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PRESIDENT'S NOTES



Greetings, VFGPA members,

Now that we've all survived the transition into 2012, I hope you're enjoying an optimistic forward look, while still basking in the warm glow of some of the happy memories you built during the close of the old year.

Like the rest of you, the reality of "back to business" has set in for your executive. Our meeting on January 02 was a busy one, with many realities to address.

As you are probably tired of being told, our membership numbers are a matter of concern in terms of the greater impact on range use, and thus on each individual member. For this reason, the executive has found it necessary to issue the following reminder of VFGPA Range Use Policies which are not optional, and must be more strictly enforced. These should not be a surprise, since most of them deal with the suggested "New Year's Resolutions" from the last Newsletter. Rationales for these requirements are also provided in last month's publication.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, EVERY PERSON IS REMINDED TO:

1. Sign in at the SIGN-IN KIOSK when entering the VFGPA property, and sign out when leaving;
2. Ensure that the RANGE FLAG is raised before entering a range, and lowered if s/he is the last to leave;
3. Be familiar with, and adhere to VFGPA RANGE RULES and all shooting and safe gun handling PROCEDURES;
4. Use acceptable EYE AND EAR PROTECTION at all times, unless taking part in a scheduled match for which these are not required;
5. Visibly display on his/her person, above the waist, a valid (orange) MEMBERSHIP CARD or a current DAY PASS when attending the Range; *Plastic card covers with pins, clips, or strings will be available as soon as we can purchase them. It is expected there will have to be a small charge for these – possibly \$.25*

Obviously, all of us are responsible to take part in keeping our ranges safe by reminding any fellow users who appear to have forgotten, that the above rules are in effect. We are a non-profit club of individuals who only want to enjoy our member privileges without jeopardizing anyone's comfort or safety. This is why we choose to share the responsibility to do the monitoring and educating ourselves, rather than turning it into a dictatorial scenario.

Remember our primary commitment is to make sure everyone has a good time, so do try to be as friendly and encouraging as possible if you have to speak to anyone about any concerns. With your help, we can avoid *EVER* having to implement the current enforcement procedures which follow at the end of the message.

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**FROM LAST MONTH:**

Although not yet a written policy, it is a matter of safety to consider the medical needs and personal comfort of fellow members, by:

- ensuring that smoking does not affect others
- taking care that pets are leashed or confined so that people with allergies are not exposed.

With a little courtesy and diligence, we can avoid having to add still more restrictions into our bylaws. More rules always mean more threats to the relaxed atmosphere we all value and wish to preserve.

Correction from last month: 1. : 1. In order to keep your Authorization to Transport (ATT) valid, it is important to keep your range membership up-to-date. Transporting prohibited handguns and/or restricted firearms of any kind without an ATT is illegal; 2. Without a current P.A.L. possession of firearms is illegal;

*Real-life court experience: See "GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER - Christopher Porter" under "Other Club News" below.

Volunteer Program News**ARCHERY VOLUNTEERS ARE FIRST "BUCK-BAGGERS"**

Congratulations to **Bruce Reed and the Archery Club volunteers** who have held the first regular work party under the 2012 *Volunteer Recognition Program*. Your coupons (a.k.a. "Bucks") will be validated and stored until you want to spend them. Archery's constant, determined progress toward the completion of the Olympic standard range just might make you the leaders of the Buck collectors this year!

WAY TO GO, GANG!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT, this is a reminder of the announcement last month that a Volunteer Recognition Program is being introduced this year. Volunteers contribute many thousands of dollars' worth of labour and resources every year toward maintenance, improvements, and services that make VFGPA an exceptionally vital organization. This year they won't be doing ALL of the giving.

If you would like to receive an outline of the complete Volunteer Program, or if you have any ideas for improving it, please contact your president at: president@vfgpa.org.

Other Club News**1. CO-OP REBATE PROGRAM**

THANKS to the people who have provided us with a considerable amount of funding by quoting our **Co-op number, 9704** when purchasing fuel at Co-op/Save-on Gas stations, or groceries from the Peninsula Co-op. This is a surprisingly beneficial boost to VFGPA, and it only takes a moment.

