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VFGPA Election 2010

Annual General Meeting March 15, 2010 saw the election and the installation of the elected Board members for the coming year. There can be others appointed by the Board and President. Many of the incumbents were returned to Office plus some new members in Shotgun, Action Shooters, Archery and most notably a new Secretary Sheril Connick. On page two is a synopsis of the proceedings.



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**VICTORIA FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

MARCH 15, 2010

ELECTORAL OFFICER – GARY KANGAS

RECORDER – SYBIL KANGAS

SCRUTINEERS – PEGGY STENGER, SONJA BELL

Call to order 9:00pm

**President – Dom Piluso nominated Bob McDonald – no further nominations
Bob McDonald elected by acclamation.**

**1st Vice President- Mike Egan nominated Jim Sprang – no further nominations
Jim Sprang elected by acclamation**

**2nd Vice President – Mike Egan Nominated Duncan Haydon – declined
Val McDonald nominated Martin Olsen
Dom Piluso nominated Dave Hutchison
Martin Olsen elected**

**Secretary – Jacques vanBodegraven nominated Branko Diklitch – declined
Dom Piluso nominated Sheril Connick – no further nominations
Sheril Connick elected by acclamation**

**Treasurer – Jim Sprang nominated Dom Piluso – no further nominations
Dom Piluso elected by acclamation**

**Membership – Chris Jones nominated Val McDonald – no further nominations
Val McDonald elected by acclamation**

**Action Shooters – Sheril Connick nominated Mike Egan – No further nominations
Mike Egan elected by acclamation**

BCWF – no nominations

**Fishing – Dom Piluso nominated Wayne Zacarelli – no further nominations
Wayne Zacarelli elected by acclamation**

**Shotgun – Trap – Art Moore nominated Steve Minkler – no further nominations
Steve Minkler elected by acclamation**

Airsoft – no nominations

**Black Powder – Chris Jones nominated Perry Chow – no further nominations
Perry Chow elected by acclamation**

**Frontier Shootists – Val McDonald nominated Chris Jones – no further nomination
Chris Jones elected by acclamation**

PPC – no nominations

**Skeet – Roy Robertson nominated Sandy Medler – no further nominations
Sandy Medler elected by acclamation**

**Archery – Martin Olsen nominated Doug Bell – no further nominations
Doug Bell elected by acclamation**

Conservation – no nominations

Silhouette – no nominations

**Members at Large – Alex Stenger nominated Tristan Baty
Bob McDonald nominated Graham Shaw
Chris Jones nominated Jim Carson**

Tristan Baty, Graham Shaw, Jim Carson elected by acclamation

All vacant positions to be filled by appointments made by the Executive. Adjourn 9:30pm



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Kid's Camp

The Region 1 (Vancouver Island) Kid's Camp is again being held at the Courtenay Fish and Game Club. Their facility offers an excellent locale for such an experience. Camp dates are July 18 to July 22. As last year, the VFGPA has been given room for two campers. The age group is 11 to 14. If you have a child that is interested in attending, please contact me at (250) 479-3828 or bob@biologica.bc.ca. There is a CD available from me if you want to have a look at the facilities and last year's activities. Attendance is limited to 30 kids.

Work Party

There will be a work party on Saturday May 08 from 0900 hrs. to ~ 1200 hrs. The first order of business will be to cut and stack firewood from some of the trees that came down in the recent wind storm. If you are able to help out please call the caretaker (Robi Petrie @ (250)- 858-8342) or any member of the executive.

NSRG

To date there has not been a great amount of interest in the free precision rifle shooting lessons being offered to VFGPA junior members by the NSRG. Parents who want to learn alongside their kids are also welcome. If you are interested, contact Al Hargreaves at alhargreaves@shaw.ca. This is a very generous offer by the NSRG and an opportunity that is not easy to come by in this day and age. The program also offers an introduction to other shooting venues such as handgun, black powder and trap.

Game Dinner II

As the Game Dinner was not well attended, there was a large amount of superbly cooked game dishes left over. This food was immediately frozen and so will retain quality. Perry Chow has proposed to use this food as a basis for a mini game dinner at the club house in the near future. There will be a charge of about \$18.00 / person to cover costs for salads, fresh vegetables, desserts, etc. The preparation of the game was, in the opinion of many who attended, the best they have experienced. If you are interested, call any executive member. Attendance may have to be limited.

