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NEXT WEEK

OUR CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SOCIAL WILL BE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th at 7pm

At the Strawberry Vale Hall at 11 High Street, off Burnside Road West.
(You can Potluck to share with others, and socialize with others in our club. A great time to meet others with same interests before the New Year!)

2020 MEMBERSHIPS; EARLY BIRD PRICING!

WILL BE AVAILABLE NOW

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**



25th Anniversary

ISLAND OUTFITTERS



Thanks for shopping local this Christmas!

Friends & Family Night

December 11th 5-9pm

Holiday Hours

Mon-Fri 9am-9pm

Sat 8am-6pm

Sun 10am-5pm



All 2020 VFGPA Memberships are now available online only!

GIFT CARDS

Any Denomination

No Expiry

Don't forget Island Outfitters

INCREDIBLE

Boxing Day Sale!

GREAT
GIFT
IDEAS

STOCKING
STUFFERS



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

Online Membership Renewals

If you have been a member with us in 2019 or 2018, you are already in our online system!

Go to <https://members.vfgpa.org/forgot/> and enter your email to generate a password.

Then log in at <https://members.vfgpa.org/> using your email and new password. Click the **Renew Membership** button on the right.

Verify your information is correct, and select your desired membership type .

We can also 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/>

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.)



2019 - 2020 Board of Directors

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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:

Island Outfitters

3319 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C.
250-475-4969
(selling online memberships now)

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 Early Bird 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 **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)

2019	Dec 01- 31	4:30pm
	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



Colwood PPC Introduction to Handguns and PPC Course

By Don Senft – 5 Nov 2019

On November 1st and 2nd, 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 1st 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 www.colwoodppc.com and on the national website for the Canadian Police Combat Association at www.cPCA-ppc.org. 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 www.colwoodppc.com, 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.





SILHOUETTE

There was a good turnout at the November Silhouette match despite a morning with heavy rain and thick fog. We welcomed a couple of new shooters, Matt and Bruce. 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 – 16, Matt
- * B – 30, Mike Kearns
- * A – 30, Dan Daigle
- * AA – 45, Blair Desjardins
- * AAA – 47, Mathew Quenet
- * Match Winner – 55, Rick Jeffery
- * Pin Awards: 5-in-a-row Chickens – Blair Desjardins and Rick Jeffery; 5-in-a-row Pigs – Steve Shulhan, Blair Desjardins and Rick Jeffery; 5-in-a-row Turkeys – Rick Jeffery; 5-in-a-row Rams – Rick Jeffery; 10-in-a-row Pigs – Rick Jeffery
- * Long Runs: 10 Pigs - Rick Jeffery
- * Qualifying scores: AAA – Rick Jeffery; A – Mike Kearns

Smallbore Silhouette Hunting Rifle results:

- * Unclassified – 8, Matt
- * B – 26, Mike Kearns
- * A – 30, Dan Daigle
- * AAA – 41, Blair Desjardins
- * Match Winner – 51, Rick Jeffery
- * Pin Awards: 5-in-a-row pigs – Dan Daigle
- * Qualifying scores: A – Mike Kearns

Upcoming Silhouette Rifle matches:

- December 15 - smallbore on the Malahat
- November 22 - smallbore in Nanaimo
- January 5 – high power in Port Alberni
- January 19 - 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.





SIAS Report

Our season starts back up in March with a SIAS Range Safety Course being held in February for anyone that is interested in joining our sport. There is also a movement afoot to hold "2 gun" matches next year which would see people use pistol calibre carbine rifles along with handguns to compete in matches. We have rallied our SIAS members and asked them if they would be willing to learn how to teach both the Holster and Handgun Essentials Courses that the VFGPA offers for those new to our range. The response has been quite positive.

We held a "Train the Trainer" class for the Holster Course on December 1st, we had 17 people attend including a member of the Alberni Fish and Game Club who wanted to take home information for future courses at that Club. We added 16 people to our roster of future Instructors. We are holding a Train the Trainer session for the Handgun Essentials Course on December 8th, so we are hoping to have a group of names to add to our Instructors roster from that course as well.

We have also had interest from the Cowichan Fish and Game Club who are sending down some of their RSO's to learn more about Handgun safety on the range.

Submitted by Cheryl H.

GUN SHOWS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND FOR 2020

- **January 5th in Duncan** at 4295 Robertson Road **Contact: Steven Desilva (250) 701-2231**
- **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 womenshooters@gmail.com



A SIGHT TO SEE

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.

**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

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

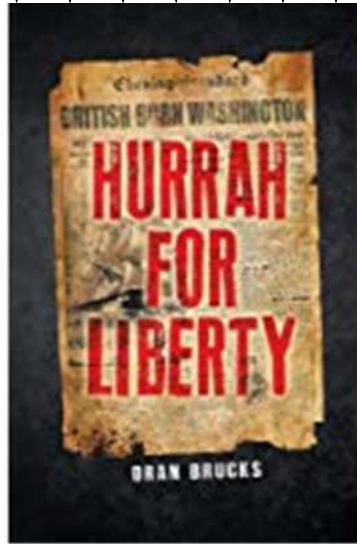
Current membership in B.C. College of Teachers, and a continuing member in good standing from that college's first day.

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.



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>



THE 2ND ANNUAL VETERAN’S BENEFIT TRAP MIX-EM UP SHOOT

The second Annual Veteran’s Benefit Trap Mix-Em Up Shoot took place Sunday the 10th of November 2019. We had a total of 18 shooters 6 more than last year. After 3 play-off rounds there was a tie. The two top shooters Mike Sterling (last year’s high overall) and Tony Hackett shot a sudden death round of doubles. Tony shot one more target than Mike and claimed this year’s High Overall. After club costs we donated \$460.00 (\$110.00 more than last year) to the Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134 Poppy Fund. Thanks to all the shooters who took part and all the volunteers who pitched in. The cause is just so let’s make next year’s shoot even bigger.

