

# RCMP report and news

**Victoria County Police Officers are on 'Target'!**



**RCMP members from various detachments around Cape Breton are pictured honing their firearms skills at a shooting range in Leitches Creek.**

RCMP officers from detachments across Cape Breton, including Victoria County attended annual shooting practice in Leitches Creek, Nova Scotia. To simulate diverse conditions which they may encounter, officers practice with their RCMP issued Smith and Wesson 9mm pistols from various distances and positions, including standing, kneeling and lying down.

Firearms' training prepares police officers for a variety of scenarios that could occur in day to day police work. It also stresses safe handling, and is one in a number of areas where officers update operational skills maintenance yearly.

**Victoria County officers receiving training as a result of new sex offender legislation:**

On May 5th, 2011 Cpl. Tami Richard and Detective Constable Paula McLaughlin of the Nova Scotia Sex Offender Information Registration Centre put on an information session at Baddeck RCMP detachment. The officers gave a presentation to six (6) Victoria County members concerning the new legislation recently passed under Bill S2. The legislation is aimed at further protecting victims from sex offenders, and the two hour presentation reviewed the new legislation and present policy.

Those in attendance felt the information helped to clarify the role of the Registration Centre, and their role as collectors of information for the Centre.

Baddeck Detachment is presently

one of two locations in Cape Breton where those convicted for a designated offence must report to be entered on the Sex Offender Registry.

**Ingonish RCMP arrest man for unlawfully entering a dwelling, assault**

At suppertime on May 11th, 2011 Victoria County RCMP responded to a call of an adult male attempting to enter a residence in New Haven. At the time an adult female was in the residence with two younger occupants. She was known to the male and refused entry. He then picked up a nearby axe and smashed the doorknob on the outside door, while trying to force his way into the home. The female immediately called the RCMP and officers responded, however the suspect had fled the area. He was arrested a short time later without incident.

A 33 year old male from New Haven has been charged with unlawful entry into a dwelling, assault, and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public. He will be appearing in Sydney Provincial court on Thursday, May 12th.

**RCMP Traffic Stop on Highway 105 Nets Over One Pound of Marihuana**

Wednesday May 4, 2011, at Wagmatcook, members of the Victoria County RCMP conducted a traffic stop on Highway 105 on the Wagmatcook First Nation Reserve.

The driver of the vehicle, a 27 year old male from Eskasoni, was arrested for trafficking in a controlled substance (marihuana). A 34 year old male from the community of Wagmatcook, was also arrested for possession of a controlled substance (marihuana) and for breach of conditions under the Criminal Code.

Both men were released from custody on a promise to appear and will appear in Baddeck Provincial Court in July of 2011.

The RCMP remind the public to contact them should they be aware of any illegal drug activity in their community. If the public has information they may contact Baddeck RCMP Detachment at 902-295-2350, local police, or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by a Secure Web Tips at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca). Calls to Crime Stoppers are not taped or traced and if police make an arrest and lay charges based on a tip, callers qualify for a cash award from \$50 - \$2000.

*(This report provided by the Baddeck RCMP Detachment.)*

# Women in Business award



**At the 6th annual Women in Business Conference & Awards Gala held May 5th & 6th at Inverary Inn, Lyn Duchesney, Morgans Brook Landscaping, was presented with the "Continuity" award. Pictured in the Village of Baddeck with her award, Lyn stands by a hardy yet delicate climbing hydrangea planted near the Court House in 2010 by her staff. "It's the team work that has kept us growing for 15 years," she said as another busy gardening season gets underway. The event included a tradeshow with over 15 exhibits from women in business across Cape Breton Island.**

## Ross Ferry Volunteer Fire Department

# Installation of officers



**The Ross Ferry Volunteer Fire Department recently installed its new officers for the year. In the photo are: front row (l-r) Dr. John Ritter, Honourary Member; and Sharon Matheson, Volunteer of the Year. In back (l-r) are Victoria County Deputy Warden Fraser Patterson, Chair; Harve Grant, Secretary; Gail Bardswich, Treasurer; Nova Scotia MLA Keith Bain; and Chief Peter Phillips.**

## An Là Mór

Saturday May 28 • Port Hawkesbury Fire Hall

**A gathering of the Nova Scotian Gaelic Community**

Hosted by Comhairle na Gàidhlig - The Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia



### FREE DAY-TIME ACTIVITIES

- Tea at 10 am
- Workshops on Gaelic in our communities - 10:30 & 3:15
- Day-long Tradeshow, lunch
- Annual General Meeting - 1:30
- Hands-on family activities - 3:15



### DINNER & CÉILIDH

- 6 pm Maragan/Roast Beef Dinner with Linden MacIntyre
- Evening Céilidh

MC - Mary Jane Lamond

**òrain, sgeulachdan, puirt ... songs, stories, tunes**

Evening tickets \$20, FREE for native Gaelic speakers, book by **May 22** Tel. 258-5768 E-mail. [council@gaelic.ca](mailto:council@gaelic.ca)



Thanks to NS Office of Gaelic Affairs, Dept. of Economic Development, and Culture Division for their support.



Congratulations to the Gaelic Community on the 16th Annual Gaelic Awareness Month!

**"Bu mhath leinn meal an naidheachd a chur air a' Choimhearsnachd Ghàidhealaich airson Mìos na Gàidhlig a chumail fad 16 bliadhna!"**



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