2. ANNUAL GAME DINNER – Decision to be made before Friday, Jan. 13.

Many people have been asking about our Annual Game Dinner, which has tentatively been scheduled for March 02 at Olympic View Golf & Country Club. At least two volunteer areas need to be covered:

Volunteers #1 -Promote and advertise the event

- Fund-raise (includes arranging ticket sales; procedures already in place)
- Canvass for draw prizes – list available
- Schedule the evening – guidelines available (I think)

Volunteers #2 -Pick up donations of meat and deliver to available freezers



If you are already experienced, or are willing to learn while helping and getting to know some of your fellow members, please contact me at president@vfgpa.org, or by phone: 250-479-0101. *This event will not be held if the volunteer positions are not filled by January 13.*

3. GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER: *Christopher Porter will be present at our General Meeting on January 16 to speak on his experience with the courts and the Firearms Act. Chris is currently involved in an expensive legal battle that he hopes to be able to win for the benefit of all of us.

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RANGE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

1. First incident of non-compliance: Individual(s) will be reminded of the policy and their questions answered. If deemed advisable, a reminder letter from the executive may be sent as a follow-up. Person(s) may be required to immediately leave the property if the Range Safety Officer decides that the situation has already escalated to the "Second incident" stage;
2. Second incident: Person will be required to leave the property immediately;
3. Third incident: Suspension of all Membership or Day Pass privileges. An application to the executive for reinstatement will be required, and the executive's decision to grant or deny the request will be final.



**B.C. Wildlife Federation Notes****Lottery**

As mentioned previously in the newsletter and at the Dec. General Meeting the BCWF is staging a lottery to help fund conservation oriented projects in partnership with member clubs. There are six prizes to be awarded with the first prize being a Yamaha ATV with a value of \$13,000. The total value of prizes is \$19,000. The draw will be made April 02/12 at the BCWF office. Chance of winning will be dependant on the number of tickets sold (the total number of tickets printed is 10,000)

A substantial interest was shown at the Dec. meeting and so I ordered 15 books of 10 tickets each. If you are interested in having a book or partial book of tickets to sell please contact me through email (bob@biologica.bc.ca) or by phone (250-479-3828) or come to a General Meeting (the next is Jan. 16/12 at Strawberry Vale Community Hall starting at 7:30 pm). I must return the money from sales and any unsold tickets to the BCWF office on, or before, March 23/12.

Shell Oil Promotion

Shell Oil has embarked on a program to enhance sales of its products. The company will award at total of \$1 million in grants to groups proposing the best environmentally oriented projects submitted from across Canada. Which projects win grants will be determined by those who participate in the program. To participate you must purchase Shell products. With the receipt for your purchase in hand go to the Shell website (www.fuellingchange.com), browse the projects vying for support and cast your votes (as per the coding on your receipt) for the project you find most deserving.

The Wetlands Conservation group within the BCWF has been short listed for a \$50,000. grant and so your votes could have a very significant outcome. The BCWF has already been awarded \$10,000. for being short listed.

BCWF Annual AGM

This year the BCWF AGM and Convention will be held in Courtenay from April 25 – 28, 2012. The theme is “A Land Fit For Wildlife Is A Land Fit For People”.

Each year, each BCWF Zone (the Island is Zone 1) nominates a junior member to attend the AGM with all expenses paid. In 2011 Jeremy Osborne from the VFGPA was nominated and attended the AGM in Surrey. He represented our club and the Zone in a very capable and memorable way. Once again, the Zone has requested we put forward the name of a VFGPA junior member for consideration. If you have a son or daughter in the age range of 14 to 18 who has a real interest in our natural heritage please consider putting their name forward. The experience could help determine a career.

Cheers, Bob Macdonald

The Victoria Frontier Shootists, will start off their 2012 cowboy action shooting season with their Malahat Ridge Match on Sunday February 12th. This will be a 6 stage main match and include a delicious lunch. Cost \$30. For more information contact: Match Director, Dave Degrassi aka Copperhead Dave at davedegrassi@shaw.ca and Registration, Terry Parkinson aka Colorado Charlie at tdparkinson@shaw.ca. Those interested in learning more about the sport please contact Cowboy Director, Ashley Harrison aka Black Ashley at ash_man@shaw.ca or (250) 744-4705 . Spectators are welcome. Eye and ear protection is mandatory.

