

THE BUFFALO BULLS-EYE

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RANGE ACCESS UPDATE

If you've been reading your emails, you know that the BTSA has been working hard to improve range access for its members. With the APRA having approved re-opening of the Steve Johnson Range, albeit with handgun shooting only at 25 and 50 metres, we've been looking for ways to make sure the range is open as regularly as possible.

This has included, in recent weeks, supplying one of our trained RSOs to open up the range on days when its warm enough – to supplement the availability of the APRA's own RSOs. This has been very successful, with upwards of a dozen shooters showing up some days during the shortened (usually 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) opening times. All updates on range openings are provided on the new APRA website forum and calendar (see bottom of page).

Special thanks to Werner B. for taking on the Saturday openings.

EASTER GUN SHOW - APRIL 2ND AND 3RD

The big Alberta Arms and Cartridge Collectors Association arms show is coming up! It's April 2 & 3rd. 2010 at the B.M.O. Centre (formerly the Roundup Centre) on the Stampede Grounds. Hours on Friday are from 9:30 to 5:00 and Saturday 9:30 to 4:00. BTSA will be there. Look for our table.

NEW APRA WEBSITE – HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

Thanks, in large part, to the efforts of our very own Joe B., APRA has a new website up and running. If you haven't visited it lately, you're missing out on a lot.

The site, which has an all-new design, has great new additional features too. There's an enhanced calendar, which shows everything from scheduled shoots to range openings at SJR and Homestead. There is also a forum with forum groups for each APRA club, including BTSA. The forum contains important information for club members, details of upcoming events and there's a buy and sell too. It has the capability of providing you an email update when something new is posted as well.

Registration is required. To take advantage of this site, go to www.albertarifle.com and click on the "Forum" tab at the top. Then click "Register"

BUFFALO HUNTER GROUP STARTS UP AGAIN

BTSA is planning to relaunch its "Buffalo Hunter Group" program this year, out at Homestead.

The object of the Group is longer range shooting - up to 600 metres using hunting equipment. It's a great way to sight in your hunting rifle and scrape the rust off before, or during hunting season. As always, safe firearm handling will be stressed in this program.

Details regarding time and location of the Buffalo Hunter Group are below, but if you're interested in finding out more, the first members meeting to organize this group is coming up very quickly - **March 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Riverstone Pub: 773 Northmount Drive N.W. in Calgary.

Buffalo Hunter Group

Location: 900m Range at the Homestead Shooting Facility

Date/Time: Wednesday nights, 5:00 p.m. until sunset.

First shoot: April 7th - weather permitting: Check the APRA calendar the morning of - to confirm we will be shooting that day.

Firearm: .223 and up to ,338 Lapua centrefire rifle

Equipment: ground sheet / shooting mat - kneepads or cushion, Package of 100 Yard Rifle sighting-in targets, Ammo, etc.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

SEE US AT:

www.BTSA.CA

HOLSTER NIGHT – BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR

BTSA is launching its holster night again; a great chance to come out and shoot your handgun, action shooting-style.

Our location for the events, once again this year, is the pistol bay at the Homestead Range at Sibbald Flats in K-Country.

Both experienced and new shooters are welcomed, and event stages will range from simple to complex. Under the control of trained RSOs, participants will practice both IDPA and IPSC rules through the season.

You'll need a revolver or semi-automatic pistol, 9MM or larger - no .22s, .32, or .25s. You will need a holster, belt and either magazine pouches or speed loader pouches, and, of course, a minimum of 3 spare mags or speed loaders. We have been known to shoot about 50 to 125 rounds per evening.

Shoots will go on Monday Nights. Watch the APRA calendar for updates.

IPSC AND IDPA INFO:

<http://www.craigcentral.com/idpaipsc.asp>

<http://www.idpa.com/Documents/IDPARuleBook2005.pdf>

<http://www.ipsc.org/pdf/RulesHandgun.pdf>

ALBERTA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION CHARITY SHOOT – COMING UP!

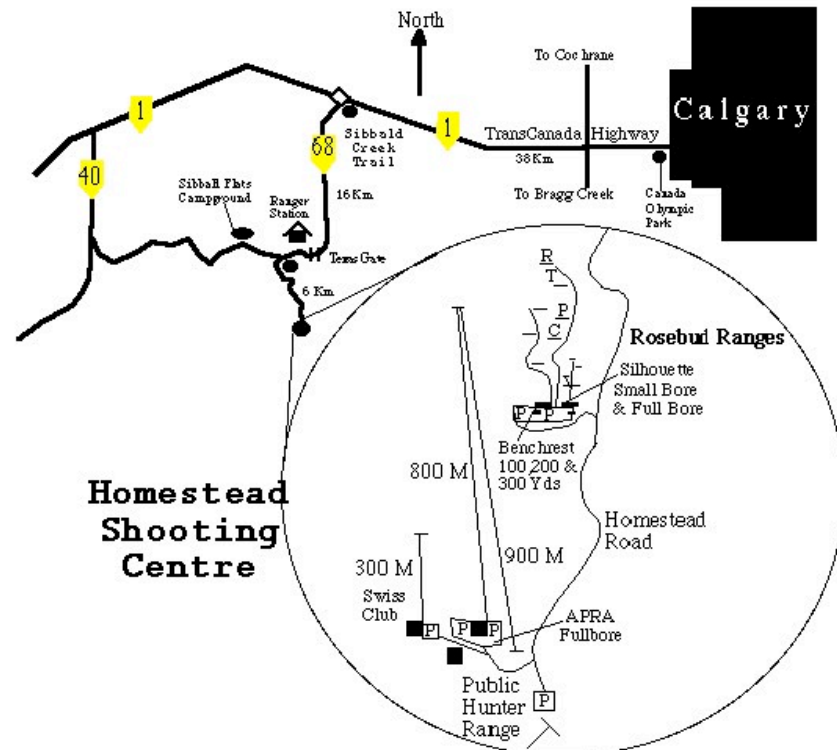
MARK YOUR CALENDARS: *June 12, 2010*

We're doing it again...raising money for the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation via our charity shoot. This year will mark the 17th year we've raised money for this important group. We've sent more then \$27,000 to the Foundation since we began this event.

Due to the restrictions on shooting at the Steve Johnson Range, we will be moving this event to the Homestead Range.

More details will follow, but put June 12 in your calendar for this event.

HOMESTEAD RANGE LOCATION:



BTSA COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

All BTSA members are advised that in an effort to control expenses and increase the efficiency of communications with members, 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 let us know, and 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. Send us a letter, or an email to info@btsa.ca