I use? – BTSA members are able to use ONLY the BTSA Actions Ranges (100/200, 50 E/W and the Jungle Run). Membership in BTSA does NOT allow BTSA members to use the old Pistol Bay (Pistol Bay 1) or any other facilities at Homestead outside of organized events specified for those ranges.

Why is my membership only good until December? – To better manage memberships, we do not pro-rate memberships. Your membership is good from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 in any year, regardless of when you sign up. New members signing up beginning in October will get the balance of the current year added to their membership for the following year.

BTSA COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

All BTSA members are advised that in an effort to control expenses and increase the efficiency of communications with members, the Executive of the Association has approved a change to the Association's communication policy. All communications to members will be by e-mail. The only exception will be for members who specifically request communications by mail. If you wish to receive BTSA notices and communications by mail, please ensure that we have an accurate record of your address, including postal code. **IF YOU MOVE, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU KEEP US UP TO DATE.**
