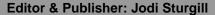


## Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

ESTABLISHED 1919 DECEMBER 2019





#### <u>2020 MEMBERSHIPS; EARLY\_BIRD PRICING!</u>

#### WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER NOVEMBER 15TH!

We are again able to offer Memberships at 'EARLY-BIRD' rates.

These rates are available ONLY between November 15 and December 31st, 2019.

ADULTS - \$180 (regular price of \$200 after December 31st) (18 to 64 years of age)

**FAMILY** - \$215 (regular price of \$235 after December 31st)

( Parents & those children under 18 for whom they hold legal guardianship )

**SENIORS** - \$90 (regular price of \$100 after December 31st) (age 65 & older)

**STUDENTS** - \$110 (regular price of \$120 after December 31st)

(18 years & older; must produce a current year student card with picture ID, or proof of current year enrolment when purchasing a membership.)

JUNIORS - \$45 (regular price of \$50 after December 31st)

#### SPECIFIC MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

\*\* If you have asked to retain your specific membership number, it will be available at the Members Meeting on November 18th. Any not picked up at the meeting will be available from the Caretaker at the range after about noon on November 20th. \*\* Life memberships will be mailed to members



#### **President's Report**

With Hallowe'en and the Federal election behind us, it's the time to think about Christmas. You are all welcome to our annual Christmas potluck, which will held at 7:00pm on December 16<sup>th</sup> at Strawberry Vale Community Hall. Come on out and meet some like minded folks!

Below are a few items I wanted to share with you.

#### \* 2019 Federal Election Results

Justin Trudeau and the Liberal party were successful in securing another four years – I think this came as a surprise to some, and a disappointment to others. Whatever the political party who are in majority at a Federal, Provincial, Regional, or local level, you can be sure that the VFGPA board members are engaging in conversations with elected officials.

We will continue to host folks up at the range so that they can learn to enjoy and embrace our favourite hobbies.

#### \* Remembering the Fallen

I was honoured to lay a wreath at the cenotaph at Veterans Memorial Park on behalf of our club on Monday, while others took part in a turkey shoot benefit for a local legion on Sunday. Please reach out to our youth and remind them of the importance of taking the time to remember what tragedies those that came before us have had to endure - lest we forget.

#### \* Time Capsule

The time capsule will be buried for 50 years in a cairn near the sign in kiosk. We will be installing a plaque to commemorate the encapsulation, and be buried in the spring. If you have a picture or any bit of the club's history you would like to include in the time capsule, please do send me an email. (We will mount the pictures on acid free paper to preserve them.) Lisa.Nichols70@yahoo.ca

Thank you to our volunteers who donate their precious time to contribute to the success of our club!

I hope you all are enjoying the coziness that autumn brings.

See you on the range!

Lisa Nichols,

President of VFGPA





November 24th in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road Contact: Steven Desilva (250) 701-2231 December 1st in Nanaimo at 1325 Nanaimo Lakes Road Contact: Doug Miller (250) 758-1303



The existing *Firearms Marking Regulations* under the *Firearms Act*, scheduled to come into force on December 1, 2018, are being deferred until December 1, 2020

## THE NEXT MEMBER MEETINGS WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th at 7pm

At the Strawberry Vale Hall at 11 High Street, off Burnside Road West. Hope to see you there!

#### The Vital Four ACTS of Firearm Safety

Assume every firearm is loaded
Control the muzzle direction at all times
Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard
See that the firearm is unloaded

#### **PROVE** it safe.

Point the firearm in the safest available direction
Remove all ammunition
Observe the chamber
Verify the feeding path
Examine the bore each time you pick up a firearm

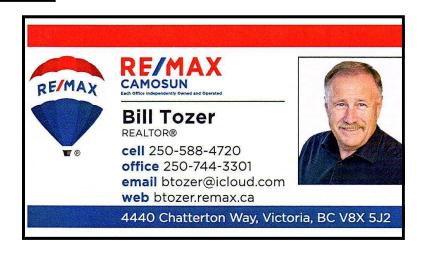
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Adam Piluso

**Meeting & Club Information** 

Board meetings - 1st Monday of the Month @ 7:30pm, **Esquimalt Anglers Lounge 1101 Munro Street Member Meeting** Strawberry Vale Hall 7:00pm.

Member meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month at NEW **TIME 7:00pm**. in the Strawberry Vale Hall at 11 High Street, off Burnside Road West. Justin/ Adam is at the meetings every month selling memberships, in case you don't have yours yet.

Club House and Ranges are located at 700 Holker Place off Malahat Drive - about 20 minutes North of Victoria on Highway 1 opposite Spectacle Lake turn-off.

Information Phone: (250) 743-3504

Recorded Range Scheduling Information—updated every morning

Web: www.vfgpa.org E-mail: inquiry@vfgpa.org

Mail: PO Box 93, Victoria BC V8W 2M1

#### Memberships available from:

#### **Island Outfitters**

3319 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C. 250-475-4969

(selling online memberships now)

#### **Pullen's Gunsmithing**

1698 Millstream Rd. Victoria, BC (250) 474-2512 (Friday—Sunday)

#### Langford Canadian Tire

Westshore Town Centre. *Mondays to Sundays 12-5pm*) 855 Langford Parkway, Victoria, BC (250) 474-2291

> Victoria Fish and Game Range 700 Holker Place, Malahat, B.C.

#### Membership Chair

Justin Sain - membership@vfgpa.org

#### Annual 2020 Membership as of November 15th

\* Adult \$180 (regular \$200) \* Family \$215 (regular \$235) \*Students \$110 (regular \$120) \* Senior \$90 (regular \$100) \* Junior \$45 (regular \$50)

> 2020 Discounted Memberships available November 15 - December 31st, 2019

We have a new number for the information line: 250-743-3504



#### **HOUSE KEEPING**

Hello Members, a few house keeping items:

ALL NEW MEMBERS MUST TAKE THE ORIENTATION COURSE BEFORE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO USE THE CLUBS RANGES.

#### EVERYONE NEEDS TO SIGN IN WHEN AT THE RANGE!!

You cannot sign in anyone (for Free) on your Memberships. (if you don't have a Membership Card you have to have a Day-Pass displayed on you)

Sweeping your brass/steel/empty hulls off the concrete and/or leaving them on the ground is <u>not acceptable.</u> Please clean up after yourself. We have a lot of range users that do not know the rules (Day-Pass Users or New Members that haven't taken the mandatory "Orientation Course") please educate anyone not cleaning up after themselves. Extra buckets have been put at each range, these are not garbage buckets they are to be used for Brass Cartridges (recycle) on the R/P and M/P Range, shotgun shells on the S/G Range. All garbage (paper, plastic, cardboard) goes into the garbage cans.

Please print your Name/Member Number when you sign in, we **NEED** to be able to read what you **Write / Print**. **YOU MUST INITIAL THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOU KNOW THE RULES OF THE CLUB** 

If **4:45pm** is Closing Time the last shot is **4:15pm**, you have 1/2 hr. to clean up and be past the main gate before it is locked. You need to be on the other side of the main gate by **4:45pm**. Range staff have already worked their 8 hours and would like to go home and see their families.

#### **CLOSING TIMES VFGPA 2019 (gate locked)**

 Nov 4-15
 4:45pm

 Nov 16-30
 4:30pm

 Dec 01- 31
 4:30pm

Last Shot ½ hr before above time

#### Gate dummy locked ½ hr before Last Shot

Thank you, Club Manager, David M.

#### Wish to Place an Ad?

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#### **Colwood PPC Introduction to Handguns and PPC Course**

By Don Senft - 5 Nov 2019

On November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Colwood Police Pistol Combat (PPC) club ran the second of its bi-annual Introduction to Handguns and PPC course on the RP range at VFGPA, with a total of 13 students attending the training supported by a large group of volunteer coaches and safety officers from the club. The students attended a classroom training session on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> led by Dom Piluso, David Michaud, Mike Dryburgh and Gerry Vaux, introducing them to the various revolvers and handguns used in PPC shooting, as well as an introduction to the principles of marksmanship required for safe and effective handling of the firearms on the range. On the Saturday, the students arrived at the range and were greeted with uncharacteristically warm weather for November, and they spent the day putting into practice the skills and techniques they had been introduced to the previous evening, with David Michaud once again leading the team of coaches and safety officers through the day as they imparted their skill and experience to the students.

The course is a benefit to both those new to handguns as well as those with experience, as we spend a great deal of time focussing on the critical marksmanship skills of trigger control, grip, stance, sighting, positional shooting and applied marksmanship. The instructor to student ratio is usually 1:1, and the instructor tailors the training to the level of the shooter being coached. An added benefit of this course is the fact we conduct the course using our clubs Smith and Wesson Model 10 revolvers, and the chance to gain some experience safely handling and firing these classic revolvers, given how rare they are today, is something the students always enjoy. All equipment, including firearms, ammunition, and belts and holsters are provided as a part of the course. Students also earn their VFGPA holster certification as part of completing this course.

For those unfamiliar with PPC, it is a competitive shooting sport that uses both Semi-Automatic pistols and Revolvers in 38 calibre or greater to shoot a series of competitive matches, both strong hand and weak hand, unsupported and supported behind barricades, from the prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions at ranges of between 3 yards out to and including 50 yards. You can read some background at <a href="https://www.colwoodppc.com">www.colwoodppc.com</a> and on the national website for the Canadian Police Combat Association at <a href="https://www.cpca-ppc.org">www.cpca-ppc.org</a>. Here on Vancouver Island we shoot a monthly match, which rotates between the ranges of VFGPA, the Nanaimo Fish and Game Association and the North Saanich Rod and Gun Club, typically culminating in a Championship in October.

Overall another very successful course and a great group of students, a number of which have now decided to join the Colwood PPC club and will attend their first match with the club on 9 November 2019. The next course will take place in the spring, details can be found at <a href="www.colwoodppc.com">www.colwoodppc.com</a>, and the next two club matches are 9 November at VFGPA and 21 Dec in Nanaimo if you are interested in coming to see what takes place during a PPC competition. We are actively seeking new members, and would be happy to help get new competitors onto the firing line, offering any assistance we can, please reach out via the club website if interested at anytime.









## 2019 CPCA National PPC Championships

The VFGPA was proud to host the 2019 Edition of the Canadian National PPC Championships on the Thanksgiving weekend of October 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a two day PPC event, and this year we had just over 30 competitors from BC, Alberta, Ontario, and the USA in attendance. The event was a success, with all competitors having a fun time while renewing old friendships and making new ones. This year, the weather was very cooperative, as the sun was peeking through the clouds for most of the weekend. We also had an encouraging number of newer shooters at the match. It was good to see some healthy



of newer shooters at the match. It was good to see some healthy competition in All of the Classes, but particularly in the Marksman, Sharpshooter, and Expert Classes.



Artist Richard Julien, presenting to winner of the 1500 PPC Event, Roly Miles.

We were proud to present Mike & Maria McEwan with a special award for long-time service & dedication to the Sport! Both have served the sport of PPC for over 30 years with huge amounts of volunteer time and effort in the areas of Match Statistics & competitor prizes. As well, Mike has been Master of Ceremonies and Host at all of our local VICC Championships during that time

Congratulations go to the Grand-Aggregate winner of the 1500 PPC Event, Roly Miles, a World-Class competitor from Ontario, who also was top shooter in both the 1500 Duty Pistol Event, and the 1500 Semi-Auto Event! You will see from the list below that a number of our local Island competitors also shot very well!



Dom Piluso, Mike & Maria McEwan, & Stephen Taylor



Thanks to all of the people that contributed by volunteering their time to work at the match; Mark Fournier & family who formed the kitchen crew; Gerry Vaux the Match Director; Mike & Maria McEwan and the statisticians; Don Senft, Mike King & all of the volunteer RSO's who acted as line officers; Our Chief Range Officer, David Michaud; and to all of the volunteers and everyone who contributed to making the match a success!!

Gerry Vaux presenting 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Master Award to Stephen Taylor

#### Match Results;

Match Winner 1500 PPC; Roly Miles
Grand Master: Stephen Taylor
Distinguished Master: Mark Horsley
Master: Gerry Vaux
Expert: Chris McFarlane
Sharpshooter: Charlie Moriez
Marksman: Sue Bender

Match Winner 1500 Semi-Auto; Roly Miles
Grand Master: Charlie Moriez
Master: Dom Piluso
Expert: Ken Fisher
Sharpshooter: Chris McFarlane

Marksman: Don Senft

Match Winner DUTY 1500; Roly Miles Grand Master: Dom Piluso Distinguished Master: Ken Fisher

Master: Gordon Tremblay
Expert: Chris McFarlane
Sharpshooter: Don Senft

Sharpshooter: Don Senft Marksman: Sue Bender

Distinguished Revolver "A" Class; Roly Miles Distinguished Revolver "B" Class; Ken Fisher

Distinguished Semi-Auto "A" Class; Roly Miles Distinguished Semi-Auto "B" Class; Chris McFarlane

Snub Nose "A" Class Kevin Crane Snub Nose "B" Class Ken Fisher



Sue Bender receiving award for top Marksman from Gerry Vaux



Sue Gibbs Presenting award for top Sharpshooter to Don Senft



Gerry Vaux Presenting award for top Expert to Chris McFarlane



#### A SIGHT TO SEE

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Every Bullseye and pistol or iron sights shooter will know that the ten ring will be elusive if the front sights are not crystal clear.

Many of us are at an age where we support eye ware. Eye glasses are of course marvelous. We can see near and far, shift from reading and to the mountain tops instantaneously. We have bifocals, trifocals, graduated lenses and transition lenses. And therein lies the challenge for us as shooters. These all work well day to day until we desperately want to consistently try to maintain a 36 inch focal point and crystal clear front sights.

That quest led me to meet Dr Stephen Taylor at the Mayfair Optometric Clinic.

When I arrived everyone was very welcoming. First order of business was an eye health exam and the Optometric technician has access to state of the art diagnostic equipment.

All that complete and time to meet Dr. Taylor. He reviews the diagnostic work up data and completes a comprehensive "let's have a look at your eyes" session.

Then a summary of clinical findings and a reality check on vision as a senior.

Then things change. Dr. Taylor is an excellent and well respected Optometrist but he is also an active participant in a number of shooting disciplines. He pulls out a pad and paper and demonstrates the vision complexities of light entering the retina and our challenge to focus the 36 inch sight picture. He then brings out these strange looking set of glasses and from the examination data he begins to calibrate the settings I will need to achieve my goal.

We walk over to a nearby room where a target is already fixed to the wall and he unboxed a toy but realistic looking pistol. You just know he has done this before! Try this he says. I position myself to test this out and quite happy at first glance. He does a little more adjustment and whow perfect front sight clarity. This is the Holly Grail for most pistol shooters.

We wrapped up the visit with a great chat about our shared passion(s), he is a car guy as well.

Specs arrive next week and eye have great expectations.

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Merchandise- for General Membership NOW AVAILABLE in the office.

Mugs \$25.00 Crest etched into Mug Hats \$20.00 Embroidered T Shirts \$16.00 XXL \$21.00 Screen Print Polo Shirts \$45.00 XXL \$48.00 Embroidered

#### TO MEMBERS

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#### OCTOBER SILHOUETTE

There was a good turnout at the October Silhouette match. We welcomed a couple of new shooters, Kyle and Mike. Hope to see you again soon!

Competitors shot two, 40 round matches in Smallbore Silhouette Rifle, and two, 40 round matches in Smallbore Silhouette Hunting Rifle. Rick Jeffery was match winner in both categories - congratulations Rick!

#### Smallbore Silhouette Rifle results:

- \* Unclassified 15, Kyle Desigrdins
- \* B 29, Cole Migvar
- \* A 23, Lyle Macgregor
- \* AA 41, Blair Desjardins (shoot out)
- \* AAA 50, Justin Rebelo
- \* Match Winner 59, Rick Jeffery
- \* Pin Awards: 5-in-a-row pigs Rick Jeffery; 5-in-a-row Rams Rick Jeffery; 10-in-a-row Pigs Rick Jeffery
- \* Long Runs: 20 Pigs Rick Jeffery
- \* Qualifying scores: AAA Rick Jeffery; A Cole Migvar and Keith Wilson

#### Smallbore Silhouette Hunting Rifle results:

- \* Unclassified 9, Mike Dymond
- \* B 27, Lyle Macgregor
- \* AA 52, Blair Desjardins
- \* AAA 39, Steve Shulhan
- \* Match Winner 55, Rick Jeffery
- \* Pin Awards: 5-in-a-row pigs Blair Desjardins; 10-in-a-row Pigs Rick Jeffery
- \* Long Runs: 13 Pigs Rick Jeffery
- \* Qualifying scores: AAA Blair Desigrations; A Lyle Macgregor

#### **Upcoming Silhouette Rifle matches:**

November 17 - smallbore on the Malahat

November 24 - smallbore in Nanaimo

December 1 – high power in Port Alberni

December 15 - smallbore on the Malahat

#### Match day schedule:

8:30 target setup and shooter registration

9:00 sight-in and practice

9:30 match start

40 round Smallbore Silhouette Rifle

40 round Smallbore Silhouette Hunting Rifle

15 minute lunch break

40 round Smallbore Silhouette Rifle

40 round Smallbore Silhouette Hunting Rifle

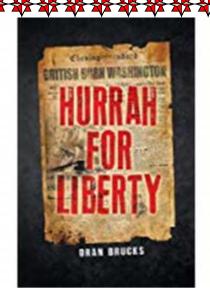
3:00 update scorebooks, collect targets, cleanup and awards presentation

New shooters are welcome to join us and we'll help get you started – please arrive by 8:30.

Before shooting your first match you should know your scope settings for the 4 distances we shoot (40m, 60m, 77m and 100m).

Entry fees are \$5.00 per rifle (i.e. \$10 for four, 40 shot matches).





Hurrah for Liberty is a new novel by Vancouver Island resident writer, avid Black powder shooter, hunter, magazine writer and history enthusiast Oran Brucks.

Follow the exciting story of two brothers, the sons of a famed Pennsylvania gunsmith who embark on an epic journey down the Ohio River looking hoping to find some adventure and excitement. Adventure finds them and their idyllic trip becomes a deadly pursuit by ruthless enemies who are prepared to use any means to stop the brothers. Hurrah for Liberty is available at Amazon.ca and in distribution to book sellers worldwide.



#### **NEEDED**

We really need Members to Volunteer to present the Orientation Courses, Trap Access, Holster, And Handgun Essentials Courses. Not a huge commitment, as we present the Trap Access Program (about 40 min.).

Trap is at 6 pm every Wed except during the winter.

Orientation is every Wed at 7pm, all year long Plus the odd Sat/Sun during the month.

We are doing the Holster Course and Handgun Essentials Course once a Month (usually on Sun.) but some Saturdays would be good as well. Very easy to do, training provided, just send me an e-mail davidmichaud333@gmail.com



**Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association** 

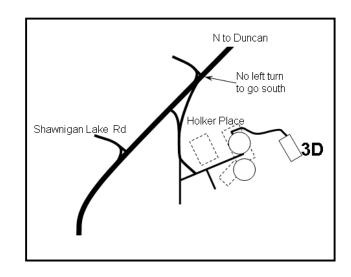
# Archery 3D Turkey Shoot Set up Sat. Nov. 30 08:30 – Please help out! Shoot Sunday Dec. 1, 2019 Be ready for 0900, arrows fly at 0930 (on the shotgun range)

Contact Archery co-chair Ellen Vander Hoek vanderhoek.e95@gmail.com

Adult	\$20
Family & Family	\$40
Seniors	\$10
Juniors (under 18)	\$10
13 & Under	Free

#### Spectators welcome!

A hot lunch will be available



#### **Directions** (coming from Victoria)

Go north from Victoria on the Trans Canada Highway #1 to the top of Malahat Mountain. Turn right on to Holker Place (approximately 1 kilometer past Shawnigan Lake Road & opposite the turnoff to Spectacle Lake Provincial Park) and the paved road takes you to the Range. Go left at the end of the road then right up the hill to the shotgun range.

#### NOTE: Due to "highway improvements you cannot turn left into or out of Holker Place:

**Arriving from the north** – go past, Holker Place and use Shawnigan Lake Road to U-turn.

**Leaving to go south** – turn right onto Trans-Canada (only option), go north to the U-turn point (2KM). If the traffic is heavy, take the Bamberton Park exit, (about 8 KM, at the bottom of the hill where the double lanes start) then turn right onto Mill Bay Rd, it takes you under the highway, stay right to go south back to Victoria.

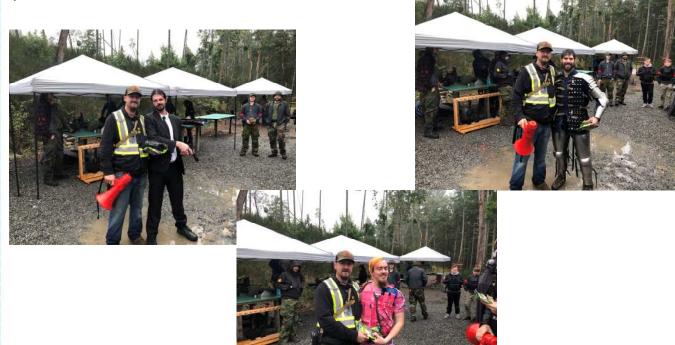


#### Airsoft News

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We held our annual Halloween event on October 20<sup>th</sup> despite a solid downpour for the whole day. The participants who braved the weather had fun just the same. As usual we had a costume judging contest. Camouflage Victoria donated the prizes for the day including gift certificates of \$50, \$25 and \$25 for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place costumes and a number of smaller items such as caps and bottles of BBs which were drawn for by the other participants. This year 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Patrick Coates for his impression of John Wick, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Don Hornby for this Knight in Shining Armor costume and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Josh Yates for his Pinkman Juggernaut costume. A huge thank you to the participants as well as Camouflage Victoria for their generous prize donations. We have upcoming game days on November 17, December 15, December 29 and January 12. On behalf of the Airsoft Discipline I'd like to wish everyone the best for the upcoming holiday season.

By Rick



#### **MEMBERSHIP NOTICE**

"The membership director would like to remind all members to fill out the membership form fully and legibly. Items written on last years form will not necessarily carry over to the this year. If your address, email, phone or courses have changed, this is the place to correct them. We also need to be able to read the information on the form so it may be entered into our data base."

#### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

This is just a reminder that by law if you own a restricted firearm you must have a gun club membership (any gun club) or you may be subject to having your restricted firearms confiscated by the RCMP. Also make sure your PAL has not expired. As life gets busy we all know how easy it is to forget things. If you have firearms you want to dispose of, contact the club if you require assistance.

#### Malahat Adventure Skills Park (Concept Plan)

Submitted by Terrance Martin, Director

As previously announced, the board is developing a plan for use of the property north of the shotgun range. In view of the litigation assault on the operations of the Salt Spring Island range and other clubs, the board is also considering new acquisitions for sound buffer.

With board approval, for rezoning purposes and general convenience of reference, the public face of the initiative has been conceptually called the "Malahat Adventure Skills Park," into which I have bundled the access and archery portfolios. Additional room to operate is clearly required to mitigate the threat to firing range operations from lead and noise, but I see these as symptoms of the real threat, which is the long-term social assault on the legitimacy of firearm ownership and rural way of life generally.

What we really need is a social buffer. Anyone with children knows the first thing humans do when we need something – we name it. Hence, the **Malahat Adventure Skills Park**.

Rezoning and acquisition of new properties is a long-term initiative, so my plan is to do what we can with what we have in the interim.



While the summer job students put a lot of work into general grounds maintenance that may go unnoticed, the crowning achievement for their effort over the summer is a trail on an old skid road out past the airsoft range to a fantastic lookout with an incredible high-elevation view of the Saanich Inlet. We will be looking at ways to see if it may be possible to descend the cliff and reach the club water-frontage with a rope-assist trail.

We have a kid & mom friendly place to learn and practice outdoor skills, a clubhouse, range, and 3D trail that connects the basecamp to the lookout, and we have waterfront off some of the best prawning grounds anywhere. Contact Terrance for information! <a href="mailto:access@yfgpa.org">access@yfgpa.org</a> mobile: 250-642-2917

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#### Province taking steps to prevent deadly deer disease in B.C.

