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Notes from the secretary

If you were wondering where the fall newsletter went, well it did not get done. So we are putting out the Spring 2007 earlier.

Please note the upcoming matches. We are hoping you will attend to make this year one of the most successful. Bring a new shooter out. We have the participation incentive again this year. Bring a new shooter out, and the entry fees will be paid for by the association for the person introducing and for the new participant.

The indoor match at Morse is a very relaxing and fun time. One that we look forward to each year. At end of this month, the Canada Games team will be in Whitehorse for the Winter Canada Games.

Our web site has been updated, so check it out for latest news. www.rifleshootinginsask.org

-Neil Suttill

Three Times Air Colorado Springs

Three times Air is a competition that a good portion of Team Saskatchewan partakes in every year. This year we had a great turn out and almost everyone came. Our team ended up doing extremely well at the competition and we all had a great deal of fun. Three Times Air is an exciting competition because we get to shoot at one of the three Olympic training centers in the United States. The facility is filled with the most advanced equipment for all types of Olympic sports. Shooting at this Olympic level facility gives us the opportunity to shoot beside athletes that have made it to the Olympics in our sport.

Three Times Air is a very high level competition, which is great for the athletes that will be attending the 2007 Canada Winter Games. Three Times Air was a great competition and all of our athletes had a great performance and we are looking forward to going back next year.

Canadian Small Bore National Championships

National championships for small-bore rifle were held in Beachburg, Ontario this year. Team Saskatchewan consisted of nine athletes this time, which was a fairly large team for us to go down in one vehicle. We were shooting three events at this competition, which were Free rifle three position, Free rifle Prone, and the Air rifle event. Each athlete shot all events. As a whole our team was happy with our performances. Our coach and fellow teammate Cory Niefer won 1st place in all three events, and won the grand aggregate award, which is a total cumulative score across of all three events.

The two new shooters from Saskatchewan, Cassandra Wilson-Anderson and Kristen Andersen, showed a promising future for the sport in the province. There were record-breaking performances from the Junior men side of our team, with Matt McDermott, Justin Nenson and Elliott Field breaking the old records in the team events for Three position and Prone. All in all, this competition was a great learning experience for our team, and we are looking forward to see what we can do next year as a team.

2007 Canadian Grand Prix

The Canadian air-gun grand prix was held at the Double Tree hotel, in Toronto Ontario. This competition was special for our team for a variety of reasons. First of all, we brought down nine people, which was the largest team that we have ever taken down to this competition. Second, this competition was important for the Canada games athletes, because it gave them an opportunity to compete with many of the same athletes, which will be at the Canada Games in Whitehorse. Our coach and fellow teammate Cory Niefer won 1st overall, and Drew Schreuder placed 3rd overall. The junior team did well, with our newest teammate Cassandra Wilson-Anderson placing 9th overall female, with one point away from making the final. All in all, this competition was a good experience for the members of our team, one we are anxiously looking forward to capitalizing on next year to do even better.

