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The Recent Federal Firearms Order-in-Council

It was with deep sadness that I announced by email that a new Federal "Order-in-Council" had reclassified to "Prohibited" about 1,500 firearms, and it took effect immediately on May 1st, 2020.

There have been two key legal opinions that have been circulated that are quite different from what the government had intended. As a result, the federal government subsequently issued a clarification

<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/firearms/need-know-the-government-canadas-new-prohibition-certain-firearms-anddevices>

There are several court challenges that will take place, which should ultimately bring closure to these uncertainties. In the interim, I remind all members that they are responsible for not bringing firearms to the range that are not permitted by law.

COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Your Executive, Board and Discipline Chairs have been keeping a close watch on the changing Federal and Provincial responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. After careful review, the following additional measures are now in affect at the VFGPA facilities until further notice:

- * Multi-Purpose Bays shall each be limited to groups no more than 3 people, or direct family members;
- * Shotgun skeet shall each be limited to groups of 3 people, or family members. When shooting skeet a two meter distance must be maintained between all persons at all times;
- * The use of each Trap fields shall be limited to 5 or less shooters. Shooters must be separated by 6' feet distances from each other and the trap puller at all times;
- * In the case of the Rifle-Pistol range, each second firing position has been closed. In addition, one should avoid any collective gathering of individuals at a firing point, and those that do should only be close family members. All users must maintain the mandated minimum 2m spacing;
- The main club house galley is closed, as there is now a provincial health order to require all restaurants in B.C. to move to take out and delivery only (no consumption on premises).
- Members are encouraged to use masks and bring hand sanitizer to use liberally at any time they have concerns.

In addition, non-shooters (i.e. those without a PAL) cannot be safely supervised without getting closer than the directed 2 metre distance. Therefore (unless it is an immediate family member) non-shooter instruction and training on the range is not permitted.

Most VFGPA courses have been cancelled. The Range Orientation Course has been modified for COVID-19 rules, and will now be limited to new members. Members who have their orientation lapse after five years, will have to renew the course, within three months after COVID rules are relaxed .

Finally, please note that it is the individual and personal responsibility of all VFGPA Members to comply with these new health directives. Even on the RP range, we do not always have an official RSO on duty to ensure compliance. Individuals not complying with these measures risk our facility being closed entirely by the BC Government. I understand that many of us are agitated by recent events. At the range, please continue to be the calm, polite members we are and should remain, as we interact with our calm, polite and patient RSOs (who are all member volunteers), as well as each other.

Please stay healthy out there!

Doug

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**LARGE HUNTING RIFLES:**

Of interest, many large bore hunting rifles - some over 100 years old and valued over \$100,000 have become prohibited. None of these firearms are semi-automatic or "military style." They encompass common bolt-action rifles such as the .460 Weatherby, break-open single and double rifles. They are "pure" hunting rifles. These firearms are prohibited because the powerful cartridges they shoot - designed to humanely dispatch the largest game animals exceed an arbitrary threshold.

Details of a buy back program and/or grandfathering will be coming out in the months ahead. Or the minority government could fall and a smarter government could rescind the Order in Council.

Meanwhile, as this process works through cabinet, we could be able to apply for "grandfathered" prohibition acquisition and possession classifications on our PALs for these firearms. The VFGPA will continue to permit the lawful use of Prohibited firearms on the range including new ones, where permitted. If this becomes the case for your particular firearm (although we don't know yet) then you might still have a place to use your firearm. Regardless, watch and wait.

I wish to remind all our members that our RSOs and staff are responsible for ensuring safety, and verifying membership and qualifications (e.g. orientation). They are not firearms experts, and are not qualified to interpret this new Order-in-Council. That is the responsibility of each and every shooter before you leave the house with your firearms.

What else can I do?

Write or E-Mail Your MP!

Find your MP by going to the House of Commons website and keying in your postal code. <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

All MPs — including the Prime Minister and the Minister of Public Safety have the same address: [Name of Member], MP House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1A 0A6

No postage is required when you send a letter to an MP. Keep a copy of the letter you send to refer back to it when you receive a response.

Important: Keep it polite and professional. We are ambassadors for private firearm ownership and the shooting community. We don't want our words to reflect badly on our community. Count on an MP reading your letter in parliament or on TV if you swear or are insulting.

