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Online Membership Renewals

If you have been a member with us in 2018 or 2019, you are already in our online system!
Go to <https://members.vfgpa.org/otp/> and enter your email to have a login-link sent to you.
Click the Renew Membership button on the right.
Verify your information is correct, and select your desired membership type.
We can also now mail your card to you! Click the “send card by post” box.
Click the payment button and enter your payment information into PayPal.
If you do not have a PayPal account, you can enter your information normally by clicking the “Pay with credit card” button.

If you need any assistance renewing your membership, or have any questions, please email Adam at admincoor@vfgpa.org

New Members Registration

If you have not been a member of the range in the past two years, you can register at our range office or online at <https://members.vfgpa.org/signup/>

2020 MEMBERSHIPS

ADULTS - \$200 (18 to 64 years of age)

FAMILY - \$235

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

SENIORS - \$100 (age 65 & older)

STUDENTS - \$120

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

JUNIORS - \$50

SPECIFIC MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

**** If you have asked to retain your specific membership number, it will be available from the Caretaker at the range ** Life memberships will be mailed to members**

**2019 - 2020 Board of Directors****Officers (Executive)**

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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:

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

Membership Chair
Justin Sain - membership@vfgpa.org

Annual 2020 Membership

*** Adult \$200 * Family \$235
* Students \$120 * Senior \$100
* Junior \$50**

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



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 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

WARNING- DO NOT throw anything into the pond for any reason. It floats down to the overflow tubes and can plug them up !! (last time \$10,000. to fix the M/P road when the pond overflowed.)

NOTICE TO MEMBERS: CANNABIS IS NOW LEGAL!

(... as if you might have missed that little detail in the new Canadian Society ...)

The new rules in Canada that now allow legal use of Cannabis have prompted your Board of Directors to update a couple of our Range Rules to ensure that 'common sense' will still be prevalent on our ranges.

The Property Use Policy; Under 'General'; has been updated to the following;

14. Absolutely no consumption of alcohol or cannabis on any shooting or archery range. Anyone that appears to be impaired, for any reason, while using the ranges, will be asked to leave the property.

Also, Under 'General Range Rules - Number 14; has been updated to the following;

Rule # 14 – The consumption of alcohol or cannabis is **NOT** permitted on an active range.

"Your Board of Directors is working on a policy for Cannabis use while camping on the property.
Expect an updated policy soon!"



Precision Rifle Match



**CAMPBELL RIVER
GUN CLUB**

<https://riflematch.com/>

***Saturday and Sunday March 28 and 29 2020 at the
Campbell River Gun Club 600 yard range starting at
09:00***

***Paper, Steel and Electronic targets from 100 yards to 600
Yards***

Sporting rifle Light and Heavy and Open class scoring



Space is limited to the first 24 registrations so please see the website to register or call, text or email for further information.

prmsshootervi@gmail.com (Preferred)

Text or call Frank @ 250 951 6780



Youth Target Shooting

The Victoria Fish and Game Club (VFGPA) and the North Saanich Rod and Gun Club (NSRG) together make available to interested youth the opportunity to learn bullseye target shooting. There are no “strings” attached. All equipment and supplies are provided free of charge. Safe handling of guns is of major importance and a course in their safe use must be completed prior to use of cartridge style guns. Air guns may also be used in training. As the full safety course is given only once a month, airguns can be used after taking a less rigorous course until the full course is available. Youth shooting courses are offered every Saturday from 1100 to 1600 and from Sept. 01 to May 31 of the following year. Once signed up there is no obligation to continue. Teaching is done on an individual basis. As mentioned, training is done using both cartridge style rifles (.22 rimfire) and air guns (.177).

The NSRG range is used for all shooting. This range is located on the north slope of Mt. Newton on McTavish (1353) XRoad. All cartridge rifle shooting is done on an open but covered range with little heating. Warm clothing must be worn during mid Fall to early Spring. Airgun is done in a covered room with some heating.

