

**Atlantic High Power Rifle Committee
Meeting Minutes
Nov. 16, 2008, 10:15AM - 1:05PM
Wandlyn Inn, Amherst, Nova Scotia**

Attending:

PEI - Myron Ling, Ian Hogg, Mitch MacLeod

NB – Don Coleman, Conrad Leroux, Michelle Cormier

NS – Wendy Reid (minutes), Andy Webber (chairman), John Marshall, Jeff Jenkins

Inter-Provincial 2009 Match Schedule:

- Inter-Maritime Match – 3rd Sat. of June – to be held in PEI on June 20.
 - British Team Match – the Sun. after the Inter-Maritime Match – to be held in PEI on June 21.
 - Annual Prize Meet – NB – July 11 & 12 (Sat. & Sun.)
 - Annual Prize Meet – PEI – July 24 & 25 (Fri. & Sat.)
 - Annual Prize Meet – NS – July 31. Aug. 1 & 2 (Fri., Sat. & Sun.)
 - Atlantic Championship – Labour Day weekend – to be held in NB on Sept. 5, 6 & 7.
 - Mini Palma – two weeks after Atlantic Championships – Sept. 19 – to be held in NB.
- Note – Matches in New Brunswick may be held at Batouche Range or St. Anthony Range (to be determined by RNBRA at a later date)

Inter-Maritime Match and British Team Match

- The combined events of Inter-Maritime and British Team matches will be held in PEI in 2009.
- To get the standard rotation of matches back in order, here is the order for the next several years:
 - o PEI – 2009
 - o NB – 2010
 - o PEI – 2011
 - o NS – 2012
- In 2009, each province will have teams comprised of seven shooters, 2 of which may be F-Restricted Class. This will be for both the Inter-Maritime and British Team matches.
- F-R scores will be added to the TR scores to make the team aggregate, so statistics will not be complicated.

Mini Palma Match:

- The USA team has requested that the Mini Palma match be conducted in New Brunswick.
- The event will be a one-day match only.
- John Marshall will be the Atlantic Canadian team coordinator.

Team Captain for Atlantic Team in Ottawa:

- Jeff Jenkins will be the Team Captain for the 2009 Atlantic Team at the Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships.

Target Rifle Rule Changes:

- All ICFRA Target Rifle rules adopted by the DCRA will be used in the Maritime Provinces.
- The exception is the use of the ICFRA targets; DCRA targets will continue to be used in all provinces for 2009 and until a decision is made to change.

Ottawa Primer (Long Range Practice):

- Dan Chisholm offered to run a long-range practice session in New Brunswick on Aug. 8 & 9.
- Most shooters present at this meeting did not think they would participate, because it would be too close to leaving for Ottawa.
- Dan should gauge the interest of other shooters and decide to conduct the practice or not.

Circular Training:

- Jeff Jenkins briefly described circular training:
 - o 3 to 5 shooters are in a group
 - o each assigned different roles - shooter, coach, plotter, wind coach (then rotate through each role for 10 shots)
 - o groups should be comprised of Target Rifle and F-Class shooters
- It is preferred to conduct these practices at long ranges with wind conditions, however short range practices can be beneficial to work out roles and procedures.
- There is interest among the provinces to participate in these training sessions and they should be fit into provincial schedules if and when possible.
- Jeff will work with the NSRA TR Chairman to schedule a practice in Nova Scotia once other Association matches are scheduled.
- This group would like Dan Chisholm to conduct a Circular Training session on June 6 & 7 at Batouche Range in NB, as he offered.

Top Ten Badges:

- Traditionally, embroidered badges have been issued to the top ten Target Rifle shots at the Atlantic Championships. The badges have had the year embroidered on them.
- NSRA will investigate a new badge design – smaller (possibly blazer size), nicer and simpler, without the year. The year could be a separate bar.
 - o NSRA will distribute the new badge design to other provinces for comment.
 - o NSRA will back order badges for 2008 and order a supply for several years ahead.
- In the future, badges will be issued to F-class shooters also on a pro-rated basis. The ratio issued to F-class shooters will be based on the ratio of F-class shooters to TR shooters attending the Atlantic Championship match. For example, if there are 20 shooters, 8 (40%) of whom are F-class, then 4 badges will be issued to F-class shooters (provided that the minimum number of participants are competing in the class) and 6 (60%) will be issued to TR shooters.

F-Class:

- Dan Chisholm, who could not attend the meeting, provided a comprehensive and articulate e-mail message with background information, clarifications and suggestions around F-Class rules. Andy Webber read pertinent excerpts from the e-mail message to the group for considerable discussion.
- Decision:
 - o For the .308/.223 calibres, the Maritime Provinces should adopt the ICFRA F-Restricted (F-R) rules vs. the DCRA F-Farghuarson (F-F) for inter-provincial matches. The reasons being: that the no limit bullet weight would allow/encourage more shooters (including new shooters) to participate. Also the original intent of Mr. Farghuarson to allow TR shooters with diminishing eyesight/health to continue shooting would continue to be served with F-R rules.
- F-Restricted (F-R) rules include:
 - o .223 Rem or .308 Win calibres, no limit on bullet weight
 - o Maximum rifle weight of 8.25kg, including bipod and all attachments
 - o Bipod front rest is permitted (a bench-rest tripod is not)
 - o A rear bag rest may be used

- There was also discussion about having only one category of F-Class as opposed to both the F-Restricted and F-Open, so as to have a larger pool of competitors. However two categories remain.
 - o Inter-Provincial match notices should include both F-Class categories, however in the notices, indicate that the highest number of competitors are expected in the F-R category; and that prizes will only be awarded if three or more competitors are in a category.

ICFRA Targets:

- Concerns were expressed about the adoption of the ICFRA targets. Such as:
 - o Psychological affects of lower scores
 - o 0.5 MOA V-Bull for F-Class too small (puts too much emphasis on rifle grouping capability for the average or beginning shooter)
 - o Too much confusion would be created to have TR and F-Class shooters shooting together.
- More discussion will be needed when existing DCRA target supplies dwindle. For now DCRA targets will be used.

NB Accommodations:

- New Brunswick will look into acquiring low-cost military accommodations for visiting/civilian shooters.