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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Hello, fellow members.

In case you haven't noticed, you belong to a very busy organization, fuelled by some unbelievably competent and energetic people.

Al & Laurie Page, Gary & Sybil Kangas, Perry Chow, and a host of volunteers are zipping around our locale, setting up a phenomenal **Annual Game Dinner** experience for the lucky people who managed to snap up the 200 available tickets for the event at Olympic View Golf & Country Club.

The **Victoria Women's Shooting Club** is now off and running, under the capable leadership of Robin Stone and an equally remarkable executive. History was made Feb. 13 with the first meeting of an actual **VWSC Executive**. Main agenda item – **ACTION!** A newly created Executive Directorship on the VFGPA Executive will be shared by Lisa Nichols and Robin Stone.

A **Juniors' Club** is also on the horizon, thanks to the unwavering efforts of Jeremy Osborne. As a Junior (under 18 yrs) himself, Jeremy would benefit from some adult assistance. Please see the announcement regarding a tentative date for an introductory shoot Saturday, March 10.

Interested Juniors (and adults) can sample some airgun shooting at the Island Outfitters **Boat & Fishing Show** at Pearkes Arena, February 24-26. Our VFGPA booth will feature airgun shooting lanes, partially manned (& womanned) by some of the movers and shakers mentioned above. **GAMO INTERNATIONAL** will supply the new airguns, and donate them to our club after the show – another generous boost for the proposed Juniors' Club!

Volunteer Program News

It looks like our pilot program is developing nicely. A total of *at least* 30 people have qualified for “**BST Bucks**” worth \$5.00 each. (**BST** = **B**lood, **S**weat & **T**ears).

As reported last month, **Archery** is still a runaway, with 12 people showing up for a work/set-up party, but Al Page and his **Game Dinner gang** may depose them before the end of the month.

Once some of the more seasonal groups get going, Archery's title will be in even more danger. The South Island Action Shooters are a likely threat when they start their season on March 11.

If you have earned BST Bucks, you are a “Buck Bagger” and will be interested to know that your first option will be to use your BST Bucks at the Game Dinner. BST Bucks may be spent to cover up to half of the price of the “Silent Auction” ticket books. Other options will be available as soon as the executive members recover from all of the above excitement, and can make some decisions. The Bucks will be stored for you until you request them.

Happy Spring, everyone! Hopefully it'll be here before our next Newsletter!
Myrna Francis

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Help Wanted - Relief Caretaker(s)

VFGPA is *VERY* pleased to report that Roby Petrie has agreed to continue as Caretaker/Manager of our Malahat Range property for another two-year term. Despite the tremendous commitment of Roby - and Trudi, his major "support system", they do need some time off!

Caretaker coverage is needed for Wednesdays, and usually for *flexible* Stat. days – day off in lieu of the actual date of the "Stat". Coverage for some vacation days during the last two weeks in June, will also be required.

Payment is \$60.00 per day (\$30.00 per half day) to cover travel expenses. This would make you a "glorified" volunteer, not necessarily an ordinary "Buck Bagger" (See p.1)

Preference will be given to previous caretaker relief volunteers and those who have undergone Range Safety Officer training. RSO training will be offered in March. Date TBA

If you would like to help for a day – or for some, or all of them - please e-mail the executive: inquiry@vfgpa.org or phone Bob Macdonald: **250-479-3828** and ask to be put on the Caretaker Relief List to be called occasionally, as needed

VFGPA Juniors' Club

[TO] JUNIORS (UNDER 18 YEARS) WHO WOULD LIKE TO BELONG TO A NEW JUNIORS' CLUB, WITH THE IDEA OF TAKING PART IN JUNIOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Send your name, age, phone no., e-mail address, & whether your parent has a PAL to -- **Jeremy Osborne:** jtosborne14@yahoo.ca and send a cc to president@vfgpa.org (Jeremy's temporary assistant).

The first event is expected to be held March 10, and may be a "**MOM & ME/DAD & ME**" shoot. **Children will be responsible for their parents.** Later club activities will depend on the ages of the people who sign up. Presently being considered: target practice with air guns, and possibly .22s.

Space is limited for the first event, but a waiting list will be kept.

Plans are also subject to the number of adult volunteers we have (See next ad). A short meeting with parents may be included.

