



LUNENBURG ROD AND GUN CLUB  
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## ***Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club*** ***President's Report for AGM*** **13th December 2022**

Members,

As last year, I have prepared a few notes that provide a summary of the non-routine activities of the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club (LRGC) during 2022. I will discuss the highlights at our Annual General Meeting (AGM), 13th December. Each club section will briefly report out at the AGM so I will not cover those details here.

### **Covid**

“The Covid”, and our provincial government’s response to it, continued to affect the operation of LRGc until late March 2022. We were able to remove the Proof of Vaccination protocol at the end of February and all other measures were largely dropped soon afterwards. The only elements that remain are those that the club felt were useful to our normal operations (preregistration, for example).

### **Club Administration/Communication**

Despite the restrictions causing one cancellation (18th January), we were able to hold five in-person Members’ Meetings and the Executive (Board) also met twice through the year.

For many years, our club website was hosted and looked after by HB Studios on their server (our thanks to them for this). This year, the site was moved to another host, administered directly by club member Greg Singer. This allows website changes and any postings to be made more quickly and efficiently. In addition, we now have our own club email domain and email addresses which will ensure that member requests are directed seamlessly to the correct section chair or focal point. This should allow faster response times with more transparency. Following the AGM, I will send a note to members detailing all the new email addresses.

Now we have direct control of our website, we are looking at embedding our membership database in this system. The aim here is to enable more efficient renewals and communication with members.

### **Club Incorporation**

Following the approval of a Special Resolution at last years AGM, incorporation of the club under the Societies Act and registration in the Joint Stocks Register of Nova Scotia was completed in April 2022. The Memorandum of Association and revised club bylaws came into effect at that time. Copies are stored on the club website for your information (under Who we are/Regulations).

### **Re-certification of the Club ranges by the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO)**

With the revised club incorporation as described above, the last outstanding deficiency area formally identified by the CFO was closed.

Progress on range re-certification has been very slow (due to Firearms Officer constraints). As reported before, our indoor range was inspected in June 2021 but we have still to receive a formal report. The three shotgun fields were inspected in June 2022; we are awaiting the report. The final inspection (100 yard range), has been scheduled for the Spring of 2023.

Whilst these delays are frustrating, we have maintained excellent relationships with the CFO office and kept lines of communication open. We have been assured that since our operating licence has not been revoked, we are good with continued operation as we are. I will ensure that achieving formal recertification of our ranges remains one of our top priorities as a club during 2023.

### **General**

Throughout the year, we continued with improvements to our ranges and facilities although much still needs to be done. Areas of focus going forward will be the clean up of all shotgun fields, weather proofing of clay storage sheds on the Sporting Clay field, continuing the work on reconditioning of the baffles and posts on the 100 yard range, and cleaning out the backstop on the indoor range. The exterior of our clubhouse is showing signs of wear requiring maintenance efforts. So, a lot of work, but with your help, we will get this essential work completed. Watch out for specific requests for assistance; your support is appreciated.

The club was able to host several shotgun competitions, including the regular Nova Series Opener and the rifle section hosted a competition on the outdoor range. As in earlier years, the RCMP carried out their regular training on our outdoor range. We also hosted the Department of Natural Resources training in our indoor range, I think for the first time. We welcomed the relaunch of the Archery section under Adam Whynot's leadership in the fall.

After raising concerns about the deterioration of Fish Peddler Road with the Provincial Roads Department and MODL, I was pleasantly surprised to see improved levels of activity on the road this year. As well as regular regrading, the Roads team resurfaced approximately 1/3 of the length of the road with Class A. I don't know if it was our complaints that proved successful but we will gladly accept the improvements.

### **In Conclusion**

None of the above could have been achieved without those who volunteer their time and skills to the Club. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of LRGC in 2022 and we would ask for your ongoing support in 2023.