



Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. Your board of directors has been very busy in the last while, as the New Year turns our thoughts to planning for 2014

IMPORTANT MEETING:

I urge everyone to attend the next members meeting to be held at Strawberry Vale Community Hall on January 20, 2014 at 7:30pm. Two important issues will be voted on. (Only members with current memberships will be permitted to vote, and memberships are available for sale at the meeting.)

You may have noticed the property to the North of the range (751 Trans Canada highway) is listed for sale. Due to the high interest in purchasing the property displayed at the December members meeting, two of the executive directors have prepared an offer and are negotiating a purchase price with a "Subject to Funding Approval" clause; this is where you come in. There will be a vote to determine if the members will support the club carrying this mortgage.

Membership rates have not increased since 2011 and as with everything, our costs increase. Therefore we will be voting on raising the membership rates by \$20 for adults and families, and \$5 for juniors and seniors. This increase would be effective 2015. The general cost of living increase, desired range improvements, and the increase in BC Wildlife Federation membership fees are some examples of planned expenses.

Your 2014 membership has now expired. This means if you have an ATT, it is not valid without a current membership. All members are required to display their membership or day pass while on the property. Those who have not purchased a day pass or membership will be asked to leave the range and will not be given the opportunity to purchase a day pass or membership that day. Trespassing against a not-for profit organization is a huge disappointment to the many volunteers who not only keep their membership current but also donate much of their time and energy to the club.

Game Dinner Tickets for March 8, 2014 are now available at Island Outfitters, see our website for more information and how you can contribute or donate to this fundraiser.

The archery folks have been busy keeping their range tidy, so a friendly reminder that Airsoft is not allowed on the Archery Range.

Trap shooting will be introducing a token system, see more details in this newsletter.

I have heard so many people tell me how much they appreciate the range, enjoy the friendly welcome they receive, and express a willingness to take a more active role in the club, so I hope to see many more new faces at the members meeting on January 20th!

Sincerely,
Lisa Nichols, acting President



Hello Members

David here, I thought I would ask for your help on a few things on the Range.

(1) Please sign in so we can read what you write. At the end of each day we (Relief CT/Volunteer CT,Mgr.) total how many people visited the range and where they went, just note **R/P** for rifle pistol, **S/G** for shotgun, **M/P** for multi-purpose, **Arch.** for Archery, **C/h** for Clubhouse (Orientation, meetings, rentals, etc) **Air** for airsoft range.

Our numbers will be only as accurate as you write. Yours directors use these numbers for planning for the future, allocating where money and resources should be spent. In Dec. we had 1127 visits to the range (assuming everyone signed in) summer time we are getting 2000-2500 per month.

(2) Please help keep the range clean where you are shooting. Its amazing how much garbage (cardboard, paper, recycling) is generated. It's common to have a full "gator" each day loaded to the roof of stuff left on the range. Help educate new members, visitors, rentors that part of membership/use includes picking up card board, paper, shot up wood, empty brass, empty shotgun hulls.

If the garbage bag is full pull it out and tie it, I am trying to leave a spare bag at the bottom of each can. Leave the full bag beside the entrance or beside the cans and we will pick it up when we do our rounds.

WE ARE CHECKING MEMBERSHIPS CARDS AND DAY PASSES. (DON'T TAKE IT PERSONNAL, IF WE CAN'T SEE THE CARDS DISPLAYED WE ARE ASKING TO SEE IT.) The range pays its bills on a "user pay" system ie: use the range pay something.

David Michaud,
Manager/CT.

WOMEN'S PIONEER SKILLS

July 11th - 13th, 2014

Port Alberni, B.C.

West Coast Rangers Black Powder Club Range

What is Women's Pioneer Skills?

Women's Pioneer Skills is a weekend for women only to share skills, crafts, conversation, and take an opportunity to step back in time to the "pioneer" era. This was the time between 1780-1849 in North America. You will learn to make and do those things our ancestors used to survive in the time of trappers, traders and settlers.

This will be a weekend event which will offer workshops that will teach women how to be proficient in skills they would have used during the pioneer era. We have planned this to be a fun and educational weekend. Those who participate will have many choices in workshops that will be as authentic as possible in re-creating the Pioneer Era.

Please visit the West Coast Rangers web site to access this info <http://members.shaw.ca/wcrbp/>



OBITUARIES

ROBERTS, BRIAN CHEER

Born on the shores of the Celtic Sea,
Died on the shores of the Salish Sea.



In the early morning of December 14, 2013, Brian quietly slipped his moorings and sailed off on his next great adventure. He was born in Llandudno, Conway, Wales on August 20th, 1928, to Francon & Isabel Roberts. Brian came to Canada as he would like to say, “without a penny in my pocket, no shoes on my feet and unable to speak a word of English”, at the age of six months. Brian spent his youth in Kelowna and then the family moved to Victoria, Vancouver and back to Victoria.