In competition, shooting is one of the few sports that approaches accommodating, on an equal footing, all those with the inclination to do well. Be they boy or girl, youth or adult, physically fit or physically compromised – the person with desire can be competitive overall. The following is a note written by a supporting mother (and father).

Bob Macdonald

My daughter, Megan, is going into her third year training with the juniors program at the NSRG range. She is a confident and focused young lady. She competes with Team B.C. smallbore and travels to various events. To date she has won 6 gold medals competing in both prone and 3 position at the provincial level. She achieved best results ever after recently competing in the Campbell River 120 match. Megan was also one of the recipients of the Premier’s Award for Indigenous Youth – Excellence In Sport for 2018 (smallbore rifle). She has dreams of competing in the North American Indigenous Games in 2020. She looks forward to her time training at the range and is grateful for the coaching and encouragement that she receives there. We are thankful for the people who volunteer their time to teach the youth how to safely enjoy target sports.

Rebecca McCool

CAMBELL RIVER PRECISION RIFLE MATCH

Hi, We are hosting a precision rifle match at the Campbell River Gun Club on March 28 and 29 and would like to invite your members to register at <https://riflematch.com/> Poster on page 4

**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 **not acceptable**. 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 2020 (gate locked)

Jan 16-31	5:15pm
Feb 01-15	5:45pm
Feb 16- 28	6:00pm
Mar 01-09	6:15pm
Mar 10-15	7:15pm
March 16-31	7:45pm
April 01- Sept 15	8:00pm
Sept 16-30	7:30pm
Oct 01- 15	7:00pm
Oct 16-31	6:30pm
Nov 01-03 (Last Day Daylight S)	6:00pm
Nov 4-15	4:45pm
Nov 16-30	4:30pm
Dec 01- 31	4:30pm

Wish to Place an Ad?

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Full Page: \$50.00 per issue, or \$500.00 for 12 issues

Classified and For Sale Ads

Members - FREE classified ads, but for Commercial ads please see the above

For more information or to purchase ad space please contact Jodi at:
vfgpanewsletter@telus.net



SILHOUETTE

There was a fairly good turnout at the December 15th Silhouette match. We welcomed a new shooter, Matthew. 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 – 20, Matthew Leclaire

B – 27, Colleen McInnis

A – 34, Marc Leduc

AA – 34, Art Archer

AAA – 51, Mathew Quenet

Match Winner – 58, Rick Jeffery

Pin Awards: 10-in-a-row Chickens – Mathew Quenet and Rick Jeffery; 5-in-a-row Rams – Rick Jeffery

Long Runs: 17 Chickens - Rick Jeffery

Qualifying scores: A - Colleen McInnis; AAA – Rick Jeffery

Smallbore Silhouette Hunting Rifle results:

B – 20, KC MacDonald

A – 42, Marc Leduc

AA – 15, Roger Taylor

AAA – 41, Steve Shulhan

Match Winner – 60, Rick Jeffery

Pin Awards: 5-in-a-row Pigs – Mike Kearns; 5-in-a-row Rams – Marc Leduc; 10-in-a-row Rams Rick Jeffery

Qualifying scores: AA – Mike Kearns and Marc Leduc (2)

Upcoming Silhouette Rifle matches:

January 19 - smallbore on the Malahat

January 26 - smallbore in Nanaimo

February 2 – high power in Port Alberni

February 9 - 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).

Please contact Steve at silhouette@vfgpa.org for more info.

**FOLKS:**

The following statement relates to a petition brought forward today by MP Glen Motz of Alberta. It is with respect to the Trudeau governments intent to ban a variety of firearms, property of 2.2 million, daily vetted, government licensed, law abiding citizens of Canada. This is most likely the last time we may be able to sway Ottawa into re-thinking their plan to seize private property from law abiding Canadians. It reads as follows...

Whereas:

The Government of Canada has expressed its intention to ban, what it refers to as “military-style assault rifles”, through an Order in Council;

Public Safety Canada’s information notes this is not a legal definition in Canada;

The use of an Order in Council is an egregious overreach of executive authorities, bypassing the democratic process of the House and the elected representatives of Canadians;

This executive order would strip law-abiding Canadians it has approved through the RCMP Canada Firearms Program, of their legally purchased property;

The use of an Order in Council ignores the Government’s survey on firearms where “the majority of respondents did not support further limiting access to firearms & assault-style firearms”;

The proposed buyback of legal, licenced firearms could cost the Canadian taxpayer over \$250,000,000 which could be better spent on initiatives that have an appreciable positive impact on public safety such as: deter youth from gangs, addiction treatment, mental health, strengthened border security, and increase police anti-gang capacities;

An Order in Council ban on “military-style assault rifles” would fail to take firearms away from criminals; and A ban would unfairly target Canadian firearms owners who are already among the most vetted in Canadian society. Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) and Restricted PAL (RPAL) holders are subject to daily screening and are statistically proven to be less likely to commit crimes than non-PAL & non-RPAL holders.

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to put any new firearms laws, bans, buyback programs or changes to licencing before the House of Commons to be debated.

FOLLOWING IS THE LINK TO PETITION.

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2341>

Instructions:

Once you've gone to the link...

1. Go to the bottom of the screen and click on the "sign the petition box".
2. The next page is a form to fill out, 3 boxes to agree to,
3. Fill out the "scrambled word" to prove you're not a robot.
4. Hit the "sign" button and you'll receive an email within 5 minutes to verify who you are.
5. Follow that emails instruction and you'll have signed the form.

FINALLY...PLEASE SHARE THIS PETITION/EMAIL WITH OTHERS WHO YOU BELIEVE WILL SUPPORT IT.



R.S.O.COURSE 2020

The course for 2020 will be held March 28/29 Sat./Sun. at VFGPA in the Club House 8am-5pm each day.

If interested send an e-mail to CRSO David Michaud davidmichaud333@gmail.com

GUN SHOWS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND FOR 2020

- **February 2nd in Nanaimo** at 1325 Nanaimo Lakes Road **Contact: Doug Miller (250) 758-1303**
- **March 1st in Duncan** at 4295 Robertson Road **Contact: Steven Desilva (250) 701-2231**
- **March 22nd at Metchosin SVI Rangers** at 3498 Luxton Road **Contact: Larry Danby (250)479-7260**
- **April 5th in Duncan** at 4295 Robertson Road **Contact: Steven Desilva (250) 701-2231**
- **May 3rd in Courtney** at 3780 Colake Road **Contact: Rick McClure (250) 703-0223**
- **May 31st in Parkville** at 1014 Ford Road, Coombs **Contact: Graham Alexander (250) 752-1855**
- **July 19th at Malahat VFGPA Club house,** **Contact: Laurie Page (250) 388- 0705**
- **August 16th in Duncan** at 4295 Robertson Road **Contact: Steven Desilva (250) 701-2231**
- **September 13th in Parkville** at 1014 Ford Road, Coombs **Contact: Graham Alexander (250) 752-1855**
- **October 18th in Courtney** at 3780 Colake Road **Contact: Rick McClure (250) 703-0223**
- **October 24 & 25th in Victoria** at 1528 Stelly's Cross Road, Saanichton **Contact: John Pullen (250) 474-2512**
- **November 22nd in Duncan** at 4295 Robertson Road **Contact: Steven Desilva (250) 701-2231**
- **November 29th in Nanaimo** at 1325 Nanaimo Lakes Road **Contact: Doug Miller (250) 758-1303**

Victoria Women Shooters is seeking to fill the Director position for a One Year Term.

It has been an incredibly busy and fun year and the time has come for Tina Clark to pass on the reigns! This volunteer position is best suited to someone who enjoys the shooting sports and values the importance of safety and education. This is very rewarding position as you provide opportunities for many people who may not have otherwise have access or means to enjoy this experience.

