



Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Kid's Camp

To date we have one child whose parents have expressed an interest in having their child attend Kid's Camp. This camp would be a memorable experience for any child (and for many adults if the camp were meant for them). We have one more position allocated to our club. Call Bob Macdonald at 250-479-3828 or email to bob@biologica.bc.ca

Game Dinner II

This mini game dinner will be held on June 26, 7:00pm at the Malahat facility. The number of tickets available will be limited to 75. The cost per person will be \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child under 14 years. Bob Reid is organizing a jam session as after dinner entertainment. There will be no bar service. Tickets are limited and being printed and will be available at the May & June General Meeting from Perry Chow, or phone him at (250) 478-2279. Tickets are for sale up to June 22nd.

Discovery Day

Plans have changed somewhat. It has been decided that Saturday June 19 will be devoted to fishing and Sunday June 20 will be devoted to shooting. **Volunteers will be required for both days but can volunteer for one day only.** Perry Chow is organizing the fishing event and Jim Carson will be organizing the shooting. Shooting will involve all disciplines – archery, shotgun, handgun, rifle, black powder and paintball. Contact Perry at (250) 478-2279 or Jim Carson at (250) 383-0799

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Past Caretakers

At this time there is nothing more to report on the issues with the past caretakers.

May General Meeting

Featured at this meeting will be a talk by a B.C. Conservation Officer. Here is your opportunity to hear first hand about the many issues facing us, whose recreation is founded on outdoor activities. Elsewhere in this newsletter, a concerned member is presenting his plan to increase attendance at meetings.

VFGPA Gun Sale

Over the years, club members and some of the public have donated firearms to the club for use by new members and the public at times such as Discovery Day. However, we find that we have large numbers of some firearm types and few to none of others. A committee has reviewed the collection and decided which to keep and which to sell. The proceeds of this sale will go to buying those firearm types we need.

The sale will be by silent auction at the June General Meeting (June 21) at Strawberry Vale Community Hall. This sale will be open to club members only. Al Page has set a reserve price on each gun. A list of these guns is included in this newsletter.

VFGPA Firearms		To Be Sold				
Make	Model	Type	Action	Cal	Serial Number	Reserve Price
PAV	70	HG SS	Break	22	34005	\$20
Winchester	68	R SS	Bolt	22		\$25
Winchester	60	R SS	Bolt	22		\$25
Winchester	Sears 684	SG	Break	410 GA	1041368	\$75
Remington	33	R SS	Bolt	22		\$50
Stevens	58	SG		12 GA		\$35
Lee-Enfield	Sporter	R	Bolt	303	P3773	\$100
Lee-Enfield	No 1 MK 5	R	Bolt	303	M28008	\$50
Lee-Enfield	Sporter	R	Bolt	303	P3388	\$20
Mossberg	151MB	R	SA	22		\$35
Cooley	Ranger	R SS	Bolt	22		\$25
Cooley	Ranger	R	Bolt	22		\$25
Ardesa	Hawken	R	Percuss.	50		\$125
Baikal	TOZ-18-01	R	Bolt	22	296	\$50
Mossberg	Lakefield MK 3	R	SA	22		\$50
Cooley	39	R SS	Bolt	22		\$25
Cooley	39	R SS	Bolt	22		\$25
Cooley	39	R SS	Bolt	22		\$25
Savage	4C	R	Bolt	22		\$35
Winchester	67	R	Bolt	22		\$25
Mossberg	320B	R SS	Bolt	22		\$35
Cooley	600	R	Bolt	22	CG075746	\$75
NAACO	Grizzly 20	R	Bolt	22	8893	\$35
Baikal	IZH-18M	SG SS		20 GA	C18101	\$40
Browning	Auto-5	SG	SA	12 GA		\$200
Winchester	94	R	Lever	30-30	1471353	\$250
Lucznik	88	SS Air	Break	177		\$20
Airwolf	Diana 20	SS Air	Break	177		\$50
Daisy		Air	Lever	BB		\$5



YOU TOO CAN WIN!
FREE DRAW FOR MEMBERS

Come to the May general meeting on Monday May 17 and enter to win a pair of Bushnell zoom binoculars. The draw is free and is open to all members in good standing. Entry forms will be given out at the May general meeting only. One entry per member, so if you have a family membership, bring them along for more chances to win.