Brian graduated from Oak Bay High School and then Victoria College before going on to earn his law degree from UBC in 1953. He practiced law in Victoria until December 31st, 1999, at which point he liked to say “I got it right so they let me quit.” Brian had a passion for both the sea and hunting and very proudly served on the executive of the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association, the BC Wildlife Federation and the Navy league of Canada.

He was instrumental in procuring the land on which the Fish and Game Club still sits. Brian did a lot of good for the people of British Columbia; an environmental activist instrumental in changing public access laws to Crown Lands to enable ordinary citizens to enjoy the Province’s natural beauty.

Brian was a very proud husband, father, grandfather and was looking forward to the birth of his first great grandchild. Predeceased by both his parents and his brother Dennis, Brian leaves to honour his passing his loving wife of 54 years, Jill Roberts; their children: Jonathan (Erin), Timothy (Heather), Andrew (Angela), Jennifer Tennier (John), Peter (Gail) and 11 grandchildren. Brian will also be missed by many good friends.

The family would like to especially thank the wonderful staff at both Carlton House and the Oak Bay Lodge for their compassion and care these past couple of years.

A celebration of Brian’s life will be held early in the New Year.

Home is the sailor home from the sea,
and the hunter home from the hill

See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timescolonist/obituary.aspx?n=brian-cheer-roberts&pid=168714280#sthash.K7VtpeIG.dpuf>

Hi New Members and Older Members returning,

A reminder that all new members and people that have not been members in the last year and have returned are required to attend an Orientation Session about the range.

Usually the first Wednesday night of each month at 7pm.(1900hrs) at the Clubhouse (log) and usually a Saturday or Sunday once a month at 10am.(1000Hrs) in the Clubhouse as well.

Check the Newsletter and Web Page Calendar for dates, don’t forget our Help/Info line is a good place to confirm changes and range rentals 250-478-2411

Bring your questions, comments, concerns and have them answered, we review the revised versions of our Rules and Policy and you also get to meet other new members and current members. The Presenters are Club Members and Volunteers.

David M.
Orientation Coordinator

**OBITUARIES****WILSON, BRUCE (Wagon Master)****June 10, 1952 - December 23, 2013**

Passed away suddenly, predeceased by his mother, mom and brother. Lovingly remembered by his life partner Jodie, three boys he raised as his own, Jeremy (Kristena, Summer and Gerard), Jason (Vanessa, Linkin and Kody), Wesley (Dude). Father, Joe Wilson, sister Gaylene Edwards (Glenn), brother Ken Wilson (Leslie, Jessica and Sam). Numerous extended family and friends.



Moved from Victoria to Caycuse, he joined the fire department, was chief for several years and was still an active member. He drove school bus for many years, retiring in 2007. He was a western shootest, hunter, loved the outdoors and a jack of all trades.

He will be sadly missed and never forgotten.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date. No flowers please. Donations can be made to Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

A few of my words:

Bruce was a larger than life guy. He had the personality that was infectious, you couldn't help but like him. He drove school bus for years but he was much more than just a bus driver, he was a mentor, coach and sympathetic ear when needed. He influenced so many young people over the years.

He loved hunting and his time in the bush. He was the hub of moose camp, everybody knew and liked Bruce in area 7-29.

He was the kinda guy that if you needed things done, you went to Bruce. If you were looking for advice on a project, it would quickly turn into you being Bruce's helper on your project.

As you know Bruce was a member of our Frontier Shooters. He loved this. He was so at home in the period cloths and shooting. As many of his friends would say, he was absolutely born a century to late, but I'm glad he was born when he was, because I get to call him my friend.

Dale aka: Doc Dalers

**2014 Game Dinner Banquet**

This year's Game Dinner Banquet will be held at the Four Points Sheraton on March 8, 2014. With an increased capacity to 300 people, the 2014 VFGPA Game Dinner is the biggest event of the year! Tickets are going quick so pick yours up today at Island Outfitters for \$50 (while supplies last).

If you are able to provide some game meat, generous donations will be rewarded with free tickets. We are still looking for volunteers, including a photographer.

