

POSC BULLETIN

May 2019

Next meeting: 4 June 2019 at 7:00 PM

President's Message

Every year we normally plan for and have annual elections for your Board of Directors, unfortunately due to circumstances out of our control and in accordance with the POSC Constitution and Bylaws, two Director positions are vacant. The Club needs to run with four Directors.

I ask you, if you have time to spare a couple of hours a month, to please submit your name to the Elections Chair Kelly Ponewas asap. He can be reached at posclowerrange@gmail.com

We also need vacant chair positions filled;

1. **Bulletin Chair**, which at the present time is being temporarily filled by me. The main job of the bulletin chair is to compile the submissions and then send it to the president for vetting. Once he/she receives it back, the bulletin sends it to the membership either emailed or mailed to members that don't have an email address. This job should only take a couple of hours a month.
2. **Volunteer Chair**, this position is required to populate a list of members to help maintain the grounds. These members are key during the summer and fall or when projects arise where members are needed. This job should only take 6-8 hours a month only when members are needed.

As you can see throughout this bulletin and at the meetings with all positions filled, we have a very small number of members volunteering their time freely to keep the club going. If this continues and members have to do more than is required of them in their current positions, the outcome is that it will wear people down. So please I ask you to please step forward and help the club grow. We can't do it alone.

I would like to take this time to introduce our new Indoor Chair Max Deacon. Our Trg Officer Gary Sutton got him trained and he is very eager to see the indoor range grow. Max thank you for stepping forward, because to me this shows dedication.

Please note: that if it wasn't for Max Deacon stepping forward, the way the indoor range was operating was at risk.

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Vice President

We held our first meeting to review our constitution and by-laws last Saturday. Many thanks to all those who turned out and provided their input. We managed to get through the Constitution and about half of the Bylaws. I suspect that it will take 3 or 4 more meetings before we have something to present to the membership. Next meeting is scheduled for May 23 at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse, all are welcome

Dan Mellen
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Director 4

Hello Everybody

I have procured all of the prizes for the lottery. The 4 prizes based on value are 12-gauge shotgun, Excalibur crossbow, BBQ and .22 rifle.

The lottery license has been applied for and tickets have been ordered. The tickets should be available for the meeting so bring some cash.

If you have ideas and silent auction items for the open house please email me. As well we will need lots of help that day so if you are interested please let me know. The date has been changed to September 7 2019.

As always contact me if you need anything

Gerald Hoffman

Director 4/Events/Lottery Chair

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House / Rental Chair

For House, its been a busy month for the most part. We had the sump pump on the indoor range fail and had the basement flood. This took a little of time to clean it up. The club purchased a new pump and now all is good. We still have some water coming in by the well pump, which has slowed down considerably. It will be patched up soon. We have already noticed a wasp issue around the club house. We have contacted coutes pest control and he was honest with us, there is nothing he can do right now. Just have to keep monitoring the situation. I will be looking for volunteers in the next few weeks to assist in a clean up in the club house and around the club in conjunction with the property chair.

Rentals have been pretty busy as well, as we have seen CNL back on the schedule. In saying that please check the calendar on the club website to see what is scheduled for the week so that there is no confusion. I have also started to see more club members renting the club house, which is a good thing. Its something we can use to our advantage.

And the last thing I will add is when leaving the range please have a look too see if anyone is parked at the club house prior to locking the gate. There have been a few occasions where I have been locked in and I know of other people as well.

Joe Simms

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Property Chair

We are waiting on the new tractor to repair the lower range road. I will complete the road repair as soon as we receive the tractor. I would like thank you for your patience waiting for the road repairs. The ruts in the lawn have been filled and will be reseeded soon.

Gary Burris

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Lower Range Chair

The lower range is running fine, no damages to report. I will commend the users of the range in keeping it clean. I will however restate that there are extra garbage bags within the trash receptacle le and if a member notices the trash getting full to tie off the bag and put another one in its place.

Also, no word from the CFO in the 50-yard gong house as of yet.

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Elections Chair

Byelection 04 June 2019

2 director positions available for nominations.