The draw will take place at the June 21 general meeting and the winner must be present to win otherwise another name will be drawn.

Site C will be a hard sell as green power

By: Miro Cernetig
Vancouver Sun
April 18, 2010

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/Column+Site+will+hard+sell+green+power/2922834/story.html>

Premier Gordon Campbell will announce the construction of the massive Site C dam Monday, a plan not just to erect a \$6-billion hydro dam but also make British Columbia self-sufficient in energy and create a multibillion-dollar green-power export industry.

The kilometre-long dam will flood 83 kilometres of the Peace River Valley in northern B.C., destroying farms and forest. Bet on one of the largest environmental backlashes we've seen here in decades.

But the Liberal government has decided the mega-dam must be part of its future green energy strategy: to make B.C. self-sufficient in power and use its surplus, renewable energy to become one of the continent's major exporters of green, clean energy.

But hold on a second. Will that new hydro power really be seen as green?

Although the Site C seems to fit the bill by the old definition - it will produce electricity with water, not uranium, coal or fossil fuels - there's no guarantee the rest of the world will agree it's green today. In fact, California, our biggest power export market, already has a regulation in place that rules any power project larger than 30 MW doesn't qualify as green.

Site C - at 900 MW and enough electricity for 500,000 homes for a century - is 30 times that limit.

As it stands, California wouldn't buy power directly from Site C as green energy. That means no extra premium, essential to funding the cost of the dam.

California's position is based on the view that big hydro projects aren't good for the planet, with the degradation of the environment outweighing even the fact the hydro power is created from renewable water resources. It's a view that's taking hold throughout the western United States.

Up and down the coast, where the big export market lies, the trend is actually to take down massive hydro dams, not put new ones up. In Washington state, \$300-million-plus is being spent to take down the 30-metre-high Elwha River dam in Olympic National Park. Another \$450 million is likely to be spent dismantling four dams of the Klamath River hydro project that stretches into Oregon and California.

What that means is that under California's current regulations, it's uncertain our biggest export market will even accept big-hydro power in the years ahead, never mind pay us the green premium BC Hydro hopes to get by selling clean hydro power beyond our borders.

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Moreover, the Californians are also shaping up as our competition as a green powerhouse.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced in January his state would help fast-track 70,000 MW of California's green energy projects, from solar, wind, geothermal, biomass and small hydro dams. To put that in perspective, that is more than 70 Site C dams. You can bet that the people putting up the billions of dollars for those projects will be lobbying hard to keep that 30 MW limit on green power, to keep out competitors, especially any from Canada.

So, is there a chance that California will change its mind on what's green?

Yes, but it won't happen soon and it will depend on some very shrewd, long-term negotiating on B.C.'s part.

The first thing that needs doing is to somehow convince California to rethink its definition of what constitutes green power. That will mean asking it to be flexible on its 30 MW cut-off on our hydro, and to reconsider B.C.'s growing run-of-the-river projects that, while often larger than 30 MW, are viewed by the industry and the B.C. government as environmentally benign.

It would be nice to convince California that Site C is green, too. But given the anti-mega-dam sentiment in the U.S., as well as the state's rising protectionist sentiments within the green power industry, that's probably a pipe dream. The only caveat is if climate change accelerates, or California runs into power shortages, the Golden State may be willing to rethink its aversion to big hydro from the north.

In the meantime, that leaves a crucial third gambit for British Columbia to pursue.

The province and BC Hydro will have to convince California and other export markets that B.C. can collect its renewable power in a way that guarantees our exports truly are from the sources they deem green, not just power from the Site C put through transmission lines.

In this scenario, the Site C could theoretically end up being primarily used for domestic energy purposes while other renewable sources of energy - wind, biomass and perhaps run-of-the-river hydro - would be identified as green and funnelled toward export.

It's going to be a tough, decade-long argument to carry.

One might hope Premier Gordon Campbell's warm relationship with Schwarzenegger will help. But don't bet on it.

