



Downrange

Having a firearms licence is now a badge of honour which is hard-earned. Canadians with a firearms licence are a special group. They are known to be law-abiding, trustworthy, educated, non-violent individuals who can be trusted with deadly firearms. These licenced firearms owners are to be commended as responsible community leaders who have set themselves as examples of the highest achievement and are worthy of great trust. The pride they share with one another is a pride they can share with all Canadians.—Edward L. Burlew, LL.B.

Don't Just Stand There. Move and Shoot!

Bored with "stand and shoot"? With IDPA, The International Defensive Pistol Association, you're off the firing line and into simulated self-defence scenarios and real life encounters.

Come to Range B Wednesday nights and take a look. You'll see that it's challenging and rewarding, but it's not a difficult transition for the safe target shooter with at least a year of safe, consistent target shooting experience.

To shoot IDPA, you must be holster qualified. The Grange runs holster qualification courses for experienced target shooters. Check out The Grange Facebook page for dates and times.

Later this year, The Grange will be hosting an IDPA Shooter Orientation Course,

Spring and Summer Range Renewal

The new Board of Directors, with our hosts, Target Sports Canada, took a careful look at the range. Since then, we've have been working to improve your shooting safety and comfort.

You'll notice that the shooting booths are now well-lit. So, it'll be easier to focus on that front sight and check those cartridge head stamps.

Also, Target Sports Canada now changes the air filters every two weeks. You'll be breathing cleaner, safer air while you're lining up your shot.

If cleaning your guns takes away from the pleasure of owning them, you should try the new "Bio-Circle". It's solvent-free, bio-degradable, and the cleaner renews itself constantly. It's so safe, it's not under WHMIS. Control. Try it. Of course, use eye protection when you do. Latex gloves will keep your hands clean.

A new multi-purpose shooting bench has been installed. It's perfect for sighting in your rifles and for shooters who are physically challenged and would prefer to shoot from a seated position.

If you'd like to strap on a holster and get into the action shooting sports, IPSC or IDPA, The Grange offers holster qualification courses. If have at least a year of consistent target shooting experience under your belt, why not see if you're qualified to take the course? Then, you could strap a leather or Kydex holster onto your belt.

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An IDPA competitor shoots his way through a simulated self-defense scenario.

If the range is busy and you can't get a booth on Range A, remember that Grange Firearms Association members always have priority. Just speak with an employee of Target Sports Canada.

Talk to Us. We Work For You.

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Executive: Luis S.

Email us directly from our Web page.



Thinking of a Christmas Present for Your Children? We're Starting a Youth League

Soon, your children will have the opportunity to join the Grange Youth League. We know that students involved in the shooting sports tend to get higher marks and their self-esteem and sense of responsibility improve too.

We're in the process of acquiring .22 rifles appropriate for youth-league shooting. The Grange Board of Directors will be working on setting it up. If you would like to help, let us know.

IPSC League Report

The International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) league is alive and well at The Grange. We run practice sessions every Tuesday night starting at 19:00 for members and their guests. While it is debatable whether or not IPSC is practical shooting, our aim is to promote proficiency of handgun operation in a safe and supervised manner that tests the shooters' speed and accuracy in changing stage scenarios and shooting positions while engaging multiple targets.

We have league members who compete in the different divisions of IPSC: Open, Standard and Production that are classes from "Master" to "C Class". Our practice sessions have enabled some members to progress to "B Class" within the first year if them being active IPSC competitors, and most have been in the top 25% of the match results in the last IPSC provincial matches held in Barrie last June. Our regular league members have competed in matches in Ontario, other provinces, the U.S.A. and elsewhere in the world.

The group has been working hard to get props that make our stages more challenging. We have been building more target stands, and swinging target holders.

While we strongly suggest that regular Grange members acquire their Black Badge or active IPSC membership if they want to compete in the IPSC league, any action-shooting-holster-qualified member of the club can join us on a Tuesday night to try out what IPSC is all about. We'll explain how the game is played and make sure that you have a safe and enjoyable time.

Luis S.

Everybody wants a pistol, all of a sudden. And more Westerners are seeing the value in supporting The CSSA. This means that the CSSA office is swamped. As one of the biggest clubs in Ontario, we can help by joining and renewing our CSSA memberships at Target Sports. Phoning the CSSA office to renew takes away valuable time from you and them. So, just renew at "the store". Thanks! BTW, CSSA membership is mandatory for Grange members. Also, because of the increased number of ATT's, the CFO is swamped. Expect delays in getting your ATT. Don't forget to check the expiry dates of your ATT's and PAL.

Range Hours: M-Sat 10AM-9PM Sun and Statutory Holidays: 10AM-6PM Closed Christmas, New Year's Day and Remembrance Day.

**Visit The Grange's webpage at www.grangesports.org.
Upcoming Event: Smith & Wesson Day, Sept. 26, 9-4
We're also on Facebook. Oh, and please sweep your brass.**