

Vancouver Island Shooting League

VISL has just entered its 51st year of the promotion of shooting sports on Vancouver Island. It was created as a system of administration and promotion of three shooting sports, trap, rifle, and pistol. Today pistol is no longer part of the league, but rifle, and trap are doing well. As the name suggests, it is an organization of clubs on Vancouver Island, but at times has had participation of shooting clubs from the lower mainland as well as the USA.

Initially the trap was run as a 25 bird singles/25 handicap/ 13 pair doubles in a non-registered format. In 1972 the course was changed to three 50 bird events and then became part of the Pacific International Trap Association. The League now consists of six clubs in the trap discipline, all situated on Vancouver Island. Each club is responsible for administering the League for a period of two years at the end of which the next club, on a revolving list, takes over the those duties. The initial propose of the league was to promote inter-club completion, but since has become more of an individual battle with the emphasis of bringing new shooters in to the game of trap shooting. This 150 bird format allows an easy entry into the word of competitive trap shooting for shooters new to our game, as well as a venue for those who, due to age or other issues, can no longer handle the riggers of a 100 bird event.

Our Island League is doing well with approximately 90 plus active shooters. The Vancouver Island Shooting League has served these shooters, as well as many others, well over the past 50 years and we expect the League to be in a good position to promote and organize trap and rifle shooting for the foreseeable future.

In order to shoot a VISL event (and compete for prizes), an annual \$5.00 membership is required. If you wish to shoot the event and not be part of VISL, you (as a PITA member) will be allowed (at a reduced rate) to shoot for targets only.

Our VISL shoots for 2015

- February 15 - South Vancouver Island Rangers**
- March 15 - Cowichan Valley Trap and Skeet**
- March 29 - Parksville/Qualicum Fish and Game**
- April 5 - Courtney and District Fish and Game**
- April 12 - Nanaimo Fish and Game**
- April 26 - South Vancouver Island Rangers**
- May 31 - Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association**
- June 14 - Campbell River Gun Club**
- July 12 - Nanaimo Fish and Game (VISL Championships)**
- October 18 - Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association**

Please see the PITA website for club contacts and other information.