Don't be shy! Send copies to the following. Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca, Bill.Blair@parl.gc.ca,

Sample letter or e-mail To: Your MP (Find your MP) Subject: No Gun Confiscations Dear MP, Thank you for your commitment to our riding. I am concerned by the government's mass gun prohibitions and confiscations against federally licensed firearm owners. I am writing to oppose this unjustified action against honest men and women, and hope you will share my sentiment with your colleagues. This ban can not logically have any effect on protecting Canadians, since these type of firearms are rarely involved in violence. This ban is just a red herring to divert attention away from the inability of the government to stop murderous criminals.

Thank you for considering my opinion. I would appreciate a response.

Yours sincerely,

YOUR FULL NAME TOWN, PROVINCE POSTAL CODE

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What else? Please vote in every federal election for our friends.

In the meantime, consider supporting some of the other voices advocating for us, like the CSSA or the CCFR

<https://cssa-cila.org/>

<https://firearmrights.ca/en/home/>

I am a member of both these organisations. These are the ones best placed for a coordinated legal challenge to the recent firearms prohibition.

Also, consider supporting these two on line parliamentary petitions!

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2574>

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2576>

I hope to see many of you at the range!

Sincerely,

Douglas Bancroft
President
VFGPA



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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.

BOTH CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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!



THE NOVA SCOTIA MASSACRE

The Nova Scotia Massacre is the direct result of Liberal firearms policy! Since 1994 various Liberal regimes have allotted billions to isolating, demonizing and persecuting legal, licensed RCMP vetted firearms owners rather than tracking those with a history of firearms prohibitions and violent offences. The example of 3.2 billion invested in the failed firearms registry was just the beginning of wasted resources.

If the billions estimated 5 to 8 billion had been allotted to the police so real criminals and potential criminals could be monitored. Instead the Liberals insist on focusing on legal, licensed RCMP vetted firearms owners who are verified to be one third less likely to commit any crimes than the general public.

All the mass killers have not been legal firearms owners. They have used illegally obtained firearms that are documented from the Poly Technique massacre to the current horror perpetrated in Nova Scotia. A non legal firearms owner who has been under a prohibition order to not own firearms murdered 22 individuals. How long will the Liberal regime continue their fixation with cultural re-engineering. If they keep doing what they are doing they will keep getting what they are getting, violence and murder. Rather than supporting police with the resources they require to intervene in these horrific situations.

How long must innocents die to satisfy Liberal ideology and social re-engineering?

Submitted by Gary and Sybil K.

Range Dumpsters

Please note that range dumpsters are not for personal residential garbage. Those caught dumping residential garbage anywhere on VFGPA property will have their membership suspended pending a formal review. Of note, somebody recently dumped enough garbage beside the MP range dumpsters that caused hours of additional work by range staff to clear up. If you see dumping happening, please inform any of the range staff immediately.

Submitted by President,
Doug

The Ray Leason Memorial Summer Evening Fun Trap & Skeet League

The Ray Leason Memorial Summer Evening Fun Trap & Skeet League will commence on Thursday the 11th of June 2020 and end on Thursday the 10th of September 2020. Shooting will commence at 5:30pm and continue till 7:15pm. The procedure will be one round of trap, one round of skeet followed by an Annie Oakley (continuing to the next week if not won). Each score will be recorded and entered using a handicap system. The League trophies are located on the cabinet in the side room of the clubhouse. League cost will be \$140.00 per person. A wind-up bar-b-que will be held in September 2020.

Note: All VFGPA COVID 19 procedures will be in effect until removed by the Executive. For further information or if you want to join the League please contact Mike King via the email address listed for the 1st Vice-President under contact tab at the club's website. Thanks, see you on the range.

Cheers, Mike King

TRAP



SKEET





JULY GUN SHOW

“Due to the directive on April 20 from Dr Bonnie Henry all public events are cancelled for the summer. The July gun show is cancelled until next year. “

Submitted by Laurie Page

BCWF CARDS

The BCWF has received lists sent over from VFGPA and cards have been printed and will be mailed this week.

Our office is running a little differently currently with the current situations in our world right now so mailing has been a bit of a process in getting it out of our office as we are working remotely.

Members can expect their cards as early as mid-next week.

As usual the first quarterly invoice will arrive on or around April 1st.

During this time every single member submitted to us has an active membership and active insurance.

Please feel free to call our office should you want to speak further.