Discovery Day

For the past several years, this Father's Day event has offered all activities in which club members participate. However, in the further past, this day was solely a fishing experience. Province wide, the Father's Day weekend is recognized as a time to promote fishing. Fish – both fresh and salt water – can be caught on this weekend without a license. Grants to cover some of the costs, the active participation of the Freshwater Fishing Society and other groups are some of the advantages of Discovery Day being a fishing only day. For these reasons and the overwhelming turnout for last year's Discovery Day, the executive decided to hold two separate events – a fishing experience on Father's Day and a shooting event next September.



Past Caretakers

The past caretaker and his partner, who were let go last August, are claiming that they were employees for the duration of their work for the VFGPA. As such, they are both claiming overtime for six months of employment (the maximum allowed) for a total amount owed of \$80,000.00. The claim has gone to adjudication and the VFGPA has hired a lawyer to present our defence. The Canada Revenue Agency has supported the club's claim that the caretaker was a contractor and his partner was his employee (the caretaker has appealed this). As a contractor, overtime would not be an issue. However, B.C. Labour Relations has a different set of criteria for the determination of employee or contractor status and thus the club has been forced into adjudication.

B.C.W.F. NOTES

Kid's Camp

This event is sponsored by the BCWF. Please see President's Notes.

Zone 1 AGM

The Zone 1 AGM was held at the Nanaimo & Dist .Fish and Game Protect. Assoc. facility. Ted Brookman was re-elected president. A summary of discussions will be presented here when the minutes are available. One point of interest was a presentation by two Conservation Officers. They gave a somewhat different perspective from that commonly heard on the status of their organization. They have not seen the cutbacks that other Provincial Government groups have and they have not seen significant reductions in operating funds. There are 100 field personnel and they are organized into the same hierarchy as the police in order to facilitate communications as they share many responsibilities.

The elk poaching problem was brought up and they said that 5 people had been charged. However, at this time, they could comment no further.

Insurance

The following was taken from the BCWF website and is presented here as many of our members do not have computers.

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Trap News

Trap practices will start in April on Mondays at 4 pm. Then as of May 1st, the practices will switch to Wednesdays at 4 pm for the rest of the season. The club hosted a VISL 150 target shoot on March 28th. There were 39 shooters and some very good scores: the rain held off and the targets were near perfect.

Thanks to all who helped out with setup, scoring and cleanup. The next competition is on April 10th and 11th. It is a PITA 500 target event. We will need volunteers for this 500 target event. If you are interested in trapshooting, this a great way to learn as well as helping out the Victoria Fish and Game club. Even if you can help for half a day or one full day, its a great way to learn and see some of the islands best trap shooters in action. Check VFG website for updates on new token machines for trap.

Contact Steve Minckler @ 250 727-6101 for volunteering or any questions.



Understanding Your Insurance 2010

This is an overview of Third Party Liability Insurance coverage only. If you require further information, please contact HUB Insurance at 1-800-663-2188.

BC Wildlife Federation members are eligible to receive up to a 25% discount on house insurance please call 1-800-663-2188 and identify yourself as a BC Wildlife Federation member to qualify for this benefit.

If your club insures with HUB Insurance, or if you are a direct or life member of BC Wildlife Federation, you have excess third party liability coverage up to the limit of \$2,000,000.

Clubs have the options of \$5, \$3 or \$2 Million liability.

What is Third Party General Liability coverage?

Legal liability for unintentional bodily injury or property damage to someone other than yourself or your property, arising out of your personal actions. A number of members have injured themselves during outdoor activities. This policy does not provide coverage as it applies only to third parties.

What kind of outdoor activities are covered?

Activities which are specific to being a member of BC Wildlife Federation such as fishing, hiking, hunting, lawful shooting, archery. The use of and ownership of a watercraft up to 28 feet in length with motors not more than 100 HP.

Where does this coverage apply?

HUB Insurance, which is Third Party Liability insurance, will cover you as a valid member of BCWF, anywhere in North America. For example, you can hunt in Alberta, go clay shooting in Washington State or sell BC Wildlife Federation's lottery tickets in a mall and you will be covered.

Does this policy cover the use of an ATV?

This policy extends to cover **off road** liability, for ATVs that are not licensed or required to be licensed by ICBC on **non-public roads and Forest Service Roads**. Members should contact the local motor vehicle office or the forestry service in the area of riding to obtain confirmation of this. **This coverage is only for BCWF members while engaged in hunting and fishing activities.**

What is not covered by HUB Insurance Third Party Liability insurance?

Losses arising from the following:

1. Use, ownership or operation of any automobile or aircraft.
2. Bodily injury caused intentionally.
3. Property damage to the named insured's property or property of others in their care, custody or control.
4. Environmental impairment or pollution.