To donate meat, reserve tickets or volunteer, please contact Chris Ricard at cricard788@me.com



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

The prizes for the Conservation Lottery are as follows:

- 1st: 2014 Honda Rubicon 500 ATV (Value \$10,000.00 +)
- 2nd: \$3000.00 cash
- 3rd: Roundtrip airfare for 2 to anywhere Westjet flies
- 4th: Scorpion Optics Package (Value \$1500.00)
- 5th: Ladies white gold diamond ring (Value \$1100.00)
- 6th: Husky Energy gas card (Value \$1000.00)
- 7th: Italian Sporting Goods gift card (Value \$500.00)
- 8th: Toshiba 29 in. LED TV. (Value \$300.00)
- 9th: BCWF framed Artist of the Year print (Value \$200.00)

The following is a list of people who have taken books of tickets to sell:

Wayne Zaccarelli	Sonya Bell
Art Archer	Dave Becker
Myrna Frances	Angela Long
Marlin Lohr	

Come to general meeting or contact one of the above for a ticket. The price of a ticket is \$10.00. If you think you could sell 10 tickets please call me (Bob Macdonald 250-479-3828). Your help would be appreciated. If we sell more than 10 books (100 tickets) the BCWF will give the club an assortment of gift items valued at \$100.

The Early Bird Draw will be held on Feb. 14/14. The prize is a \$750. gift certificate donated by Wholesale Sports. All tickets sold before Feb. 12/14 will be entered in this draw. Lottery ticket sales end May 14/14. The chance of winning the grand prize depends on the number of tickets sold with the total number of tickets printed being 10,000.

Kid's Camp

The annual BCWF Zone 1 Kid's Camp will be held on July 21 to 24/14 at the Courtenay Rod and Gun Club. Last year the VFGPA sent 3 children and I would hope to do the same next year. I already have the names of 2 children who are interested but will enter as many names as I receive in the order I receive them. This camp is a 4 day live-in experience for children 10 to 14 years old. Each day is filled with outdoor living experiences and demonstrations. There is no charge to attend. The total number attending is limited to 35.

Local News**Whisky Gulf**

The recent closure of the torpedo test range (area WG or Whisky Gulf on charts) off Nanoose to all forms of fishing has been amended to disallow only those activities which put gear on the seafloor – in particular prawn traps. As the purpose of this range is to test fire and track torpedoes, the seafloor supports numerous sensors and cables which could be damaged through entanglement. Angling at lesser depths will be allowed. Keep your gear well off the bottom and no traps!

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Club Events

Boxing Day Trap Shoot

The Boxing Day Trap Shoot was very well attended and, for the most part, everyone had a good day. The following is a list of the people who had previously volunteered or just showed up to help.

Jan Stange	Perry Chow
Cathy Fryer	Val Macdonald
Andre Desautels	Dom Piluso
Paul Hagel	Tony Hackett
Ron Oslund	Dave Blake

The successes of the day are entirely due to the voluntary efforts of these people and a very grateful thank you is extended.

Not known to those who were looking after each of the traps, some people did not get to shoot within a reasonable time and had to leave. To these people, we offer a sincere apology and will make every effort to be sure that a more equitable system will be in place for next year's event.

The consensus opinion is that the family day approach is much more appropriate to a Boxing Day trap shoot, for the present VFGPA, than a highly competitive event such as a meat shoot. It was very heartening to watch parents teaching youngsters how to shoot or those with experience teaching friends, partners or spouses. To this end, the club should consider trading in the presently owned shotguns for guns more appropriate to teaching trap to youngsters and women.

Cheers and a Happy New Year
Bob Macdonald

TRAP MEMBERS

Hello Trap Club Members, There is a new director in town and the first dates have arrived. Don't forget to bundle up and come out for the following January dates: January 12th & 26th 11-4pm



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
- Sue Bender (250) 721-0131 or email at safeshooting69@gmail.com

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

- Robin Pike (250)812-4316 (5-9 pm) thepikes@shaw.ca or
- Murray Kilshaw (250)382-1029 (9-5pm) coreexaminer@shaw.ca

**Attention Cowboy Action Shooters!**

The first Cowboy Action Shooting match of 2014 is coming up on Sunday, February 9, 2014. The event will be held at the rifle range of the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association range on Holker Road, just off the Malahat highway near the Spectacle Lake turnoff.

We are hoping the weather will be good and we will see as many of you as possible. The match is five stages and should be lots of fun. Lunch is provided for pre-registered adult shooters and extra ones can be purchased in advance by juniors and guests. Information for the shoot is as follows:

8:30 am - Safety Meeting

9:00 am - Shooting starts.

Ammunition Requirements (minimum)

50 rounds pistol

50 rounds rifle

30 rounds shotgun.

Setup is 4:00 pm the Saturday before the match, and anyone who can help out with it is more than welcome!

Match director for this shoot is Ashley Harrison aka Black Ashley

email: ash_man@shaw.ca or telephone: 250-744-4705

Registration is being handled by Terry Parkinson, aka Colorado Charlie

email: tdparkinson@shaw.c or telephone: 250-652-5603

Trap Plans for 2014

Hello Members,

The issue of having our Trap Machines opened more often was discussed at last night 3 hr. Directors Meeting.

