



INUVIK REGION

Sight in Your Rifle Programs

Final Report



Winners of the 2013 Ft McPherson SIYRP Event: 1st Arthur Blake, 2nd Clifford Vaneltsi, 3rd Joseph Vaneltsi

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Dept. of ENR & the Top of the World Sporting Association
will host the:

Ft McPherson 'Sight in Your Rifle' Event

**Saturday, October 26
1:00 to 5:00 PM
At the Gravel Pit - One
kilometre from the
Airport**

Hunting season is here!

An accurate rifle is essential for a successful hunt.

Come out and sight in your rifle.

Help reduce wounding and wastage of wildlife.

Marksmanhip Prizes.

**1st: Stihl Chainsaw, 2nd: Airtight Woodstove w/ pipes,
3rd: Bushnell Binocular**

Free trigger locks for the first 20 participants!

Please Bring Your Own Ammunition.

**Ensure your firearms are unloaded and in safe
working condition before transporting them.**



For more information please call ENR Area Office at 952-2200.



Ft McPherson Sight in Your Rifle Program

Saturday, October 26, 2013.

1:00 to 6:00 PM

Funding for the Inuvik Region Sight in Your Rifle Program (SIYRP) was provided by the ENR HQ Wildlife Management Division. However it was decided that the funds should go through the Inuvik Region's Field Operations under Doug Villeneuve, Wildlife Manager with Wildlife and Environment, instead of Wildlife Management.

The Inuvik Region SIYRP was first initiated several years ago mainly through the ENR Conservation Education Programs from 1998 to 2012 and also through the 2009-2013 Aklavik (Shingle Point) SIYRP that were implemented by Aklavik RRO Ian McLeod.

We were tasked with planning, coordinating and implementing the SIYRP for the Inuvik Region, with the exception of the 2013 Aklavik SIYR Program, which is coordinated by RRO McLeod. Our first task was determining who can deliver the program, even though we have a few officers that are designated as 'Range Masters', it was decided that we would request that Rick Lindsay and Chris Garven implement the program for the Inuvik Region.

Rick and Chris are affiliated with the Top of the World Sporting Association (TOWSA) executive committee and they have been delivering Firearm Awareness Programs for many years with Aurora College in Inuvik and both of them are trained as Canadian Firearm Instructors that deliver the Canadian Firearms Safety Course. Upon their favorable response to our request, the program was planned and delivered as a partnership between TOWSA and ENR, which we are very optimistic will continue for many years.

After meeting with Rick in mid-August and reviewing the information from the 2011 and 2012 Fort Smith SIYRP we decided on a tentative date (Sat. Sept. 28) for the 2013 Ft McPherson SIYRP. The community gravel pit, which is four kilometres from Ft McPherson, was where we had the gun range. However when we went to the gravel pit a few days before the event, and after several days of rain, we determined that we would have to wait until the ground froze to use this gravel pit, so we decided to re-schedule the event until Saturday, October 26. Even when the ground was frozen we had to hire a loader for an hour to repair the access road to the gun range site.

ENR took care of the majority of the tasks such as the following:

- **Advertising:** We advertised on CBQM radio, distributed posters in the community;
- **Prizes:** We ordered gun locks and picked up the prizes once we determined what the prizes were going to be for the program;
- **Catering:** We felt that it would be favorable to have some refreshments and pastries at the event;





- **Educational material:** We made arrangements to gather all paraphernalia and educational material from the Porcupine Caribou Management Board (PCMB) and ENR for distribution at the event;
- ***I would like to sincerely thank Ms. Judy Francey, Administrative Clerk with ENR/ITI Shared Services, for purchasing all the items and services we required for this program. Mahsi Cho Judy!***

We believe we had a very good turnout with over twenty participants attending the event throughout the day and they seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. A majority of the participants stayed for the whole five hours while others 'sighted-in' their rifle and left before the competition started. We even left the ENR picnic tables and target stands at the gravel pit after the event at the request of several participants that wanted to keep practicing.

Rick and Chris were very proficient at their roles as 'Ranger Masters' and the whole event was implemented successfully.

Once the competition was completed the three winners were:

1. **Arthur Blake – 170 Stihl Chainsaw with case**
2. **Clifford Vaneltsi – Airtight Stove with pipes**
3. **Joseph Vaneltsi – Bushnell Binoculars**



We would like to sincerely thank Rick Lindsay, Chris Garven, Cheryl Williams (Secretary Treasurer), and TOWSA for doing a tremendous job in implementing this program!





Recommendations for future programs:

As this was the first Ft McPherson SIYRP Event there were several suggestions for future events which we will provide in point form in no particular order:

- Hold the event in August instead of September because of the warmer temperatures, also because this is when the caribou begin to migrate along the Dempster Highway;
- Hold a SIYR event along the Dempster Highway, most likely at the Midway Lake Music Festival (if there is not too much activity at the gravel pit during this time of year) during August while the caribou are beginning to migrate;
- The Ft McPherson SIYR event could become a two-day event on Saturday and Sunday to allow and encourage more participation;
- If this does become a two-day event we believe that we should have more categories to encourage more female and youth participation;
- Female and youth categories can take place on Saturday and men’s categories can take place on Sunday;
- The new ‘female and youth’ categories would include providing a .22 and .243 calibre rifles with ammunition and would be an educational program whereas the men’s program would be similar to this year’s event;
- Demonstrate the advantages of shooting from the sitting, kneeling and prone positions instead of the standing position;
- There was a suggestion of having a ‘50 years and over’ category for the older genders;
- The above categories should be further broken down into ‘open sight’ and ‘scope’, because for this first event the ‘scoped rifles’ had the advantage over the ‘open sight rifles’ and we only had one competition and one set of prizes;
- Have a Renewable Resource Officer in uniform present to answer any wildlife or enforcement questions;
- Have life-like cutouts or targets of moose and/or caribou that can be placed on the gun range to further demonstrate distance and velocity of bullets;
- Develop a device that would incorporate a ‘moving target’ of a moose and/or caribou to demonstrate how difficult it would be to shoot at a moving target, this would provide a more realistic experience;
- Revise the schedule to have a ‘sight in your rifle’ portion (from 1:00 to 3:00 PM) and then the competition portion (from 3:00 to 5:00 PM) as there were several participants that kept ‘sighting in’ their rifles until 4:30 PM while others were waiting for the competition to start.

These are only ‘suggestions’ for future events.

Additional Images:



