PCDHFC 2023 AGM Range Master's report

INTRODUCTION

Over the past year our range safety staff have worked hard to maintain the safety of our members and guests in addition to consistently keeping the ranges in working order. This often requires lots of shoveling and raking and constant maintenance of target frame stands and berms. Without the dedication of our Chief Range Officers and Range Officers, our range facilities would soon be in a state of disrepair. I observe our range staff interacting with members and guests in an extremely positive manner on a daily basis. Routinely I see smiles on the faces of members and guests as a direct result of these positive interactions. Our members and their guests demonstrate safe firearms handling skills and great attitudes when using our facilities. This makes our sport very enjoyable and I look forward to another successful year at the Port Coquitlam and District Hunting and Fishing Club. If you have any suggestions for me or our range staff please contact me via email at rangemaster@pcdhfc.com.

STAFFING LEVELS

We currently have three active Chief Range Officers, and three that work on a very part-time basis. We have ten Range Officers, two that have been hired since October 2022. We have been able to maintain adequate staffing levels and strive to keep Range 10 open as often as possible.

SAFETY INCIDENTS

Recently a metal pot was found on Range 4 that had been shot about 15 times. The use of any non-authorized targets is strictly prohibited on PCDHFC ranges. This poses a potential ricochet hazard and could result in the suspension of our ranges by the BC Chief Firearms Officer.

INJURIES

No reported injuries.

STATUS OF RANGES

We had to shut down our ranges during the Winter due to dangerous snow conditions on 3 occasions. Our Range Staff did an amazing job of shoveling snow, clearing ice, and spreading salt to keep our walkways and paths safe to travel on.

RANGE 1:	We installed heavy tarps on the top of the berm to mitigate soil erosion.	To date this has
been succe	essful and will be closely monitored.	

RANGE 2: Had a load of sand to bring the berm back up to pristine condition.

RANGE 3: Had sand placed on the berm to repair areas damaged due to weather and projectiles.

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RANGE 7: On going berm maintenance.

RANGE 10: We installed heavy tarps on the top of the berm to mitigate soil erosion. To date this remedy is working well and will be closely monitored.

TARGET STAND MATERIALS

We have a good supply of coroplast backing

We have a good supply of paper targets

We have a good supply of wood for target stands

COURSES

New Member Course and Range User Certifications classes are full and maybe slightly over to get our members through them. Holster courses have been delivered on a regular basis as well.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RENTERS

Ranges 1 and 3 as well as Range 4 are being rented by Law Enforcement agencies. I liaise with every agency to ensure their training needs are met and that they are abiding by the PCDHFC rules and regulations.

This concludes my Range Master report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Range Master

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