The plan for the future has two directions that we are going to try:

1. The plan is to open the token boxes and Trap Houses more often; we will be training people who will be able to sign a basic set of keys 1 Token Box key and 1 Trap Bunker Door key. There will be a list of authorized users and you **will not** be allowed to load or adjust the Trap machine but this will allow them to be open during non-trap Scheduled events. Tokens will be purchased from the Caretakers just like you would a Day pass.
2. We are looking for volunteers to help out with Scheduled Trap Practices and Matches on a regular and consistent basis. You don't have to be an 80 year Life Member to volunteer; we will show and help you figure what you need to do.

We have dedicated Club Members that will look after the technical aspects of our machines: maintenance and operational needs.

We hope to get this up and running ASAP and of course if we have volunteers come forward to help.

David Michaud
Range Manager/CT



Malahat Ridge Shoot

Sunday Feb 9, 2014

REGISTRATION FORM



NAME _____ ALIAS _____ Male_ Female_
 SASS# _____ VFGPA# _____ E-MAIL _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE _____
 REQUEST POSSE WITH _____

Circle one category:

Buckaroo/ Buckarett 13 & under	Young Gun 14-16	Cowboy/ Cowgirl 18+	Wrangler 36+	49+ (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

Visitors, spectators, and new shooters are welcome. Youngsters must be accompanied by adult, and have a shooting mentor, then they may shoot for free. If they want Lunch then the lunch fee of \$5 is due. Coffee and water provided for shooters. Lunch included for preregistered adults.

Buckaroo & Young Gun	Shoot free but must be accompanied at all times by an adult, lunch fee \$5	
Adult	\$30 per shooter (includes lunch)	
Extra Lunches	\$5 per extra Lunch	
Please make your cheque payable to: V F G P A		
Total Registration Fee		\$

For more information contact:

Match Director Ashley Harrison aka Black Ashley ash_man@shaw.ca 250-744-4705
 Pre-registration requested. Please mail registration and cheque payable to VFGPA to:
 Terry Parkinson aka Colorado Charlie, 7016 Con-ada Road, Brentwood Bay, BC, V8M 1E7
 (250) 652-5603 tdparkinson@shaw.ca

GUN SHOWS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND FOR 2014

February 16th, in Nanaimo Contact: Doug Miller (250)-758-1303

March 2nd, in Duncan Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250)-746-7812

March 30th, in SVI Rangers Contact: Jim Whyte (250) 478-5787

May 11th in Courtenay Contact: Al Lapp (250) 338-5982

May 25th in Nanaimo Contact: Doug Miller (250)-758-1303

June 1st in Parksville Contact: Graham Alexander (250) 752-1855

August 17th in Duncan Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250)-746-7812

October 19th in Courtenay Contact: Al Lapp (250) 338-5982

October 25 & 26th in Victoria Contact: John Pullen (250) 474-2512

November 23rd in Duncan Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250)-746-7812



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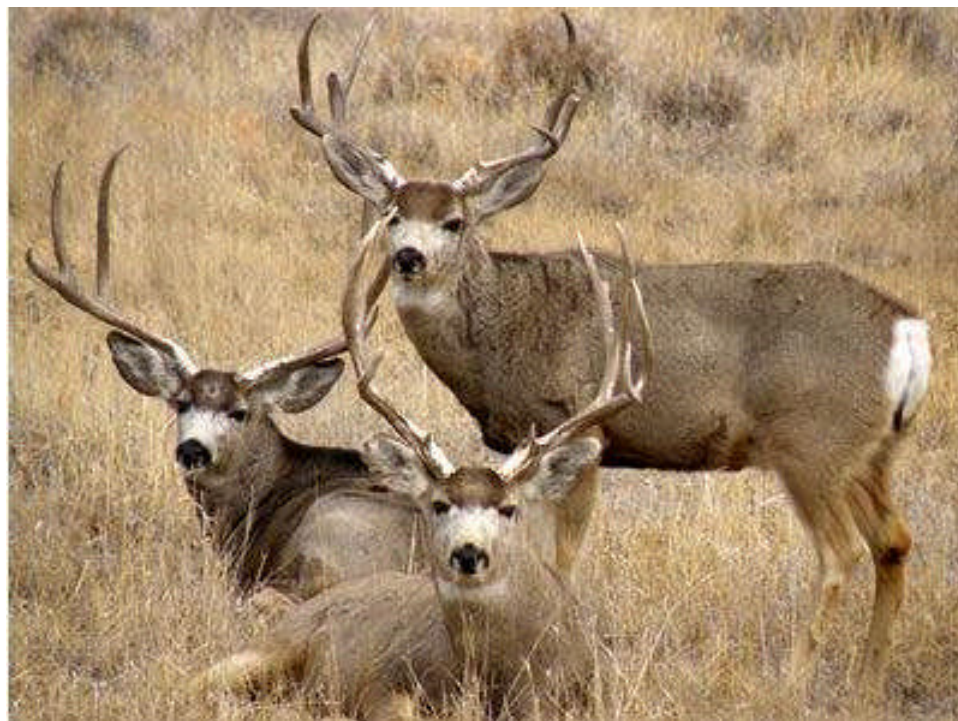
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**SKEET AND 5 – STAND NOTICE**