Volunteers needed

The new **VFGPA Juniors' Club** will be needing the help of adults who are willing to supervise one or two young people at their event on March 10, and on subsequent activities throughout the year.. In some cases, only a basic knowledge of firearm safety would be necessary. This would be offered at a short briefing before the activity. P.A.L.s would be needed for other events throughout the year.

If you would like to take part in encouraging young people to carry on the legacy which VFGPA represents, please contact **Jeremy Osborne:** jtosborne14@yahoo.ca and send a cc to: president@vfgpa.org, or phone contact no. is **250-479-0101**

Mentor/Mentors with P.A.L.s are desperately needed before this very important group can operate as a regular VFGPA club.

**THE VICTORIA FRONTIER SHOOTISTS**

The Victoria Frontier Shootists will be holding a 4 stage monthly cowboy action shooting match on Sunday March 11th at the rifle range. Shooters should plan on arriving by 7:45 a.m. to help with set-up. Mandatory safety meeting will start at 8:45, shooting at 9a.m. There will be a practice bay available for those who just wish to practice or for new shooter instruction. Please contact the *Match Director, San Juan Cliff aka Clifford Stephens* at capridelmar@telus.net or **(250) 818-6189** for further information. New shooters are asked to contact *Cowboy Director, Ashley Harrison aka Black Ashley* ash_man@shaw.ca or **(250) 744-4705** by Wednesday March 7th to arrange for instruction and/or guns and ammunition. Spectators are welcome. Eye and ear protection is mandatory.

Al Wilson

THE KTSA GUN SHOW IN KAMLOOPS SPECIAL RATE AT MAVERICK MOTOR INN

The KTSA Gun Show is returning to Kamloops April 21 and 22, 2012 and the Maverick Motor Inn would like to welcome you with a special rate.

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Regards,

Laine

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E-mail: maverickinn@shawbiz.ca

Web Site: www.maverickmotorinn.com

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM WYNNE IN THE KITCHEN SETUP

A VERY BIG THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE MAKING THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL A GREAT SUCCESS. THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE HOW HELPED OUT!

ALSO ANOTHER THANK YOU FOR A SENIOR MEMBER WHO MADE A DONATION TOWARDS THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS FOR THE KITCHEN. **FREE TEA / COFFEE COOKIES & GOODIES FOR THE YEAR!**



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

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ADDRESS (if different than above) _____

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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

WITNESSED OR 3RD PARTY ACCOUNTS OF SOMETHING HAPPENING ON THE RANGES THAT SHOULD NOT BE HAPPENING

The Chief RSO for the club is looking for examples of what you have witnessed or 3rd party accounts of something happening on the ranges that should not be happening. I want eye witness factual reports to include in the up-coming RSO Training Course. No Names will be used in the training examples. If it is 3rd party I would like to know who told you and contact Info for them if possible.

Thanks in advance.

david_michaud@shaw.ca (underscore between names)

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

- David Michaud; (250) 385-3658 or (250) 389-8897
- Dave Degrassi; (250) 474-3483
- Mark-J. Nussabaumer (250) 888-7801 or (403) 679-8122

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

Federal Firearms Verifier

- Mark-J. Nussbaumer 250-888-7801 or 403-679-8122



BC Grouse Part II

By Robin Pike

Continuing on from last month, the other two grouse species we are fortunate to have in British Columbia are the Spruce grouse and the Sharp-tailed grouse. Neither of these species are found on Vancouver Island. For all those planning on taking the CORE course, remember that all grouse in BC are "gallinaceous", or chicken-like.

Spruce grouse are a medium- to small-sized grouse. They are found in the BC interior, in conifer forests at medium to high elevations. There are two sub-species of Spruce grouse; the Hudsonian and the Franklin. Male Spruce grouse have black on their throat, and on the top of their chest. They have mottled grey feathers on their head and back. Their tails are mostly black with a few white tips on the sides of the tail. If the end of the tails are rusty, it indicates a Hudsonian Spruce grouse; the Franklin's lack this rusty colouring. Female Spruce grouse are very well camouflaged. They are mottled black/brown on top with a more brown dominate mottling on their bellies. This bird often relies on its ability to blend in and remain motionless to evade predation. That quality has earned it the nickname of 'fool hen'. Quite often this grouse will flush very late and land in a tree immediately above you. The flesh of the Spruce grouse is very red, and can be very strong tasting.

