



# Victoria Fish and Game

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## **VFGPA Members**

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 3 or less shooters. Shooters must be separated by two posts and the trap puller is to maintain a two meter distance 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).

In addition, non-shooters (i.e. those without a PAL) cannot be safely supervised without getting closer than the directed social distancing. 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. We are looking at alternate means of safe delivery of the Range Orientation Course. The CRSO and I will reassess whether the 8 April one will proceed based on further government direction

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.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Of note, the Nanaimo Fish and Game Protective Association just announced the closure of their ranges. VFGPA benefits from the more dispersed lay out of our facilities. That said, further federal or provincial restrictions could lead to our own closure in the weeks ahead.

Please stay healthy out there!

President, Doug

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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](http://www.vfgpa.org)

**E-mail:** [inquiry@vfgpa.org](mailto: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](mailto: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!**



# **Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association**

***Main Clubhouse, 700 Holker Place, Malahat, BC***

**Covid-19 tentative**

## **GUN**



## **SHOW**

**Hunting Gear & Sporting Goods  
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**Sunday - July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Display & Sale Tables!**

**Admission \$5.00 per person**

**Women & Children under 12 free!**

All Federal firearms regulations & the usual gun show regulations apply!  
(PAL / POL firearms licence required for all firearm or ammunition purchases)

**CASH ONLY – NO ATM ON SITE**

***For a map & more info on how to locate the club's location please see  
"vfgpa.org"***

***Or for more information please contact – Laurie Page @ 250-388-0705  
or email to: [page.laurie@rocketmail.com](mailto:page.laurie@rocketmail.com)***



### 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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](http://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](mailto: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/>





## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 AND MAY GUN SHOWS ARE ALL CANCELLED**

- July 19th at Malahat VFGPA Club house, Contact: Laurie Page (250) 388- 0705
- 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)**

April 01- Sept 15	8:00pm
<b>Sept 16-30</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
Oct 01- 15	7:00pm
<b>Oct 16-31</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Nov 01-03 (Last Day Daylight S)	6:00pm
<b>Nov 4-15</b>	<b>4:45pm</b>
Nov 16-30	4:30pm
<b>Dec 01- 31</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>

**Wish to Place an Ad?**

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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**



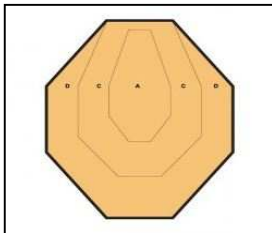
## SOUTH ISLAND ACTION SHOOTERS

700 Holker Place, Malahat BC

Are you a semi-automatic or double action revolver shooter?  
Are you bored of standing still and firing at a static target?  
Are you looking to challenge yourself and try something new?  
Action pistol may be the sport for you!

Interested in finding out more?

Come on up and check out one of our matches on the Multi-purpose range



June 28   July 26   August 30   September 27

Google IPSC videos

Check out our website: [actionpistol.ca](http://actionpistol.ca)

Or email: [actionshooters@vfgpa.org](mailto:actionshooters@vfgpa.org)



## Junior Action Shooters



Is there a Junior in your life between the ages of 11 and 16 years of age who might be interested in coming out and shooting Action Pistol but isn't ready to shoot 9mm?

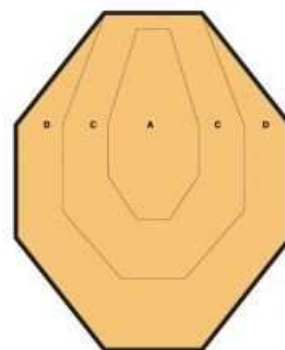
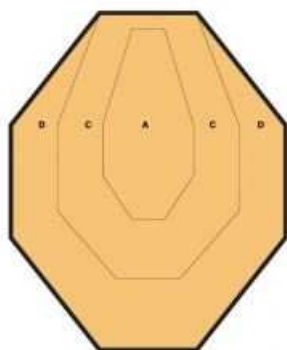
The South Island Action Shooters is offering a Junior Action Shooters course that will teach safe gun handling, holstering and how to safely move through a course of fire using 22 rimfire pistols.

A parent or guardian must be present during the training course which will be approximately 5 hours and be required to provide a rimfire pistol for the Junior to train with. They will also need at least 2 magazines a sturdy belt, a holster and 2 magazine pouches.

Please email [sias@vfgpa.org](mailto:sias@vfgpa.org) for more information or to register your Junior.



# SOUTH ISLAND ACTION SHOOTERS (SIAS) RANGE SAFETY COURSE



2020

SUNDAY JUNE 14

SATURDAY JULY 18

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

## SIGN UP AT THE OFFICE

IF YOU HAVE HANDGUN EXPERIENCE, ARE HOLSTER TRAINED AND ARE LOOKING TO DO SOMETHING OTHER THAN SHOOTING AT A STATIC TARGET, ACTION PISTOL MIGHT BE THE SPORT FOR YOU

QUESTIONS?