The Province is implementing a mandatory sampling program that requires hunters to submit the heads from deer harvested in **wildlife management units 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6 and 4-7** in the Kootenay Region, after Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks discovered five animals with Chronic Wasting Disease 60 km south of the B.C. border.

The Province has been monitoring for the disease since 2002, targeting the Peace and East Kootenay Regions as high-risk areas for disease entry due to its presence in Alberta and Montana. No infected animals have been found in B.C so far, however, more sampling is needed to inform any additional response.

The provincial Wildlife Health Program is calling on all hunters, especially those in the Peace and East Kootenay, to bring deer, moose and elk heads to drop-off locations for testing. Starting **September 1, 2019** and ending **December 20, 2019**, hunters will be required to submit the heads of mule deer and white-tailed deer harvested in specific wildlife management units along the southern BC border in the Kootenay Region.

Anyone encountering an animal exhibiting the symptoms of Chronic Wasting Disease (thin, drooling, poor coordination, stumbling) should report it to the provincial Wildlife Health Program at 250-751-3219 or the Report all Poachers and Polluters hotline at 1-877-952-7277.

For more information on Chronic Wasting Disease in B.C., and for drop-off locations and Instructions, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease.ca

#### NEW 7<sup>th</sup> EDITION BIG GAME RECORDS OF B.C.

The new 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Big Game Records of British Columbia* is now available at a cost of \$35. The 560 page hard cover book is published by the Wildlife Records Club of B.C. "This is the official records book for exceptional big game species native to British Columbia, based on the Boone and Crockett scoring system." The book lists more than 10,000 entries in 19 big game categories with over 1400 of these being new entries since the previous edition in 2010.

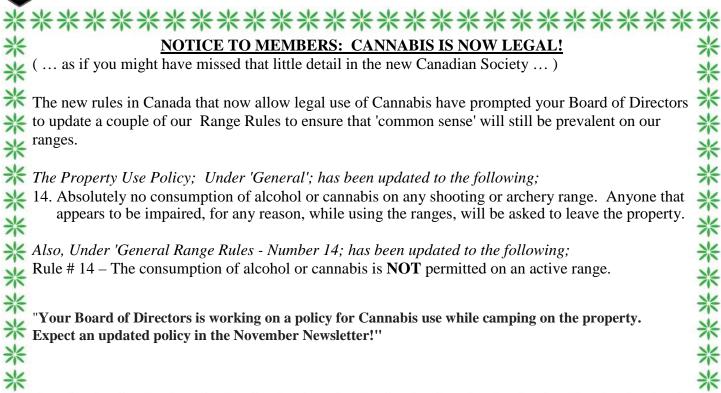
The book includes feature articles, many pictures and hunting stories related to several of the recent entries. "This is a book for all who have an interest in the outstanding diversity and abundance of big game in British Columbia." "The foundation for the Wildlife Records Club of British Columbia was originally conceived in Kamloops in 1967 with the objective of maintaining a perpetual record of trophy-class big game from British Columbia." Since 1982, operations of the Club have been based on Vancouver Island. The Club continues to qualify volunteer scorers located throughout the province. "Dedicated to wildlife conservation, selective hunting and fair chase, the Club invites the membership of individuals with similar ideals."

Copies of previous editions are available at the prices noted below (postage extra):

7<sup>th</sup> edition (2017) \$35 Website: www.wildliferecordsofbc.com

e-mail: wildliferecordsofbc@shaw.ca





#### **BRASS PROGRAM**

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Brad Woollven will now collect, sort, and sell our club's recovered range brass. You can contact Brad at 250-727-9175 or by email at leonardwoollven@gmail.com regarding any calibres of reloadable brass that you might be looking for.

## SPORTING CLAY For any info contact Paul at (250) 710-5303 or email at paulhagel@hotmail.com



#### VANCOUVER ISLAND SHOOTING LEAGUE

The Vancouver Island Shooting League (VISL) has both a trap division and a centerfire rifle division. Shoots are conducted on a regular basis with each participation club hosting. The trap division of VISL is part of the Pacific International Trap Shooting Association (PITA) further information can be found on the PITA webpage or contact Mike King email: <a href="mailto:trap@vfgpa.org">trap@vfgpa.org</a> In addition our club is a member of the British Columbia Trap Association (BCTA) information can be found on their webpage as well. The centerfire rifle division of VISL conducts regular 3 position shoots with each participating club hosting. This group has a Facebook page and the contact is Tammy Sanne: tammypo17@telus.net.

Regards Mike King Trap Director



#### "New to our Range: Holster Training Course"

You must be 'Holster Trained' and have a Holster Training qualification Card to use a Handgun Holster on our ranges.

Holster Training Courses (a 2 hour short course 10-12pm) will be held at the club on:

Oct. 6th, Nov. 23rd, Dec. 15th

For Details, costs, & pre-registration, call at the Club Office 250-858-8342



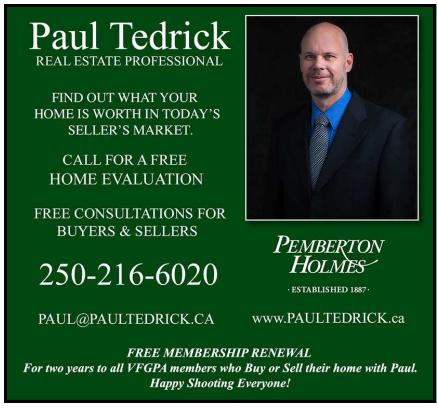




#### Victoria Fish & Game Club Chronograph is now available for rental!

The club recently bought a basic Model F-1 Chrony which will be available for rental to our paid, card carrying club members. (We will not be renting the club chronograph to day pass users.) We will be charging a nominal fee of only \$10 for the use of the club's chronograph, which will be available to be signed out from the Caretaker's office. We will have a simple form to record the renting member's information and it will be the responsibility of the renter to return the chronograph to the office before they leave the range property. Since we suspect this will be a very popular club program I would suggest that you contact the office in advance to book your rental of the club Chrony by date, to ensure that someone else hasn't arranged to rent it on the same day. We now have a club camera tripod that can be used with the rental Chrony.

By Al Page





#### To All Members of the VFGPA,

#### NEXT MEMBERS MEETINGS WILL BE ON MONDAY, **NOVEMBER 18th at 7pm**

#### **CALENDAR REMINDER**

IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE CALENDAR, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT: www.vfgpa.org AND CLICK ON THE EVENT CALENDAR TAB. ALSO, BEFORE HEADING UP TO THE RANGE, PLEASE CALL THE WEEKLY RANGE CLOSURES AND EVENTS HOTLINE AT: 250-743-3504 TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE EVENT CALENDAR POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

We now have a new number for the information line: 250-743-3504

#### **Reminder - Day Pass Fees for Non-Members**

Anyone who attends the range with a member needs to purchase a \$20 Guest pass. If a non-member is a current member with the BCWF, or an affiliated club (valid cards **must** be shown) they are eligible for a \$20 **Special day pass**. All non-club membership holders and are not attending with a member pay the \$50 Day Pass.

All range rules must be strictly followed. Non-Members must sign in with their Day-Pass number and keep and display the yellow copy of the day pass while using the range facilities. Only one \$50.00 Day Pass can be used as a credit towards a membership purchased within 30 days and must be surrendered at time of purchase.

#### Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club

We continue to support our friends over on Salt Spring Island and they face challenging times. Please show your support by purchasing a membership at SSiRG or visiting their range.

#### **Official Range Plan**

If you have any suggestions for major capital improvements to the range, please submit your ideas to info@vfgpa.org

#### Hello Members,

Just a reminder ALL targets MUST be placed below "the orange lines on the Rifle Pistol Range" this prevents the target holders from getting shot up.

If you see someone not doing this please mention it to them (nicely).

Thanks for the help. David M.



#### 2020 CORE Hunting Safety Course Schedule



#### Instructors:

Robin Pike M.Sc., P.Ag., Certified CORE Examiner.

Murray Kilshaw, Certified CORE Examiner, Certified CFSC instructor.

<u>Location:</u> Courses are held Saturday/Sundays from 8:20 to 4:30/5:00 p.m. Classes are hosted in the Westshore.