The Governor isn't running for office again. He's a lame duck, without the power to push this vital piece of business forward for British Columbia. If, that is, you believe he ever wanted to take on his state's powerful energy and environmental lobbies on our behalf.

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BCWF ALERT

John B. Holdstock
BC Wildlife Federation

Kelowna, B.C.

Non restricted, restricted PAL courses and challenges call Lucky Jhagra (250)361-8692 or visit him at Island Outfitters.

CORE course call Robin Pike (250)812- 4316 (5-9 PM) thepikes@shaw.ca and Murray Kilshaw (250)382-2689 (9-5 PM) coreexaminer@shaw.ca

**TRAP PRACTISE**

Trap practices are now being held on Wednesdays at 4pm till dusk, this will run until September. The spring challenge PITA 500 target event held on April 10 and 11 went very well, there was a good turn out of 40 shooters each day.

Thank you to all those who came out and volunteered to help. The token boxes are now working and will be used for the practices; cost is 4 dollars for 25 targets.

A huge thank you to Mr. Art Moore for the installation of these new token boxes and for keeping the traps running smooth.

If you have any questions contact Steve Minckler (250) 727 6101.

ADDITIONAL CHINOOK RESTRICTIONS FOR VICTORIA/SOOKE
DUE TO EARLY-TIMED FRASER RIVER STOCK CONCERNS

The current restrictions requiring release of wild (unclipped) Chinook over 67 cm in the area between Cadboro Point (Ten Mile Point) and Sheringham Point were scheduled to expire on May 21, 2010. Because of increased pressure from First Nations on the Fraser River, DFO is requesting additional restrictions to address the depressed state of the Nicola 4 (2) group of stocks.

A recent news release by the Tsawwassen First Nation dated May 04 states "The First Nations want and expect the DFO to shut down all marine sport and commercial fisheries that could impact early Chinook destined for the Fraser River."

DFO has offered a proposal to the SFAB which would see the current restrictions extended until June 30 from the May 21 expiry date now in effect. However, this option does not allow the retention of one unclipped Chinook over 67 cm in the daily limit.

The Chinook/Coho Working Group of the SFAB has developed another option which increases the area of protection while allowing the retention of one wild Chinook per day. The Nicola Chinook Conservation Corridor Proposal is as follows:

To create a conservation corridor between Sombrio Point in the west and the edge of the Fraser "Banana" in the east, minimizing the harvest rate on Nicola 4(2) Chinook salmon as this stock migrates through the area. This proposal includes sub-areas 29-4, 29-5, 18-1, 18-2, 18-3, 18-4, 18-5, 18-6, 18-9, 18-11, 19-1, 19-2, 19-3, 19-4, 19-5, 20-5 and 20-4 - the corridor.

Commencing at 12:01 AM May 21, 2010 (extending the existing restrictions) and in effect until 11:59 PM June 14, 2010, the daily limit is two Chinook which may be wild or hatchery marked between a minimum size of 45 cm or 62 cm (depending upon the area) and 67 cm maximum size or hatchery marked only over 67 cm.

Then commencing June 15, 2010 to July 15, 2010 the daily limit is two Chinook which may be wild (unclipped) or hatchery marked of which only one wild Chinook may be greater than 67 cm.

This corridor extends seaward from shore to the Canada / U.S. border. This proposal provides both an expanded area and an extended time period for the application of special regulations for the recreational fishery around southern Vancouver Island compared to previous management proposals for this stock of concern.

This proposal was presented to the Amalgamated Conservation Society membership at their May 05 meeting and reluctantly accepted on the condition that DFO produce and fund a comprehensive recovery strategy for these Chinook stocks that shall include water and habitat management. This recovery program shall be reviewed yearly by the SFAB and concerned parties as to the success or failure of any part of the plan.



Cowboy Action Shooting

Frontier Shootists held their annual Nimrod / Buffalo Shoot April 21, 22, 2010. Saturday's Nimrod was a great success due to the Times Colonist segment on the previous Thursday. 55 shooters mostly young people came out and weathered the rain showers to try their hand at pistols, rifles, and shotguns. Kids expressed their delight in being able to shoot while parents appreciated the emphasis on safety. Lunch was catered by Variety-the Children's Charity volunteers and proceeds went to the charity. We shut down at 4PM.