CHECK THE VFGPA WEBSITE AND EMAIL  
[ACTIONSHOOTERS@VFGPA.ORG](mailto:ACTIONSHOOTERS@VFGPA.ORG)



# **COVID-19 NOTICE**

**All Club Facilities are now CLOSED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY until further notice due to COVID 19 concerns.**

We will be adhering to the strict recommendations from the Center for Disease Control as to when our facilities can resume operations again.

Although we are restricting physical access to the office, we remain available to members by phone and email.

This step was not taken lightly by the Board of Directors. I am confident the membership will support this decision.

Yours in Conservation,

Willi Wagner, President  
Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association



## 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](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.quicktapsurvey.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/>



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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:

**July 4th, August 23rd, Sept. 19th, Oct. 11th,  
Nov. 14th**

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



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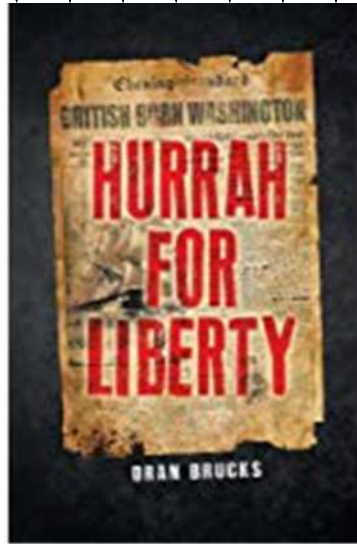
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Follow the exciting story of two brothers, the sons of a famed Pennsylvania gunsmith who embark on an epic journey down the Ohio River looking hoping to find some adventure and excitement. Adventure finds them and their idyllic trip becomes a deadly 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease.ca)

### **SPORTING CLAY**

For any info contact Paul at (250) 710-5303 or email at [paulhagel@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.**

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**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.

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**Official Range Plan**

If you have any suggestions for major capital improvements to the range, please submit your ideas to [info@vfgpa.org](mailto: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.**



Since most of us are stuck at home thanks to the current local and world situation I thought that maybe you could use a little something to keep you entertained. How about a little bit of early shotgun shooting history so that you know a bit more about the roots of the Trap and Skeet that we shoot today.

Enjoy! (I hope ...)

### **Wild Pigeons as Targets at Shooting Tournaments**

During 1881 to 1884, seemingly innumerable wild pigeons provided the targets for marksmen to prove their shooting prowess at competitive tournaments. Birds were captured beneath nets, placed within the confines of wooden crates and transported to the tourney locale. Upon sudden release from their confines, the man with a gun with the best target perception to accurately blast the greatest number won a prize of some sort, along with bragging rights.

Following the great Coney Island tournament, and the backlash from the deaths of so many wild pigeons, as well as a dearth of the wild pigeons, it became obvious to some that there was a need for a substitute sort of target. The effort made the news just a few weeks after the New Jersey event.

"As the difficulty of obtaining wild pigeons for the trap is increasing from year to year, Yankee inventiveness supplies the want with sundry substitutes, more or less practical in trap shooting. With clay pigeons, smoke target balls, gyro pigeons, detonating bats, sparrows, blackbirds and other live proxies, it would seem that the average shooter could find ample use for the gun without using pigeons for his sport." — August, 1881

The following are some examples of known instances when wild pigeons were still being used as targets at tournaments at various cities in the United States. There may have been additional examples in the newspapers of the era, but the report may have only referred to pigeons, which may have referred to the tame rock pigeon, so only those pertinent to the wild pigeon, i.e., Passenger Pigeon, are conveyed in this sample of reports.

#### **1881**

Chicago, August 7. — The tournament of the Illinois state sportsmens' association closed yesterday after a fine day's shoot. The free-for-all four teams shoot was won by the Rock City gun club, of Tennessee, by a score of 39 out of a possible 40. Eight thousand wild pigeons were killed during the tournament. — August

Five hundred wild pigeons were shipped by express a few days ago from St. Louis to Canton, Ohio, where a shooting match is to be held this week. In shipping them the birds were packed so closely that they could hardly move, and they had neither food nor water on the way. When they reached Canton 225 dead birds were taken out of the boxes, and the rest, gasping for water, were too weak to stand. They were, however removed to coops in order to be prepared for the match. And big, double fisted men, with alleged souls in their bodies, call this "Sport." — August

#### **1882**

The next year started out with an article indicting another option for shootists.