By Mike King

**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.

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



FROM ALL OF THE EXECUTIVE OF VFGPA



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!"**

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.

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@vfpga.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:

Dec. 15th, Jan 11th, 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

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To All Members of the VFGPA,

**OUR CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SOCIAL WILL BE ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 16th 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.

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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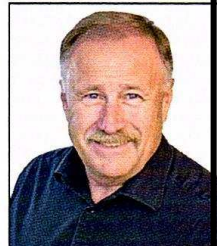
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Firearms Report for Dec 2019

By Doug Miller

1. As reported in my June Region 1 firearms report, Bill C 71 has been passed but so far does not appear to be implemented. The portion most likely to impact most of us is that it requires a reference number for both the transferor and the transferee, for all guns not just restricted and prohibited guns. If we are buying a rifle or shotgun in a store during daytime business hours, that is a minor problem but if the transfer is outside of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, there is a good chance that means waiting until the next business day to complete the transfer. So far, the government has not committed itself as to what defines a transfer and I suspect that probably will mean anytime a firearm changes hands for any reason where the transferor is beyond arms reach.
2. Perhaps not surprising is that Bill Blair is now the Minister of Public Safety. During his previous career as police chief in Toronto, he had a reputation for being very anti gun ownership. Surprisingly he has recently somewhat come out on the side of handgun owners by saying that he does not support the banning of legally owned handguns
3. Of concern is that a person's records will be examined over their lifetime before issuing a PAL instead of the current 5 years. That is of concern because at present a license can be delayed or denied because of a death in the family or divorce. At present, if the person waited 5 years they could answer no to questions relating to the incident. Now that option is no longer open to them.
4. Related to point 3 is that it is extremely difficult to challenge a decision to withhold a license. Firearms Officers more or less do not answer phone calls and rarely answer emails. Even sending contact information for references who support the issuing of a license seem to hit a brick wall.
5. Trudeau has said a number of times that he will allow cities to ban the possession of firearms within their boundaries. Toronto in particular seems eager to take that route but I have to wonder whether that is legal under rights governed by civil liberties legislation
6. What does seem probable is that Trudeau will ban the possession of so called "assault rifles" and that term appears to be used to describe any semi auto rifle which has a military appearance. I have seen estimates of 250,000 guns which meet that description. The Liberal government appears to be prepared to spend \$250 million dollars over 2 years to compensate owners for the loss of their guns. If that comes to pass, the key word is "fair market value" and I am a pessimist when it comes to fair value coming anywhere close to true replacement cost.

I believe in the past, it has been reported that the Canadian Wildlife Service has recommended the banning of all lead ammunition. For the time being that appears to have faded from view. Were a ban to be declared, the single biggest impact would be on 22 rimfire ammunition.



Calendar of the Orientation Sessions

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

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

MARCH 2020
March 2nd
March 13th
March 27th
March 31st

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?



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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, January 8th, 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:

DECEMBER	JANUARY 2020	FEBRUARY 2020	MARCH 2020
December 14th	Jan. 19th	Feb. 8th	March 2nd
December 22nd	Jan. 25th	Feb. 23rd	March 31st

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.

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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.



The Right



The Wrong Way



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

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

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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)
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.

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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 [link](#) (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: [Elk/Beaver Lake Initiative](#)

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**



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

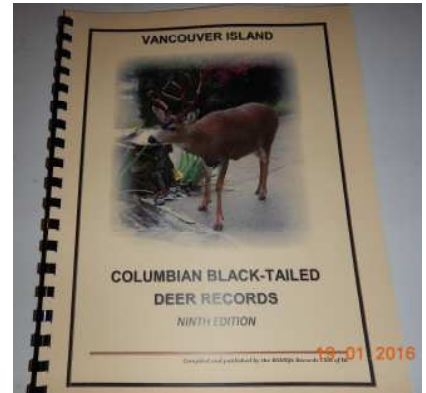
Copies of the ninth edition (2016) of the Vancouver Island Columbian Blacktail Deer Records are available at a cost of \$10 each. The publication contains an excellent article written by Byron Mason on fifty years with the deer in the Nimpkish Valley. Byron relates the impact of wolf and cougar predation 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
- 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: (Jan ns) , Mfg J. Dewey nylon coated cleaning rod for 22 calibers, extra jags and adapter, \$15.00 Call Ivan -250 893 4826 phone or text

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: tangjunho@gmail.com 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



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

WANTED: Gun Safe for 6-8 Rifles, please let me know what you have and the price. Please contact me at ahelmensen@shaw.ca



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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 longun1@telus.net

FOR SALE: (Nov ns) **RCBS JR 2 PRESS with rcbs** Press priming attachment & 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 aquariusbaby@protonmail.com

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)



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FOR SALE: (Jan. ns) **1). a Marlin 1895cb** 45-70 as new lever action for \$900 **2). a pedersoli 4570** rolling Block Target Model 1879 with scope Target sites for \$1,500 as new. **3). Thompson Center** cap locks 54 calibre and 50 calibre as new I have a 50 calibre flint custom made forward Wes Siler lock **4).various smokeless** rifles and pistols which I'll have with me at the Kamloops show April 18th also blackpowder at \$31 a pound what y'all be placing my order April 1st if anybody is interested any of the guns I can send the picture if you so desired. **Contact Ken (780)289-6346 albertanativeguides@gmail.com**

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