Sharp-tailed grouse are the least abundant grouse in BC (as opposed to the Ruffed grouse which is the most abundant). Sharp-tailed grouse inhabit natural grasslands (e.g., Central and Southern BC Interior) and parklands in the Peace river. It is stated that Sharp-tailed grouse do not survive in cultivated fields, but will live in the surrounding brush, grasslands and woodlands. Sharp-Tailed grouse themselves are incredibly beautiful birds. They are heavily barred/mottled in dark and light browns with a mostly white (streaked with a bit of brown) belly. They have very prominent white spots that dot the entire upper part of the bird and along the wings. When in display, the male Sharp-tailed grouse sticks its tail straight up in the air and its neck straight out, parallel to the ground, while displaying the yellow combs over its eyes and purple air sacs on the sides of their necks. This bird definitely gives the male Ruffed grouse a run for its money when it comes to courtship displays.

Good lucking hunting!

DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY MEAT, TRIM FOR MOUNTAIN DOG WITH HEALTH ISSUES?

I have a sweet 6 year old Bernese mountain dog with some health issues. She is raw fed and I try very hard to keep away from meat with antibiotics, steroids and anything else not there via nature. I don't know many elk on steroids or deer on antibiotic. So you probably understand. I am looking for meat primarily - maybe stuff in the freezer a while, or trim??? Also some organs - lungs, heart especially and liver. I am happy to buy, barter or labour for this meat. Maddi is also a working girl - visiting therapy dog and perhaps she can earn some of her own food. She would like that. Please call me at 250-885-7083 or email me at queenofchaos@shaw.ca

Thank you very much,
Maureen



FOR SALE: Magazine for Browning BBR (80's vintage rifle). stamped 300 Win Mag. \$25.00

4 Forearm spacers for Winchester Cooney Model 840. 12 gauge. \$25.00 for all four.

Parker Hale 1 piece bases and rings. Some very small paint chips on edges. Model RALS4. Was on an early model BSA. \$75.00

Robin @ 250-812-4316 or thepikes@shaw.ca



Reclaimed brass for sale - money goes back to the VF&GPA
Brass is mostly once fired and is clean and sorted

Calibers available :

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22-250
270
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300 Win Mag
300 Rem Mag
303
30-06
300 Sav
9MM
45 GAP
45 auto



I found these example pictures on the internet

UPDATE: There is a new supply and many new calibers

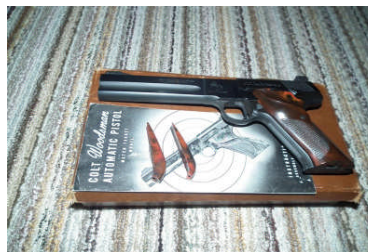
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GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER PUPPIES FOR SALE**

"Julie" and "Daisy" are from good local stock, will be CKC registered, all shots up to date, and their tails and dew claws have been done. They have had some basic training, are house trained, and are kennel trained. Julie is already showing promises for a Hunting Dog. Born July 1st. For more information or to arrange an appointment to view the puppies, please contact:

Lizzie Jatkowski at 250-474-2493

**FREE ACCESS TO STEVE NASH FITNESS WORLD FOR MONTH OF MARCH**

I have given your entire organization free access to our facility for the month of March. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this and we are more than willing to help them all with their fitness goals and programs.

"Steve Nash Fitness World invites all Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association members to take advantage of our facilities for FREE for the month of March. This is a full access pass that includes access to all of our classes/weight rooms/hot tubs/saunas/body fat testing and goal setting. Simply bring in a copy of this newsletter or proof of your participation in the Fish and Game Association to receive your pass. We are looking forward to helping you achieve your health and fitness goals."

Andrew Dollenkamp
General Manager
Steve Nash Fitness World Victoria
(250) 475-6002 , 3301 Douglas St.
www.stevenashfitnessclubs.com
Twitter: SNFW_Vic



Good afternoon AEA.

I'd like to introduce myself and maybe get some help from you to make the most of my request.