Hotel discounts



Members of BC Wildlife Federation are eligible for a reduced room rate at 2 major hotel chains in North America:

Coast Hotels & Resorts - Telephone: 1-800-549-9099. Booking code is: BCWILD. For information on the 'Coast Rewards Program', premium guest privileges, call the toll free number listed here or check the Coast website at: www.coastrewards.com.

Sandman Hotels, Inns & Suites - Telephone: 1-800-726-3626 or go online at www.sandmanhotels.com. Booking code is a valid BCWF Membership Card ID number.

The reduced rate is dependent on hotel, location and season and you must specify that you are asking for a reduced rate as a member of the Federation. (Make sure your membership is up-to-date.)

Please check online for more member discounts available to you at www.bcdf.bc.ca.

Returned mail to the Federation.

Please inform the BC Wildlife Federation of any address change. Forward this information not only to the Federation office at 1-888-881-2293 ext 222, or online www.bcdf.bc.ca, but also to your Club.

A large amount of undeliverable mail is returned on a regular basis to the Federation by Canada Post. This is an extra financial cost to the Federation because there is a charge for each piece of mail returned and the charge is greater than the cost of the original mailing.

Club affiliated membership.

Individuals who are members of a BCWF Member Club are automatically made BCWF members when the Club forwards their member information to the BCWF office. If you are unsure if your Club is a BCWF member, please refer to our Club Member listing online at www.bcdf.bc.ca.

Members should be aware that yearly dues must be paid directly to the Club of choice, not the Federation office.

Updated Feb 25 - 2010



Black Powder Saturday March 27, 2010

The well attended event was a cliff hanger in both rifled and smooth bore categories. The front runners in rifled were separated by only one point. Jacques van Bodegraven was first, Keith Melby second and Pete Stratford third. Smoothbore was also a close race with Art Archer taking top honours, second Dave Henderson and third Gary Kangas.

The match was truly a co-operative endeavor. Participants arrived early to assist in the set up. Scott Woodward spotted for a number of competitors shooting the steel targets. Doug Linton and Art Archer did scoring with Jean Chandler recording. Take down was speedy and efficient. Bob Macdonald hosted five novice shooters to round out the day. A good time was had by all.

Art Archer was to demonstrate and oversee a knife and hawk competition. It did not materialize. For April bring your knife and hawk. We will make time for it

Gary Kangas





APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
SUBJECT TO CHANGE:				1	2	3
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Easter Rendezvous' RP, SG, CH & RH closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Easter Rendezvous' RP, SG, CH & RH closed
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Easter Rendezvous' RP, SG, CH & RH closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting; 7:30 Trap 4pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP closed; 9am - 4pm RH Closed; M/P Bay 7 Closed till 4pm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP closed; 9am - 4pm RH Closed; M/P Bay 7 Closed till 4pm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP closed; 9am - 4pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PITA; 500 Bird Event; SG & Clubhouse.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PITA; 500 Bird Event; SG & Clubhouse. Frontier Shootists; RP & RH closed 8:30am-noon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP & RH Closed; 9am to 1pm Trap 4pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP & RH closed; 9am - 4pm; 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Nimrod Shoot'; SG closed C.O.R.E. course RH 8-4pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Nimrod Shoot'; SG closed Silhouette; RP closed 9am-2pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Meeting with Guest Speaker!! Trap 4pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP & RH closed; 9am - 4pm; .22 Silhouette @ 8:45am 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP & RH closed; 9am - Dusk; SG closed 12 noon to 4pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIAS; MP Range; Setup in afternoon; limited access Black Powder; RP closed 9am-noon CH closed for Archery course
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIAS; Club Match; MP closed 9am-4pm CH closed for Archery course AR closed from 11-2pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP & RH closed; 9am - 4pm; Trap 4pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP & RH closed; 9am - 4pm; 			

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



MAY 2010

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

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**

Frontier Shootists: Nimrod/Buffalo Shoot

Nimrod Shoot: April 17, Saturday, 9 - 4pm

Everyone is welcome to come out and try shooting old time western firearms: pistols, rifles, shotguns.

Shoot fee is \$35. No host lunch available: proceeds to Variety Club.

West Coast Rangers Black Powder Club

May 2010

7,8,9 - Sasquatch Marauders, Agassiz,BC

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



The Sewer Clean Out on March 17th 2010

We have three main clean outs: toilets at the parking lot, toilets at the range house, and the main caretaker house. Some maintenance work needs to be done on the caretaker house clean out which will be done soon.



