

# POSC BULLETIN

7 January 20

**Next General meeting: 4 February 20 at 7:00 PM**

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## **President's Message**

First and foremost a Happy New Year to you and your family.

We had our first meeting and there was a lot to discuss. The plan for years to come is looking at future club projects that need to be improved on i.e. indoor range, shotgun purchases, archery and club house improvements.

Please remember that this is your club and it's important that you know how the club spends funds, so I ask you to please come to the general meetings on a regular basis. Please check the website calendar for dates.

The Board discussed that the bulletin went out rehashing what came already came out of the minutes from the general meeting. Going forward the only things that will be in the bulletin will be what was discussed at the exec meeting to allow you the membership plan to attend the meeting if you see something that ticks your interest.

**Note:** you will still get the minutes from the general meetings.

Also on a sidebar, I will retain the bulletin position since I'm the last one to see and vetted the submissions coming from the Execs and chairs before it's sent to you.

Every once in a while a reminder needs to be sent

Being the Ranger Safety Officer and Range Operator, it's imperative that all members adhere to how they conduct themselves and their guest while on club property.

I stopped at the club and observed some people shooting. I went and checked and found out that one was a member and the other was a guest that were both were shooting at the same time. As a friendly reminder that if you have guests is that they have to wait until you have finished shooting. Once you have finished only then can your guest shoot under your observation, because they are non-members and not RO qualified.

Here is a bit of ongoing info about Bill C-71 and talk about a ban on certain firearms

Bill C-71 which will affect, among other things, all firearm transfers, Authorization to Transport and firearm record keeping.

The Government of Canada has expressed its intention to ban, what it refers to as "military-style assault rifles", through an Order in Council; Public Safety Canada's information notes this is not a legal definition in Canada;

This executive order would strip law-abiding Canadians it has approved through the RCMP Canada Firearms Program, of their legally purchased property; and

A ban would unfairly target Canadian firearms owners who are already among the most vetted in Canadian society. Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) and Restricted PAL (RPAL) holders are

subject to daily screening and are statistically proven to be less likely to commit crimes than non-PAL & non-RPAL holders.

If you see fit to sign the petition, the link is below

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2341>

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### **Vice President / Publicity**

We are starting to plan for projects which will be done this year and I would encourage everyone to come out to the next meeting so we can get every ones ideas and opinions on what should be done. It is important that you make your voice heard because this is your club and you have a say where funds are spent.

We will be requiring volunteers for various projects and events so if you would like to help please feel free to contact the volunteer chair.

We will also be going over upcoming events for 2020 at the meeting so please come out. We look forward to seeing all of you.

Gerald Hoffman

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### **Director1 / Website**

Hello POSC Members!

Thank you for your votes in November, and thank you for the opportunity to serve on the board of directors!

I will also retain the position of Website Chair, in which I have been busy learning for the last few months. There have been a number of security concerns in this role, and there is an updated notice on the website that reflects some of the threats that come with having an online presence.

There has been an increase in fraudulent activity around many Canadian outdoors, sporting and gun clubs. **If you receive a text message or email by anyone claiming to be from the POSC that is asking for money or gift cards do not respond. The POSC will not contact members by text message or email asking for money or donations.**

In some cases these are calls simply looking for information, such as the location of any stored firearms. This information is used to target vulnerable individuals and clubs. **If you receive a call from anyone claiming to be a law enforcement officer asking about the location of stored firearms, please discontinue the call and contact the RCMP Firearms Program at 1-800-731-4000 immediately.**

Please contact [4poscwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:4poscwebsite@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns about potential fraud.

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### **Lower Range Chair**

I applaud the majority of members of the POSC with how they use and treat the club. Saying this there are the odd few persons that are still not abiding by all the rules and regulations of the lower range. Last

weekend while replacing the 50 yard range back boards I came across several .410 shotgun wads directly in front of the back boards.

This can only happen one of two ways, 1. Someone was shooting .410 shotgun into the back boards or 2 was shooting across the range at another target. Both of these are unacceptable. When a person or persons are caught doing this they will be reprimanded by losing RO privileges.

As members of the POSC it is everybody's responsibility to police the ranges and correct unprofessional actions such as this. Either way the situation will be rectified by myself or the membership that is the club professionally.

On a better note the members of the POSC that have been policing garbage and brass kudos to you for keeping the range looking clean and respectable.

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### **Indoor Range Chair**

Disposable suits, glove and masks for the indoor range cleanup are in and located downstairs. The planned date for the cleanup will be the Saturday 25th of January. Range is still open Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday evenings and Thursday evenings unless otherwise specified, please check website calendar for changes.

I would like some input from the indoor RO's as to what work they think is a priority for the indoor range so I can make a list. I wish to thank Keith and Steve for all their hard work and dedication to the indoor range and to the club.

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### **Volunteer Chair**

As the Volunteer Chair I don't have anything to submit other than the club is always willing to accept and appreciate volunteers when the need arises. Potential volunteers just need to email me their name and their preferred method of communication.

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### **House / Rental Chair**

Business as usual for house, looking at projects for house. Will have more details in the coming months. Some minor repairs to the whistle pipe for the oil tank was completed and some rearranging of the office was completed over the holidays.

Changes to the rental agreement for the club house are being looked at. These changes once its approved and finalized will increase rentals for events i.e. parties and meetings for members and non-members alike.

Rentals have slowed down due to the time of year.

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## **Membership Chair**

Thank you all who have renewed early this 2020 Year!

It has been a slow year with the post office as I am constantly waiting for your OFAH cards to arrive before sending out your new club cards due to the cost of a stamp increasing yet again.

Thank you all for your patience over the renewal year always remember you can renew at any time and do not have to wait until your expiration date. When you renew early you membership just adds to the existing expiry date.

Also we have been notified by OFAH that their rates have increased across the board for single / family rates. More to follow on this issue.

Any questions of concerns regarding membership please try to email me directly as some of the emails get lost in the shuffle.

Please always remember to state your name and membership number as unfortunately I do not have all of your emails memorized just yet.

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