Warm regards,

Larissa Ballesto
Membership Coordinator
BC Wildlife Federation
T 604-882-9988 ext. 234
F 604-882-9933
www.bcwf.bc.ca

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/>



May 8th, 2020

The Honourable Bill Blair
Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness
MP, Scarborough Southwest
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Minister Blair,

I am writing to bring your attention to what I can only believe is an accidental error. We trust that once you become aware of this oversight, you will speedily move to make the appropriate corrections.

By including firearms used by millions of Canadian hunters and sport shooters, you not only violated your previous promise not to do so, but you inadvertently penalized millions of law-abiding firearms owners, both hunters and sport shooters, and destroyed hundreds of small Canadian businesses that sell firearms and other sporting equipment, all without increasing public safety. It serves no good public safety purpose to deliberately alienate one of the most law-abiding segments of our community.

Contrary to your promises made earlier, the recent ban on "assault-style firearms," inappropriately included a large number of sporting rifles and shotguns. For example, on 31 January 2020, a spokesperson in your office stated, "We ... will not target guns designed for hunting. Hunters, farmers, and law-abiding recreational gun owners will be treated with fairness and respect as we work together to keep our communities safe."

https://thepostmillennial.com/bill-blairs-office-says-liberals-will-not-target-guns-designed-for-hunting/?fbclid=IwAR1f7jrgETtTG4JO3kJnsc_Ns1rBc4sHEronl018g3pjbAQ-UFs-CgDooKQ

The ban casts an incredibly wide net. Apparently, inadvertently, it ensnares a number of civilian rifles and shotguns that are widely used by hunters and sport shooters across Canada. Knowing that you are an honourable person, it is inconceivable for us to believe your office would intentionally ban hundreds of thousands of firearms used legitimately by millions of Canadians in a safe and responsible manner. If not rescinded, this would be a devastating blow to Canadian hunters and sport shooters as well as to the Olympic shooting sports.

Acting on behalf of 43,000 B. C. Wildlife Federation members, I request that you instruct your office to remove the many civilian rifles and shotguns that are on this list, that have been inadvertently prohibited through carelessly expediting the drafting of this Order-in-Council. It is inconceivable that it serves any public safety purpose to ban standard large-calibre hunting rifles and common semi-automatic rifles. The Ruger Mini-14 and Mini-30 that are banned are among the most common firearms in the country, used by hunters, sport shooters, and agriculturalists.

The announcement of the new prohibitions was entitled, "a ban on assault-style weapons," although the ban casts an exceptionally wide net. To be sure, it includes firearms that resemble military firearms, which have been labelled "assault-style weapons," but it also includes an amazingly wide sample of firearms and militaria. In addition to banning common sporting firearms, the ban also includes:

- mortars,
- crew-served anti-tank weapons,
- missile launchers,
- small-bore rifles,
- Airsoft guns,
- a bizarre array of harmless contraptions also called "guns."

The variety is truly mind-boggling.

<https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/01/prime-minister-announces-ban-assault-style-firearms>



Perhaps amusingly, it appears your government may have prohibited the beloved T-shirt launcher that is featured prominently at many baseball and basketball games as well as the dreaded potato gun. Whether or not this was intentional, Canada will not be safer for it, and sports fans may not be pleased. Perhaps the ban may have also intentionally eliminated the fireworks launchers that produce such awesome displays on Canada Day, although many Canadians will be disappointed. Your office has indeed cast a wide net – and all for public safety.

It might help educate your staff if I point out that gang violence is the most prominent threat to public safety in Canada, not licensed firearms owners, whether hunters, sport shooters, or Canadians who own firearms for historical, cultural, agricultural, or as part of their military or police service. According to Statistics Canada data, almost half (47%) of firearm homicides are gang related. Lawful firearm owners are rarely involved. Just 2% of accused murderers had a valid firearms license.

Licensed gun owners are much less likely to be murderous than other Canadians. As Professor Gary Mauser reported to the Senate of Canada, licensed gun owners had a homicide rate of 0.67 per 100,000 licensed gun owners over the 11-year period (2006-2016). In contrast, the average national homicide rate (including gun owners) was 2.12 per 100,000 adults during the same period.

As I'm confident you know, hunters are law-abiding and bring value to their communities.