#### 2020 Schedule:

Jan 18/19	Apr 18/19	Jul 25/26	Oct 17/18
Feb 22/23	May 23/24	Aug 22/23	Nov - Off Hunting!!
Mar 21/22	Jun 20/21	Sept 19/20	Dec 12/13

#### **Course Content:**

#### **SATURDAY**

- Principles of Conservation
- Hunting Ethics
- Hunting Laws and Regulations
- Firearm Safety
- Practical Firearms Examinations

- Outdoor Safety and Survival
- First Aid
- BC Game Animal Identification

**SUNDAY** 

- BC GAME Birds Identification
- Written Exam

#### **Additional Instruction:**

- Use of the BC Hunting Synopsis
- Field dressing, Skinning and Butchering overview
- Knife selection
- How to make your game meat taste it's best
- Bullet selection for hunting
- Water wading safety

- Wilderness emergency communication
- How to approach a car accident
- How to make free topographic maps
- Dominate Eye identification
- Successful hunting strategies
- Archery and bow information

#### Contact:

Robin Pike	250-812-4316	Robin.G.Pike@gmail.com
Murray Kilshaw	250-382-1029	Coreexaminer@shaw.ca

Canadian Tire in Langford has new hours for their pro shop and will process membership forms during the following hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - noon to 5pm

Friday - noon to 6pm

Saturday & Sunday - 9 am to 5pm



#### **Black Powder Update**

October was a milestone for the Marauders in achieving one of our objectives. We were able to deliver our first formal Black Powder training program.

The program was held on Saturday, October 26th with 5 students. For a cost of \$35, all equipment was supplied for the four-hour training session. We were able to maintain a one- to-one student/coach ratio during the practical live fire section of the training. After the rifles were cleaned the students completed an anonymous, short program evaluation.

I would like to thank Doug Linton for his lead in the delivery (see his article below). Doug and the coaches debriefed afterward and it was decided by all to have been a roaring success. There were lots of smiles on the students' faces while they coveted their shot-up paper targets to take home. Two of the shooters have since joined our M/M club.

We will run another Introduction to Black Powder session on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at the Rifle-Pistol Range. There's more information in this newsletter.

Steve Southin, Director, Black Powder

#### Introduction to black powder course success!

#### By Doug Linton

I had the pleasure of leading our first ever 'Introduction to Black Powder Shooting' course; a joint effort of the Malahat Marauders Re-enactors and the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Assn. on October 26 at the Victoria Fish and Game Club's Malahat Range. Black powder training has traditionally been done primarily on the range when someone showed up at a club shoot with a gun they didn't know how to operate. Because such training was variable in content and quality, we decided to formalize it a bit, so that new shooters could safely start off with proper instruction. We had a small class of 5 in attendance; a few of whom had never handled a firearm of any sort. The classroom session lasted about 2 hours, during which we covered:

- \* The history of muzzle-loading arms from 1300 to present day (briefly)
- \* The anatomy of traditional ML guns (both flintlock and percussion)
- \* Black powder and its properties, as well as how to safely handle and store it
- \* Basic equipment needed to load and shoot; what they can buy, and what they can make.
- \* Patches and ball; what they are made of, and how to make or get them.
- \* POWDER, PATCH, BALL: safe loading procedures, including how to 'prove unloaded'.
- \* Discussion of what to do if things go wrong, and the gun doesn't fire. How to safely deal with hang-fire and dry -ball situations.
- \* Description of cleaning procedures, and storage of guns.

After a short break, we went down to the range for some hands-on practice of what had been preached. We had other experienced shooters available to safely one-on-one guide the students through actual loading and shooting. VFG recently purchased several identical percussion rifles specifically for this training, and they were put to good use. Everyone did their own loading (one could hear them muttering 'Powder, patch, ball!' under their breath) under supervision throughout the range session; the idea being to get them to the point where they would be fairly comfortable on their own at our next club shoot. Students were encouraged to come out to club shoot days to practice, and to get the opportunity to see (and try) many variants of firearms.

They all shot some gongs, and some also shot bullseye targets (for bragging rights at home), and we finished up with a hands-on gun cleaning session to round things off. Many thanks to Steve, Maurice and Keith who helped out as mentors on the range.

Welcome: Adam, Cory, Doug, Jessie, and Nicole to the sport of black powder shooting.

As this course is considered an introduction to the sport, although in-line and cartridge arms were mentioned, no time was devoted to them; those who wish can extend their knowledge over time. We got back only positive feedback; every-body enjoyed themselves, and the hope is that we can continue to bring new ML shooters into the family in the future as the word about this program spreads.

#### **MALAHAT MARAUDERS**

**PRESENTS** 

# INTRODUCTION TO BLACK POWDER SHOOTING

Come for a morning of hands-on muzzleloader training!

Learn about the history of our unique sport, repeat our mantra (powder, patch, ball) and feel the thrill of a successful shot.

Be prepared to smell gunpowder, laugh and shoot historical rifles.

Saturday, December 7, 2019 8:30am to 1:00pm

Victoria Fish & Game Club Range Hut & Rifle-Pistol Range 700 Holker Place, Mill Bay

Cost: \$35 – all equipment supplied Class size: 8 maximum

Register at the Front Office, VFGPA

Information: Steve Southin 250.214.2584 | ssouthin@shaw.ca



#### TO ALL TRAP SHOOTERS

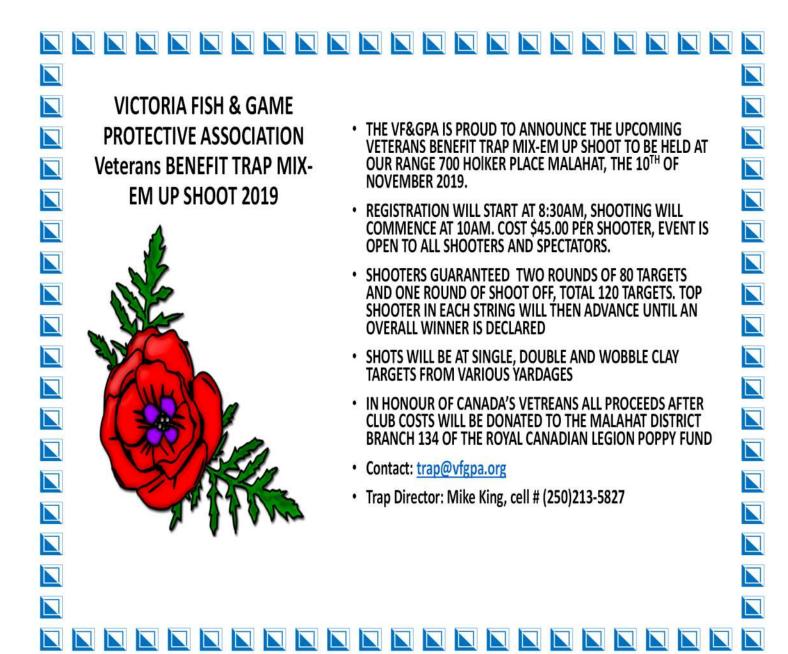
You can now shoot Trap at the same time as a Skeet Practice is taking place under some new strict conditions.

Please ask Staff to review the new conditions with you when you stop by the office to sign out Trap Keys.

Trap Practices are held four times a month on Wednesdays and Sundays as marked on the club's calendar.

"If the skeet field is in use the onus is on the trap shooters to ask for a cease fire from the skeet shooters prior to proceeding downrange to your designated trap house also to tell them that you have returned to your firing line". Thank you for your cooperation

Mike King, Trap Director, VF&GPA





#### **Calendar of the Orientation Sessions**

#### Wednesday Orientation is Wednesday at 7pm & on Sat/Sun 2pm

NOVEMBER

Nov. 3rd Nov. 13th Nov. 17th Nov. 27th

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DECEMBER December 11th December 14th December 22nd JANUARY 2020 Jan. 8th Jan. 19th Jan. 25th FEBRUARY 2020 Feb. 8th Feb. 12th Feb. 19th Feb. 23rd

All in the Clubhouse

\*\*\*WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU CHECK FOR A POSSIBLE CANCELLATION
IMMEDIATELY BEFORE DRIVING UP TO THE RANGE TO ATTEND, PH. 250-743-3504 \*\*\*

YOU MUST DO THE ORIENTATION COURSE BEFORE YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE RANGE.