Whether for humanity's sake or for private gain, we are unable to say which, some inventive mind has recently put upon the market a small piece of earthen ware calculated to take the place of live pigeons at shooting matches. It is round, about 12 inches in circumference concave, and is shaped that when thrown into the air from a "trap" it will sail off 50 or 60 yards as gracefully as a bird, its zig-zag motion making it quite difficult to "draw a bead" upon; it is very light and brittle and when hit will fly into fragments. The more humane "shootists" all over the country, are adopting these "clay pigeons," and we trust the day is not far distant when the cruel practice of shooting birds from traps will be discontinued by all sportsmen. The inventor of the "clay pigeons" should have a national medal. — January

They were readily accepted for use, with many reports indicating the soon came into common use. The use of wild pigeons did, however, continue.

Some of the members of the Council Bluffs Sportsman's Gun Club has a little pigeon shooting Saturday afternoon. Some fine wild pigeons had been procured for the event and an interesting time was had. ... — June

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the New York State Association for the Protection of Fish and Game will be held at Niagara Falls this year, beginning June 12, and continuing through the week. Numerous contests for prizes in pigeon-shooting, rifle practice and fly casting have been arranged. This extensive tournament will be held under the auspices of the Niagara Falls Shooting Club upon grounds on the margin of the river, in view of the rapids and the islands. The president announces that 15,000 wild pigeons, the best he has ever seen at a meeting of the association, are now on the grounds. — June

**1883**

Opposition to the use of live birds as targets continued to increase. In the spring, news came that proactive efforts were underway to address the problem by some people concerned with the practice. There was also political intrigue involved.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals, of Cincinnati, recently caused the arrest of Charles Eckert, a member of the club, for shooting live pigeons from the trap. A great interest has been felt in the result of the trial, as the sportsmen of that city had decided to give a grand tournament there as soon as the birds could be procured. Considerable indignation is felt by the sportsmen of Cincinnati and Covington, Ky., against the Ligowsky Clay Pigeon Company, which, it is claimed, is using all its influence, and money as well, towards prosecuting trap shooters, and the breaking up of all shooting of live pigeons from traps. All sorts of threats are made. One is the effect that they will all sign a petition requesting sportsmen not to use the clay pigeon, and an agreement not to shoot them themselves, nor allow them to be shot on the club grounds. They also claim that the Ligowsky Company is entirely too much of a monopoly, and ask too much for their clay imitations. The inventor of the clay pigeon and trap says, however, that the company has nothing to do with the prosecution of pigeon shooting in England or this country. The attorneys for the defense filed a demurrer to the information, alleging that the acts charged, if committed, constituted no offense against the statute of Ohio. This demurrer was argued and submitted to Judge Warren Higley, before whom the case comes for trial. The demurrer was overruled, and a trial will soon be had upon the merits of the case. The result will be looked for by all sportsmen with great interest. — April

The final arrangements for the fourth annual tournament of the Kansas Sportsmen's Association have been completed. It will be held at Forest Park, Ottawa, May 29th to June 3d, under the auspices of the Ottawa Gun club. Five thousand wild pigeons will be furnished by W.W. Judy, of St. Louis. The tournament is open to the world. Large purses for prizes are being offered and negotiations are now pending for a great match between Bogardus and Erb to take place at this tournament. — May

From Paola, Kan., according to a news report, once the Kansas Sportsmen's association at Ottawa elected new officers, their next matter of business was to arrange a shooting contest.

The club expects to give a pigeon tournament, open to the gunners of Kansas and Missouri, about the 4th of July. It will be under the management of L.J. Perry, the secretary of the State association. A general invitation is extended to all who enjoy trap shooting to be present. Three thousand wild pigeons will be provided and the prizes will be liberal, and there will be no rebate. — June

Despite the litigation in the local court of Cincinnati, pigeon shooting continued unabated in the vicinity.

A national pigeon shooting contest commences to-day at Cincinnati, and 5,000 wild pigeons are cooped for the event, which is to last four days. The champion shooting clubs of Illinois and Tennessee are on hand. — June

A Texas match was using a variety of targets.

A grand shooting tournament will be given by Major Wheadon, proprietor of the Park hotel, at Lampasas, Texas, commencing July 17, and lasting five days. Four thousand wild pigeons, together with clay pigeons and glass balls, will make this the finest tournament ever held in Texas. All lovers of the sport are cordially invited to be present. The mammoth hotel being just completed, the genial proprietor can furnish full accommodations for all who attend the tournament. — July

A second report mentioned when the shipment of birds was underway.

Hearne, July 13. — Mr. Otto Erichson passed through this place this morning with fifty-four coops of wild pigeons for the shooting tournament at Lampasas on the 17th of this month. The birds were shipped from Missouri. Though they came from Missouri, it is not clear whether they originated within the state, though they may have come from the known roost in Oregon county.

Chicago, July 13. — The annual meeting and pigeon tournament of the Illinois State Sportsmen's association will be held here from July 24 to 28. There are 11,000 wild pigeons on hand, and \$5,000 in prizes will be contended for. The chief events to be contested for are a \$1,000 diamond badge representing the individual championship of the state and a club championship for teams of four.