Sunday's Buffalo Shoot saw 19 competitors test the scenarios and vie for certificates.

Winners in the categories were,

49er Hawewater Hal (Al Wilson) Buckaroo Will T B-Western Teacher C (Chris Jones) Cowboy Kid Carson (Matt Carson) Elder Statesman [70+] Jinglebob (Tom Kieffer)	Frontier Duelist Colorado Charlie (Terry Parkinson) Ladies 49er Victoria Diamond (Joleen) Ladies Silver Senior Miss Mary Spencer (Sybil Kangas) Ladies Wrangler [36+] Miss Beadazzled (Pauline Ptolemy)	Senior [60+] Cicatrice (Glenn Guilbault) Senior Duelist Neut Reno (Terry Bowyer) Wrangler [36+] Prairie Buck (Kevin VanCleemput)
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Our next shoot is August 21, 22 HEADQUARTERS 2010. If you are interested in knowing more about this event, contact Teacher C. 250-592-4311.





Malahat Marauders and The Victoria Fish & Game Protective Assoc.
Black Powder Saturday April 24, 2010

My appreciation to all for great participation. Every one pitched in to set up and take down with Art Archer once more taking care of scoring and recording.

The match results are growing tighter with each event. Jacques Von Bodegraven was first in rifle besting second place winner Peter Stratford by only 6 points with Jason Nault closing in as a tight third place.

Dave Henderson was first in smooth bore, however, not by much. Art Archer was second.

The event had a special guest, a young lady from Germany who had never shot a muzzle loader before. She had a great time.

Gary K. Kangas

EDITORS NOTE:

The May shoot was to feature an offhand 100 yard 10 shot after match event for rifle, smoothbore and black powder cartridge. Because this shoot is on the same weekend as Victoria Day, the event at Ft. Rodd Hill and the rendezvous up island there not be many attending. Since Gary will be at the Fort it has been decided the shoot will be with paper targets only. The caretaker has been instructed to have the targets available for the shooters.

Each shooter will place their name on the target and after the shoot hand them back to the caretaker .

Scoring will be done on a later date and the winners accessed.





National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) and the VFGPA (A Call to Action)

By Bill Tozer

What Is It and Who Cares?

NASP teaches Olympic style archery to school children from grade 4 - 12. NASP is a ten year old program that was started in Kentucky on a shoe-string by the Department of Fish and Wildlife in one school. Since then it has grown to include all 50 State, 4 Canadian Provinces and many other Countries. To date **4.5 million kids** have taken the course and most have stayed involved thru their school years and beyond. There are many State and National Tournaments, and an International Tournament!

Last fall the BCWF invested \$50,000 and sponsored a NASP pilot program. Ten schools around the Province received all the equipment and training to introduce NASP into physical education curriculum. I was fortunate to be selected to receive the Basic Archery Instructor Trainer certification and have now trained the teachers at Torquay Elementary school in SD 61. The program is currently running with great enthusiasm and commitment of staff and students.

You might wonder why the BCWF would invest in the schools program when there are so many things to be done on the conservation and wildlife management front. Well the fact is that a significant number of children that get involved with NASP go on to take up archery and other outdoors activities when they might not have done so otherwise. Yes its all about recruitment! We **MUST** get kids back into the out-of-doors lifestyle or much will be lost in the coming years. As you know, hunters and anglers put more time and money into conservation activities than ALL other conservation groups combined and we need to bring the next generation along!

Check it out at <http://archeryintheschools.org/activea.asp>

VFGPA Youth Archery Club

The VFGPA has an opportunity to purchase a complete NASP kit through the BCWF and to start an Archery Youth Program. I am willing to be the Program Director and to train and certify up to 10 VFGPA members as Basic Archery Instructors provided that at least FIVE of these instructors are willing to be **ACTIVELY** involved in running it on a year round basis. I envision making the club open to members and their families for free, and reaching out to the community agencies like the YMWCA, Boys and Girls Clubs and others at a nominal cost to cover equipment maintenance etc.