Range Use Reminder to Shooters

\*\*\*A General Reminder that "The facility's gates are OPEN at 8:30AM; Check Times for closing on page 2 in the newsletter davidmichaud333@gmail.com or 250-858-8342

#### **NEW**

All firewood cutting on the property is now by permit only.

Permit available at the office.

David M.

Mgr.

#### **SURVEY ON FISHING POND**

If you go fishing at the Club pond, please answer these questions and email to pchow4570@shaw.ca

- 1. How many times have you fished at the club property?
- 2. Are you fishing with a child or children, how many children?
  - 3. How many fish are you keeping?





#### **BULLSEYE SHOOTING AT VFGPA 2019**

VFGPA Weekly Bullseye Competition Shooting recently opened the 2019 season. We shoot on Wednesday morning at 09.00h. [Setup is 08.45] In addition to the match course of fire we share tips and practices all aimed at improving our marksmanship skills. Bullseye shooting will be of interest to pistol shooters who want to move from fun "Plinking" to Competitive ISSF Pistol shooting. This 22 cal. course of fire emphasizes accuracy as it requires disciplined hand/eye coordination when shooting a 7 inch Bullseye target zone and as with all ISSF pistol disciplines, all firing must be done with one hand, unsupported at 25 yards.

Dom and David (Thank you) have assigned MP Range 7 for us each Wednesday morning. We have several shooters who are steadily advancing their marksmanship skills and our goal in 2019 is to have a full line of competitive Bullseye shooters.

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If Precision Competitive Shooting is of interest to you, Please contact:

Gary Byrne at (250)634-8215.

He can share additional details and answer any questions you may have.



#### Publisher's Note

Deadline for each month is the Wednesday after the Executive meeting (the first Monday) of the month. **NEXT DEADLINE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY,** 

**December 4th 2019.** Note: Late submissions will be published in the month following. Send all pictures with the event name, date and the names of people in the photo.

Please send all submissions to: vfgpanewsletter@telus.net Thank You, Jodi Sturgill (250) 383-4622



#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

A reminder that all members of the Victoria Fish & Game are required to take our Free two hour Range Orientation Course every five years.

We are having a lot of changes & upgrades to the various ranges, and we do not want our members left behind with their knowledge of the range and its requirements.

New members are required to take the course before they are allowed to use any of our facilities. If you are an existing member, and have not already taken the

course, please look at our Website calendar and attend one of our sessions as soon as possible.

We require everyone to have their membership card, and an orientation card with them when attending the range .... so don't take a chance on being asked to leave

if you do not have a card!!

#### Canadian Firearms Safety course; Non Restricted & Restricted PAL courses and challenges; Contact;

- David Michaud (250)888-5315 or davidmichaud333@gmail.com
- Dave Degrassi (250)474-3483 davedegrassi@telus.net
- Sue Bender (250) 721-0131 or safeshooting69@gmail.com
- Gordon Frost (778)676-7253 or email: gord@yarrowgunworks.com

#### Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) course; Call;

- Robin Pike (250)812-4316 (5-9 pm) thepikes@shaw.ca or
- Murray Kilshaw (250)382-1029 (9-5pm) coreexaminer@shaw.ca

Gordon Frost (778)676-7253 or email: gord@yarrowgunworks.com

#### MEMBERS LEARN TO USE THE TRAP MACHINES

The Executive is happy to announce the TRAP MACHINE ACCESS PROGRAM. This Course will allow you to sign out keys to access the token machines and our \$15,000 Trap Machines.

The Course is FREE to Members (ONLY). Successful completion OF THE COURSE gets your name on the "Authorized List" letting you sign out the keys and use the token box and Trap machine. (Tokens are available from the Manager/Caretaker for \$6.00 per round of 25 targets plus 1)

There will be a classroom portion as well as hands-on training. Course length is approx. 40 minutes. Check the Website calendar for specific dates."

#### Trap Access is Wednesdays at 6pm, & on Sat/Sun 1pm <u>Next Course dates:</u>

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2020	FEBRUARY 20.
Nov. 3rd	December 14th	Jan. 19th	Feb. 8th
Nov. 17th	December 22nd	Jan. 25th	Feb. 23rd

If you have questions about the Program please the ask the Manager, David, Trap Director Mike or Relief Caretakers



#### Safety Tip

Each Range has a Perimeter Flag. If the Red Flag is in the UP position that is a indicator that the range is active. Even if their is a cease fire shooting can start at anytime.

It is a good idea to put your Hearing Protection on at the Perimeter Flag before you get to the active range. (Range Rules require that hearing and eye protection be worn on the Ranges.)

The Federal Licensing Course suggest you wear both in ear and outside ear protection, another option is the "Electronics Earmuffs" Good Christmas List need item.

Once your hearing is damage it cannot be fixed and it does not repair itself.

David Michaud, CRSO



#### **LIAMA INFORMATION**

Otis our M/P Llama is a guest of our Club (belongs to our neighbour) We feed and water him daily so please treat him like our mascot with respect and be patient.







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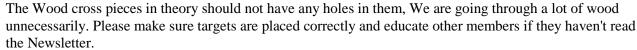




The Right Way

The Wrong Way







#### PROPERLY PLACED TARGETS ON THE RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE

To prevent shooting out (destroying) the wood cross beams.











The Wrong Way

















#### **SKEET AND 5- STAND NOTICE**

Skeet practice is held on Tuesdays with shooting starting at 10am and now on some Sunday afternoons. For the Sunday practices please check our club website calendar.

"Notice, as of the 1st of September 2019 the cost of both a round of Skeet and/or Trap is now \$6.00".

5-stand or sporting clays are held once a month and the dates and times are posted on our club website calendar. 5-stand is \$6.00 per round of 25 targets and Sporting Clays is \$30. per round of 100 targets.

For inquiries, call Paul at (250) 710-5303 paulhagel@hotmail.com

FOR ANY NEW MEMBERS, FOR THE TURN AROUND COMING OUT OF THE RANGE, IT IS 1.6 KILOMETRES DOWN THE HIGHWAY, JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION.



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#### SMALL FIREARM (HANDGUN) ESSENTIALS

#### COURSE OUTLINE

In-Class and on the Range, 2 hour Course for New Handgun Shooters.

Students must have valid Restricted P.A.L., be VFGPA member,
and bring their own firearm with 100 rounds of ammo.

Course fee is \$20.00 Maximum 10 students per class.

#### RANGE SAFETY

F/A Essentials are on Saturday at 10am to 1am (as noted a few exceptions)

December 14th,

2020:

January 5th, February 1st, March 8th, April 11th, May 17th, June 20th, July 5th, August 1st, September 6th, October 3rd, November 15th, December 5th. STANCE

GRIP

MUZZLE CONTROL

SIGHT ALIGNMENT

**BREATHING CONTROL** 

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#### TRAINING TIPS

Victoria Fish & Game Association, 700 Holker Place, Malahat BC

#### ELK/BEAVER LAKE INITIATIVE and WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Two plans are currently underway to address high nutrient levels in Elk/Beaver Lake. These plans aim to reduce frequency of blue-green algae, improve fish habitat and manage growth of Eurasian milfoil.

The development of a **watershed management plan** is underway to address external sources of nutrients through a public engagement process. External sources of nutrients come from various land use activities around the lake (urban or agricultural) as well as natural processes that bring nutrients into the lake. CRD staff are currently facilitating a public engagement process to develop the plan to address this source of nutrients.

The development of an **in-lake remediation plan** is also underway to address internal sources of nutrients in Elk/Beaver Lake. These nutrients have accumulated over decades in the lake and bottom sediments and are continually recycled back into the water column under low-oxygen conditions. The in-lake remediation process is guided by expert consultants and an intergovernmental working group. On September 11, 2019 staff brought forward a Staff Report and Business Case to the CRD Board outlining the environmental, recreational, community and economic values of the lake (over \$10 million annually) and a recommendation to remediate the lake.