Over 1.3 million Canadians, in all provinces and territories, have a hunting license. You may be surprised to learn that roughly half of Canada's hunters live in larger cities. Hunting spending in Canada totaled \$5.9 billion in 2018. The resulting contribution to GDP was \$4.1 billion. Hunting supported 33,000 jobs and generated just under \$2 billion in labour revenue.

<https://www.conferenceboard.ca/research/angling-hunting-trapping-and-sport-shooting>

Many Canadian families and Indigenous peoples depend upon hunting to provide food for the family table through legal harvesting, with the added benefit and getting out in the wilderness, as well as spending time with family and friends. Hunters are the largest contributors to conservation, as the money they pay for licenses goes into securing conservation lands or funding projects to manage wildlife.

The ban may also catch shotguns used in trap and skeet as well as hunting. Millions of Canadians enjoy target sports and own these types of firearms, including Olympic athletes. An estimated 1.4 million Canadian target shooters spent over \$2.6 billion in 2018. This includes shotgun sports, rifle and handgun target shooting. The target sports bring value to Canada and to the communities that host the meets, including tourism and supporting small businesses, often in small towns where the revenue is sorely needed. This spending boosted GDP by \$1.8 billion, supported 14,000 jobs, and generated \$868 million in labour revenue (2018).

Canada has a long and proud history of competitive marksmanship. Throughout the 20th Century and into the 21st, Canadians have volunteered to help protect the free world from aggression. It is important for Canadian national sovereignty that Canadian civilians be prepared to participate in military activities in times of national need. Times like world war II, Korean War, Viet Nam, and more recently, in Afghanistan.

To sum up, we trust that once you become aware of this oversight, you will speedily move to make the appropriate corrections. The ban casts too wide a net to be targeted for public safety. It serves no good public safety purpose to deliberately alienate a law-abiding segment of our community, all while spending billions of Canadian taxpayer dollars.

Yours in Conservation,

Mr. Bill Bosch
President



Project Mapleseed

A Canadian Civilian Marksmanship Program

Hosted at VF&GPA Ranges 22/23 July 2020 (Covid-19 Tentative)

What is Project Mapleseed?

A non-profit, 100% volunteer-run civilian marksmanship organization, dedicated to bringing marksmanship fundamentals instruction to Canadians coast to coast.

What is a Mapleseed?

A Mapleseed is a one day marksmanship instruction event that provides attendees with a full day of marksmanship instruction in the 3 core shooting positions - prone, standing and sitting/kneeling. Attendees are taught the principles needed to build a stable shooting position, the 6 steps of firing the perfect shot and finding their natural point of aim.

Who is the course for?

Project Mapleseed events are for anyone interested in learning about and improving their understanding of the marksmanship fundamentals. Men, women, children, young or old, new or experienced, all can benefit from the course of instruction provided.

What happens at a Mapleseed?

- * Range Safety
- * Rifle and ammunition malfunctions
- * Prone position
- * Standing position
- * Sitting/Kneeling positions
- * Sling use
- * 6 steps of the perfect shot
- * Natural point of aim
- * Sights and optics
- * Troubleshooting

What do I need to attend a Mapleseed?

- * A rifle (.22LR minimum and recommended)
- * 400 rounds of ammunition
- * A shooting mat if you have one
- * Clothing appropriate for the day's weather
- * Water and snacks
- * A teachable attitude!

Questions? emailto:info@mapleseedrifleman.com

**PITA 500 BIRD SHOOT NOTICE:**

This year's PITA 500 bird shoot has been re-scheduled for the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of August 2020. This will help facilitate the Vernon Club's pre-provincial shoot to be held the last weekend of August and then the running of the BC Provincial Trapshooting Championship to be held on the Labour Day Weekend. Hopefully all BC Health restrictions will be lifted by then. Stay safe and healthy.
Regards Mike King Trap Director.

GUN SHOWS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND FOR 2020**APRIL –JULY GUN SHOWS ARE ALL CANCELLED**

- August 16th in Duncan** at 2965 Boys 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 2965 Boys Road **Contact: Steven Desilva (250) 701-2231**
- November 29th in Nanaimo** at 1325 Nanaimo Lakes Road **Contact: Doug Miller (250) 758-1303**

ATTENTION TO ALL MEMBERS

**NO LARGER COURSES OR EVENTS ARE BEING HELD UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE AT VFGPA.
If in doubt, check with the organizer**

We will be trying to run small Trap events, and some form of orientation courses in the months ahead.