The SASS ROI (Range Operations I) course for cowboy action shooters or those interested in Cowboy Action Shooting will be held on Saturday March 10th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rifle Range House. Cost \$15.00. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and soda pop will be available. Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) membership not required. SASS information, membership and handbooks can be found at www.sassnet.com . Please pre-read the SASS Shooter's Handbook and the SASS ROI Course material prior to the course. Pre-registration required. Contact Al Wilson aka Haweater Hal at Haweater.Hal@gmail.com.

Headquarters, our annual shoot, will be held August 24, 25, & 26th this year. This year's theme will be The Pig War at Salmonella Gulch. The registration form for Headquarters is included in the February newsletter. This is a great opportunity to prepare for the SASS Canadian National Championship to be held in Courtenay from August 30th to September 2nd, 2012 www.valleyregulators.com . Mark these dates on your calendar!



Headquarters

The Pig War At Salmonella Gulch

August 24th, 25th & 26th

VFGPA 700 Holker Pl., Malahat, BC



NAME _____ ALIAS _____ Male_ Female_

SASS# _____ VFGPA# _____ E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE _____

POSSE WITH REQUEST _____

Circle one category:

Buckaroo/ Buckarette 13 & under	Young Gun 14-16	Cowboy/ Cowgirl 18+	Wrangler 36+	49'r (49 +)	Senior 60+	Silver Senior 65+	Elder Statesman/ Grand Dame 70+
B Western	Duelist	Senior Duelist	Frontier Cartridge	Frontier Cartridge Duelist	Gunfighter	Classic Cowboy/ Cowgirl	Frontiersman

2nd shooter

NAME _____ ALIAS _____ Male_ Female_

SASS# _____ VFGPA# _____ E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS (if different than above) _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE/STATE _____ POSTAL CODE/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

POSSE WITH REQUEST _____

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Pre-registration required by Wednesday August 20th. Register early as refund will be given if unable to attend.

Free dry camping from Thursday evening to Monday morning. Speed events & practice bay open Friday 4 p.m. Events include: speed side matches, 10 stage main match, mid-range rifle and Schuetzen.

Lunch will be available to purchase on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday potluck BBQ dinner & door prizes. Sunday banquet, costume contest and awards.

Buckaroo & Young Gun	Must be accompanied by an adult who is a family member	free
Adult	\$60 for first shooter, \$50 for each additional family member	
Saturday Potluck BBQ & Door Prizes	Enjoy the pulled pork provided or bring your own meat to BBQ. Circle the item you will bring to share.	Salad, Dessert , or Vegetable dish
Sunday banquet tickets (must pre-pay)	\$25 x _____ (specify if vegetarian option required _____)	
Please make your cheque payable to V F G P A and mail with registration form to Terry Parkinson aka Colorado Charlie 7016 Con-ada Road, Brentwood Bay, BC V8M 1E7		Total Registration Fee \$

**Additional Information:**

Events include: speed side matches, 10 stage main match 6 Sat and 4 Sun, mid range rifle and Schuetzen.

Lunch will be available to purchase on Saturday and Sunday.

Ammunition count (minimum): rifle 120 rounds, pistol rounds 120 rounds, shotgun 75 rounds

Friday August 24th

1:30 p.m. Rifle Range

Target Set-up crew meets at the storage shed.

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Rifle Range

Registration Packages Available/Speed Side Matches/Practice Bay open.

Saturday August 25th

8:30 a.m. Main Club House

Welcome/Mandatory safety meeting

9:00 a.m.

Six main match stages

4:00 p.m.

Range and Practice Range Closed

5:30 p.m.

Pulled Pork BBQ potluck & door prizes

Sunday August 26th

8:00 a.m. Main Club House

Cowboy Church

8:45 a.m.

Announcements/Mandatory safety meeting

9:00 a.m.

Four main match stages

1:00 p.m. Rifle Range

Mid-range rifle side match and Schuetzen

4:30 p.m.