Tina Clark will continue to be involved with the Victoria Women Shooters and will support and mentor the new VWS Director. Successful candidate does not require extensive firearms experience however must hold a valid PAL.

Submit your expression of interest to womensshooters@gmail.com

**WOMEN'S PIONEER SKILLS WEEKEND**

Port Alberni Fish & Game

July 10th to 12th, 2020

Registration

There is a registration limit of **60 Women** on a First Come - First Serve basis.

Registrations will not be accepted by phone or without payment.

Register by mail only - Deadline is when full.

(Westcoast Rangers, Port Alberni and click on the left for the Women's Pioneer Weekend)

Registration Fee

Includes instruction in all 3 sessions, program materials, wine & cheese night, and camping throughout your stay.

Adult - \$60.00 (\$45 USD)

Junior (13-18) - \$50.00

Some workshops may require extra materials or extra fees payable to the instructor at the class. See "Workshops" page.

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending.

However, you may combine payment into one cheque, if desired. Make cheques payable to "West Coast Rangers".



Mail form and payment to

West Coast Rangers

Box 1262

Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M1

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NOW AVAILABLE in the office.**

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T Shirts \$16.00 XXL \$21.00 Screen Print
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TO MEMBERS

One of our members is needing a Kidney Transplant. If you know of anyone or you can donate, please email Perry at pchow4570@shaw.ca for more info

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2020 CORE and Hunting Essentials Courses

CORE Course:

The VFGPA will be holding a CORE Course on Saturday and Sunday, 1-2 February 2020, in the main Clubhouse, 9 am to 5 pm.

At the end of Sunday, all students should have the documents they need to apply to the BCWF for their CORE certificate.

To attend, you must register in advance. To register, please send an email to core@vfgpa.org

The CORE course fee is \$150 (cash), payable at the door. Course size will be limited to 20 students.

Hunting Essentials Course:

The VFGPA will be holding a Hunting Essentials Course on Saturday and Sunday 29 February and 1 March, 2020 in the VFGPA Clubhouse, 9 am to 5 pm.

To attend, you must register in advance. To register, please send an email to core@vfgpa.org

The course fee is \$150 (cash), payable at the door. Course size will be limited to 20 students.

The course content includes:

- * Ground selection
- * Preys' eyes; hunters' eyes
- * Finding/seeing game
- * Whitetail vs mule; Buck vs doe
- * Fitness considerations
- * Team makeup
- * Optics and scope/binocular selection
- * Rifle/caliber selection
- * Laser range finder applications
- * Normal (< 150 yard) shooting considerations
- * Long(er) distance shooting considerations
- * Scouting & ambush, vs stalking, merits of each
- * Ungulate anatomy/physiology
- * Field dressing (includes training/practice on either killed-that-morning sheep, or a recent deer)
- * Relationships with game cutters, landowners, and other parties out there encountered
- * Hunt site schematic
- * Bear considerations

About David the instructor:

B.C. Hunter Training/CORE instructor/examiner, since 1981.

Canadian Firearms/Restricted Firearms instructor/examiner, since the program's inception (instructor certification card # 0007)

Active hunter since 1967 with bow, shotgun, and rifle, multiply successful for: deer (both), bear, moose, sheep (both), bison, predators, waterfowl, and upland birds

B.Ed, UVic, 1981

Current membership in B.C. College of Teachers, and a continuing member in good standing from that college's first day.

Teacher in rural schools, 1981-1997, outdoor education, and biology.

Commercial/coastal float pilot since 1990.

Industrial ambulance/medic, since 1997.

Nurse (emerg, med/surg, O.R., rehab) 2001-2013.