**1884**

A lack of wild pigeons was first reported in the spring within a region where uncountable numbers had once been present, and provided a easily available source for taking what was needed.

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Buffalo, April 27. — The prospect for securing live pigeons by the thousand for the state shoot are not so promising as they were a few weeks ago. In the hope that birds would fly further east the Audubon club's agent left them on the Wisconsin border. Now they have flown away, to where no one knows. Though trappers have looked for them for a week or more they have so far failed to find any pigeons.

The following report was from Washington, D.C., and indicates that a clay-pigeons as targets were being prominently used at some of the national tournaments.

Mr. Edward L. Mills, president of the Capital City Gun Club, and Mr. Wm. Wagner, leave this afternoon for Knoxville, Tenn. to participate in the five days' clay-pigeon shooting tournament to be held in that city May 20th to 25th inclusive. Thence they go to Chicago to meet Messrs. McKelden, Smith and Bailey, the other three members of the team to represent the club in the international clay-pigeon shooting tournament to be held in that city May 26th to 31st inclusive. From there, Messrs. Mills and Wagner go to Louisville, Ky., to compete in the match at wild live pigeons for the championship of America and purse of \$5,000. Mr. Mills has been selected to represent the club as a delegate to the convention to be held at Chicago for the formation of a national association of sportsmen. — May

Fewer birds were being used as it was obviously problematic to find a sufficient number for a match, ranging from a few hundred to thousands, as indicated by this report from the west coast.

The trap-shooters of California have found much difficulty in procuring pigeons for their matches and often have envied their friends in the East, who were able at certain seasons to obtain an apparently unlimited supply of wild birds for trap purposes. It would seem from the following remarks of the American Field that the Eastern sportsmen are also in trouble: "We publish a communication from D.G. Cunningham, the Secretary of the Illinois State Sportsmen's Association, stating that it has been decided to postpone the convention and tournament of the association, in consequence of the impossibility of procuring birds. For the same reason, the Missouri State Sportsman's Association has postponed its convention and tournament. We are almost daily in receipt of letters asking where wild pigeons can be obtained, which we are not able to answer, as we do not know of any which can be bought. About two thousand birds altogether have come into the Chicago market, in parcels of from two to six dozen at a time, and were immediately bought up for the use of the local clubs. The dealers in pigeons seem to be in entire ignorance of where the wild birds will nest, and the outlook therefore is anything but promising. — May

Some tournament planners had no difficulties, however, in procuring live targets which included pigeons, along with an alternative. Blackbirds were indicated as an alternative for the Texas tournament, to be held at Fort Worth.

The state shoot which will commence in this city on the 24th of June promises to be the great sporting event of the season, and will attract many visitors to the city. The Fort Worth gun club is sparing no trouble or expense to make the shoot the most successful one ever held in the Southwest. They have four men procuring pigeons and trapping blackbirds. Several thousand birds are already in the city and as many more are yet to come. — May

A final report from this year is from Oklahoma, and indicates that the birds were spending the winter season in nearby Arkansas.

The Vinita Gun Club have secured 3000 wild pigeons and will have a grand shoot on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of December. Being brought from Arkansas, only about forty miles distant, the birds will be stronger flyers than are usually provided and some excellent sport is assured.

Necessity would require that tournament planners find suitable alternatives to wild pigeons. These birds were becoming harder to procure in the numbers necessary for a particular time and place associated with a planned event. Shootists were among the first to deal with the changes wrought by endless eras of pigeon trapping and shooting. Others would also eventually realize obvious changes in the situation(s) associated with the Passenger Pigeon.

In subsequent years, there would be an increased used of clay pigeons, though live pigeons were still used, especially at tournaments in Texas and California.

Here are the front and back pages of an old Trapshooting program from 1884.

Programme of Inter-State Clay Pigeon Tournament under the auspices of The Ligowsky Clay Pigeon Co. The shoot was held August 14th, 15th, and 16th at The Metropolitan Base Ball Park, corner of 1st Avenue and 107th st. New York City. This was the second Ligowsky Clay Pigeon Shoot. The first was held in Chicago May 27-31, 1884. The Inter-State shoot consisted of 9 matches, Ligowsky rules. \$5.00 entry \$200 Purse, 50-30-20%. 5 Traps, 18yd rise.

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The first **International** Clay Pigeon Tournament (or inanimate target tournament) was run by Geo. Ligowsky's and J. E. Bloom's National Shooting Association in Chicago May 27-31, 1884.

The first **Inter-State** Clay Pigeon Tournament was August 14-16, 1884 at Metropolitan Base Ball Park, New York City.