Contact the lower chair for nominating people for the positions.

Names will be accepted until the start of the meeting; election will take place during the meeting.

Please note: There will to be no campaigning on the club property 30 days before or day of the elections.

Members feel free to step up and support the club by putting names forward for the election.

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Shotgun Chair

Shotgun Sports:

Equipment required for shotgun shooting: Safety glasses, hearing protection, 25 shells per round, shoot token for each round (range fee and target cost).

The recommended TRAP shotgun is a 12-gauge single shot, O/U, Semi Auto or pump action with a MOD to FULL choke. Most trap guns have a high comb and a vent rib and barrels 30 to 34 in long. Shells can ONLY be # 8 to #7 ½.

The recommended shotgun for SKEET can be .410, 28, 20 or 12 gauge with a skeet, or other open choke (cyl or imp cyl). The guns need to be able to fire 2 shots so most are O/U or semi auto with a few pump shotguns.

Please note: Skeet guns tend to have a lower stock and a vent rib with barrel lengths of 26 to 30 inches. Shells can ONLY be # 9 shot.

Jim Leeder
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Membership Chair

I am just wanting to say thank you to those that have properly renewed their memberships without any extra work. With a Membership of 400, this position has become extremely time consuming. Between the constant email inquiries or questioning expiry times, & how to renew? Seems like I am always working.

First off when contacting me via email or phone please identify yourself. This is my #1 issue with dealing with 400 members, I try to remember everyone's personal details, but please remember I'm dealing with a full plate.

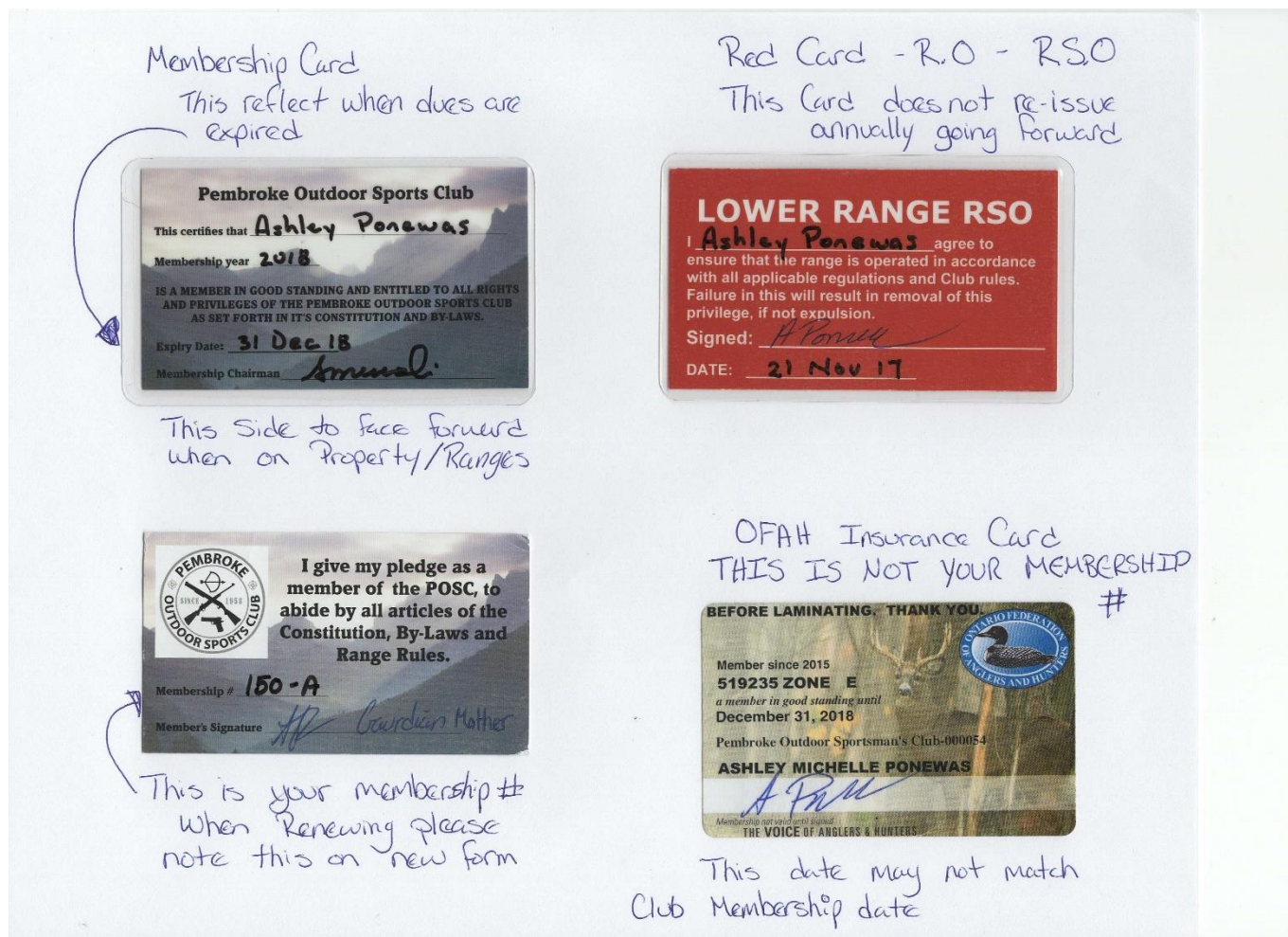
So please a name & membership number ID would be helpful with finding a quick answer for your inquiry.

