

International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) committee 2019: Year in review
Good day PCDHFC members of 2020 and Happy New Year!

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2019 was a great year for our group and for the club. In total we held only 2 IPSC sanctioned level 2 qualifiers over 1 weekend which is unusually low compared to previous years but read on, it's a good thing! This match, like many others, sold out very quickly at 130 competitors per day! There were many new shooters who, some of them were trained by our own Lawrence Ho, completed their first match and thus received their Black Badge certification, congratulations! A special thanks to our co-Match Director Alastair Hesp, and the many other people who put so much time and effort into helping with these matches with special mention to Matt Narayan, Lance Smith, Alastair Hesp, Neil Samuel, Omar Al-zubaidy for their continued help and dedication to the club and the shooting community.

At the end of August/early September, PCDHFC was host to the 2019 IPSC Provincial Championships and what a ride that was. Right out of the gate I want to give a HUGE thanks to the following people:

Alastair Hesp, Lance Smith, Matt Narayan, Neil Samuel, Art Reich, David Rixon, Derek White, James Hamilton, Mark Hamrol, Peter Price, Cheryl Reimer, and especially Keith Loh and Claude Kerry. These people in one way or another contributed a TON of effort to make this happen. Certain people like myself, Alastair, Lance and Art took as much as a full week of their personal holiday time to help with this and for that, I cannot thank them enough!

Over 3 days, we had 230 competitors love/hate (in a 'boy, I should have practiced more' kinda way hehe) the stages, enjoy the club, its facilities, the food by Pork Mafia (which was AMAZING!) and a wonderful awards & banquet dinner held at Meadow Gardens. Overall I am told that this was the largest turnout for a Provincial competition in BC. Well done everyone!

What else..... Well, we have been holding regular Thursday evening practices which are greatly appreciated, it gives the newer competitors a chance to brush up on some skills and keeps people fresh for the new year.

Speaking of the new year, unfortunately the stat holiday days don't favor falling on a Friday or Monday so that severely limited our available time to only 2 weekends this year. And to make matters worse, the second weekend we had planned falls on the IPSC National Championships AND, the Lone Butte 3 gun match. Fear not, we will not let this weekend go to waste!.

To end this review, I would like to ask our club members to PLEASE come out and help. The people mentioned above and myself put in a TON of time to put these events on and we are burning out. At this rate, we may be forced to step back and recover which may mean no matches. I don't think anyone wants that so please contact me for more information.

Here's to a great year in 2020!

-Adam