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**

**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.

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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)

From now to Sept 15 8:00pm

Wish to Place an Ad?

Copyright© 2008 Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association
Business Card: \$10.00 per issue, or \$100.00 for 12 issues
Quarter Page: \$15.00 per issue, or \$120.00 for 12 issues
Half Page: \$25.00 per issue, \$200.00 for 12 issues
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



Do you fish?

If so, then you may wish to spend a few minutes taking part in Transport Canada assessment of social and economic impacts of regulations on you.

Transport Canada wishes to assess the economic and social impacts of some of their measures put in place to protect the Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW).

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/campaigns/whales-initiative-protecting-southern-residen-killer-whale.html>

A Transport Canada project introduction letter provides some background information.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/e4accede0630e63f0a4aa747d/files/51c23ec4-6553-4381-b4aa-7e8bdba4ba9b/TC_Project_Intro_Letter_West_Coast.pdf

Transport Canada is now seeking feedback from marine stakeholders on how these protection measures may have affected them, their businesses and their communities.

The VFGPA is sharing this letter and survey link to you in case you would like to share your point of view by completing this online survey.

<https://www.quicktapssurvey.com/survey/b00336a6b648409ffa94ef109ccb8156>

Your participation will help ensure that the magnitude of impacts of the protection measures are communicated to enable informed recommendations to Transport Canada. The survey is completely anonymous and takes about five minutes to complete.

There may be opportunity to participate in more focused interviews, if you wish to explore economic and operational impacts further.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this request.

Douglas Bancroft
President
VFGPA

A short note that Members are encouraged to sign the e-petition to save Craigflower Creek through this link.

<https://www.victoriabowmen.com/2020/02/10/petition-save-craigflower-creek/>



**Merchandise- for General Membership
NOW AVAILABLE in the office.**

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FREE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

*For two years to all VFGPA members who Buy or Sell their home with Paul.
Happy Shooting Everyone!*

"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.

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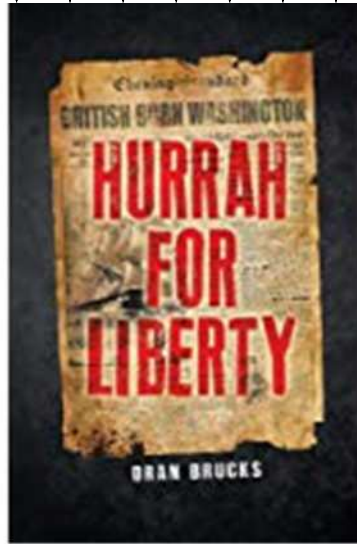
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NEEDED

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



CORE Course

The Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association (VFGPA) will be holding our next CORE on Saturday and Sunday, 25-26 July 2020, in the VFGPA 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 core@vfgpa.org

The CORE course fee is \$150 (cash), payable at the door.

Course size will be limited to 20 students.

About 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.

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.



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



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

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

By Al Page



To All Members of the VFGPA,

All General Meetings and Executive meeting are cancelled till further notice

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: **CANCELLED JUNE/JULY**

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



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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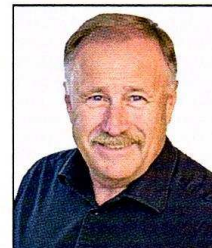
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Calendar of the Orientation Sessions

**NO LARGER COURSES OR EVENTS ARE BEING HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AT VFGPA.
If in doubt, check with the organizer**

We will be trying to form of orientation courses in the months ahead

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

JUNE

June 6th
June 10th
June 14th
June 24th

JULY

July 4th
July 8th
July 22nd

AUGUST

August 8th
August 12th
August 16th
August 26th

SEPTEMBER

September 5th
September 9th
September 20th
September 23rd

All in the Clubhouse

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

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

Range Use Reminder to Shooters

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

NEW

All firewood cutting on the property is now by permit only.
Permit available at the office.
David M.
Mgr.

SURVEY ON FISHING POND

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

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3. How many fish are you keeping?