As a member of AEA, I am contacting you to find out if any of you know any hunters/fishers that ever need families to donate/share (as I know they can't sell) their meat to/with, when they can't or don't want to take it all home with them or have no other family with which to share it with. Or perhaps we could instigate trades?

We have a daughter each, one 15 year old (mine), one 6 year old. They are moving here from Seattle and it is a daunting task that will take place over the next 3 months or more in stages.

The most challenging thing for us is sourcing food that works for all of us on a budget. We are unable to digest grain fed animals or grain, 3 of the 4 of us cannot digest carbohydrates very well so we limit them.

While they had good sources of healthy local food in Seattle and relationships with hunters, ranchers and farmers there, we are now starting all over on an island where the prices in markets seem to be double what they are in the states. It isn't possible for the family to eat only half what they need so I'm hoping that your group will be able to point us in the right direction.

A lot depend on the connections we make and, I would welcome your assistance in introducing us to such generous types.

Thanks for your time and attention,

Sincerely,
Pam Desjardine
PDes56@gmail.com
250 744-5758

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The Bunny Leech

by Robin Pike



Leeches are a big food item for trout as they often can be obtained with minimal energy expenditures. Leeches are the scavengers of the aquatic world, spending most of their time near the bottom feeding on dead animal matter, snails, scuds, and other aquatic invertebrates. They have segmented bodies and commonly range in length from 1" to 6", although larger lengths are not uncommon. They can be found in a variety of colours that include solid and mottled shades of black, brown, olive and maroon. Leeches swim through the water with an undulating motion and effective fly patterns attempt to mimic this movement.

At certain times of the year, leeches make up a significant portion of a trout's diet. Author and biologist Brian Chan observed that trout gorging on hatching chironomids will sometimes use a leech or two to contain their plump, chironomid filled stomachs. As such, it can be very effective to fish a leech pattern immediately after observing a chironomid hatch. Trout tend to prefer small leeches approximately 1-2 inches in length. When fishing, sometimes anglers may encounter short strikes on a leech pattern. This may be the result of a trout charging the fly to make it 'ball up', as would a real leech, thereby making an easier mouthful.

The bunny leech (tying instructions below) is an great fly pattern that can mimic a variety of aquatic invertebrates depending upon how it is fished. I prefer to fish this pattern when exploring a new lake or if there is no surface activity. I also fish leech patterns 1-2 hours before dusk and well into the night, especially in the fall when much of the hatches have finished for the year. Most people will fish the pattern with a high density line along the bottom and drop-offs but don't overlook fishing shoals with a floating line. During the day I use a simple hand twist retrieve to make the fly undulate and mimic a leech's swimming pattern. If my retrieves are not working or are only sporadically producing fish, I vary the retrieve of the fly to imitate other aquatic invertebrates. For instance, I often try rapid, 4-6" strips to imitate a quickly swimming sedge pupae or dragonfly nymph. In the evenings, I slow my retrieve and frequently pause or wind drift/troll. Overall, remember to do some exploring near the lake shore before you start to fish. Often you'll root up a leech or two which makes matching colours easy. Also don't forget to vary the retrieve of this fly if fishing becomes non-productive!

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

HOOK: Tiemco Nymph (5263) or Mustad Streamer (9672), #6 to #8.

THREAD: To match body colour. Popular colours: black, brown and olive.

BODY: Rabbit fur (Zonker) strips. Popular colours: black, dark green, olive, maroon.

WEIGHT: Bead head, cones and lead weight can be added to enhance the undulating motion of the fly.



Tying Instructions for the Bunny Leech

Step 1: Attach tying thread and run the thread to the bend of the hook. Place zonker strip on the hook as shown and bind down the material. It is important that the fur is pointing towards the hook eye and that the zonker is tied in inverted (fur side closest to the floor).



Step 2: Wind the thread to the hook eye. Now wind the zonker strip clockwise while pulling the fur back to the bend of the hook. This ensures the hairs lay evenly and neatly pointing back. Secure the strip leaving approximately 1/8" for a head.

Step 3: Cut the strip, build a small head, whip finish and apply head cement.



Good luck fishing!
Robin



NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALE
ACTION PLAN FOR SPECIES AT RISK RECOVERY

The Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) has started a consultation process involving the public and stakeholders to address the northern and southern resident Killer Whale recovery plan. An open house and public meeting was held in Victoria February 02. The objectives were to disseminate information, seek input on the development of actions for the recovery of the populations and to gather feedback on prioritization of actions related to disturbance from human activities.