Call to Action

At the April General Meeting the membership instructed me to prepare a proposal that includes the names of the individual members willing to make this a reality prior to approving the \$5,000+/- to purchase the equipment. We need five adults over the age of 17 to volunteer and make the commitment. So any takers? If you are interested please contact me by email at btozer@vantagepoint-outfitters.com. Once I have a minimum of five people we will meet and decide how we want to run the club, schedules etc. I will then put the proposal together and get on with making this a reality.

Cheers,

Bill Tozer

www.vantagepoint-outfitters.com

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MAY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
SUBJECT TO CHANGE:						1 • <u>PPC Match</u> ; <u>RP & RH closed</u> <u>till 3pm</u>
2	3 • <u>Board Meeting</u> ; 7:30 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>closed; 9am - 4pm;</u>	4 • Skeet Practice; Shotgun Range 4pm	5 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>closed; 9am - 4pm;</u> • Trap 4pm	6	7	8 • Work Party!! 9 - 12noon
9 • <u>Frontier Shootists</u> ; <u>RP & RH</u> <u>closed</u> <u>8:30am-noon</u>	10	11 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>closed; 9am - 4pm;</u> • Skeet Practice; 4pm	12 • Trap 4pm	13	14 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>closed; 9am - 4pm;</u>	15 • <u>C.O.R.E. Course</u> ; <u>CH</u> 8am- <u>4pm</u> • <u>ISL Setup</u> ; <u>MP limited access</u> <u>after noon</u>
16 • <u>C.O.R.E. Course</u> ; <u>CH</u> 8am- <u>4pm</u> • <u>Silhouette</u> ; <u>RP</u> <u>closed 9am-2pm</u> • <u>ISL Qualifier</u> <u>#2</u> ; <u>MP closed till</u> <u>4pm</u>	17 • <u>General Meeting with</u> <u>Guest Speaker!!</u> • <u>PAL course</u> in Club House	18 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>closed; 9am - 4pm;</u> • Skeet Practice; 4pm • <u>PAL Course</u> in Club House •	19 • Trap 4pm	20 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>closed; 9am - 4pm;</u>	21	22 • <u>BlackPowder</u> ; <u>RP closed 9am-</u> <u>noon</u>
23	24	25 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>closed; 9am - 4pm;</u> • Skeet Practice; 4pm	26 • Trap 4pm	27 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>closed; 9am - 4pm;</u> • <u>Frog Hollow</u> <u>closed till 3pm</u>	28 • <u>AR & Frog-</u> <u>Hollow Scouts</u>	29 • <u>Frog Hollow</u> ; <u>Scouts</u> • <u>SIAS</u> ; <u>MP</u> <u>Range</u> ; <u>Setup in</u> <u>afternoon</u> ; <u>limited</u> <u>access</u> • <u>RP</u> ; <u>Left side</u> ; <u>Scouts from 10-</u> <u>4pm</u>
30 • <u>FrogHollow</u> ; <u>Scouts</u> • <u>SIAS</u> ; <u>Club</u> <u>Match</u> ; <u>MP closed</u> <u>9am-4pm</u>	31					



JUNE 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
SUBJECT TO CHANGE:		<u>1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RP & RH closed; 9am - 4pm;</u> • <u>Skeet Practice; Shotgun range 4pm</u> 	<u>2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Trap Practice; SG; 4pm</u> 	3	<u>4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>'Introduction to Handgun' Course; RH closed from 6-9pm</u> 	<u>5</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>'Introduction to Handgun' Course; RP & RH closed from 8am-3pm</u> • <u>ISL Setup; MP limited access after noon</u>
<u>6</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ISL Qualifier #3; MP closed till 4pm</u> 	<u>7</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RH Closed till noon; M/P Bay 7 Closed till 4pm.</u> • <u>Board Meeting; 7:30</u> 	<u>8</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Skeet Practice; Shotgun range 4pm</u> • <u>CH Closed till noon; M/P Bay 7 closed till 4pm</u> 	<u>9</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Trap Practice; SG; 4pm</u> • <u>RP & RH closed 9 - 4pm</u> 	<u>10</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RP & RH closed 9 - 4pm</u> 	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>C.O.R.E. Course; CH 8am-4pm</u>
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<u>20</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Discovery 'Family Shooting Day' 10- 3pm</u> 	<u>21</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>General Meeting;</u> 	<u>22</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Skeet Practice; Shotgun range 4pm</u> 	<u>23</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Trap Practice; SG; 4pm</u> 	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>BlackPowder; RP closed 9am-noon</u> • <u>SIAS; MP Range; Setup in afternoon; limited access</u>
<u>27</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Silhouette; RP closed 9am-2pm</u> • <u>SIAS; Club Match; MP closed 9am-4pm</u> 	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Skeet Practice; Shotgun range 4pm</u> 	<u>30</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Trap Practice; SG; 4pm</u> 			