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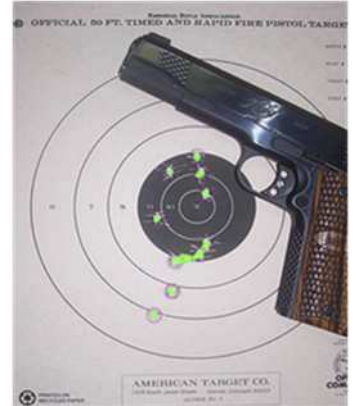
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BULLSEYE SHOOTING AT VFGPA 2019

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, June 3rd, 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

NO LARGER COURSES OR EVENTS ARE BEING HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AT VFGPA.

If in doubt, check with the organizer

We will be trying to run small Trap events in the months ahead.

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:

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
June 6th	July 4th	August 8th	September 5th
June 10th	July 8th	August 12th	September 9th
June 14th	July 22nd	August 16th	September 20th
June 24th		August 26th	September 23rd

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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**LIAMA INFORMATION**

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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, A round of Skeet, or Trap, is \$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

Just a short note. Sheet Sunday shot is starting to bring in some new shooters and we are working on improvement on ours 5 stand setups to challenge the Master class shooters. But also keeping in mind the un experienced shooter.



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.**

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TRAINING TIPS

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

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

2020:

July 5th, August 1st, September 6th,
October 3rd, November 15th,
December 5th.

**NO COURSES FOR THE MONTHS
OF APRIL - JUNE UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**



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."

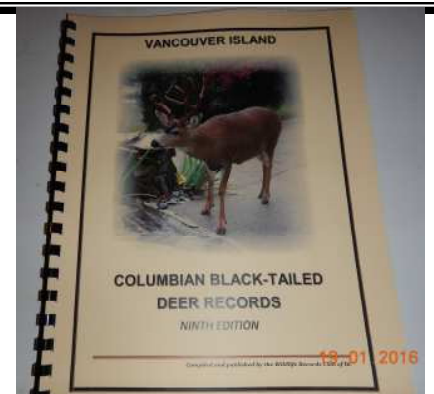
Copies of previous editions are available at the prices noted below (postage extra):

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.



" Conservation Donations are disbursed as approved by the Board, any further Donations, whether budgeted or not, would have to be reviewed by the Board in view of the current fiscal environment."

VICTORIA FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION 2020 CONSERVATION DONATIONS **(\$20,000 budgeted in 2020)**

Vancouver Island Wildlife Enhancement Fund (\$4000) – This donation will be used to offset the negative impacts of wolf predation on Columbian Blacktail deer populations on Vancouver Island. The money will be used to subsidize licenced trappers to harvest wolves in key areas where there is a high incidence of wolf/deer interactions. The Fund contributes \$250 per wolf trapped and 48 wolves were removed in 2018, 18 in 2019 and 12 to March 07 this winter. Spring deer counts on the North Island in 2019 were some of the lowest ever recorded. This has been attributed to excessive wolf predation. Since the late 1970's, wolf impacts have caused significant declines in deer numbers – firstly on the North Island and later on the South Island in the late 1980's and 1990's. Since then, deer numbers have been variable and inversely proportional to the degree of wolf predation. Ungulate deer populations on mainland B.C. are experiencing similar issues due to wolf impacts. Mule deer entries to the Wildlife Records Club of B.C. have crashed in recent years from the average number of entries per year previously recorded.

World Fisheries Trust (WFT) (\$2000) – This donation, for the Portage Inlet Cutthroat Initiative (PICI) Phase 2, will further advance the work done during the 2018-2019 Phase 1. The VFGPA also donated \$2000 to Phase 1 in 2018. This Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. sponsored project involves work on native Cutthroat trout within Colquitz River and Craigflower Creek as well as their estuarine habitat in Portage Inlet and the Gorge Waterway. The total value of Phase 1 was over \$70,000 in both cash and in-kind contributions and included over 900 volunteer hours. This involved creating a shared database of maps, reports and an interactive map with information from historic reports and current information. The project also completed an annotated bibliography of over 30 reports and a literature review guide. Several blockages were removed on Colquitz and Craigflower and two river cleanups were done on Colquitz. They completed an instream spawning platform and a riparian restoration project on Craigflower Creek. Instream temperature dataloggers were also installed on both creeks.

Phase 2 will be expanded, depending upon funding, to include developing a 10 year conservation plan for both creeks. Trial PIT tagging of Craigflower Creek Coho salmon and Cutthroat trout will track salmonid movements and survival in the watershed. Plans call for the completion of two restoration projects, one on each watershed, and continuing with stream cleanups and blockage (logjam) removals as needed. Water level loggers will be installed on both creeks in conjunction with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Three Streamkeeper training courses will be offered.