The second **International** Clay Pigeon Tournament was in New Orleans in 1885 over Mardi-Gras. It was won by Harvey McMurchy who in 1886 left Cincinnati with his brother Edwin for Syracuse to work for L.C. Smith the famous shotgun maker.

Ligowsky tried to sell stock in his association, but was unsuccessful.

C. W. Dimmick of United States Cartridge Co. and other manufacturers' reps (including Winchester and UMC) founded the **American Shooting Association** in 1888, and Ligowsky's group gave way to the power. S. A. "Tuck" Tucker, Parker's sales agent (and owner of the AAH that started this thread) along with Capt. A. W. duBray (then a sergeant in the U. S. army) were consulting board members of the newly-formed ASA and "Tuck" wrote the handicap rules. Live birds were still the popular targets with slight but growing interest in clays.

The ASA dissolved in 1892 and, in turn, the **Interstate Manufacturers and Dealers Assn.--"Interstate Assn."--took over organized trap shooting**. The Interstate Assn. quickly organized the first Grand American Handicap at live birds scheduled for spring 1893. Twenty-one shooters paid \$25 to compete. The GAH at live birds went until 1902 at Kansas City with about 450 contestants. The GAH at targets was started by the Interstate Assn. in 1900 with 74 entries (the 1900 GAH at live birds drew 224 entries).

**Until 1919, the Interstate Assn. basically owned and managed trap shooting as a sport** in order to showcase its products and to promote the interests of its owners: The Manufacturers and Dealers. In 1919 the Interstate Assn. board (including Wilbur F. Parker Jr.) met in New York, and **reorganized as the American Trapshooting Assn.** Then in 1920 the industry bigwigs handed organized trapshooting over to a committee of amateurs who re-named it the **Amateur Trapshooting Association--"The ATA"**--which exists to this day and continues to sanction the Grand. Lot of history here ...

**Harvey McMurchy** was known by his fellow knights of the trigger as "**McDuff**." According to *Shooting & Fishing* (August 1888), "Mr L. C. Smith, a Syracuse, N. Y., gun maker, apprehending McDuff's worth as a shot, his intelligence, and his experience as a traveling man, negotiated with him, and after a personal interview he was appointed a traveling representative of the L. C. Smith Gun. " McDuff worked most of his adult life for the Smith Gun and retired to Florida to live out his retirement on a river fishing. When he retired, the articles in the shooting publications never mentioned the Smith Gun, just that he was a long-time employee of an unnamed gun manufacturer.



JOHN PHILIP SOUSA From London, England, "Sketch"

FIRST TARGET TOURNEY.

About 1880 the first of saucer-shaped targets was thrown at a tournament held in Springfield, Illinois. The disc was known as the Ligowsky clay pigeon, and it very quickly succeeded as a test of marksmanship the glass ball then in vogue as a flying target.

The first **Interstate** event was held in New Orleans a short time after the Springfield event, and attracted a large field. Harvey McMurchy, now one of the firm of the Hunter Arms Company, was the winner. Thirty years later, in 1910, in the Grand American Handicap at Chicago, he scored ninety-nine out of one hundred, proving that art is of more avail than youth, and that a man of sixty or seventy has the same chance as a man of twenty or thirty.





## The Evolution Of Trap Shooting Targets

If you're an avid hunter or gun enthusiast, chances are you've done your fair share at trapshooting. Whether it be at a sporting club or at a friend's house with a spring loaded arm "clay pigeon" thrower. If you've indulged in this sport at any level, you can become easily hooked, or at least have fun and laugh at yourself.

I've been an avid grouse & woodcock hunter since I was a young teenager. As I got older I wanted to improve my shotgunning. At our local Walmart, I purchased a spring loaded clay target machine. It had three angled legs you pushed into the ground, and a spring loaded arm that pulled back and locked. You then place a clay target on the "throwing arm," with a 20 foot nylon string hooked to a pin that will release the arm on the machine acting like a fulcrum, throwing the clay target in the air. I'll admit, I couldn't hit the broadside of a barn, but it was fun and addictive. Through the years, I progressed and eventually became a pretty decent shot, especially after understanding how to lead my target. I never entered any competitions, nor was I competitive. As I indulged into this sport, I wanted to learn where it all started.

What I found so intriguing about trap shooting, is how innovative certain individuals were, as far back as the late 18th century. Trapshooting seems to have derived from England, where the forefathers of wing-shooting originated. The first mention of trapshooting appears in a 1793 English publication called the, *Sporting Magazine*. Residents of the southern and midland counties of England, met near London to engage in the sport called "Old Hats." The reason it was named old hats, is because a hole was dug about 2 feet in the ground, and a pigeon was placed in the hole with a hat over the hole preventing the bird from escaping. When talking about "hats," I'm referring to top hats and bowler hats. These were good sized, some as tall as 8 inches. I'm sure luck would have it when a bird exploded from the hole, your hat would be covered with white splash marks. Maybe that's a reason they called it "Old Hats"?