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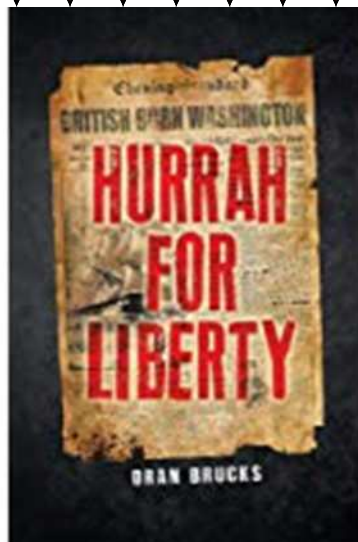
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Hurrah for Liberty is a new novel by Vancouver Island resident writer, avid Black powder shooter, hunter, magazine writer and history enthusiast Oran Brucks.

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



6th Annual Edwardian Shotgun Shoot - Sunday, July 5th

at the

Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association

700 Holker Place, Malahat, BC

Shooters Meeting 9:45am, shooting starts at 10. This event is a celebration of the classic **Double barrel shotgun**, however, all shotguns are welcome. Edwardian or Victorian dress is recommended. Everyone is welcome, wear your shotgunner best in whatever era you choose!

Event is classic trap shooting. Certificates will be awarded for best smokeless shooter, black powder cartridge shooter, muzzle loader shooter, categories for both male & female, plus best dressed shotgunner any era, male and female, best dressed shotgunner Victorian/Edwardian era. Registration \$10.00 includes tea and lunch. Cost of shooting is \$6.00 per round of 25. Shoot as many rounds as you like. Bring your own ammo. Please pre-register as it is important for us to know how many people we need to buy food for at lunch.

To pre-register please contact Tom & Jodi Sturgill at (250)383-4622 or email jbrugge63@gmail.com Eye and ear protection is mandatory. Bring your family and friends to cheer you on. Make sure you pre-register them as well if they want to join us for lunch.

Best dressed guest certificates will also be awarded.

Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association website <http://vfgpa.org>



**VFGPA Member Input Wanted for
Strategic Planning Meeting
16 February 2020**

Folks,

Over the last decade, the VFGPA has been “*on a roll*”.

Membership has risen four-fold to almost 4,000. Our faculties have grown to over 200 acres. New ranges have been added; new disciplines have been created; and many others strengthened. We have provided access to hunting lands for our members, supported local fisheries conservation efforts and celebrated our 100th Anniversary.

So, what lies ahead for the next five to ten years? What do our members believe should be addressed?

The Board wishes to hear from any and all members before we meet on this matter.

So have a look at our current vision and mission statements.

<https://vfgpa.org/vision-and-goals/>

And please also review our Official Range Plan.

<https://vfgpa.org/official-range-plan/>

Then send any thoughts to the Executive at:

executive@vfgpa.org

Feel free to use the SWOT rule of thumb” for your comments, i.e. our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats; in developing your input.

If you have questions, please contact me directly at:

vicepresident@vfgpa.org

Sincerely,

Doug

Douglas Bancroft
1st Vice-President VFGPA

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.

BRASS PROGRAM

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.



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! access@vfgpa.org mobile: 250-642-2917



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

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: trap@vfgpa.org 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:

Feb 16th, March 14th, April 19th, May 30th, July 4th, August 23rd, Sept. 19th, Oct. 11th, Nov. 14th

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

Paul Tedrick

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To All Members of the VFGPA,

Next General Meeting is on Monday, January 20th at 7pm. Hope to see you there.

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.

Location: 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

SUNDAY

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



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 7th 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; everybody 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.

**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

Help your Club by Buying Local!!



Member # 9704

Victoria Fish & Game has a membership at Peninsula Co-Op; We are member #9704. We have been a member of Peninsula Co-Op (9704) for many years, and some of our older members have been using our number when making purchases at Co-Op as another way to benefit the club. If you buy gas or food at any of the local Co-Op branches, please consider using our number (9704) when asked for a member number. It is greatly appreciated and helps to move your club 'ahead' as well. In case you might have missed it, our member number is #9704. Thank-you for your support.

