



# INUVIK REGION

## *Sight in Your Rifle Programs*

### Final Report



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## Inuvik Sight in Your Rifle Program

Saturday, September 7, 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 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 for the 2013 Inuvik SIYRP and the content for the program.


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

- **Advertising:** We advertised in the Inuvik Drum, on Inuvik TV, on CBC radio announcements, distributed posters in the community, and on the TOWSA and ENR Con. Ed. Facebook pages;
- **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;

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

### 2013 Sight in Your Rifle Event

**Saturday,  
September 7  
1:00 to 5:00 PM  
Inuvik Firing  
Range on Navy  
Road**





**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.  
Great door prizes to be won for sighting in your rifle,  
as well as Marksmanship prizes.  
(gun cabinet, binocular, gun case, and more!)

Free trigger locks for the first 20 participants!  
Assistance in sighting in your rifle will also be available.

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



For more information please call ENR Regional Office at 678-6650.



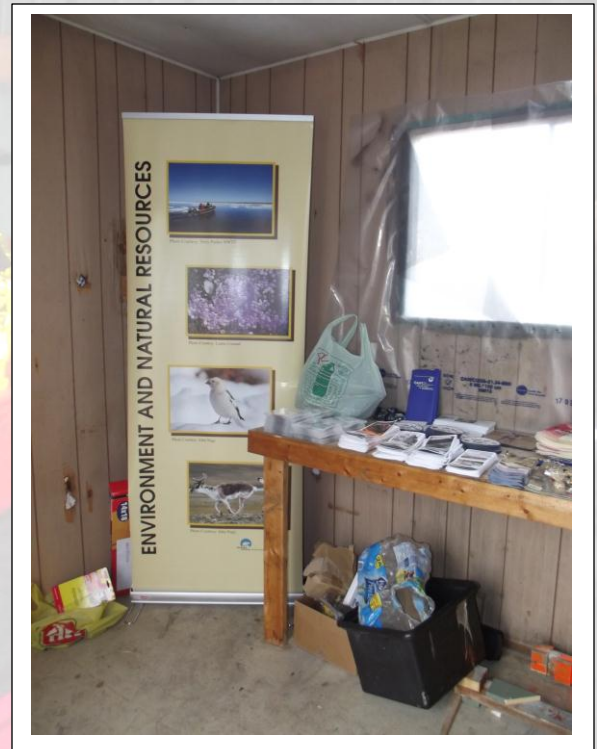
- *I would like to sincerely thank Ms. Judy Francey, Administrative Clerk with ENR/ITI Shared Services, for purchasing all the items and services we required for this program. Mahsi Cho Judy!*

We believe we had a very good turnout for the event even though the weather was not too favorable, light rain and windy, but over twenty participants still attended 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.

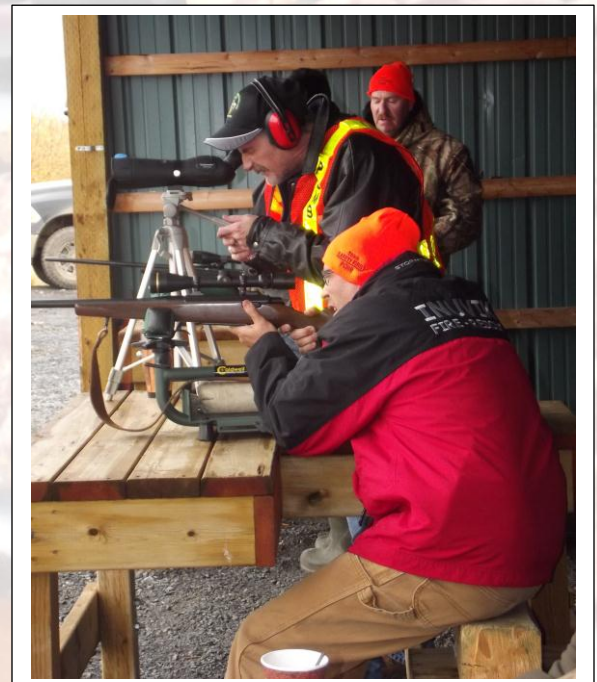
The TOWSA gun range is professionally managed by their membership and the organization has liability insurance that also covered this event. Rick and Chris were very proficient at their roles as 'Ranger Masters' and the whole event was implemented successfully.

Once the competition was completed the three winners were:

1. **Eric Cockney – 10 Gun Cabinet**
2. **Jenette White – Bushnell Binoculars**
3. **Scott Kasook – Kolpin Gun Boot**



*I would like to sincerely thank Rick Lindsay, Chris Garven, Cheryl Williams (Secretary Treasurer), and TOWSA for doing an excellent job in implementing this program!*



### Recommendations for future programs:

As this was the first Inuvik 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, probably at the Midway Lake Music Festival (if there is not too much activity at the gravel pit) during August while the caribou are beginning to migrate;
- The Inuvik 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 even a few 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 present to answer any wildlife or enforcement questions;
- Have life-like cut outs 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:



