



# Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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## Day Passes

Starting January 01, 2010 the executive has decided to tighten up the day pass policy. The cost of only one day pass will be applicable to the purchase of a membership. That membership must be purchased within the month and year the day pass was purchased.

As most guest passes are probably purchased by members, their cost is not applicable to the cost of a membership.

If you have not renewed your membership soon, this may be your last newsletter. The memberships are valid from January to December.

## Guest speaker, February 15th General Meeting. Ian Roberts on Fish Farming on the West Coast.

Guest Speaker, Mr. Ian Roberts is from 'Marine Harvest Canada' (MHC), and is a graduate of aquaculture. He began working with MHC in 1992. He has 17 years production experience growing salmon, and has spent ten of those years working with the Kitasoo First Nation in Klemtu, where MHC and Nation jointly produce and process farm-raised salmon.

Mr. Roberts Topic will be "Fish Farms on the West Coast". Ian will discuss the business of salmon farming. MHC is the largest producer of farmed salmon in BC and directly employs over 500 people on the north Island. From obscurity a scant two decades ago, salmon farming is now the largest agricultural export of BC.

Ian will share his perspective on this subject and will welcome discussion following the presentation.

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### 'Memories from the 2009 Christmas Social!'

Our December Meeting at Strawberry Vale hall has always been short on business and long on fun. This last meeting was no exception; we held the serious part of the meeting to a minimum, and adjourned early to a feast of pot-luck goodies, 'Thrifty Foods' meat, vegetable, dip, & dessert trays. As usual, Winnie Jones did a marvelous job organizing the kitchen.

For those of you who missed it, here are a few pictures of members partaking in Christmas cheer and enjoying the food!



Sybil Kangas & Robie Petrie



Chris Jones



Roy Cleemoff with Granddaughter & son (grandson is somewhere nearby...)



Jacques van Bodengraven, Roy Gardner and Nancy Green



Steve MacDonald



Brian Lillie, Alec Stenger, Clive Lane, and Peggy Stenger



Laurie Page, Al Page, and Wilf Sample



## Boxing Day Turkey Shoot.

By Art Moore

Our annual Boxing Day Turkey Shoot was blessed, at least this year, with a beautiful sunny day. Of all things that tend to bring out the shooters, the weather seems to be the most crucial and with the gorgeous day, out they came. We easily had over 150 shooters, competing for a selection of Glenwood Meats supplied prizes. Over 150 of these prizes were awarded to the competitors who could best all those who dared to step to the line in the time honoured tradition of the Boxing Day Turkey Shoot. We had Perry, Bob and Val, taking care of feeding all those who turned out to enjoy the full day. Laird out in the field, Steve and Art on the sign up desk, and Chris handing out the prizes. A special thanks to Dale and Ted for the extra effort and all those who gave us a hand in keeping things going.

**Have a good New Year!**

### Thank You

Thank you members for all your help during the year with the Kitchen, especially with the Christmas Social.

From Wynnefred Jones



**\*"Thank-you to Ocean Cement!"\***

The Victoria Fish & Game Club sends a gracious 'Thank-you' to Ocean Cement who donated concrete for pads and bases for covered loading bays, and a new safe-area on the Multi-Purpose range. Member Volunteers from the South Island Action Shooters work-party prepared and formed the pads, and Ocean was able to deliver the concrete in mid-December. Special Thank-you to the drivers, shipping, Staff & management, who were so helpful in making this happen.



# FEBRUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 • <u>Board Mtg.</u>	2	3	4	5	6 • <u>PPC; RP Range Closed 9am to 4pm</u> • <u>R/P closed from 4pm; Frontier Setup</u>
7 • <u>Frontier Shooters "Malahat Ridge" RP closed 9-4pm</u>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 • <u>R/P &amp; Range House closed 8:30-noon; Frontier Shooters</u>	15 • <u>General Meeting.</u>	16 • <u>RP Range Closed; 9am to 4pm</u>	17	18	19	20
21 • <u>Silhouette; RP Range Closed; 9am to 2pm</u>	22 • <u>Malahat Marauders Meeting</u>	23	24	25	26	27 • <u>BlackPowder; RP closed 9-12</u>
28	<b>SUBJECT TO CHANGE:</b>					

**RP : Rifle/Pistol Range    MP : Multi-Purpose Range    SG : Shotgun Range**

**CH : Main Clubhouse    RH : Range House**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### **CO-OP**

Each year end the club has received a "patronage allocation" cheque from the CO-OP. This means that a member or members of the VFGPA have given the VFGPA CO-OP membership number (9704) when they made a purchase of food or gas at any CO-OP or SAVE-ON-GAS outlet. This additional revenue to the club is greatly appreciated. To whoever these people are, we offer them a heartfelt thank-you. To any other member who may wish to follow suit, when the clerk asks for your CO-OP number, give 9704.

### **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

The Christmas social was enjoyed by about 70 members. After a short, obligatory, meeting there was a great opportunity to meet new members and old friends over well supplied tables of food. Two copies of Bill Otway's new book – Fish Cops and Game Wardens – were given away as door prizes. The event was very capably organized by Wynnefred Jones – to whom we owe a vote of thanks for providing refreshments at all our General Meetings.

### **IMAGEWEAR**

As previously mentioned, Mark's Work Wearhouse, in an agreement with the BCWF, was to provide all BCWF members with a Pay-As-You-Go card giving a 10% discount on a wide range of goods sold by Mark's. The cards have arrived and will be distributed both at General Meetings and at the Holker Place facility by the caretaker.

### **CLUBHOUSE**

The purlins at the kitchen end of the clubhouse have been reinforced with laminated beams and stained to match the hue of the ceiling. The four central columns were replaced thus eliminating the unsightly green timbers which had been bolted to the original columns as a temporary fix. The project has been signed off both by a Professional Engineer and the Cowichan Valley Regional District. The total cost is in the \$9,000 to \$10,000 range. Many thanks to Dom Piluso (Treasurer) and Dave Metcalfe (Asset Manager) for their time and effort. The next stage will be to replace the shake roof – probably with fibreglass shingles with a shake-like appearance.

### **WETLANDS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The BCWF has a Wetlands Education Program. Various opportunities will be offered during 2010 to BCWF members to participate in Wetland familiarization and restoration programs. At present, the VFGPA seems to have few members who are active, in the name of the club, in causes which affect our ability to access and enjoy the out-of-doors and all the associated activities. For a person interested, the Wetland program represents issues and involvement in dire need of attention. From a wide range of perspectives, Wetlands represent what probably is the most valuable real estate on earth. If you are interested, contact Carolyn Budgell at BCWF [wetlands@bcwf.bc.ca](mailto:wetlands@bcwf.bc.ca) or at 1-888-2293 Ext. 232



## BCWF NOTES

### RAFFLES

The BCWF has two lotteries going at the moment. The Hunter's and Angler's lottery offers two prizes in partnership with the B.C. Ministry of Environment. The first is a five-year hunting license and the second is a five-year fishing license. The ticket cost is 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. All the proceeds will go to the BCWF Wetlands Education Program. These tickets will be available at the Jan., Feb., and March VFGPA General Meetings and at the annual VFGPA Game Dinner (March 06/10). Only 5230 tickets will be sold. The Dream Adventure lottery offers a choice between two grand prizes. The first is a six- day whitetail deer hunt in Saskatchewan for one and the second is a four-day or five-trip salmon fishing adventure for two at Langara Lodge in the Queen Charlottes (Haida Gwaii). Tickets are \$10.00 each and 3500 are available. Second prize is a trip to Las Vegas for two; third a \$500 shopping spree at Italian Sporting Goods and fourth a \$500 shopping spree at Chilliwack Dart and Tackle. These tickets can be purchased directly from the BCWF.

### MULE DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

The BCWF has spearheaded a campaign to oppose recent changes in the mule deer hunting regulations. The BCWF has elicited the help of eight retired wildlife biologists to support their stance. This group was to meet with MOE staff on November 09/09. The results of this meeting have yet to appear in the BCWF activity reports. Prior to this meeting, several BCWF people met with Minister Penner (MOE) to raise their concerns over regulations and other issues. Apparently Minister Penner was not happy with the presentation, however, the BCWF people pointed out they did not pay their own way to Victoria for the purpose of giving him accolades. However, positions were established and lines of communication opened.

### NATIVE AFFAIRS

As noted previously, in early November, Madame Justice Garson issued her decision that the Ahousaht Indian Band and other Nuu-cha-nulth Bands had aboriginal right to fish commercially all marine species in the ocean fronting their territory. A similar suit by the Lax Kw'allaams was denied by Madame Justice Satanove. The Supreme Court of Canada has always held the position that aboriginal right to commercial fishing does not exist. Initially, the Federal Justice Ministry was not going to appeal the Garson decision. However, when fully apprised of the consequences of the Garson decision, a last minute appeal was filed. Rod Wiebe, the BCWF chair of the Native Affairs Committee suggests that if one is into letter writing, Ministers Shea, Nicholson, Strahl and Harper deserve a thank-you for heeding the concerns of MP John Cummins and calling for an appeal of the Garson decision. It is important to all Canadians to understand the issues which could result from this decision.





## BIG GAME REPORT

The following Blacktail deer have been weighed into the club competition:

Darcy Rhodes	145 lb.	November 15/09
Stu Rhodes	118 lb.	November 07/09

Blacktail deer antlers from deer taken during the 2009 hunting season within Region 1 (Vancouver Island) will be accepted until January 31, 2010 for entry in the largest antlers competition.

Entries for the Black bear trophy (skull only) will be accepted until January 31, 2010 as well. Again, this is for the Black bears harvested in Region 1 during the spring and fall 2009 bear seasons. Trophy winners will be announced in the club newsletter early in 2010 and trophies presented at the AGM in March.

Chairman,  
Wayne Zaccarelli

## ELK LAKE ILLEGAL BUOYS UPDATE

- November 16 Attended Elk / Beaver Lakes Recreational Use Advisory Group meeting. Transport Canada reps confirmed buoys not approved.
- November 17 Letter to editor of Times-Colonist and News Group papers re outcome of Advisory Group meeting.
- November 19 Letter to CRD Parks Committee re outcome of Advisory Group meeting and requesting buoys removed now and that meeting minutes be posted on CRD website.
- November 20 Letter to Transport Canada confirming outcome of Advisory Group meeting and requesting they direct Victoria Rowing Society to remove buoys.
- November 25 Letter to Chair of CRD Board advising outcome of Advisory Group meeting and VRS violation of conditions in licence agreement between CRD and VRS. Request CRD order removal of buoys.
- November 28 Letter to EBLRUAG reviewing Advisory Group decisions of Nov 16 meeting and informing members of VRS violation of conditions contained in licence agreement.
- November 29 Letter to Transport Canada (Navigable Waters Protection) requesting list of buoys approved for Elk / Beaver Lakes and mapped position on lakes.
- November 30 Letter to Gary Lunn, MP noting Transport Canada confirmation that buoys are illegal and VRS violation of licence agreement with CRD. Request his assistance in getting buoys removed.

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December 04 Follow up letter to Chairman CRD Parks Committee addressing his reply of Dec 01 to my Nov 19 letter. Advise VRS violation of licence agreement with CRD with respect to TC application and approval copy to CRD. Again request buoys be removed.

December 04 Letter to EBLRUAG requesting that the subject of Advisory Group minutes being posted on CRD website be put on agenda for next Advisory Group meeting.

Additionally, I have been working with Ted Brookman, president, B.C. Wildlife Federation (Vancouver Island Region) on this issue. Ted has written letter of October 17, 2009 to agencies involved requesting answers to several questions.

Wayne Zaccarelli

**FISHING CONTEST**

Cutthroat Trout: Wayne Zaccarelli 3 lb 11 oz Cowichan Lake  
December 27 (21" x 11 1/2" catch & release)

Wayne Zaccarelli 3 lb 1 oz Cowichan Lake  
December 27 (20 1/2" x 10 1/2" catch & release)

Chinook Salmon: Wayne Zaccarelli 17 lb 8 oz Saxe Point  
January 01/10 (33" hatchery)





**UPCOMING GAME DINNER**

Victoria Fish and Game is having their Game dinner on March the 6th, at the Olympic Golf Course. Looking for game meat for the Game Dinner and Fund Raiser Social at Olympic View.