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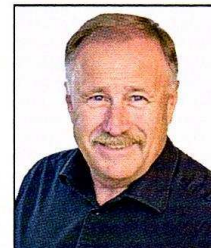
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Airsoft News

Despite the cold & wet weather we had a reasonably busy month in December with an average of 62 participants per event during the 3 events of the month. Our Christmas celebration event was once again very popular with free hamburgers, hot dogs & chili for our “feast” and with (“Bad”) Santa in attendance during the festively themed games. Jim Hawkins went above and beyond acquiring a camo Santa suit and wearing it throughout the day to completely look the part.

Our next few scheduled game days are January 12, January 26, February 9 and February 23. The full Airsoft 2020 calendar is posted on the club’s web site as well as being available for download from our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vfgpaairsoft>).

Members please keep in mind the Airsoft range is open 364 days of the year and you are welcome to come out to test your Airsoft gear, organize ad hoc games and even bring guests (with an Airsoft guest pass) once you’ve attended the orientation at one of our scheduled events. You don’t need to wait for one of our scheduled game days.

As we begin the new year, I want to take a moment to say an extra “thank you” to the many people who contributed to the continuing success of the Airsoft Discipline in 2019. We have some very dedicated people who contribute in a variety of ways including attending planning meetings, giving up game time to help umpire or otherwise keep the games organized, cook our lunches, keep the admin shack stocked and running smoothly, coming out for work parties, donating prizes or donating building materials. Thank you one and all. I’m looking forward to the continuation of the spirited games and social gatherings in 2020.

Submitted by Rick Rutherford



**Calendar of the Orientation Sessions**

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

JANUARY 2020

Jan. 8th
Jan. 19th
Jan. 25th

FEBRUARY 2020

Feb. 8th
Feb. 12th
Feb. 19th
Feb. 23rd

MARCH 2020

March 2nd
March 13th
March 27th
March 31st

APRIL

April 8th
April 19th
April 22nd
April 25th

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

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2. Are you fishing with a child or children, how many children?
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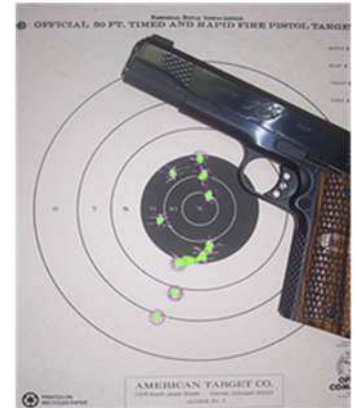
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Sat 8:30-4pm



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.



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, February 5th , 2020. 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

Next Course dates:**JANUARY 2020**

Jan. 19th
Jan. 25th

FEBRUARY 2020

Feb. 8th
Feb. 23rd

MARCH 2020

March 2nd
March 31st

APRIL 2020

April 8th
April 19th
April 22nd
April 25th

If you have questions about the Program please 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 there 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.

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The Right Way



The Wrong Way

The Wood cross pieces in theory should not have any holes in them, We are going through a lot of wood unnecessarily. Please make sure targets are placed correctly and educate other members if they haven't read the Newsletter.

PROPERLY PLACED TARGETS ON THE RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE

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



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



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SMALL FIREARM (HANDGUN) ESSENTIALS COURSE OUTLINE

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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.**

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

2020:

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

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BIG GAME: No Blacktail deer weigh in entries received during the past hunting season. I have measured one set of Blacktail antlers as noted:

Lorenzo Sforza R5L5 102 2/8 pts. Victoria Highlands (Crossbow)

Six perpetual trophies are available for annual competition by VFGPA members for animals harvested on Vancouver Island (Region 1-1 through 1-13). The trophies are listed below:

- McIlwaine Van & Storage for largest deer taken by rifle (established 1955) - no entry
- Bob Hollingworth Memorial for largest buck deer by junior member (established 1983) - no entry
- Robinson's Sporting Goods for largest deer taken by bow & arrow (established 1970) - no entry
- Malahat Marauders for largest deer by muzzleloader (established 1990) - no entry
- Victoria Fish & Game Antler for largest scoring antlers (established 1966) - above entry received
- Victoria Fish & Game Bear for largest scoring skull (established 1998) - no entry