Peninsula Streams Society (PSS) (\$5000) – This donation will assist the Millstream Fishway Project construction in 2020. The project will provide for the access of Coho salmon and Cutthroat trout to a further 7 km of habitat above the impassable high culvert at Atkins Road. The new fishway will create 14 step pools leading up to the culvert and add 12 concrete baffles within the culvert to aid fish passage during high flows. The total project is valued at \$825,000 with about \$675,000 raised as of February 20, 2020. The VFGPA donated \$7500 in 2018 for the 'purchase' of one of the 14 step pools. As many as 700 Coho spawners have accessed the lower 2 km of Millstream aided by five small fishways (fish ladders) constructed around natural barriers by the Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association (GVSEA). The pristine habitat above the Atkins culvert is expected to increase the number of returning spawners to in excess of 1000 annually. Work is expected to start in March 2020 with the necessary removal of several trees to provide machinery access to the creek. Actual fishway construction will take place from June to October. Trees will be replanted at a ratio of 4:1 within the riparian area affected. Ralmax Group/Chew Excavating will be doing the construction work.

Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society (SSES) (\$2000) – This donation will assist the Society with construction and operation costs of the new Jack Brooks Hatchery built in 2019. Chinook and Coho salmon enhancement efforts were formalized in 1981 with the incorporation of the SSES and the opening of the Jack Brooks Hatchery on a small tributary of the Sooke River. The original hatchery operated until 2018 but suffered from increasing water constraints in recent years. This water shortage reduced the number of fish they could successfully raise. Construction of a new hatchery facility started over the winter of 2018-2019 on the same property as the Charters River Salmon Interpretive Centre. CRD Water has guaranteed the Society sufficient water for their needs at the new site. The one million dollar plus hatchery building was operational this past fall. The SSES receives Nitinat Hatchery Chinook eggs annually and raises them at the Jack Brooks Hatchery before release to Sooke River. Since 1992, they have received Nitinat Hatchery raised Chinook smolts which are fed in sea pens located in Sooke Basin before release.



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)

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- #2 Canadian army gortex bivy bag, like new condition, \$70
- #3 Canadian army 64 backpack. Great condition, \$50
- #4 US Marine corp gortex bivy bag, \$70 (good deal!) great condition Email: aquariusbaby@protonmail.com

(March ns) Mauser Broomhandle Pistols for sale:

Restricted Mauser Broomhandle (C96) 140mm Barrel Serial # -227475- Caliber 7.63. Excellent Bore with well defined Land & Groves. Matching Numbers including Grips. Light Pitting in Steel parts. ½ of Fangring missing. \$ 3500.** private Sale noTax. Buyer pays for fully insured Shipping.

Prohibited 12/6 Mauser Broomhandle Bolo (C96) 99mm Barrel Serial # -533013- Caliber 7.63. Excellent Bore with well defined Land & Groves. Numbers don't match. No Pitting in Steel parts. Homemade Fangring . \$ 1800.**private Sale no Tax. Buyer pays for fully insured Shipping.

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Restricted Mauser Broomhandle (C96) 140mm Barrel Serial # -215059- Caliber 7.63. Excellent Bore with well defined Land & Groves. Matching Numbers including Grips.Slight Pitting in Steel parts. No Fangring. \$ 3500.** private Sale noTax. Buyer pays for fully insured Shipping.

High quality rifled Insert Barrels for Drilling or Shotgun

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Rifled Insert Barrel with Extractor Krieghoff/Germany with Extractor converting a 12 Ga. Break Action Shotgun Barrel into a .22 Magnum. 440mm long. Extra accurate, Serial # -99834- \$ 699.**.

All Items can be viewed, purchased and pickt up in Victoria BC otherwise fully insured shipping at Buyers expense. Photo of RPAL & Drivers license required to set up Appointment to view.

Pictures to your own email.

Thanks - Karl Victoria BC Tel: 250 480 1202 office@rocky-mountain-outfitter.com

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WANTED: looking for a Seneca 45 Cal cap lock. (250)763-4679 / rnrail@shaw.ca

FOR SALE / ESTATE SALE: 3,000 cleaned/deprimed .38 Special Dominion brass casings plus 162 primed Dominion .38 Special brass - \$90; 1,150 primed; 1,000 primed 9mm (various Win./FC/IVI) – \$30.