So, to start off with the # 1 question this year it seems, please be aware that if your membership expires you are not guaranteed a renewal spot. This is due to our current membership being capped at 400. I will release your space to the next person in line on our ever-growing waitlist.

If I do not have your renewal prior to your expiry date then I will be assuming you are not renewing for the upcoming year.

WHEN DO I EXPIRE? Well that answer is with you at all times on your Membership Card!

Please see the attached Example –



Bottom Membership card example shows a Family Members # being a spouse or child it will have an Alpha added

I am hoping to clear up a few things regarding your renewals -

Once you have confirmed your expiry date from your Membership card.

HOW TO RENEW - Please submit renewal 2 weeks prior to your expiry to ensure no loss of your number & lapse in your membership. All renewals received early will be added onto the end of your Current expiry.

1. Print off the current year application from the website www.posc.biz

2.Fill out the application **COMPLETELY** with your information & current Membership # - We require new applications every year for records & they **HAVE TO BE SIGNED**

3. Submit your **COMPLETED** application & appropriate fees for your selection on the form i.e.- *Single or Family Membership + GOLD CARD &/or Magazine subscription*

It can be dropped at the club mailbox or via Canada Post both mailboxes are checked regularly

Failure to COMPLETELY follow these simple steps will result in a delay in processing your renewal.

We will no longer be accepting digital forms of renewals – i.e. - PDF applications & EMT as it has shown to be more of an administrative nightmare than I thought it would. Until I can figure out a better system for this form of processing.

Ashley Ponewas

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Youth Chair

The first thing that I want you all to know is that I will be retiring as a Youth instructor on the 31 may 19. Kelly Ponewas will be taking this position on this fall. I will be mentoring him to set him up for success.

The Youth Program for 2019 has begun with 20 Youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years old participating. They have received instruction of the Canadian Firearms Safety Course and will receive the Hunter Education course on 13 July 2019 from Len Dickinson, a qualified Instructor/Examiner. On 10 August 2019 a Family Day for the Y.H.M.P. will be held at the Pembroke Outdoor Sports Club where the youth will be introduced to shotgun shooting. They will be firing live ammunition from the 20-gauge pump shotguns at clay pigeons in a pattern set up by the Shotgun RO's. A BBQ lunch will be served at noon. There will be Blinds and decoy patterns set up on the grounds and duck and goose calls by Mentors for the youth to observe. The final day will happen in September when they go with mentors to hunt ducks and geese on the Heritage Day for hunters. They will return to the MNR-F base in Pembroke where they will learn how to clean their game. A BBQ lunch will be available and so will end the 2019 Youth program.

William Croshaw

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