These individuals were among the first to organize groups of pigeon shooters. Through the years this wing shooting shindig was changed to the Red House, at Battersea. This was more easily accessible to the Londoners, who were the prime followers of the sport. Eventually the sport started to evolve into a more practical wing shooting experience. As the sport continued to grow, these shooting enthusiast thought of another ingenious idea for wing-shooting. They constructed a box that was a foot long and 10 inches wide, with a sliding top cover and a long string to slide the cover open. Once the bird was placed in the box, the shooter would give the signal when to pull the cover, and the bird would flush. I'm sure you would occasionally get the dazed bird that would hop out of the box and stand right beside it. The first record of this type of shooting in America, was found in the *Sportsman's Club* of Cincinnati, beginning in 1831. Thus being the first mention of trap-shooting in the U.S. As strong evidence that Queen City, Ohio is the where it all began.



As the sport kept evolving, people were beginning to become more innovative. They started to use inanimate objects instead of live birds, due to some people thought it was cruel to use birds as targets. In 1866, Charles Portlock of Boston invented the glass-ball for a target. Originally the glass balls were 2 ¼ inches in diameter, constructed of smooth colorless glass. It wasn't long before they were replaced by blue or amber glass. Of course there were individuals who wanted to market their own trap shooting target. They even had glass balls filled with feathers, so when hit, it would simulate a bird. One target I found clever was a ball that was made of a chemical that when hit would disperse a fertilizer. I wonder if farmers would purchase those to have fun while fertilizing their fields. I'm sure the glass particles spread throughout the fields would present problems.



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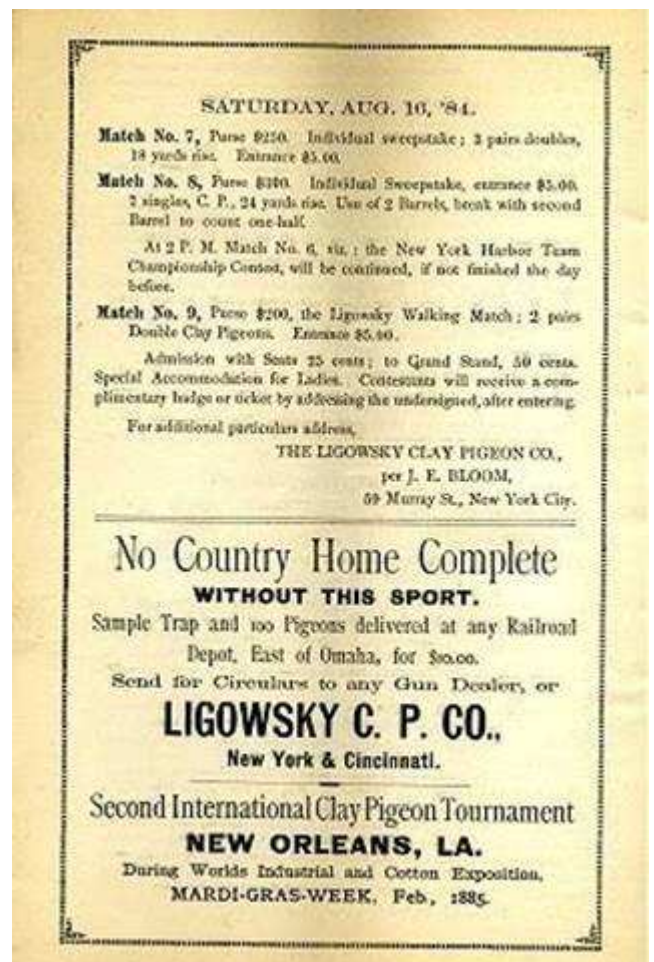
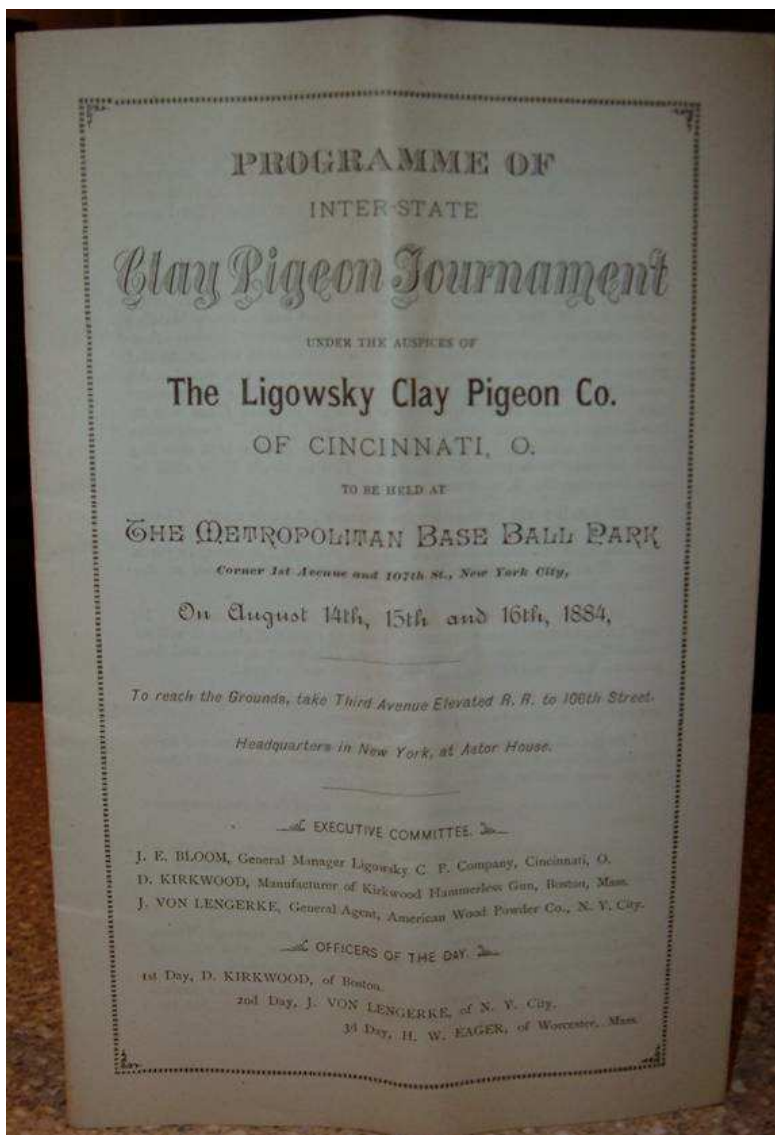


