

izers and officials who have run the events with particular thanks to Clint Benedict at Stittsville and Terry McCracken at Strathmore.

Bob Watson has assisted with the measurement of the postal shoot targets and has introduced many new shooters to bench rest shooters. George Gillespie has handled the newspaper coverage for the Stittsville tournament. Terry McCracken has formed a Canadian records committee consisting of himself, Corney Dirks and Al Mirdoch. The writer has provided the remaining effort and finances to get bench rest shooting started in Canada.

The program for 1972 is changing from a promotion of bench rest events to one of keeping you more fully informed of activities, publication of results after every shoot, supervision of registered tournaments, expansion of the records program to include Canada in international records, participation in the postal match with U.S.A. and Australia, arranging interchangeability between SFC and IBS membership and continuation of the policy of requiring SFC membership at all our registered tournaments. In fact we are responding to the need of being the governing body for Canadian bench rest shooting.

For 1972 the present practice of SFC is that they pay grants towards traveling expenses for selected shooters wishing to attend national tournaments. We have a national championship event at Stittsville on June 24th and 25th and will see if this gains recognition.

Considerable thought has been given to the relationship between bench rest shooters and SFC and the conclusion is that we will give it another try for 1972 and at the end of that year we will take a vote to see if we continue this way or do

it on our own. Please bear with it for another year and let us have an open mind.

In the meantime, we are going to continue to publish our Newsletter at intervals when regulations are required to be circulated and results for events are at hand. Presently the publication of the Newsletter represents a very large expense because our mailing list exceeds 400 copies, but this will be self-regulating since numbers will be reduced at the next publication to only those who are interested in bench rest shooting and have sent in their \$5.00.

You will see that we have taken on a distinctive appearance by adopting the maple leaf above bench rest shooters as our official crest. Sew-on crests are available, cost \$3.00, and consist of red embroidery on a white background. The full size crest is reproduced on the Registered Tournament Regulations for Stittsville. This crest will appear on the Newsletter, our stationery and standard forms. It is unmistakably Canadian.

Our policy for the first registered tournament at Stittsville was that U.S. shooters would shoot amongst themselves and Canadian shooters would have separate trophies. This was done so that Canadian shooters would not be frightened away from bench rest tournaments. We feel that we have advanced sufficiently that this procedure will no longer be necessary in 1972 and therefore IBS and SFC shooters will compete on an equal footing in Canada and the States. So practice up if you want to come home with trophies. We think this will encourage stiffer competition and will improve our showing for the international postal match.

At the IBS annual meeting Canada was requested to arrange an inter-

national championship at 200 and 300 yards. In the States there is no 300 yard bench rest range and a great deal of interest was displayed by IBS members for such an event. At the meeting the writer collected 23 names, or nearly one-half of the active shooters present at this meeting. When one considers that in 1971, IBS had 931 members, watch out! This may develop into a very important event. This event will introduce 300 yard records and will doubtless be well attended. We are looking forward to being the hosts.

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FIRST 1972 CANADIAN BRS REGISTERED TOURNAMENT

Stittsville Shooting Ranges
Stittsville, Ontario
April 22 and 23, 1972

Five-shot matches at 100 and 200 yards for Heavy Varmint and Light Varmint classes. 100 yards on Saturday and 200 yards on Sunday.

Registration will be at the Club House located at the Range starting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. First relay starts at 9:00 a.m.

Registration — \$5.00 per shooter.

Range fee — \$7.50 per class.

Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Heavy Varmint class; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Light Varmint class; 1st 100 yards; 1st 200 yards.

Any SFC or IBS member may compete. SFC membership can be purchased at the Range for \$5.00.

The range is equipped with fifteen benches and is about 20 miles southwest of Ottawa. Signs will be erected for this tournament.

Meals will be served at the Club House.

A trailer park is at the range, fee \$2.00 per day. No electricity is available. Water can be obtained at the Club House.

Contact: Clint Benedict, R.R. #1, Stittsville, Ontario, Phone: 613-836-3871.

—NOTICE—

IBS has official master weights for sale. They may be purchased by any IBS Clubs. Each set will give weight combinations from Hunter Class thru Varmint Classes. R. W. Hart, 332 Montgomery St., Nescopeck, Pa. has them at \$18.00 per set — FOB Nescopeck, Pa.

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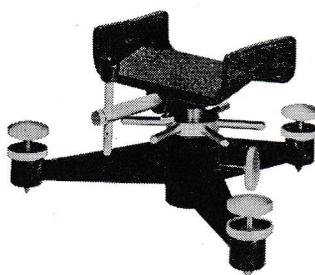
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