The provincial government is proposing to ban scopes on crossbows during **bow only** seasons. These 'primitive weapon' seasons have historically opened prior to, and sometimes after, the general open seasons. While a scope does not change its range, it does increase accuracy. Many hunters are using scoped crossbows during this early bow season to get a two week jump on the general open season; at which time they change over to their rifles. Scoped crossbows would still be legal throughout the general open seasons. Public comment is being received until January 17.

FISHING: Final Coho escapement figures for local creeks and rivers are noted below:

- Goldstream 306
- Millstream 273
- Shawnigan 2036 (to October 27) final number possibly 2500-3000
- Colquitz 116 (59 male, 43 female, 14 jacks) none fin clipped - fence out Nov. 29
- Craigflower 294 (105 male, 128 female, 61 jacks) includes 40 fin clipped & 43 brood stock to Goldstream - fence out Dec. 18

In 2018, Peninsula Streams Society proposed a project to build a fishway on Millstream to allow coho and cutthroat trout to pass upstream of the Atkins Road culvert. For several reasons the project has not proceeded. With additional grant monies available, they fully expect to move ahead and complete the project in 2020. The construction partner is Ralmax Group. Habitat surveys have determined that there are 7 km. of good, accessible fish habitat above the culvert. A total of 273 coho returned this fall in the section between Esquimalt Harbour and the Atkins Road culvert crossing. PSS is still about \$150,000 short but expects additional grants and donations to complete the budget.

Enhancement of Sooke River chinook began in the 1960's when Jack Brooks, a local fishery warden with DFO, noticed that chinook returns to Sooke River were dwindling. Enhancement efforts were formalized in 1981 with the incorporation of the Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society (SSES) and the opening of the Jack Brooks Hatchery. The original Jack Brooks Hatchery operated until 2018 but suffered from low water supply in recent years. Construction of a new hatchery facility began over the winter of 2018-2019 on the same property as the Charters River Salmon Interpretive Centre. Jack Brooks Hatchery operations have been moved to this new facility which has a more reliable water supply than the original location.

World Fisheries Trust is now applying for \$7800 funding from the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. for Phase 2 of their Portage Inlet Cutthroat Initiative (PICI) Project. Additional grants and donations in 2019 allowed WFT, along with Peninsula Streams Society, to complete much work. Total value was \$70,000 in cash & in kind donations and included 900 volunteer hours of work. VFGPA, and other local angling clubs, contributed \$7000 in cash donations in 2019. Work included removing several blockages on Colquitz and Craigflower, two river clean ups on Colquitz, completed instream (spawning platform) and riparian restorations on Craigflower and installed temperature dataloggers on the mainstem of both Colquitz and Craigflower. Also completed were database maps, an annotated bibliography and creation of an interactive map. Total grants being applied for in 2020 total about \$164,000.



LIMITED ENTRY HUNTING (LEH) PROPOSED CHANGES

Changes to the Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) system were discussed at the Vancouver Island Region (BCWF) members meeting held in Victoria December 01.

Previous surveys have indicated that hunters are not satisfied with the current LEH system due to the low percentage odds of receiving an LEH authorization for heavily over-subscribed hunts. Hunters generally favour some form of enhanced odds system which continues each year to increase your odds of being drawn. In 2018 there were 160,659 LEH applications for 19,872 authorizations covering nine species. The number of CORE grads has more than doubled in the last 12 years compared to the previous 12 year period. Over 98,000 new hunters have graduated between 2007 and 2018 and over 46,000 between 1995 and 2006. In 2018 there were 105,837 hunting licences sold and 470,000 FWID (Fish & Wildlife Identification) numbers.

In the ten year period between 1997 and 2006, there were 171,003 individual hunt draws. However, more than 1 in 4 draws were not used (ie. hunter did not buy a species licence or tag). Even more disturbing, a total of 15,535 of those authorizations went to people who did not even buy a hunting licence.