The CRD Board approved the recommendation to move ahead with the in-lake remediation of Elk/Beaver Lake, subject to receiving at least 50% capital grant funds for the project. This recommendation includes the installation of oxygenation systems in Elk/Beaver Lake to improve water quality at a capital cost of \$1.4 million and ongoing operational costs of \$100,000 -\$150,000 annually. For more details and to watch a video of the Board discussion and decision online, follow this <u>link</u> (go to Section 8.9 19-755 Elk/Beaver Lake Remediation). Staff are now working to develop a funding plan to support the project and plan to publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop a detailed remediation plan (sizing and siting) this winter.

Lastly, staff are working to conduct a survey of the Eurasian milfoil coverage and abundance on the lake (to collect baseline information), install a hydrometric station at the Beaver Lake dam to measure continuous lake levels and water flow, and update signage around the lake for improved blue-green algae public notices and advisories.

Many thanks again for joining the discussion about Elk/Beaver Lake. For more information about the initiative, visit the website: <u>Elk/Beaver Lake Initiative</u>

#### VICTORIA SPORT FISHING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC) MEETING

A meeting of the Victoria (FMA 19/20) Sport Fishing Advisory Committee will be held Tuesday October 08 at 6:00 PM at the Esquimalt Anglers' ramp. Agenda items include:

- priority messages on regulations for chinook and coho to carry forward to DFO
- halibut update on recreational catch and priority requests for 2020 regulations
- prawn and crab update
- -southern resident killer whales (SRKW) evaluation of regulations and closures in 2019
- enforcement issues from DFO Conservation and Protection
- B.C. Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund
- new Facebook page at **SFACVictoria**













October 31st, 2019

Honourable John Horgan 122 – 2806 Jacklin Road Victoria, BC V9B 5A4

#### Dear Premier Horgan,

We the undersigned implore your government to intervene on behalf of all British Columbians in the matter of averting the extinction of Interior Fraser River (IFS) steelhead. Ocean survival, climate change and interception fisheries that use gill nets are the three major factors attributed to the steep downward trend for Thompson and Chilcotin steelhead. While two of these three factors are beyond immediate control, the non-selective gill net fishery on the lower Fraser River is something that can be regulated and must be done forthwith before IFS become extinct. The DFO simply refuses to make these necessary changes and your Ministries involved in working with DFO have been entirely ineffective and dismissed by DFO.

Your government is responsible for the conservation of steelhead and sturgeon, yet you have been supportive of the DFO status quo net fisheries that are the primary reason for the demise of IFS and other weak salmon populations. Your Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in concert with DFO continue to advocate the chum salmon fisheries using gill nets despite these very fisheries intercepting steelhead and sturgeon with lethal consequences. The 2019 escapement estimates for the Thompson and Chilcotin steelhead are less than 100 and 40 respectively, well below extreme conservation levels and the lowest on record. Mitigative measures put in place by DFO and your Ministries have not been effective as evidenced by the continual downward trend towards zero. Despite IFS being categorized as an extreme conservation concern DFO last weekend opened the chum fishery, which is not a sustainable fishery using gill nets and the primary reason why the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification was withdrawn. We need you to intervene immediately on this issue to ensure IFS do not become extinct.

We believe there are some innovative solutions that could be employed without impacting the harvest of chum salmon. Terminal and selective fishing methods were traditional methods of fishing historically used by Indigenous people on the lower Fraser River and these methods could again be used to harvest salmon with the live releasing of sturgeon and steelhead. Some First Nations have in fact expressed interest but have been thwarted by your Ministry. If your government wants to make a difference in salmon management while ensuring conservation of iconic species such as Interior Fraser River Steelhead then we need your voice to be heard immediately. The status of IFS is well known and being closely watched throughout North America including of course the people who live in and around the Fraser River. The BCWF and other like-minded fish conservation organizations are asking you to become the champion of salmon and steelhead conservation. This does not mean the elimination of the commercial fishing sector on the lower river. It means making long overdue changes in the way lower Fraser salmon are harvested while ensuring safe migration of steelhead and other weak salmon stocks in their long journey to their upriver spawning grounds. This is your opportunity to make a difference.

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The BC Wildlife Federation is requesting a meeting with you to explore positive ways of making changes that will avert the loss of Interior Fraser River Steelhead – a circumstance that no one wants as their legacy. We would appreciate your office contacting the BC Wildlife Federation office to arrange for a meeting in November.

Yours in Conservation. The BC Wildlife Federation The British Columbia Federation of Drift Fishers The British Columbia Federation of Fly Fishers Fraser Valley Angling Guides Association The Steelhead Society of British Columbia

101-9706 188th St, Surrey, BC V4N 3M2

Phone 1-888-881-2293 | Fax: 604-882-9933

www.bcwf.bc.ca

#### **SIAS Report**

The last SIAS event of the year happened on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, a 3 Gun match that had to be rescheduled due to monsoon like weather on October 20<sup>th</sup>, there were 20 people that came out for this fun event.

We can vassed SIAS members earlier this month to see who would be willing to learn how to teach both the Holster and Handgun Essentials Courses that the VFGPA offers throughout the year so that there would be more volunteer instructors available, we had a lot of members who came forward wanting to do this so we will be holding a couple of Train the Trainer classes in early December.

Our season starts up again in March with our first SIAS Range Safety Course likely scheduled for February, until then you'll see us out practicing on the MP Range. If you are interested in learning about our sport please feel free to email us at: actionshooters@vfgpa.org or check out our website: http://actionpistol.ca/

#### PROPOSED HANDYDART FACILITY IN VIEW ROYAL

The Esquimalt Anglers' Association wrote the Minister of Transportation, Claire Trevena, on October 08 expressing concern and opposition to a proposed HandyDART facility to be built adjacent to Craigflower Creek in View Royal.

A reply was received, dated October 25, from the Minister. In part, she states "B.C. Transit is committed to engaging with View Royal staff on the HandyDART facility's design, possible improvements and environmental protections. Furthermore, B.C. Transit has committed that the facility's designer will be contractually obligated to ensure the project meets all View Royal's existing bylaw requirements, as well as other provincial and regulatory requirements, including streamside protection and enhancement areas."

These same assurances were promised by the Minister and the Ministry of Transportation for work being conducted at the McKenzie Interchange. However, on several occasions, sediment contamination of Colquitz River occurred. Similarly, the CRD promised high environmental protection standards during the bio-solids pipeline crossing of Colquitz at Marigold and Interurban. The contractors' environmental management plan failed to avoid excessive sediment contamination of the coho salmon and cutthroat trout habitat. This resulted in two successive stop work orders being issued this past August when the sediment contamination was brought to the respective authorities attention.

The Esquimalt Anglers' Association Board of Directors continues to oppose this project at the proposed site, despite the noted environmental protection assurances by Minister Trevena.

Thank you, Wayne Z.

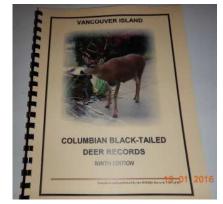


#### NEW VANCOUVER ISLAND DEER BOOK

Copies of the ninth edition (2016) of the Vancouver Island Columbian Blacktail Deer Records are available at a cost of \$10 each. The publication contains an excellent article written by Byron Mason on fifty years with the deer in the Nimpkish Valley. Byron relates the impact of wolf and cougar predation on deer population abundance and hence, hunting success. He also includes 45 years of deer count data from 1970 through 2015.

There is also an article on early cougar hunting where the provincial government paid a bounty of varying amounts on cougars taken between 1870 and 1958. The new edition contains numerous colour photographs of harvested deer as well as record heads and antlers.

Copies of the previous eighth edition (2010) are still available at a cost of \$5.00. The current records list over 2160 entries scoring 100 or more Boone & Crockett points.



Of particular note is the re-scoring of the Norm Hammond buck from 1942. These antlers were the number two head in the previous eighth edition (2010) scoring 139 7/8.

Following a request from the current owner, it was panel scored in March 2015 and is now ranked as the number one Vancouver Island deer with a score of 143 5/8.

#### VICTORIA FISH & GAME ANNUAL BIG GAME COMPETITION

Hunters are reminded that Blacktail deer taken in MU 1-1 through 1-13 by Victoria Fish & Game members are eligible for the five trophies available each year. Deer must be field dressed which means that the heart, liver and kidneys (edible portions) are the only internal organs which can be included when the animal is weighed.

Deer must be weighed on Club scales by the caretaker/manager or his designate.