Call Dave at (250) 592-8354 or email at dpugliese@shaw.ca

FOR SALE: (June newsletter) Walther P22 target pistol for sale. Excellent condition, c/w with case and ammo. Asking \$400.00 or best offer, for more information email: cwmaier2002@outlook.com

FOR SALE: TIKKA T3X varmin in 223 remington. RH bolt-action rifle with 5 round magazine. Includes a Vortex Diamond-back FFP 4 x 16x scope.

Excellent condition - only fired 500 rounds since purchased late last year. Asking \$1400 (includes hardcase and trigger lock). Enquiries to Michel at MichelGuerard53@gmail.com

FOR SALE: I have a brand new Plano Spire Compact Crossbow Case for sale that was purchased off by my wife at Xmas that is too small for my compound crossbow by about 2 inches in width. I have since purchased a new case at Cabela's for \$150
Return shipping costs more than the case is worth
First \$ 75 takes it
Thanks, Alan (250)743 7276 Shawnigan Lake

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

"Most of the rifle brass is sorted by calibre and headstamp, while 9mm & 40 S&W pistol brass & .223 Remington brass are not sorted (mixed headstamps) and sold by weight."
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Please call or email Brad at 250-727-9175 or by email at leonardwoollven@gmail.com

(please make reference to brass)



**For Sale**

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



ANSCHUTZ 1903 TARGET RIFLE, Low round count single shot 22LR, in NRA Modern Gun Condition Standard "AS NEW" \$1,350.

(does not include scope, rings, or bases)



WALTHER P38 byf 44, 1944 WWII German manufactured, WWII German manufactured all numbers match, in NRA Modern Gun Condition Standard "VERY GOOD" \$2,250



LES BAER 1911 Chrome 45 ACP with 4 Magazines, with papers and case in NRA Modern Gun Condition Standard "AS NEW" \$2,450



CZ 455 SUPERMATCH 22LR, 12 L&G. With 1 or 2 stocks. \$525 Walnut Stock, \$650 Boyd Evolution Stock, \$700 both. In NRA Modern Gun Condition "New". (Does not include Scope, rings, or base)



455 WEBLEY BRASS, NEW NEVER FIRED STARLINE 455 WEBLEY LARGE PISTOL PRIMER BRASS. \$90 for 100 pieces, \$160 for 200 pieces.



BROWNING HIGH POWER 9mm, nickel plated, gold trigger, Browning custom shop build in NRA Modern Gun Condition Standard "AS NEW" \$3,250



357 BRASS, NEW NEVER FIRED STARLINE 357 BRASS. 50 for \$15, 100 for \$28.



Drulov Model 70 Single shot target model with set trigger. Manufactured in Czechoslovakia. 22LR, 250mm barrel. in NRA Modern Gun Condition Standard "Very Good" \$400



4 complete THOMPSON CENTER CONTENDER PISTOLS,
 #1 45 Colt/410 \$800,
 #2 38 Special \$925,
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New trap shooter looking for low cost shotgun for trap shooting.
 Please tell me what you have with description, condition, location and photos.
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 - 1 x CO2 / AEG magazine
 - 1 x CO2 Parts Kit
 - 1 x Holographic Sign (REG/GREEN)
 - 1 x AFG
 - 1 x Flip Up Sights
 - 1 x TDC Mod
 - 1 x HPA Tank
- PARTS PARTS AND MORE PARTS!**



More pictures available on request



MISC AS Goodies

- 1 x Proper ATACS FG BDU - Lrg/Reg (\$50)
- 1 x OPS CORE Style Helmet - \$30
- 3 x HSGI style mag pouches (\$15/piece)
- 2 x Pistol Style Speedloaders (\$5/piece)
- 5 x MAGPULs (\$4/piece)
- 1 x Double Pistol Mag pouch TAN (\$10)
- 1 x Condor Double M4 Pouch (New w/ Tags) (\$15)
- 1 x 1 Point Sling (\$10)
- 2 x GBB Oil (\$5/piece)
- 1 x Pistol MOLLE Mount (\$10)
- 1 x VFC Handstop (\$5 or free with other purchase)
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- 10+ LOW/MIDCAP Magazines (\$7/piece)

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