Range Closed

5:00 p.m. Main Club House

Costume Promenade/ Banquet dinner/ Costume and Shooting Awards

NEAR BY MOTELS

Malahat Mountain Inn, 265 Trans Canada Hwy., Victoria, BC 250 478-1975

Malahat Ocean View Motel, 231, Trans Canada Hwy., Victoria, BC 250-478-9231

Malahat Bungalows, 300A Trans Canada Hwy., Victoria, BC 250-478-3011

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS TO EXPLORE

Butchart Gardens http://www.butchartgardens.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

Whale Watching <http://www.hellobc.com/vancouver-island/things-to-do/parks-wildlife/whale-watching.aspx>

Tea at the Empress <http://www.fairmont.com/empress/GuestServices/Restaurants/AfternoonTea.htm>

Craigdorrach Castle www.thecastle.ca

Royal BC Museum www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

BC Marine Museum <http://www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/MainSite/default.aspx>

Imax Theatre <http://www.imaxvictoria.com/>

Pacific Undersea Garden www.pacificunderseagardens.com

Minature World www.miniatureworld.com

Wineries <http://www.bestbnbvictoria.com/victoriaattractions/wine.php>

ATTENTION U.S. COMPETITORS

Download non-resident declaration form 909 from www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp. Then, call the Canadian Firearms Centre at 1-800-731-4000 to acquire your authorization to transport permits. Handguns must be transported fitted with trigger locks in a locked hard case. Long guns must not be visible in your car and it must be locked when you are not in your car.

For further information contact:

Registration: Terry Parkinson tdparkinson@shaw.ca (250) 652-5603

Match Director : Al Wilson Haweater.hal@gmail.com or (250) 920-8707

**Range Safety Officer Course**

Range Safety Officer Course 2012 Level 1.

Anyone Interested in becoming a Range Safety Officer (RSO) for the club please send me your e-mail and I will add you to the list. david_michaud@shaw.ca

I am planning another course for Feb or March. Sat / Sun 08:30-16:30 each day.

There are 3 levels of RSO

Level 1 : to enforce Club Rules and Policies.

Level 2: Act as Range Safety Officer for events in the different Styles of shooting. ie: IPSC, Cowboy, PPC, Rifle, Bullseye, Shotgun, etc

Level 3: Train others to Act as RSOs.

The Club has trained 13 RSO in Feb 2011 but we have room for many more.

Clubs Range Safety Officer Training

Contact me at david_michaud@shaw.ca Please include in your e-mail under subject : RSO Training 2012

Topics include:

- > VFGPA General Info
- > Ethics
- > Range Rules and Operation (Mar. 2012 version)
- > Basic Range Safety Course.
- > Specific Discipline briefing.

Thanks

David Michaud CRSO

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

- Lucky Jhagra; (250)361-8692 or visit him at Island Outfitters.
- David Michaud; (250) 385-3658 or (250) 389-8897
- Dave Degrassi; (250) 474-3483

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

Becoming An Outdoor Woman (BOW)

This program has an international scope in offering to women the opportunity to learn about and experience a wide variety of outdoor activities. Women's interest and presence in all aspects of outdoor activity not only provides a focus for the lives for themselves and their families but is paramount in the drive to preserve and enhance all that is the natural environment.

For the year 2012 the BOW program will be offered at Lake Cowichan from June 01 to 03. To attend one must be 19 years or older. Within each of the broad categories of fishing, shooting and hunting, and outdoor recreational skills, a variety of courses will be offered. One pre-selects the courses wanted.

The BOW weekend is offered as an all-inclusive package. Visit the BCWF website for details.



The Steelhead Silver Doctor

by Robin Pike

Fly tiers often strive to improve upon the patterns they create. However in this process, they sometimes fall into a trap of getting too far into the intricacies of making a fly look realistic. Perhaps it is an irresistible demonstration of their skills as fly tiers. Whatever the reason, they sometimes end up comprising the principle of movement in order to create stiff 'life-like' flies.

If you take a look at some of the most popular patterns, a big component of their success can be linked back to colour and movement. Take the famous Woolly Bugger for example; a medium to large, non-descript fly that depending upon how it is fished could represent any number of aquatic insects or even other fish. Stiff look-a-likes can rarely achieve this sort of versatility and fishing taking power. My point is that flies do not have to be complex to be highly effective. Thus, no matter what your tying skill level, you can create very successful patterns if you incorporate effective colours and movement.