By 1884, a gentlemen by the name of G.F. Kolbe of Philadelphia invented the “Belcher’s Patent Paper Bird.” The materials used were a stiff paper attached to a wire ball. When I first researched this creative target, it reminded me of a “birdie” used in badminton. Maybe that’s where he got the idea?

This brings us to what my generation of trapshooting is familiar with, the “clay bird.” In 1880, George Ligowsky of Cincinnati designed a target that was comprised of ground clay with a mixture of water and then baked. It was flat and round to scale through the air at speeds of 60mph! Soon the targets were constructed of river silt mixed with tree pitch, to assure more durability, especially when being shipped and boxed. This target seemed to fit well in the trapshooting world and the vast majority of shooters were pleased on how the target simulated a bird.

It still amazes me how the evolution of trapshooting came today. There isn’t a single time I load my trap machine that the “Old Hats,” of 200 years ago doesn’t cross my mind.

Written By Al Page





## 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 APRIL/ MAY**

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

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**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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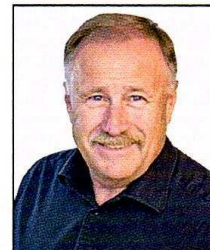
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**Calendar of the Orientation Sessions**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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, May 6th, 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](mailto: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](mailto:davidmichaud333@gmail.com)
- Dave Degrassi (250)474-3483 [davedegrassi@telus.net](mailto:davedegrassi@telus.net)
- Sue Bender (250) 721-0131 or [safeshooting69@gmail.com](mailto:safeshooting69@gmail.com)
- Gordon Frost (778)676-7253 or email: [gord@yarrowgunworks.com](mailto:gord@yarrowgunworks.com)

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

- Robin Pike (250)812-4316 (5-9 pm) [thepikes@shaw.ca](mailto:thepikes@shaw.ca) or
- Murray Kilshaw (250)382-1029 (9-5pm) [coreexaminer@shaw.ca](mailto:coreexaminer@shaw.ca)
- Gordon Frost (778)676-7253 or email: [gord@yarrowgunworks.com](mailto: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:**

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
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 their is a cease fire shooting can start at anytime.

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

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

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

David Michaud, CRSO

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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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In-Class and on the Range, 2 hour Course for New Handgun Shooters.  
Students must have valid Restricted P.A.L., be VFGPA member,  
and bring their own firearm with 100 rounds of ammo.  
Course fee is \$20.00 Maximum 10 students per class.