Contact Perry Chow at (250) 478-2279

Last Game Dinner was excellent!



**Publishers Note**

Deadline for next month's Newsletter is the 5th of the month. Note: Late submissions will be published in the month following.

Please submit all ads by emailing them in text format only.

Send all pictures with the event name, date and the names of people in the photo. All submissions are welcomed and can be sent to:

**vfgpanewsletter@shaw.ca**  
**Jodi Sturgill**



**West Coast Rangers  
Black Powder Club**

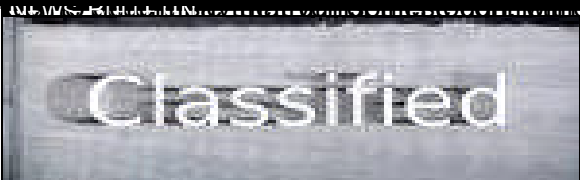
**February 2010**

7 – WCR Valentines Shoot 20,21 - Fraser Valley Frontiersmen  
Winter Rendezvous ,Chilliwack BC

20, - Mount Benson Buckskinners Snow Bead Shoot  
2010,Nanaimo BC

21, - Naniamo Fish and Game Gun Show,Nanaimo, BC

20,21 - Kermodi B.E.A.R. Snow Shoot , Kelowna BC



This column for sale items is provided to our members free of charge. VFGPA is not responsible for any items listed.

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**TO FISH AND GAME MEMBERS:**

IF YOU WANT ANYTHING TO BE IN THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE EMAIL ME AT [vfgpanewsletter@shaw.ca](mailto:vfgpanewsletter@shaw.ca) OR PHONE (250) 920-7712 Jodi Sturgill

**BY THE 5TH OF THE MONTH, 12 NOON.**



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BCWF - Stu Rhodes	479-9659
Black Powder - Perry Chow	478-2279
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PPC	
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**Building & Improvement:**

Dave Metcalf	479-8688
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**Members at Large:**

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Graham Shaw	590-8198
Mike Egan	656-4509

**Member Services-**

<b>Newsletter:</b> Jodi Sturgill	920-7712
<b>Hall kitchen:</b> Winnie Jones	386-3783

<b>VFGPA Caretakers - Robie Petrie</b>	858-8342
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**Meeting & Club Information**

**Executive meetings 1st Monday of the Month @ 7:30pm,  
Esquimalt Anglers Lounge 800 Munro**

**General Meeting**

**Strawberry Vale Hall 7:30pm.**

General meetings are on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. in the Strawberry Vale Hall at 11 High Street, off of Burnside Road West, Victoria BC. Club House and Ranges are located at 700 Holker Place off Malahat Drive—about 20 minutes North of Victoria opposite Spectacle Lake turn-off.

**Phone:** (250) 478—2411

Range Scheduling Information

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Val Macdonald - [membership@vfgpa.org](mailto:membership@vfgpa.org)

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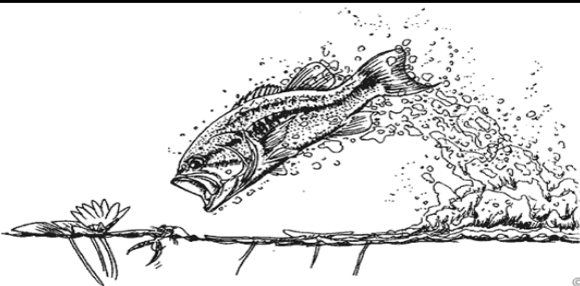
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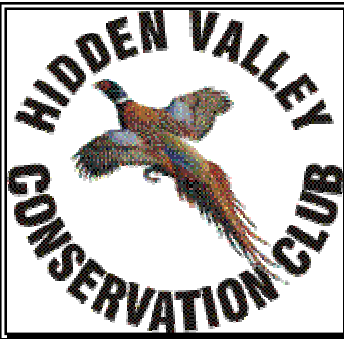
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