In terms of steelhead flies, Bill McMillan is one angler who dresses his flies to fish well under the conditions he fishes. His flies are beautiful, functional and highly effective. In the early 70's, he set out to design flies that while appearing to have bulk, were sparsely dressed in order to sink fast. This was largely a result of his backlash to using heavy sinking lines to fish for Pacific Northwest steelhead. In his patterns he also used materials that provided movement in the water, in a range of colours; blues and purples to cover the short end of the light spectrum and reds and oranges which were proven steelhead takers. The Winter's Hope and the Steelhead Silver Doctor were two fantastic end results.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

ORIGINATOR: Bill McMillan

HOOK: Size 2/0 - 4

THREAD: Red

BODY: Flat Silver Tinsel

WING: Red and Yellow Calf Tail

THROAT: Silver Doctor Blue Hackle

TOPPING: Pintail Flank

Step 1: Attach the silver mylar tinsel (gold side out) about one quarter of an inch in front of the hook point. Once secure, wind your tying thread to the hook eye. Next lightly coat the hook shank with fly cement and wind the tinsel clockwise to the hook eye and secure. Wipe off any extra cement that oozes out between the wraps.



Photo: Robin Pike



Step 2: Select a small amount of yellow calf tail and remove the under-fur. Remember to be sparse. The length of the wing should be slightly shorter than the hook shank. Trim the butt ends to the proper length and attach near the hook eye (as shown). Next, add a drop of fly cement to the wraps to give the fly added strength. Repeat this process for the red calf tail.

Step 3: Select 10-15 Silver Doctor Blue hackle fibers for the throat. Attach the fibers on the underside of the fly so that they extend the length of the body and flair out slightly. Once happy with the position, secure with tying thread and trim the butt ends.



Photos by : Robin Pike



Step 4: Select a medium to long pintail flank feather. Strip the bottom 1/2 to 1/3 of the feather off. Next, cup the feather over the calf tail and attach it to the fly with 2-3 wraps of thread. The feather should envelope the calf tail and run the length of the body. Once happy with the position, further secure, build a neat head, whip finish and apply head cement.

Good luck fishing!



WTS: WW2 German Wehrmacht G-43 Rifle. Gewehr 43 (G-43) is a 7.92 mm caliber semi-automatic rifle developed by Third Reich Germany during World War II.

Surviving examples in working order are rare.

Caliber: 7.92x57 mm

Overall length: 1015 mm

Barrel length: 558 mm

Weight: 4.33 kg

Magazine capacity: 10 rounds (Mags are pinned to 5)

Non Restricted

Mine is a Walther AC 44 I believe-was possible RC issued to VOPO post war. All Waffenamt (WaA) Stamps and proof marks retain the Third Reich markings and WaA numbers. Mine has Apfelter Waffenfabrik springs and shooters kit installed, (See: <http://www.apfelter.com/>) but I will include the original parts as well. Comes w/original leather sling and 2 WaA stamped magazines, cleaning rod and front sight hood. Dura foil front stock in excellent condition. Head spacing and timing gauges included. Excellent Range shooter, I have fired under 40 rounds through her. Buyer gets 175 rounds (+/-) of Ammo as well. (If you can pick up) A wonderful chance to own a rare piece of WW2 history. \$3500.00 OBO, serious buyers only please.



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I found these example pictures on the internet

UPDATE: There is a new supply and many new calibers

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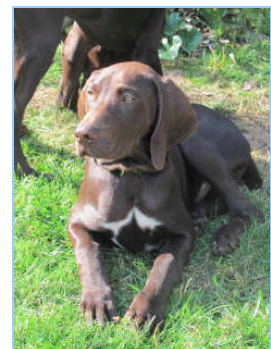
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Please call or email Art Archer 250 721 0131 or benders69@shaw.ca
(please make reference to brass)

PUREBRED CKC REGISTERED
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"Julie" and "Thor" are from good local stock, will be CKC registered, have had two sets of shots, and their tails and dew claws have been done. They have had some basic training, are house trained, and are kennel trained. Born July 1st. For more information or to arrange an appointment to view the puppies, please contact:

Lizzie Jatkowski at 250-474-2493





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**ELK/BEAVER LAKE RECREATIONAL USE ADVISORY GROUP**

The CRD Board made the following membership appointments at their November 09 meeting. It looks like the EBLRUAG will have 10 members appointed for a three year term effective October 2011 through October 2014.