South Island Action Shooters Report

The first SIAS Club match of the season was a big success, with 25 shooters, and many of their supporters enjoying the day. As usual, our most avid marksman, Oleg Matveenکو snagged top honors, followed closely by Jim Sprang and Ted Leung. Ted shot a great match, in between his official duties as scorekeeper and all related jobs. Jim came close to Oleg in leading the pack, even though he was also busy with our youngest supporter, son Dylan.



Other noteworthy marksmen: Vern Cann – Class B winner; Nick Newton – Class D, and Mark Warchalowski - Class C. Most noteworthy: 28% of the competitors were Class U (new shooters group). They outnumbered any other Class, and we extend a hearty welcome to all of them. Subh Parmar was their “top gun”.



Our next Club Match weekend will be April 24-25. Schedule is the same as above: Saturday, set-up begins at noon; Sunday, Match 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with walk-through at 9:30.



BIG GAME

Copies of the newly published Eighth Edition of the Vancouver Island Columbian Blacktail Deer Records are available at a cost of \$5 each. The issue contains a brief history of the records which started in 1972. Byron Mason has written another excellent article on the history of hunting on Vancouver Island. The previous seventh edition (2000) issue contained Byron's piece on the blacktail deer population on Vancouver Island from 1843 to 1899. This eighth edition covers deer hunting on the Island from 1900 to 1920.

The records list 1824 entries scoring 100 or more Boone & Crockett points. Several old hunting photographs have also been included for the first time in the Vancouver Island deer records booklet.

Contact Wayne Zaccarelli @ (250) 382-8502 or at a general meeting to get a copy.

Copies of Big Game Records of British Columbia books are also available as follows:

2nd edition (1983)

3rd edition (1988)

4th edition (1995)

5th edition (2003)

These are hard cover books containing records of all big game native species, hunting stories and photographs. Check out the Wildlife Records Club of B.C. website or email to:

Website: www.wildliferecordsofbc.com

Email: wildliferecordsofbc@shaw.ca

Contact Wayne Zaccarelli for record books or further information.

Notes from the B.C. Wildlife Federation (Vancouver Island Region) AGM of March 27 - 28, 2010. I attended the Saturday session as the Victoria Fish & Game delegate.

LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING:

The MOE has contracted an independent consultant, Dynamic Outdoor Solutions, of Kelowna to conduct a review of the LEH process. The BCWF believes that MOE has overused the LEH system when they could institute such management procedures as antler, sex and / or age restrictions, shorter seasons, et cetera. These measures would maintain the general open season which is preferable to LEH management.

Earlier draw dates would assist hunters to better plan their hunts. Hunting opportunities should be maintained and enhanced for resident hunters to achieve their harvest. LEH policy and procedures should help them do this. Concern was expressed that there was no process in place to issue unallocated LEHs which occur when fewer hunters apply than there are LEH authorizations available. A system needs to be developed so that these unclaimed authorizations can be given out to hunters. The MOE wants these animals harvested as part of their management plan and if resident hunters do not harvest them, we could lose these opportunities to guide / outfitters or native allocations.

The government has changed the LEH timing for this year with the LEH Synopsis being available on their website on March 26. The paper copy will be out by April 13. The closing date for applications will be May 21 with notifications of draw results out by June 18.

MARMOT RECOVERY:

The Marmot Recovery Foundation along with government and the land owners (i.e. timber companies TimberWest and Island TimberLands) have been funding the captive breeding and release program to enhance Vancouver Island marmot populations. From a low of only 25 - 30 animals in the late 1990's, the count is now over 200. The program has been very successful with 50 - 70 individuals available for release each year now. Most marmots are residing on private timberlands property but some are contained within Strathcona Provincial Park.



FISHING:

The management of crab and prawn harvest has been a contentious and volatile problem in the last few years. With rapidly growing commercial harvest, recreational harvesters are seeing a decline in their opportunity and catch in many areas. The newly formed commercial Pacific Crab Management Association is fighting any restrictions to their harvesting opportunity and catch being put forth by DFO or the Sport Fishing Advisory Board. While there is no formal allocation of crab to any sector or individual currently, the creation of such an allocation could be coming in the near future.