## RANGE SAFETY

## STANCE

## GRIP



## MUZZLE CONTROL

## SIGHT ALIGNMENT

## BREATHING CONTROL

## TRIGGER PULL

## SAFELY CLEARING JAMS & MALFUNCTIONS

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## TRAINING TIPS

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**

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



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

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

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

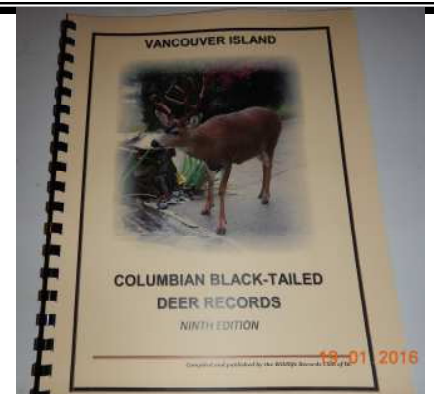
Copies of previous editions are available at the prices noted below (postage extra):

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

### **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)**

**FOR SALE:**

- #1 Ontario knife company AR15 bayonet/knife, milspec, pretty much new in box \$75 metal sheath included
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**(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.

**Restricted** Mauser Broomhandle (C96) 140mm Barrel Serial # -381158- Caliber 7.63. Excellent Bore with well defined Land & Groves. Matching Numbers. No Pitting in Steel parts. Original Fangring.\$ 3300.\*\* private Sale no Tax. Buyer pays for fully insured Shipping.

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## MOSAIC DENIES LAKE ACCESS TO FRESHWATER FISHERIES SOCIETY OF B.C.

The following three paragraphs (2.1.2, 2.1.3, & 2.1.5)  
are taken from *'Enhancing Public Access to Privately  
Owned Wild Lands – March 2016'*  
by the Environmental Law Clinic at UVic

**2.1.2 BC Federation of Fly Fishers – Access to Lakes and Rivers:** The British Columbia Federation of Fly Fishers (BCFFF) is a registered non-profit whose main objective is to promote the conservation of the fishing environment in BC. The Federation believes that "concern for the future of our province's environment is not just the exclusive domain of fly fishers, but should be the concern of all citizens". However, Ken Sawayma, the President of the BCFFF, reports that public access is a major issue for anglers, particularly on Vancouver Island. He states that group members have been unsuccessful in gaining access to publicly owned lakes and rivers which are only reachable through private land. In some cases these lakes were stocked using public funds, thus the fish belong to the BC public. Prior to the 1990s private landowners provided much freer access to these areas. Even when BCFFF members are allowed access, they only get a maximum of six hours during the middle of the day. However, as fish are most active in the morning and evening, the best times to fish are outside the hours provided.

**2.1.3 Frank Gibbins, BCFFF Member** Frank Gibbins was unable to access public fishing areas because timber companies denied all access permits to forests on Vancouver Island due to forest fire season in early Spring. These permit denials occur despite the fact that the BC Wildfire Service considers these areas low to very low fire risk at this time of year. He was also required to purchase \$1M of forest fire insurance for a single day as a condition for access. The problem is that no company even sells such a policy in Canada. As Frank Gibbins has summed up the situation: "I'm fairly resigned that my kids will never enjoy the activities that I did as a youth: camping on Echo Lake, fishing Tadjiss Lake, Wild Deer, and Pete's Pond."

**2.1.5 Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC – Many Lakes No Longer Stocked or Freely Fished:** The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC is a privatized former government agency which stocks lakes with fish for recreational use. However, they no longer stock about 30 lakes, mostly in central Vancouver Island. This is due to the fact that these lakes are on private forest lands where public access has now been restricted. Some examples include: Jarvis and Weeks Lakes in the Sooke watershed, which were stocked annually with Rainbow Trout; and Timberland, Crystal and McKay Lakes in the Cassidy area.

On March 13, 2020 the Campbell River Mirror printed a story by fishing reporter Don Daniels titled *'Echo Lake trout stocking halted'*. The article noted that Mosaic Forest Management (Timberwest and Island Timberlands) denied access to the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. to stock as many as 15 lakes on Vancouver Island. Thirteen (13) lakes were listed as follows; Beavertail, Echo, Hawthorn, Helldiver, Kissinger, Lois, Loon, Nimnim, Reginald, Rheinhardt, Rhododendron, Wolf and Wowo.

Enquiries were made to the Freshwater Fisheries Society to determine their position with respect to this ongoing issue. The following response was posted March 18 on the Sportfishing BC Forum (taken from a post on a Flyfishing Forum):

*Yes, we are currently unable to stock some of the lakes. The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development manages the lakes in B.C. and decides which lakes to stock, the species and the number of fish to stock. The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC is a contractor to the government, and delivers the stocking program under direction from the Ministry. **The Ministry is currently in discussions with Mosaic Forest Management regarding an agreement where public access to the lakes, or some of the lakes, can be re-stored.** We do not have any further information at this time; or recommendations for how the public can be involved. At this stage, we will need to wait and see what the outcomes of the discussions are. We have expressed that there is a limited time window available for the Society to complete spring stockings, so both parties are aware of the timeline.*

Thanks,  
Jess  
Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC

Submitted by Wayne Z.

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

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**( please make reference to brass)**



**FOR SALE: (May ns) Level 3 Duty Blackhawk Holster For S&W M&P 9 -\$85**

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