- Liaison position of the Victoria Rowing Society
- President of the Victoria Golden Rods & Reels
- President of the Haig-Brown Flyfishing Association
- Bryan Stevenson representing a motorized recreational use
- Michael McEwan representing a motorized recreational use
- Nancy McDuffe representing a member of the general public
- Paul Regensburg representing a member of the general public
- Transport Canada (staff appointment)
- Saanich Police Department (staff appointment)
- B.C. Ministry of Environment (staff appointment)

This is virtually a completely new membership with changes to individuals and representative organizations. There will only be three or four individuals returning to the newly restructured group. The new format should see a more favourable outcome for anglers and other motorized recreational users. The EBLRUAG has not met since the November 09 appointments.

Wayne Zaccarelli

RECREATIONAL HALIBUT ALLOCATION

The following letter was received via e-mail from the office of the Minister of Fisheries & Oceans in reply to my e-mail letter of November 22 requesting an increased allocation of halibut for the recreational angler.



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Mr. Wayne Zaccarelli
< whz@shaw.ca >

Dear Mr. Zaccarelli:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 22, 2011, addressed to the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, regarding the Pacific recreational halibut fishery. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf.

I appreciate your concerns, and I assure you that the Government of Canada understands the importance of the Pacific halibut fishery.

For the halibut fishery in British Columbia, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) allocates access among the recreational, commercial and First Nations sectors through an integrated fisheries planning process that involves all fishing sectors. Allocation decisions incorporate legal requirements, treaty agreements and Aboriginal rights, as well as the equitable use of the resource. In all cases, the Department's first priority is to manage fisheries in a manner that ensures the conservation and sustainable use of fish stocks, while creating economic and social benefits for Canadians.



The Canadian halibut total allowable catch (TAC) is determined on an annual basis through the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), which was established in 1923 by a Convention between Canada and the United States. Canada remains committed to providing long-term sustainability of the halibut fishery for the benefit of all Canadians.

Regarding your comments on conservation, declining abundance recently has resulted in fewer halibut for all sectors to harvest. In 2011, Canada's TAC was 7.65 million pounds, down from its high in 2006, when the TAC was 13.2 million pounds.

The halibut allocation policy, which designates 12 percent of the TAC to the recreational sector and 88 percent to the commercial sector, has remained constant since the allocation policy was adopted in 2003. The policy also called for the development of a market-based transfer mechanism to allow quota to flow between the commercial and recreational sectors.

Although an interim market-based transfer mechanism has been in place since 2004—whereby the commercial sector acquired a portion of the recreational allocation and, in later years, the recreational sector used those funds to acquire quota from the commercial sector—a more lasting solution is being sought.

The closure of the Pacific recreational halibut fishery on September 5, 2011, resulted from in-season catch information that indicated the recreational sector's seasonal allocation of the Canadian halibut TAC had been met. DFO recognizes that the decision to close the recreational halibut fishery in-season may have implications for the recreational community. Accordingly, the Honourable Gail Shea, former Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, implemented a trial for 2011 that allows interested recreational harvesters access to experimental licences. These licences, along with the market-based quota transfer system, provide halibut access beyond the limit of the standard recreational licence. More information on the experimental recreational fishery can be found on the Department's website at < http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/commercial/ground-fond/halibut-fletan/index-eng.htm#Halibut_Experimental_RecreationalFishery_Program >.

As you are aware, Mr. Randy Kamp, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, has been tasked to work with DFO officials to develop options for future seasons that meet the objectives of conservation, economic prosperity and flexibility. Mr. Kamp has conducted a phased consultation process that includes meeting with policy makers and stakeholders in neighbouring jurisdictions to fully understand what resource-sharing arrangements exist or are proposed in these areas. Mr. Kamp has also hosted round table discussions with interested stakeholders in coastal communities to receive input, and he has been meeting with various sector representative groups to obtain their views as well.



The Department continues to work with the Sport Fishing Advisory Board to address recreational fishery concerns and to improve the management and long term stability of the halibut fishery. I encourage you to provide input to your Sport Fishing Advisory Committee. For more information, please visit the Department's website at < www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/sfab-ccps-eng.htm >.

If you have further questions, I encourage you to contact Ms. Tamee Karim, Regional Groundfish Manager, by telephone at 604-666-9033, or by email at < tameezan.karim@dfo-mpo.gc.ca >.