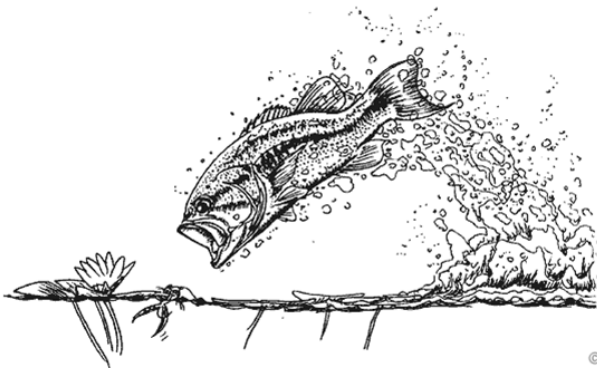
DFO presented a draft proposal for 2010 which contained suggestions for commercial changes aimed mostly at reducing their fishing effort. Also mentioned were areas of seasonal commercial closures in areas of high recreational use and possible permanent commercial closed areas. A process is being developed to address application and approval for candidate areas where these commercial restrictions might be implemented.

Commercial prawn harvesters are fighting changes to manage their catch to a different conservation spawner index level than the recreational harvest is subject to.

Because of the reduced recreational total allowable catch (TAC) of halibut this year, we will likely be looking at a limit of one per day / one possession through the summer season. If we reach our catch ceiling of under 1,000,000 pounds before the end of the year, the recreational fishery for halibut could be closed.

Despite repeated requests for DFO to protect the salmon stocks of the Puntledge, Nanaimo and Cowichan Rivers from predation by habituated seals in these rivers and estuaries, nothing continues to be done. A UBC doctoral student is studying and observing these seals during 2010 in the above rivers. Next year he is planning on first nations harvesting a sample from each system and then analyzing the stomach contents of the seals. This will provide data on the seals diet over the year, especially concerning juvenile salmonids migrating out of the river systems and the cull will be beneficial to the local salmon stocks as well. These seals are also devastating to trout and steelhead populations. It was reported at the meeting that 8 seals are residing in Nimpkish Lake, some 40 kilometers from the ocean. I wonder what they are living on.

Submitted by Wayne Zaccarelli



Fishing Contest Entry Form

Chinook___ Coho___ Tye___ Halibut_____

Trout___ Bass___ Steelhead___

Weight:_____ Ibs___ oz. Length _____

Date Caught:

_____ Area:_____

Anglers Name: _____ Jr.

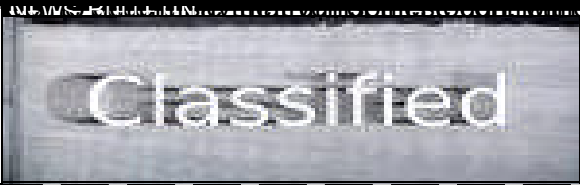
Age:_____

Member Number:_____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Submit to Wayne Zaccarelli - 382-8502



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

Island Outfitters

Show your new (green) 2010 Victoria Fish & Game membership card at our store you can purchase the following promotional items at this great member price:

- 1. Federal "Top Gun" 12 gauge 2 3/4" target loads in #8 shot / 3 dram loads - Federal Top Gun shot shells that just arrived. They cost \$79.99 per 10 box case (250 shells)**

offers are subject to our current stock on hand.

Downsizing? Don't know what to do with your old wheelbarrow, shovel, rake, ladder, weed eater, roundup.. Etc ???Consider donating items that are in good condition to your club! Do you have a lawn tractor or a snow blower.. are you open to offers?

Call Dave Metcalf 250-479-8688 or the caretakers

For Sale:

.38 Super, Colt 1911, comp & Aimpoint. Lot of extras, mags, brass, ammo. Ugly but reliable.
\$400.00

.38 Super, Caspian 1911, comp, Cmore. Lots of brass, mags. Beautiful Piece.
\$700

Jim (250) 474-5773

12 Gauge MEC 650 Reloader & a MEC Derimer / sizer plus all the accessories:
deprimed AA Hulls plus 2 boxes of loaded shells.

\$350.00 OBO

Call: Alex (250) 656-3575

New Zeiss Victory FL 10x42 T* LotuTec® \$2,200. Bushnell ELITE 60mm Bushnell Straight Spotter \$399.
Bushnell Trophy 10x42 Binos \$125. Cabelas Bushnell Rangefinder \$100.

Bill Tozer Cell: 250-588-4720

Wanted: Browning Shotgun O&U 28 gauge 70's or 80's with beaver tail forearm.

Wanted: 20 gauge and .410 bore shot shell reloaders.

Please call Ed @ **250-386-3783 or 250-886-3783**

TO FISH AND GAME MEMBERS:

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

BY THE 5TH OF THE MONTH, 12 NOON.



Club Contacts:

2010 Executive

President: Bob Macdonald 479-3828
 1st Vice President: James Sprang 380-7533
 2nd Vice President: Martin Olsen 384-1786
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 Treasurer: Dom Piluso 386-0620
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