Skeet practices will be held on Tuesdays with shooting starting at 10am.
Skeet is \$5.00 per round of 25 targets.
5-stand will be held when possible on weekends.
5/stand is \$6.00 per round of 25 targets.

Check the Club web-site calendar for future times and watch for the 5-stand email letter for updates. Go here to sign up: <http://eepurl.com/jllEr>.



For safety reasons, no other activities are permitted on the shotgun range during skeet practice.

For inquiries, call Tony at 250 818-1256 / 250 658-2355 or email aghackett@shaw.ca

Thank you,
Tony Hackett

2014 Island Skeet Association SHOOT DATES

Feb 23	SVI RANGERS
March 2	COWICHAN
March 16	VICTORIA F&G
April 6	NANAIMO
April 27	COURTENAY
May 11	PORT ALBERNI
May 18	QUALICUM
June 14 & 15	CHAMPIONSHIPS, SVI RANGERS

ALL SHOOTERS MUST USE EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION
ONLY I.S.A. MEMBERS TO SHOOT IN I.S.A. EVENTS AND FULL FEE MUST BE PAID.

2014 NSSA SHOOT DATES (skeet)

(INFORMATION AS BEST KNOWN AT THIS TIME)
CONFIRM WITH THE CLUB BEFORE ATTENDING

Mar 23	SVI Rangers 100 Doubles, and 100 28g
May 3-4	Gun Cowichan (To be confirmed)
May 25	4 X 50 Courtenay F&G
May 24-26	Windmill Open Lynden, Wash
May 31-June 1	4 Gun Vernon Okanagan Open
June 22	4 X 50 Courtenay F&G
June 28-29	Lynden Wash NSSA Scramble
July 11-13	Western Cdn Skeet Championships 500 birds SVI Rangers
Aug 8-10	BC Championships and Zone 8 Shoot Courtenay 500 Birds
Aug 16-17	Can-Am Challenge, Lynden Wash
Sept 7	4 X 50 SVI Rangers
Oct 19&20	410 Cowichan Hunters Open.

Other shoots e.g. Langley TBA

Contact Tom Walker 250 287-8685 for information.

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**2014 ISLAND SPORTING LEAGUE (Sporting Clays)**

(INFORMATION)

GENERAL SPORTING SHOOT DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHECK WITH THE CLUB BEFORE TRAVELING TO SHOOT.

1ST Sat of the month Courtenay F&G

2nd Sat of the month Gold River

3rd Sat of the month Five Stand Courtenay

4th Sat of the month Parksville/Qualicum

AS ANNOUNCED PORT ALBERNI

Others as announced by the various clubs

TBA CHAMPIONSHIPS**Calendar of the Orientation Sessions 2014****JANUARY 2014**Jan 8th Wed. 7pm.Jan 25th Sat. 10am.Jan 26th Sun. 10am**FEBRUARY 2014**Feb 5th Wed. 7pmFeb 22nd Sat. 10amFeb 23rd Sun 10am**MARCH 2014**March 5th Wed. 7pmMarch 15th Sat 10amMarch 30th Sun 10am**APRIL 2014**April 2nd Wed. 7pmApril 26th Sat 10am**All in the Clubhouse**

*****WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU CHECK FOR A POSSIBLE CANCELLATION IMMEDIATELY BEFORE DRIVING UP TO THE RANGE TO ATTEND, PH. 250-478-2411*****

Notice:

RSO course will be coming this Year.

Range Use Reminder to Shooters

*****A General Reminder that "The facility's gates are OPEN at 8:00 AM; Shooting can only take place from 9:00 AM – Dusk / 8:00 PM (whichever is earlier)" *****

david_michaud@shaw.ca or 250-385-3658**ATTENTION HUNTERS:**

There will be a meeting for all hunters (and those who want to be) in the Club House on Saturday February 1, 2014 from 10 am to noon. The agenda will include"

- 1) Mentorship for new hunters;
- 2) Access Issues and identifying areas to approach Timber West regarding access;
- 3) Conservation issues;
- 4) Predator control;
- 5) Club programs for hunters;
- 6) Other(?).