Thank you sharing your views about this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Reid
Regional Director
Fisheries Management Branch
Pacific Region

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LOOKING FOR PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION - I have my Business Administration Diploma from Sprott-Shaw Community College, took Simply Accounting 2000 Pro, Quickbooks, PowerPoint, etc and the MS Office Suite. I know the Microsoft Publisher Program very well. Very flexible with scheduling. Please contact by email at jbrugge63@gmail.com

**BIG GAME:**

The following deer were entered in the club competition this past season:

James Mace	Sept 25	155 lb
Stu Rhodes	Nov 11	155 lb

Because of a communication problem, some other deer weigh ins may have been missed. If any other club member weighed a deer on the club scales which has been missed, could they please contact me with the information. I will ensure it is reported in the next newsletter containing the annual report.

I have measured one set of Blacktail antlers from deer taken by members during this past hunting season. Stu Rhodes' deer (R4L4) measured 98-6/8 points. Antlers will be accepted for the club trophy competition until January 31. Likewise, Black bear skulls will be accepted up to January 31 for the perpetual bear trophy.

Contact the chairman at 250-382-8502 or e-mail to whz@shaw.ca

Wayne Zaccarelli,
Big Game chairman

**Fishing Contest Entry Form**

Chinook___ Coho___ Tyee___ Halibut___

Trout___ Bass___ Steelhead___

Weight:___ lbs___ oz. Length___

Date Caught: _____ Area: _____

Anglers Name: _____ Jr. Age: _____

Member Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Submit to Wayne Zaccarelli - 382-8502

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Vancouver Island Grouse

by Robin Pike

Of all the chapters in the CORE manual, the part that usually stresses students the most is the identification of birds. Considering there are over 300 different bird species that have historically breed in BC and 510 different species that have been recorded, it is no wonder that the task of bird identification seems so overwhelming. Luckily for hunters, the number of birds we need to know are few by comparison. Yet, it can still be a challenge telling some of them apart!



Ruffed grouse: left photo grey phase; right photo red phase.

For many new Vancouver Island hunters the first game they usually take is an upland game bird such as a grouse. Of the four species of grouse in the province, two are found on Vancouver Island – the Ruffed grouse and the Blue (Sooty) grouse. The Ruffed grouse is the most abundant of the grouse species found in British Columbia. Both males and females are mottled brown and can come in two different colour phases; red and grey (see above photos). One key distinguishing feature of the Ruffed grouse is it's fan shaped tail that has several thin, parallel black lines and always a single wide black band near the tip. (Incidentally, if the solid band is interrupted in the center two tail feathers, the bird is a female). Ruffed grouse also have an erectable crest on the top of their head and males have solid black 'ruff' patches on each side of their neck. In the spring, male Ruffed grouse drum on a log, a stump, or other 'stage' by beating their wings rapidly to attract a mate.

In comparison, Blue grouse (photo on next page) are the largest of the two grouse species we have on Vancouver Island. Unlike Ruffed grouse, male and female Blue grouse differ in appearance. Males are mottled greyish-blue while females are mottled brown with grey underbellies. A key identifying feature of both sexes, however, is that the tails of the Sooty grouse are dark and tipped in grey. (Dusky grouse lack these grey tip markings but still have a dark tail). Male Blue grouse have a yellow comb over each eye that is especially prominent in the breeding season. Like Ruffed grouse, male Blue grouse call for their female companions in the spring. Males make a loud "hooting" sound that is amplified by a special air sac on each side of their neck. Blue grouse are generally found at higher elevations than Ruffed grouse, although this is not always the case as Blue grouse can also be found close to the valley bottoms during the hunting season.



Pair of young Sooty (Blue) grouse.

Both species of grouse provide excellent table fare, however, the saying "you are what you eat" whole heartedly applies to grouse. As the hunting season progresses and food sources become more scarce, the dandelion shoots, berries and clover the grouse ate in the summertime are gradually replaced by deciduous buds and conifer needles of winter. Blue grouse in particular seem to get into the conifer needles quite early on in the hunting season. This switch in diet can impart a much stronger flavour to the grouse meat of which some hunters find unpalatable. One effective way of addressing this is to soak the grouse in milk (or salt water for those with a lactose intolerance) for 12-24 hours. Before you go to bed simply place the meat in a shallow container, cover with milk and refrigerate. The next evening remove the meat from the milk and cook as normal, being mindful that it is very easy to overcook grouse and end up with a tough dinner! I don't really know the science behind the milk trick but it works and it does an excellent job of drawing the stronger, 'later season' flavours out.