RP : Rifle/Pistol Range MP : Multi-Purpose Range SG : Shotgun Range CH : Main Clubhouse RH : Range House



The Malahat Marauders President Perry Chow

On January 2010 a new association was formed, the Victoria Esquimalt Military Re- enactors Association. The purpose of the association is for the dedication to the accurate portrayal, through living history, of Canada's military past for the period of 1775 to 1960.

This new society came about out of the old Fort Rodd Hill / Fisgard Lighthouse Society. This association will continue to work with Parks Canada at Ft. Rodd Hill and other locations. Since 2010 is the 100 anniversary of the Canadian Navy and the 150 anniversary of Fisgard Lighthouse this will be our main focus for the year.

The following dates are events planned for Ft. Rodd Hill:

May 22 - 23 = May Encampment

May 30 = Island Chef

June 11 - 12 = Naval and Lighthouse Anniversary

August 7 - 8= Military Family day

September 25 -26 = Lantern tour / soldier school.

Can't hit your target consistently?

Always shooting left or low??

Shotgun patterns have tighter groups???

2010 Handgun Safety and Introductory PPC Course



The Police Pistol Competition section of our club is sponsoring another 'Introduction to handgun' course on the evening of Friday, June 4th, and all day Saturday June 5th. It is a total of approximately 8 hours of both classroom and practical instruction that covers everything from safe gun handling to holster training, sight picture and trigger control. If you are interested in shooting your handgun accurately, learning to shoot a handgun, or just plain fun and enjoyment, contact the Website of the Colwood PPC Club, at <http://www.colwoodppc.com/index.htm> and click on '**Intro to PPC**' and '**Training**' to get more information.

This is an 'Introduction' course, so you do not need to supply anything; we will supply all equipment, firearms, targets, The total cost is \$110.00 including 3 boxes of 38 special ammo. See web links for more information.

For more information about the Shooting Sport of PPC and the Colwood PPC Club, call

Dom at 250-386-0620

website: www.colwoodppc.com

Email: colwoodppc@shaw.ca



Volunteers Attention!

**The Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association
needs you to volunteer!**



The annual clubs Youth and Family days are coming up in June and a committee of volunteers are needed to help run this years event.

The Chairman from last year has decided to take a well deserved break and a new chair is needed. In addition a group of no less than 50 willing and eager club members are needed to run this event.

All venues and disciplines should have at least 4 members attending to ensure safety and control over each of their areas. In addition to the venue staff, kitchen, registration and parking control staff are needed.

Should there not be a minimum of 50 volunteers or a chairperson then there is a good chance this years event may be canceled. At last years event there were over 600 people who came to the club. Without the amount of volunteers called for the club is put at risk because safety can not be maintained and there is too great a risk of injury to participants or damage to the club. If you are at all interested in volunteering your time please contact the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association executive by no later than May 1st .

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

May 2010

21,22,23,24 – WCR Rendezvous , Port Alberni, BC

22,23,24 -- Monashee Mountain Men Rendezvous 2010, Salmon Arm, BC

30, - Nanaimo Fish and Game Gun Show, Nanaimo, BC

June 2010

4,5,6 - BLACK SAGE BUCKSKINNERS 2010 Rendezvous, Oliver B.C

20 - WCR Gun Show in Port Alberni, (details will be posted)

**SEALS/SEALIONS:**

Here are some interesting facts on seal and sea lion predation for all you anglers.