Story by Garry Williams

I was the first editor of the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association, way back in 1963. We cranked out the newsletter on an old RONEO duplicating machine in my living room with the assistance of the members of the rifle range committee. We hand addressed all the envelopes and took the large box full of newsletters down to the back door of the city post office.

It was quite a chore as we had 1400 members and the templates for the RONEO had to be typed out by the pick and peck two finger method on a SELECTRIC typewriter. The RONEO was very hard on the templates and after reaching 1000 pages they would often physically break down. Therefore, you were lucky if you got the "early edition" and could read all three or four pages.

I was voted "Member of the Year" for my efforts and became President of the Association in '64. I was among the few who volunteered to clear the present rifle range and built the covered firing line and range house. I was assisted by a lot of people who have passed on to the hunting grounds in heaven. Walt Zozula, Tommy and Howard Zaccarelli with Howards young son Wayne, who I see is still very active in the club.

One of our accomplishments was the forming of the V I S L (Vancouver Island Shooting league) and we held rifle and trap shooting matches from April thru September. The rifle matches were centerfire three position events and each member club of the league would host one match per year. The shoots were very successful and had as many as 105 individual entries.

Many of the winning team Plaques may be seen on the beams up in our clubhouse. I no longer Hunt or target shoot and my rifles and Shotgun now reside in my locker down in the basement, only seeing the light of day for cleaning.....

I went to the club about 4 years ago when visiting old friends and relatives on the island. I was accompanied by Walt Thompson, my old hunting partner, and was impressed with the layout of the Pistol range, we ran into Wayne Zaccarelli who as a young teenager shot in some of the rifle matches with his dad, Howard. I noticed that the "Board" containing the names of passed presidents was stuck behind a freezer near the kitchen area.

I am now 83 years old but still fairly active. My wife, Dorothy and I are doing a GOWAY tour to downunder this year, would just love to see an Australian Rules Rugger game. I used to play rugby as a student at Oak Bay High and later for 1st Division rugger with the Vancouver MERALOMAS. This was before I joined the Army and went to Korea in '52, however all that is besides the point and is not old club news.

Yours Fraternally: Garry Williams

Bernard Stewart in
Austria



**IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING**

Victor Skaarup is the Volunteer Coordinator. Anyone who is able and willing to help out can contact him at (250) 380-4858 or by email at vicandmaggie@shaw.ca

**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, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2014. Note: Late submissions will be published in the month following. Send all pictures with the event name, date and the names of people in the photo.

Please send all submissions to : vfgpanewsletter@telus.net
 Thank You, Jodi Sturgill (250) 383-4622

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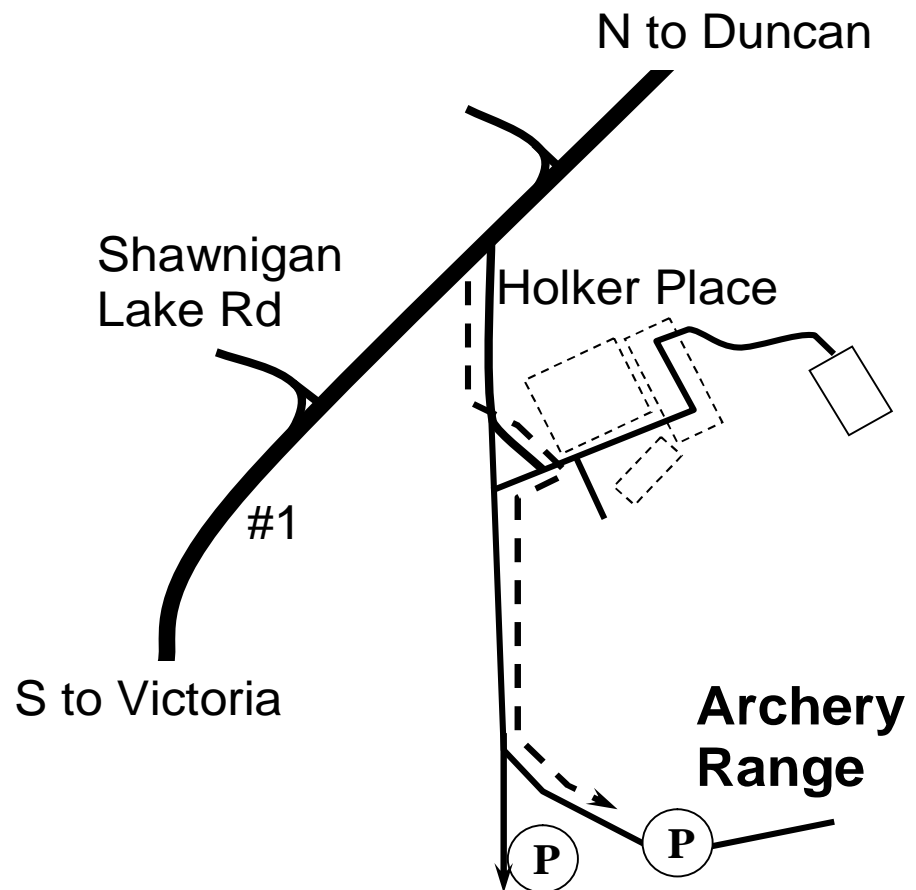
Archery 3D Shoot

