

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a Happy New Year, I hope everyone is having a great one so far! This last year has come and gone way too fast. As always, our community is enduring and thriving with the changes we are facing. I am in complete awe of how much we stand up for our town and each other.

As of our AGM in mid January, our nominations were held for position change of the executive, and new faces stepped in. That said, I would like to formally introduce our new executive:

President: Dallas Matson

Vice President: Jason Blackwell

Secretary: Karla Matson

Treasurer: Linda Blackwell

Directors: Don Stevenson, Keith Matson, Nicole Gerow, Bob Fowler, Denys Bell and Reg Blackwell.

There has been a bit of a shift in our executive, bringing in some “young blood” into our ranks. Although there has been a shift, we feel very fortunate to have retained the experienced members as directors, for their continued support both with the transition and the club in general.

We would like to thank them for all they have done and are continuing to do over the coming years. I would also like to take a moment to thank Denys Bell who has been the secretary for 25 of that last 30 years he has been apart of this club.

Last year we hosted a variety of events throughout the year, the Wild Game Banquet, 1000 Yard Shoot and the Fun Shoots. All of our events have been successful due to the community support and our volunteers. There were weddings, Christmas socials, birthdays and the Lakes District Business Awards hosted at the clubhouse. This past fall our Junior Small Bore program was reintroduced, with a big thanks to our coaches, Nicole Gerow and Earle Somerville. There are continuing club activities happening at present, including Archery and Hand Gun, held Tuesday and Thursday evenings respectively.

We are excited about the upcoming year! Our Wild Game Banquet has already sold out due to the overwhelming support from the community. A huge thank you to all those who are donating meat, and to those who cook, and to the contributing individuals and business, you make this event even possible. As always, we are in need of more wild game and fish to keep this event going, so please contact one of the executive in that regard.

We are also launching our “Girls with Guns” day, held for the ladies only! Please make sure to sign up fast as there are limited spaces (more details to follow). We are also gearing up for the 41st annual 1000 Yard Shoot this year. Members of the executive are also working with the Bulkley Valley Rod and Gun club on a possible collaborated gun show. Exciting! More ideas for the spring and fall have tentatively brought forwards, which we look forwards to planning and presenting to the community.

Please make sure you watch our Facebook Page, and your email as details for our upcoming events will be coming out. We encourage everyone, young or elder, whether they be a member of the club or not to join us and have some fun!

We look forward to the year ahead and want to wish everyone a fantastic 2016.

Tweedsmuir Park Rod and Gun Club President,

Dallas Matson