A few years back, Peter Olesiuk, marine mammal specialist with the Department of Fisheries & Oceans, conducted a study on harbour seals in the Puntledge River in Courtenay. He concluded that three dozen seals had killed 10,000 adult chum salmon in the fall spawning migration. He also determined that these seals ate 3.1 million salmon fry migrating out of the river in the spring. Peter noted that they take 60 to 70 chum fry, per minute, per seal.

There are an estimated 105,000 harbour seals (up from 10,000 in the early 1970's) and 28,000 sea lions on the B.C. coast. There has been no commercial harvest or predator control since 1970. Reports are everywhere of seals taking up residence in lakes and rivers supporting salmon and steelhead runs. Seals have been spotted at the Colquitz Creek counting fence and at the mouth of Craig flower Creek where they undoubtedly are feeding on coho salmon which local anglers are trying to enhance.

Twelve years ago there was a temporary seal cull on the Puntledge River and the salmon stocks rebounded afterward. Isn't it time that directed seal culls be implemented to enhance our fish stocks?

Wayne Zaccarelli

FURTHER CHINOOK RESTRICTIONS:

The local Victoria Sport Fishing Advisory Committee met April 14 at the Sheraton in Langford to address further chinook fishing restrictions for Areas 19 and 20 which the recreational fishery will likely be facing into the summer.

After listening to a presentation by DFO on the stock status of various Chinook races and migration timing, the 122 sportfishermen who attended had their say.

There is pressure to extend the current chinook restrictions in place for Juan de Fuca through to possibly mid July. At this time, recreational anglers are faced with having to release all chinook greater than 67 cm (26-1/2 inches) if they are not hatchery adipose fin clipped. This regulation presently extends to May 21.

These restrictions are aimed at improving stock abundance of early timed Fraser River chinooks made up of numerous different races which migrate through this area from March through July. Other measures are in place to lower the exploitation rate of west coast Vancouver Island wild chinook and Lower Georgia Strait (LGS) chinook stocks; particularly the Cowichan River fish.

All of these populations are facing declining or depressed spawner abundances, reduced freshwater and marine survival rates, pressures on freshwater habitat including water quantity and quality, increased predation (ie. mainly seals/sealions), and climate change impacts.

The Cowichan River had the lowest natural spawner count on record last year and marine survival from smolt to adult was less than 1 percent.

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Many of these early timed Fraser Chinook stocks of concern are fish which spend two years in freshwater before entering the ocean. Because of this, they are vulnerable to low water conditions and higher than optimum temperatures through late summer and early fall.

Which fisheries have the greatest impact on these stocks? For the Nicola stock, the 2006-07 average over an exploitation rate of 44.2%, the first nations Fraser net fisheries took 45% of the catch. The Juan de Fuca sport catch was only 3%. In 2008 the difference was even more significant with native nets catching 68% of this stock while the Juan de Fuca sport catch was again only 3%.

Clearly the problem is not with our sport catch in this area, but with the native in-river harvest. And this is what the meeting relayed to DFO - go look elsewhere for restrictions to reduce the exploitation rate on these stocks. If sport anglers were totally off the water in this area, the fish that we allow to pass through would not save these runs on their own.

The natives have been touting 'no recreational fishing for Chinook' in a letter they have written to Fisheries Minister Gail Shea. If this is a conservation issue, as DFO claims, then conservation measures take precedence over any of the fisheries, including native. It is about time that they addressed restrictions on the user group which has the biggest impact on these depressed stocks, namely the natives.

Stay tuned for further developments.

Wayne Zaccarelli,
Fishing Committee Chairman

FISHING

Only one entry

Tom Vaida 5 lb 6 oz rainbow trout Elk Lake April 10

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BY THE 5TH OF THE MONTH, 12 NOON.