2 Febuary 2014,

Be ready for 0900, arrows fly at 0930

Adult	\$20
Family & Family	\$40
Seniors	\$10
Juniors (under 18)	\$10
13 & Under	Free

A lunch will be available
from Mr Tube Steak



Directions (coming from Victoria)

Travel north from Victoria on the Trans Canada Highway #1 to the top of Malahat Mountain. Turn right on to Holker Place (approximately 1 kilometer past Shawnigan Lake Road & opposite the turnoff to Spectacle Lake Provincial Park) and the paved road takes you to the Range. Go right at the sign in kiosk, then down hill taking the first left to the archery range.



A Call for Interest in starting a Classic Double Gun Shoot



Downtown Abbey Christmas Special

There is a club of shooting enthusiasts on the east coast of the U.S. who call themselves the Vintagers Order of Edwardian Gunners. They love to shoot and promote interest in vintage double barrel shotguns and rifles. Attendees dress-up in period costume – Edwardian country gentlemen and gentlewomen, and in safari outfits.

The Vintagers venue includes a variety of events - shooting side by side shotguns and double rifles, dressing up, gun displays, corporate booths, and attending an Edwardian style gala supper.

This “**Call for Interest**” is to see if anyone would be interested in participating in a “Victorian-Edwardian” Classic Double Gun Shoot at the Victoria Fish & Game.

I have talked to David Michaud, President of the Club, Angela Green, Trap Chairperson, Tony Hackett, Skeet/5 Stand chair and they feel, *with some help*, this could be a fun event. I have also talked to a few shotgun collectors who might be interested in putting on displays in the club house. An Edwardian Style gala would be fantastic, however; we may have to put that on our wish list. Perhaps we could look at some time in early June???

I would like to hear from people who would be interested, in helping, shooting, displaying or just standing around looking pretty. We can plan for a meeting within the next month. For those of you who are interested please contact me at tradegun@shaw.ca

Thank you,
Michael McNall

P.S. Please pass this on to anyone who you think might be interested!

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A couple of references for you to look up;

Vintagers Order of Edwardian Gunners <http://www.vintagers.org/>

Vintage Cup World Side-by-Side Championships <https://www.doublegunshop.com/vintage2.htm#nonshoot>

DVD – The shooting Party

TV Series – Downton Abbey



From the website of Vintagers Order of Edwardian Gunners



From the movie Out of Africa



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- ▶ Which expenses are essential and which are discretionary?
- ▶ What's your age? How's your health?
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**Algae blooms threaten Elk Lake trout**

Times Colonist

December 31, 2013 05:08 PM

Re: "Potentially toxic algae bloom spotted in Elk, Beaver lakes," Dec. 26.

The recent discovery of a blue-green algae bloom at Elk Lake is not a unique occurrence in recent years. These toxic blooms are happening with increasing regularity, and the associated oxygen deficits that occur in the lake waters are having a detrimental impact on, in particular, the trout populations.

Anglers noticed declining fishing success about three years ago despite continued trout stocking by the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C.

The high summer surface temperatures combined with the low oxygen levels in the bottom waters are making it more difficult for trout to survive.

The Amalgamated Conservation Society was so concerned that we wrote the provincial Ministry of Environment on June 9, 2012. As a result of that letter, the MOE, the municipality of Saanich and the Capital Regional District met in September 2013 to address this issue. The outcome of that meeting has not been made public. The ACS has requested a report on that meeting, and we have not received one.

While Elk Lake was once one of the most heavily fished lakes in the province, angler effort has steadily declined as a direct result of the decreased fishing success. Efforts need to be made by the agencies with jurisdiction to reverse this eutrophication process and to restore fishing to what it once was.

Wayne Zaccarelli, secretary-treasurer
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See more at: <http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/letters/algae-blooms-threaten-elk-lake-trout-1.774435#sthash.gMORSKkb.dpuf>

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love Sushi!"*



**BIG GAME COMPETITION / RECORDS BOOKS**

Blacktail deer antlers from deer taken during the 2013 hunting season within Region 1 (Vancouver Island) will be accepted until January 31, 2014 for entry in the largest antlers competition.