To combat some of these problems, the Valley Fish & Game submitted resolutions to Vancouver Island (Region 1, BCWF) which passed unanimously at the meeting.

MOTION #1: Therefore be it resolved that the BCWF urge the provincial government to work with the BCWF's Allocations Committee to make changes to the current Limited Entry Hunting draw system. These changes may include a combination of any, or all, of the different systems in use throughout North America (ie. random, pool, priority or points).

Further be it resolved that the BCWF urge the provincial government to look at all other possibilities which will help minimize the number of unused tags (or authorizations) and maximize hunter opportunity, including, but not limited to: - requirements for purchasing a licence before applying for LEH draws - more shared hunt opportunities

MOTION #2: Therefore be it resolved that the BCWF and its Allocation Committee urge the provincial government to require all LEH applicants to have purchased a hunting licence for the current year prior to applying for a Limited Entry Hunting draw.

These resolutions will be submitted, with Region 1 support, to the BCWF Annual General Meeting for a vote during the first week of April in Nanaimo.

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 Mari-gold 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.

**BIG GAME COMPETITION ENTRIES**

- Blacktail deer antlers from deer taken during the 2019 hunting season within Region 1 (Vancouver Island) will be accepted until February 28, 2020 for entry in the largest antlers competition.
- Black bear skull entries from the spring and fall 2019 seasons will also be accepted until February 28, 2020 for the club competition. The Boone & Crockett scoring system will be used to determine a final score for all bear and deer entries.
- Trophy winners for all categories will be announced in the club newsletter prior to the Annual General Meeting in March, at which time trophies will be presented.
- Contact Wayne Zaccarelli to arrange for your entry submission. E-mail hunting@vfgpa.org

NEW 7th EDITION BIG GAME RECORDS OF B.C.

The new 7th 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):

1 st edition (1970 - reprinted 2011)	\$20	2 nd edition (1983)	\$25
3 rd edition (1988)	\$15	4 th edition (1995)	\$20
5 th edition (2003)	not available	6 th edition (2010)	\$30
7 th edition (2017)	\$35	Website: www.wildliferecordsofbc.com	
e-mail: wildliferecordsofbc@shaw.ca			



**NEW VANCOUVER ISLAND DEER BOOK**

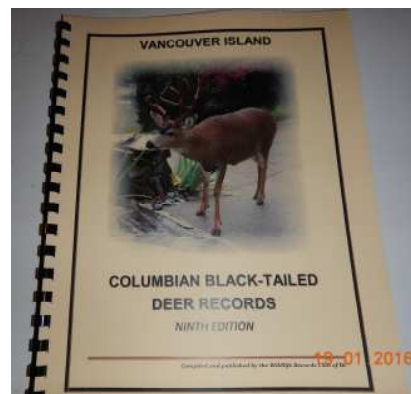
Copies of the ninth edition (2016) of the Vancouver Island Columbian Blacktail Deer Records are available at a cost of \$10 each. The publication contains an excellent article written by Byron Mason on fifty years with the deer in the Nimpkish Valley. Byron relates the impact of wolf and cougar predation 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 unrepresentable 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
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 Bob Hollingworth Memorial (est. 1983) largest buck deer / junior member
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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.

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FOR SALE: (Feb. ns) Two ar15 magazines both 5 rounds (5/30) one is tapco and one is a metal one (c products) you can have both for \$40 cash. excellent condition barely used.

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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.

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FOR SALE: (Jan. ns) Ruger 10/22 Birchwood sporter semi-auto 22LR. 22inch satin-finished stainless steel barrel; checkered Birchwood stock. Bough in Sep 2019 and only fired 250 rounds. In mint condition, like new. Asking \$300. **Contact Michel at** jmrguerard@shaw.ca

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Mauser Broomhandle Pistols for sale: (Feb. ns)

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