The 4th annual Elk Lake Derby was held Saturday April 10. There was a good turnout of anglers despite the rather strong northeast winds at times. Over 50 boat trailers occupied the lots at the Brookleigh and Eagle Beach boat launches as well as along Brookleigh Road near the ramp. Numerous other vehicles carried a wide assortment of small craft necessary to get out on the lake. I took this opportunity to do some lobbying by distributing information packages on certain Elk Lake issues.

The fishing was good with numerous small catchables, many 2-3 pounders and a few large beauties caught. Here are the top three fish in the TROUT and BASS categories:

TROUT: 1st Darren Kitson 6 lb 5 oz
 2nd Tom Vaida 5 lb 6 oz
 3rd Rick Jensen 5 lb

BASS 1st Dave Bissenden 5 lb 2 oz
 2nd Logan Lesuire 4 lb 6 oz
 3rd Chad Keogh 4 lb 6 oz

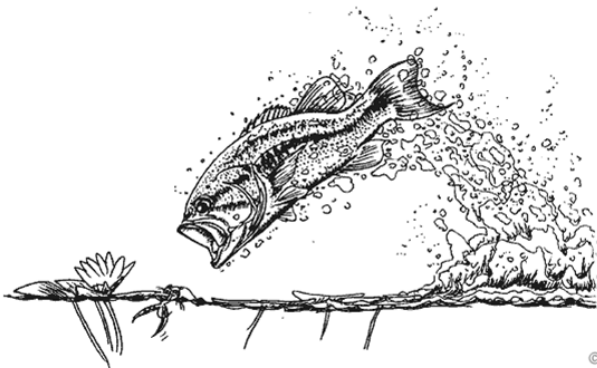
Tom is a Victoria Fish & Game member and can be seen in these pictures holding the 5-6 (left) and 2-11 (right) which he caught and retained.



Tom holding up the 5 lb 6 oz rainbow trout out on the lake



Tom holding 5 lb 6 oz (left) and 2 lb 11 oz (right).



Fishing Contest Entry Form

Chinook___ Coho___ Tye___ Halibut_____

Trout___ Bass___ Steelhead___

Weight:_____ lbs___ oz. Length _____

Date Caught:

_____ Area: _____

Anglers Name: _____ Jr.

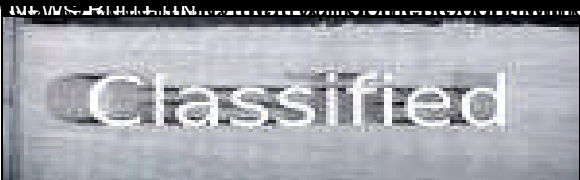
Age: _____

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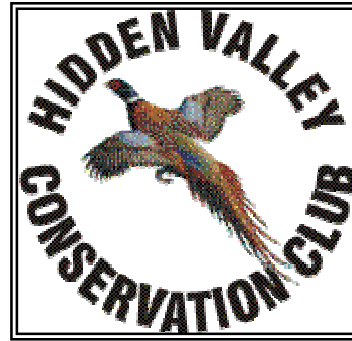


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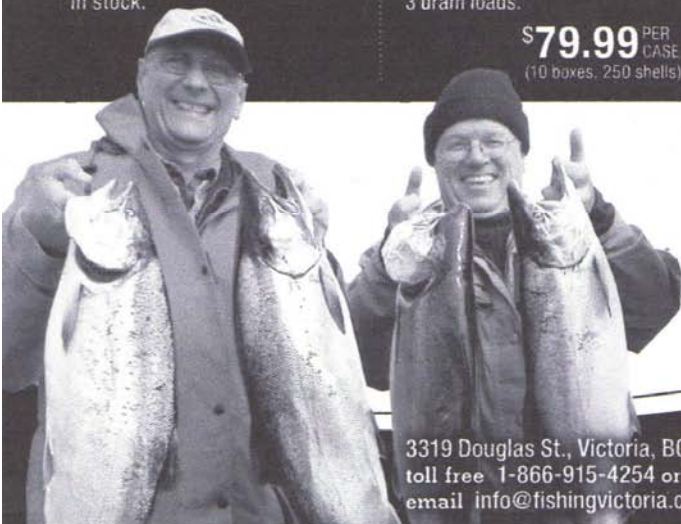
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