The official weigher reserves the right to refuse weighing any deer which arrives in an unpresentable condition. Lungs must be removed and body cavity wiped dry with a rag or paper towels. Deer 160 pounds and over taken with a rifle and 140 pounds and over taken by bow and arrow must be witnessed by an executive member at time of weighing. Please contact the Club caretaker/manager or Wayne Zaccarelli to make arrangements. Hunters are reminded that access to club facilities is restricted to daylight hours with the gate locked progressively earlier through the hunting season. Please ensure that you confirm the time gates are locked and show up at least a half hour earlier.

#### Trophies available include:

McIlwaine Van & Storage (est. 1955) largest deer / rifle Victoria Fish & Game (est. 1966) largest scoring antlers Robinson's Sporting Goods (est. 1970) largest deer / bow & arrow Bob Hollingworth Memorial (est. 1983) largest buck deer / junior member Malahat Marauders (est. 1990) largest deer / muzzle loader

Gold, silver and bronze buttons are awarded in both rifle and bow & arrow classes for deer in the following weight categories:

	RIFLE	BOW & ARROW
Gold	180 lb +	160 lb +
Silver	160 - 179 ½ lb	140 - 159 ½ lb
Bronze	140 - 159 ½ lb	120 - 139 ½ lb

In addition, the Victoria Fish & Game Bear trophy is awarded annually for the largest Black bear taken by a Club member. Boone & Crockett Club scoring is used to determine the largest entry. Boundaries are again MU 1-1 through 1-13.





This column for sale items is provided to our members free of charge. VFGPA is not responsible for any items listed. PLEASE LET EDITOR JODI KNOW WHEN YOU SELL YOUR ITEMS OR WHEN YOU HAVE FOUND YOUR WANTED ITEMS.

(NEW NOTICE- FOR NOW ON, CLASSIFIED ADS WILL HAVE A 4 MONTH LIMIT AT A TIME)

**FOR SALE :(Sept. ns) 1). SAVAGE Mark 2 FXP .22LR Rifle,** Approximately 2 years old, bought from Cabela's. This 22LR, bolt action rifle is a great trainer for young and were young once shooters. Comes with a Barra 4 -12\*40 scope w/cover, the original 5 round magazine, plus 3 additional 10 round magazine's, sling and a plano, gray plastic carry case (not shown). Buy all this new from Cabela's for \$550 plus tax, or here for \$300.

2). SIG SAUER MOSQUITO, Approximately 2 years old, bought from Cabela's. This 22LR pistol is a great entry level unit to hone your skills. Comes with all the original equipment, tool kit, carry case, documentation etc. Maybe 1500 rounds of CCI mini mag through it, no issues. 2 Magazines. Asking \$300. Restricted PAL required. Call or text James at (250) 507-0299.





For Sale: (Sept ns) For Sale – 2 cleaning rods, J. Dewey Mfg nylon coated cleaning rod for 223 caliber, extra jags and adapter, and Gunslick 3 pc take down cleaning rod, 22 caliber.

FOR SALE: (Dec. ns) 1). Ruger SR22 pistol. Never been fired. Reviews all say it is a reliable and versatile shooter. Doesn't hurt that it looks really cool too (for those who care about that). Selling because I have too many hobbies and just never got around to this one. \$600 firm. This sells for \$629+tax new at Cabelas and has been on backorder forever.

2). Climbing tree stand and Hunter Safety harness system. \$60 each or \$100 for both.

Email: <a href="mailto:tangjunho@gmail.com">tangjunho@gmail.com</a> Call/text: 250-580-7932

**FOR SALE: (Oct. ns)** For anyone wanting to get into reloading your own 30-06 cartridges. Brand new Lee Pacesetter dies for reloading 30-06 cartridges. The entire package below can be purchased for \$180.00 or each part sold individually. Everything is new except the brass. If you bought retail here is the price breakdown per piece (includes tax): Lee Pacesetter dies (\$61.59); Factory Crimp die \$24.63; Nosler Ballistic Tip bullets \$49.27/box; Large rifle primers \$7.83/box; 127 used de-primed and cleaned 30-06 rifle brass (new - \$60 for 50 or \$1.12 per casing. Used \$0.50x127=\$63.50). The total if you bought

retail separately is \$279.58.

Price for each piece in this ad: Lee Pacesetter dies \$45.00; Factory Crimp die \$20.00; Nosler Ballistic Tip bullets \$35/box; Large rifle primers \$6.00/box; 127 used de-primed and cleaned 30-06 rifle brass de-primed and cleaned \$0.50x127= \$63.50. The total if you bought separately is \$222.50.

Contact Frank Barber at 250-580-7820 or fandcbarber@gmail.com



#### I have my blacksmith shop set up, and I am starting to take orders for iron work.

Do you need some throwing knives, tomahawks, a flint striker, fire irons, grills, lantern hooks, fire pokers, bottle openers etc...? I specialize in hand forged 18th and 19th century reproductions, and can make just about anything for your rendezvous camp, or Christmas presents. If you want things made soon and delivered, I will be at the turkey shoot in Victoria on the 26th and 27th and can bring things with me. Please check out my FB page Meška Ironworks to see some of my other stuff. **Contact me at: 604-719-4139 or blcksmithju@hotmail.com** 

**FOR SALE**: (Nov. ns) 1) 12 gauge left handed Thompson Center New Englander muzzle loading shotgun for sale, mint as new condition test fired only, bought new in the early 90's. Fixed improved cylinder choke. C/W 500 over the powder wads and 500 over the shot wads, just add powder, shot and a cap your ready to go. \$250.00 lower price 2). Brand new Springfield Armory M1 Garand barrel for sale, chambered for the 3006. \$300.00 reduced. Contact John, bibatoad@hotmail.com

FOR SALE: (Nov. ns) Martin Archery Lynx compound bow with soft case and accessories. Price \$300. Please contact Wolfgang at: wkuentzle@gmail.com or call/text 1-204-981-8625





FOR SALE: (Oct ns) Olympic Arms, AR-15 for sale. This rifle was made to copy the first Canadian C7 style rifle. In excellent condition. Comes with two scope mounts, a Red Dot scope and a plastic clip on shell catcher. \$875.00. For pictures or more information, email Tom at <a href="lonegun1@telus.net">lonegun1@telus.net</a>

FOR SALE: (Nov ns) RCBS JR 2 PRESS with rcbs Press priming attachement & Primer tubes. Asking \$70.00 Call John at (778)678-0436

FOR SALE: (oct ns) Swiss GP11 7.5x55 unopened case of 480 rounds \$450 Contact: jmoran@protonmail.com

FOR SALE: (Nov. ns) 600 pieces of 9mm brass accumulated that I would sell for \$20. Contact Rod at (250) 361 5740

FOR SALE: (Oct. ns) #1 M65 US army coat with hood, medium size asking \$80 OBO, its from the 80s I think, paid 90 it doesn't fit. #2 Canadian army backpack for sale excellent shape, circa 1964. Im guessing its about 60 liters.\$50 firm #3 hardcore bush Sleeping set, inner is a Canadian army cold weather down sleeping bag, outer is a gortex USMC woodlands camo Bivy in amazing shape. \$180 obo. Have good pictures of all these items if yould like to request, please email <a href="mailto:aquariusbaby@protonmail.com">aquariusbaby@protonmail.com</a>

FOR SALE: (Aug ns) Like New Franchi Instinct L Over & Under Shotgun 12 Gauge 28 inch barrel for sale \$1400. reduced. Purchased from Cabelas in Nanaimo, BC back in Oct. 2018. Has only 100 rounds through it. Selling because it does not fit me. Please contact John (redstryke@hotmail.com)





#### Reclaimed brass for sale - money goes back to the VF&GPA

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Please call or email Brad at 250-727-9175 or by email at leonardwoollven@gmail.com

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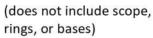
#### **COLT OFFICERS MODEL**

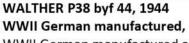
MATCH, 38 Special 6-inch barrel, in NRA Modern Gun Condition Standard "VERY GOOD" \$1,850



**ANSCHUTZ 1903 TARGET RIFLE,** Low round count single shot 22LR, in NRA Modern Gun Condition

Standard "AS NEW" \$1,350.





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