In 2001, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) designated Southern Resident Killer Whales as “endangered” and Northern Resident Killer Whales as “threatened”. Both populations were listed in Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA) in June of 2003. A recovery strategy document was filed with the SARA registry in March 2008 and subsequently amended in October 2011.

Four principal objectives were identified in the recovery strategy:

- 1) to ensure that resident killer whales have an adequate and accessible food supply to allow recovery. [Chinook salmon, and to a lesser extent, chum salmon are the preferred food of these whales. For Chinook, this has a potential impact on recreational anglers]
- 2) to ensure that chemical and biological pollutants do not prevent their recovery.
- 3) to ensure that disturbance from human activities does not prevent their recovery.
- 4) to protect critical habitat for these whales and identify additional areas for critical habitat designation and protection.

As the action plan progresses, further consultation will occur and all dates and locations will be posted on the Pacific Region SARA consultation calendar as follows:

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/consultation/sara-lep/cal-eng.htm>

The Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary
presents the
Spring 2012 Native Plant Sale

Saturday and Sunday
April 21 and 22, 2012
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sale: 5,000 native plants - 140 species

Master Gardeners on hand to answer those tough gardening questions

Free admission

And....Nature Sanctuary members receive 10% discount on plant purchases!

Complete plant list available at <http://www.swanlake.bc.ca/plant-list.php>

Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary
3873 Swan Lake Road
Victoria, BC
V8X 3W1
250-479-0211

Terry Morrison,
Executive Director,
Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary
<http://www.swanlake.bc.ca>

facebook -<http://www.facebook.com/SwanLakeChristmasHillNatureSanctuary>

**2012 RECREATIONAL HALIBUT FISHERY:**

The Canadian Pacific coast domestic halibut allocation as determined by the International Pacific Halibut Commission for 2012 has been reduced from 7.65 million pounds in 2011 to 7.038 million pounds this year. Considering that recreational anglers are still held at a 12% quota, our catch will theoretically be reduced by 73,000 pounds this year over last.

It has recently been confirmed that our fishery will open March 01 as it did last year. Last year our catch exceeded the quota and was closed after the Labour Day long weekend. I suspect our halibut fishery will remain open again this year until after this long weekend, despite the decreased quota.

Wayne Zaccarelli

BIG GAME:

I have measured two sets of Blacktail deer antlers taken by members this past hunting season; Stu Rhodes (R4L4) 98-6/8 pts and Larry Teague (R5L4) 95-6/8 pts.

I have also measured one Black bear entry by Shane Hofer scoring 14-13/16 pts.

Hunters wishing to have Blacktail antlers from previous years scored for the Vancouver Island Columbian Blacktail Deer Records (minimum 100 pts.) should contact Wayne Zaccarelli at 382-8502. Copies of the eighth edition (2010) records book listing over 1800 entries are available for \$5.

**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

Victoria Alarm Service Ltd.

"When Security Really Matters"

250-721-0266



BENEFITS TO DOWNSTREAM FISH AND FISH HABITAT OF 2011 WATER RELEASES FROM THETIS LAKE


The B.C. Conservation Foundation has just completed an evaluation report on the Craigflower Creek Flow Enhancement Project conducted this past year in cooperation with CRD Parks.

During the summer and fall of 2011 a trial release of licensed storage from Thetis Lake occurred to enhance downstream aquatic habitat in McKenzie and Craigflower Creeks. This was the first season-long trial release following feasibility studies that commenced in 2008. Provided drawdown related impacts to Thetis Lake Park and its users are acceptable or can be mitigated, the CRD will amend their water license to make releases for fish a requirement of license.


Continuous surface flow over the length of a given stream channel enables fish migration and predator avoidance, promotes aquatic invertebrate production and increases dissolved oxygen in the water. In 2011, stream connectivity was maintained throughout the various stream reaches augmented by releases from Thetis Lake. The quality and quantity of fish habitat available during the flow augmentation period improved dramatically.

The continuation of this water release is crucial to the survival of enhanced Coho salmon populations being enhanced by members of the Esquimalt Anglers' Association. Close to 40,000 Coho eggs from Craigflower brood stock are being held at Goldstream Hatchery for release back into the creek later this year.