Entries for the Black bear trophy (skull only) will be accepted until January 31, 2014 as well. Again, this is for bears harvested in Region 1 during the spring and fall 2013 hunting seasons.

Trophy winners for all categories will be announced in the club newsletter prior to the annual general meeting in March, at which time trophies and buttons will be presented.

Copies of the eighth edition (2010) of the Vancouver Island Columbian Blacktail Deer Records are available at a cost of \$5 each. The issue contains a brief history of the records which were started in 1972 by Byron Mason and Charles Veasey. Byron has written another excellent article on the history of hunting on Vancouver Island from 1900 to 1920. The previous seventh edition (2000) contained Byron's piece on Blacktail deer populations and hunting on Vancouver Island from 1843 to 1899.

The current records list 1824 entries scoring 100 or more Boone & Crockett points. Several old hunting photographs have been reproduced for the first time in the records booklet.

The most recent sixth edition (2010) of the Big Game Records of British Columbia is available for \$35 each. These are hard cover books containing records of all native big game species in B.C. Hunting stories, photographs and a listing, by species category, of entries meeting the minimum score requirements, are included.

Copies of previous editions are also available as follows:

1 st edition (1970 - reprinted 2011)	2 nd edition (1983)
3 rd edition (1988)	4 th edition (1995)
5 th edition (2003)	

Check out the **Wildlife Records Club of B.C.** website and e-mail at:

Website: www.wildliferecordsofbc.com

e-mail: wildliferecordsofbc@shaw.ca

Contact Wayne Zaccarelli for entries, records books or further information at meetings,

250-382-8502 or waynehzacc@gmail.com

FISHING ENTRY

Wayne Zaccarelli 3 lb 4 oz Cutthroat Cowichan Lake Dec. 31/13

This was a catch and release entry measuring 22 inches in length and 10.5 inches in girth using formula [1.33 x L x G x G] divided by 1000

**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

**REPORTS FROM SPORT FISHING ADVISORY BOARD SOUTH COAST COMMITTEE****MEETING HELD IN NANAIMO NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 01, 2013**

The Sport Fishing Advisory Board (SFAB) comprises representatives from provincial organizations including the B.C. Wildlife Federation, Sport Fishing Institute of B.C., Steelhead Society of B.C., Marine Trades Association, B.C. Federation of Flyfishers, B.C. Federation of Drift Fishers, B.C. Marina Operators Association and the B.C. Motels and Campgrounds Association.

Victoria area anglers are represented by Chris Bos (Chair of local Victoria Sport Fishing Advisory Committee) and Tom Cole (President of Amalgamated Conservation Society).

The following notes are taken from the various local area committee reports:

- the Nitinat hatchery reported a Chinook escapement of 35,000 with 5.45 million Chinook eggs taken. Both these numbers exceed those of recent years.
- the Port Renfrew hatchery took 1200 Chinook yielding 500,000 eggs. An estimated 2000 Chinook spawned naturally above the fence. The Port Renfrew Salmon Enhancement Society has approval and funding to fin clip and nose tag about 50,000 Chinook fry which they rear in ocean net pens prior to release.
- it is estimated that the Chinook return to the Cowichan will be between 4000 and 7000 with about one third being hatchery fish. DFO's escapement goal is 6500 wild Chinook.
- it is expected that Chinook regulations in Areas 19 & 20 (Victoria & Sooke) may be less restrictive during spring and early summer 2014 due to increased escapements of stream type Fraser Chinooks.
- a motion was passed to amend the Coho daily limit to 4, of which only one may be wild from August 01 to September 30 in Areas 19 and 20. From October 01 on anglers are permitted one wild Coho within their daily limit.

Local area escapement and egg take numbers include:

Gold stream Chinook	40,000 eggs	Gold stream Coho	200,000 eggs
Gold stream Chum	200,000 eggs	Craigflower Coho	36,000 eggs
Craigflower Coho	300 fish (final count - fence left open)		
Colquitz Coho	1340 fish (312 males, 381 females & 647 jacks)		

Effective with the 2014 licence year on April 01, tidal water fishing licences will only be available electronically. This is also the case with fishing regulations which will no longer be published.

A UBC grad student is currently conducting a study on the foraging behaviour and prey consumption of harbour seals. Some seals have been fitted with a device attached to their head which automatically records the number of fish eaten by them. The seals location is also available with GPS technology. It is hoped that the results will shed further light on the diet of harbour seals and the impacts they have on local salmon stocks.

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Strawberry Vale Hall 7:30pm.

General meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm. in the Strawberry Vale Hall at 11 High Street, off Burnside Road West.

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