Good luck hunting!

Publishers Note

Deadline for every Newsletter is the Wednesday after the Executive meeting of the month. Note: Late submissions will be published in the month following. Please submit all ads by emailing them in text format only. 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



JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<u>1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>"HAPPY NEW YEAR!!"</u> • <u>Shotgun range & Club-house closed</u> 	<u>2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Board Mtg; Esquimalt Anglers; 7:30pm</u> • <u>MP closed for maintenance</u> 	<u>3</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MP closed for maintenance</u> 	<u>4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MP closed for maintenance</u> 	<u>5</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MP closed for maintenance</u> 	<u>6</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MP closed for maintenance</u> 	<u>7</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>P.A.L. Course in Club-house</u>
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<u>15</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>C.O.R.E. Course; CH 8am-6pm</u> • <u>Silhouette; RP Range Closed; 9am to 3pm</u> 	<u>16</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>General Meeting.</u> 	<u>17</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RP Closed; 9am to 4pm</u> 	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Malahat Marauders Meeting at 7:30pm @ Grace Lutheran Church 1273 Fort Street</u> 	<u>24</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SG closed till 4pm</u> 	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CH closed till 4pm</u> 	<u>28</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Black Powder; RP closed 9-2pm</u> • <u>CH Closed till noon; M/P Bay 7 Closed till 4pm.</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	SUBJECT TO CHANGE:			



FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PPC; RP & RH Closed 9am to 3pm</u> • <u>P.A.L. Course in Clubhouse</u>
5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>P.A.L. Course in Clubhouse</u> 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Board Mtg.</u> • <u>RP, RH & CH closed all day</u> 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RP, RH & CH closed all day</u> 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RP, RH & CH closed all day</u> 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RP, RH & CH closed all day</u> 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RP, RH & CH closed all day</u> 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RP closed from 4pm; Frontier Setup</u> • <u>C.O.R.E. Course; CH 8am-6pm</u>
12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>C.O.R.E. Course; CH 8am-6pm</u> • <u>Frontier Shooters "Malahat Ridge" RP closed 9-4pm</u> 	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Happy Valentine's Day!!</u> 	15	16	17	18
19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Silhouette: RP Range Closed; 9am to 2pm</u> 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>General Meeting</u> 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RP & RH Closed; 9am to 4pm</u> 	22	23	24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>BlackPowder: RP closed 9-2pm</u>
26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Archery 3D shoot!</u> 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Malahat Marauders Meeting at 7:30pm @ Grace Lutheran Church 1273 Fort Street</u> 	28	29	SUBJECT TO CHANGE:		

RP : Rifle/Pistol Range MP : Multi-Purpose Range SG : Shotgun Range CH : Main Clubhouse RH : Range House

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Meeting & Club Information

**Executive meetings 1st Monday of the Month @ 7:30pm,
Esquimalt Anglers Lounge 800 Munro**

General Meeting**Strawberry Vale Hall 7:30pm.**

General meetings are on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. in the Strawberry Vale Hall at 11 High Street, off of Burnside Road West, Victoria BC. Club House and Ranges are located at 700 Holker Place off Malahat Drive—about 20 minutes North of Victoria opposite Spectacle Lake turn-off.

Phone: (250) 478—2411

Range Scheduling Information

Web: www.vfgpa.org

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Memberships available from:

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250-475-4969

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474-2512 (Friday—Sunday)

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For Sale: Browning 12 Gauge Auto - 5 Ducks Unlimited Limited Edition 1991, Canvas back engraving includes black and white print, case, and variable choke system. \$900 **Please call Roger Albert Rivard @ (250)-474-8135**

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For Sale:
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For Sale: Stainless Steel New Model ARMY 1858 Remington cap & ball revolver 44cal. Used twice 8" octagon barrel, walnut grips, fired on two occasions \$449.00 sell for \$400.00
Contact Dennis @ (250)-382-2909

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Please call us at 250-748-0968 or email us at mktturner@telus.net

FOR SALE: Puma Model 92 lever action rifle, 20" barrel, blue finish. Cal:45 colt, magazine holds 10 rounds. Spring kit installed. As new - test rounds only. Asking: \$625.
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