By Wayne Zaccarelli




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**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.

Black Powder Equipment FOR SALE:**This mould comes without handle:**

Lyman 598	.355	36 cal	\$35
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The following moulds have handles also:

Lee 90418	.360	36 cal	\$70
Lyman 508656BV Conical	430	50 cal	\$70
Lee 90450	182 gr Minie	.495	\$70
Lee 90472	380 gr	.495	\$70
Lee 90393	280 gr	.495	\$70
Lee 90395	320 gr	.495	\$70

Lee Production Pot IV	\$75
Ingot Mould	\$30

Clothing:

Capote blue	\$250
Shirts (3)	\$30 @ = \$90
Powder fffg (2)	\$20@ = \$40
Powder horn	\$25

PISTOLS: cap and ball

Taylor & Co.	1851 Navy (Uberty) blued	36 cal	\$300
Pietta	1851 Navy London Steel	44 cal	\$350
Ruger	Old Army	44 cal	\$500

Assorted cappers, caps, nipples, brushes, lead balls, etc.

ALL FOR \$1200 cash **Chris Jones 592-4311**

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



FEBRUARY 2012

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



MARCH 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
SUBJECT TO CHANGE:				1	2 • <u>RP Closed 9-1pm</u>	3 • <u>Annual Game Dinner & Fund-raiser!!!!</u>
4	5 • <u>Board Mtg.</u>	6 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>Closed; 9am to 4pm</u>	7	8 • <u>RP Range</u> <u>Closed; 9am to 4pm</u>	9	10 • <u>SIAS Setup on M/P range starting at noon</u> • <u>C.O.R.E. Course; CH 8am-6pm</u> • <u>RH closed 9-3pm</u>
11 • <u>C.O.R.E. Course; CH 8am-6pm</u> • <u>Daylight Savings Starts!!</u> • <u>SIAS Club Match M/P range closed til 4pm</u> • <u>Frontier Shooters; RP & RH Closed til 1:00pm</u>	12 • <u>RP Closed 9-1pm</u>	13	14	15	16 • <u>RP Closed 9-1pm</u>	17 • <u>St. Patrick's Day</u>
18 • <u>Silhouette; RP Range Closed; 9am to 3pm</u>	19 • <u>Annual General Meeting & Elections!!</u>	20 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>Closed; 9am to 4pm</u>	21	22	23	24 • <u>MP; Limited access after noon; setup for ISL #1</u> • <u>BlackPowder; RP closed 9-2pm</u> • <u>MP Bay 7 closed 9-5pm</u>
25 • <u>ISL Qualifier #1; MP closed till 4pm</u> • <u>ISA Skeet Shoot; SG all day</u>	26 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>Closed; 9am to 4pm</u> • <u>BlackPowder Meeting at 7:30pm</u>	27	28 • <u>RP Closed 9-4pm</u>	29	30 • <u>RP Closed 9-4pm</u>	31

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

**Club Contacts:****2012 Executive**

President: Myrna Francis	479-0101
1st Vice President: Greg Birtwistle	592-1950
2nd Vice President: Tristan Baty	886-5341
Secretary: Perry Roemer	478-8574
Treasurer: Dom Piluso	386-0620
Membership: Val Macdonald	479-3828

Executive Committee

ACS/Fishing - Wayne Zaccarelli	382-8502
Big Game - Wayne Zaccarelli	382-8502
Air soft - Sean Steacy	652-2892
Archery - Bruce Reed	479-9652
BCWF—Bob Macdonald	479-3828
Black Powder - Perry Chow	478-2279
Conservation—Bob Macdonald	479-3828
Frontier Shootist - Al Wilson	920-8707
- Ashley Harrison	744-4705
Women's Shooting Club - Lisa Nichols	888-1648

Pistol:

South Island Action Shooters - Mike Egan	656-4508
Dave Gerow	710-2447
PPC - Dom Piluso	386-0620
Range Safety Officer—David Michaud	514-9948
Silhouette - Art Archer	721-0131

Shotgun Sports:

Skeet -	
Trap—Art Moore	479-2814

Building & Improvements

Shawn Tyler	888-0463
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Members at Large:

Doug Bell	727-9735
Travis Stewart	656-4656

Newsletter: Jodi Sturgill	383-4622
Hall kitchen: Wynne Jones	386-3783

VFGPA Caretakers - Roby & Trudi Petrie 858-8342

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

E-mail: inquiry@vfgpa.org

Mail: PO Box 93, Victoria BC
V8W 2M1

Memberships available from:

Island Outfitters 3319 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C.
250-475-4969

Pullen's Gunsmithing 1698 Millstream Rd. Victoria, BC
474-2512 (Friday—Sunday)

Eagle Eye Outfitters in Sooke

Robinsons on Broad Street Downtown

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

Val Macdonald - membership@vfgpa.org

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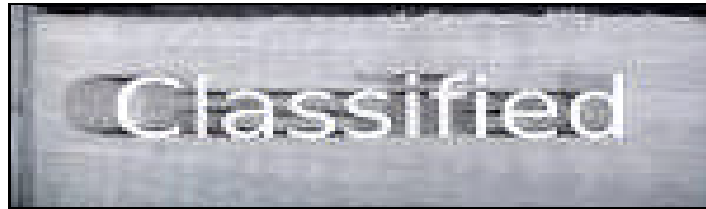
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This column for sale items is provided to our members free of charge. VFGPA is not responsible for any items listed. PLEASE LET EDITOR JODI KNOW WHEN YOU SEE YOUR ITEMS OR WHEN YOU HAVE FOUND YOUR WANTED ITEMS.

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**

For Sale: Ruger Mini 14 in stainless .223 new in box...**\$900.00 phone 1-250- 929-5516.**

For sale A.S.M. Black powder 36 cal revolver, made in Italy, nice condition.
\$300.00 or best offer. If interested, please **contact Jim @ (250)360-7959 between 5pm-9pm weekdays, anytime on weekends.**

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

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. **You may contact me for more info/photos at: jwja@telus.net.**



WANTED: Looking for a second Uberti "Outlaw" in 357/38 special for our SASS Young Gun. (or something similar) In good condition please. **Call us at 250-748-0968 or email us at mkturmer@telus.net** if you have one looking for a good home.

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.

Call: Terry @ 250-629-6849

FOR SALE: AS NEW.40 S&W Glock G35 * 5.3" barreled long slide target model * adjustable sights, factory light trigger * extended slide stop & mag release *grip plug & extended barrel release G35 & [2] mags: \$650

OPTIONS: HARTTS Stainless Steel hollow recoil reducing spring guide filled with ball bearings & mercury, with SS recoil spring - \$ 100 5.3" IGC 9 mm barrel & [2] 9mm mags - \$ 300

LARRY Z @ 250-686-7171

For Sale: Norinco NP-28, a 1911A1 style handgun in 9mm luger. Comes with 2mags and case. Asking \$360.
email Jeff at: jsinouye@shaw.ca



ISLAND OUTFITTERS GUN SHOP

Special ammo offer to the Fish & Game membership! Show your 2012 Victoria Fish & Game membership card and purchase a case (25 boxes / 500 rounds) of *MFS NON-CORROSIVE AND NON STEEL CORE 7.62x39mm SKS* ammo for \$174.99! *Lellier & Bellot 7.62x39mm SKS* ammo is in the 800 round box for \$199.99! **12GA AMMO DEAL IS BACK!** *Winchester* flats of 10 boxes 250 rounds 7 1/2 #shot only 2 3/4 dram \$5.80/box all in = \$650 Must be purchased in lots of 10. Also we have another offer on 12 ga shells, *Federal Target Load*, 2 3/4" 7 1/2 shot at \$ 7.99 per box, and \$79.99 per case (10 boxes for 250 rounds total) and if they show there Victoria Fish and Game card they get a discount to \$74.99

Don't forget that we have a **RAFFLE** for a Stevens model 350 12ga pump action. Tickets are \$5.00 each(cash only), with no limit as to how many you can buy. We only have 40 tickets left! The profit is to be donated to the Victoria Fish and Game club.

This months featured restricted gun of the month, Czech Small Arms company **SA VZ58 C**, sporter. We have a few left in 7.62x39 or 223 cal and they have a 7" barrel as well as a folding stock. Don't miss out on this unique rifle.

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