



Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT

Welcome New Members: I want to extend a special welcome to our new members and encourage you to explore our website to learn all the club has to offer. From the various disciplines (target sport genres), to the Learn to Fish program to supporting the BC Wildlife Federation, you are bound to find something you will enjoy and new things to learn. Our membership has grown about 250% in the last five years and we are happy to welcome you aboard. You may or may not realize that we are a volunteer-run organization, nothing at all like a typical gym membership. This means the club is what you make it, so we encourage you to come to the member meetings (dates listed in the event calendar) or contact anyone on the board of directors to jump aboard and help out.

Annual General Meeting: We have our Annual General Meeting coming up the third Monday in March – March 17, 2014 at the Strawberry Vale Community Hall at 7:30pm. Please come out and take part in electing six Officer positions and six Members at Large to sit on the Board of Directors. The Officer positions are: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair. If you are interested in running for one of the elected positions, please contact Myrna Francis of the nominations committee at bnmfrancis@gmail.com.

Reminder - Your 2013 membership has now expired. This means if you have a long term 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.

Property Purchase: A big thank you for all of the members who came to the January meeting. The vote was unanimous in support of securing the funding for the property acquisition. This is probably the most important action that the club has taken in the recent past. We will know by the February members meeting if we were successful in our bid to purchase the property.

See you all at the AGM, if not sooner!

Sincerely,
Lisa Nichols, Acting President



Hello members:

The Ministry of Transportation has Tendered design changes for the Holker road intersection as part of their highway medium barrier project.

This project is intended to prevent or reduce the number of accidents on the Malahat highway. You may or may not be aware that the area of Holker Road has an accident index of 5.09, which is below the provincial average of 7.17, which begs the question – why spend money on something that is not needed in this time of spending restrictions.

We have been in conversations with the Ministry to no avail. For over 20 years we have recognized the inherent dangers of members leaving the club to get back to Victoria. 80% of our members reside in Victoria and require a left turn exit from the club, and the other 20% of our members live up island and require a left turn entry into our club.

The highway “improvement” plans, which have already gone out to tender, call for a restricted “right in, right out” management style of traffic. This means that when leaving the club, you will not be able to access Whittaker, but will need to turn right and drive for 1 kilometer North before you come to the proposed 'U-Turn' location which WILL FORCE all traffic that wants to go south to cross on-coming north-bound traffic, AND merge with south-bound traffic simultaneously. It is our opinion that this is NOT an improvement in safety.

You will also need to drive past the club for one kilometer if you are coming from Mill Bay, turn around in the Malahat Inn parking lot, and then head north again in order to get to the club. In addition to the inconvenience, your executive officers of the club are concerned about the increased safety risk as a result of the unreasonable changes.

If you feel this is a concern which will affect you, we encourage you to contact the following authorities and express your concern. At this point, our concerns are not being acknowledged. We hope that a show of numbers may highlight the gravity of the situation.

On the following page is a form letter that we implore you to use to send to any authority you feel is appropriate. A list of potential audiences for your letter is listed below.

Thank you for your active endeavors to improve your club.
Sincerely,

Dom Piluso, 2nd Vice President
Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association.

Provincial Authority:

**Minister of Transportation
Honourable Todd Stone**

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Juan de Fuca

E-mail: john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca

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800 Goldstream Avenue Victoria, BC
V9B 2X7

Phone: 250-391-2801

Fax: 250-391-2804

Grant Main

Deputy Minister

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Cowichan Valley

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Constituency: Box 599

273 Trunk Road

Duncan, BC V9L 3X9

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Regional Authority:

Cowichan Valley Regional District

Rob Hutchins, Chair (Mayor, Town of Ladysmith)

Address:

c/o Town of Ladysmith

PO Box 220, Stn. Main

Ladysmith, BC V9G 1A2



Dear (Name)

I am one of the more than 2800 members of the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association who are concerned about the proposed changes to the Holker Road intersection. While we support the increased safety that a divided highway will offer, we are concerned about the lack of stakeholder consultation. I feel you are putting us at risk. While solving one problem, you are creating another and moving the accident black spot to a new location.

Our membership has grown from 1,100 to 2,800 members in the last five years. This trend of a 250% increase in membership is expected to continue as we are now the only public facility of our type on lower Vancouver Island. Please give your most careful consideration, to the fact that our estimations of the increasing use of the property and hence the Holker Road intersection is most certainly much too conservative, as to a greater extent, are the Ministry of Highways.

We are a major sporting facility, which offers hiking, camping, fishing facilities that are also used for the Freshwaters fishing Society of BC for the Learn to Fish program, as well as target sports: an Airsoft Range, a Shotgun Range, a Rifle Range, a Multi-Purpose Range, and a soon to be Olympic standard Archery Range. We are a very busy club. Our goals are to provide outdoor recreation and to host an increased number of international competitions in the future.

Also, we have an agreement with the local fire department to provide access to water in our pond in the event it is needed to fill a pumper truck to fight a fire in the area. Having an intersection design which would restrict the flow of emergency vehicles to come and go from the property may raise questions in the future about the appropriate factors considered during the planning process.

Access to our facilities is restricted to between the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. which represents a condensed period of activity (i.e. not spread out over a 24 hour period). These also happen to be the times of day when the Trans Canada Highway handles its greatest volume of traffic. As well as trucks and heavy equipment using the road, there are thousands of visitors throughout the year. This does not include special events such as Fathers Day which sees 500 non-members of the public coming and going in a 5 hour timeframe in order to experience all the club has to offer.

We need to have the ability to safely accelerate onto the highway when leaving the club, and decelerate off of the highway when entering the club from both North and South directions.

In addition to the inconvenience of driving for one kilometre in either direction in order to find a 'safe' turn around point, there is a concern of risk taking behaviour in order to avoid the inconvenience and the possible result of dire consequences.

We implore MOH to consider an alternate plan. An example of a 'T' style intersection that would also work for both the Holker Place/Whittaker Rd. Offset intersections is where Cordova Bay Road meets the Pat Bay highway. Given the very unlikely chance of a future traffic light, this design allows people to make left-hand turns while accelerating and decelerating safely. This design, or a variation of it, would be an example of a win-win solution that should be considered in this case.

(Name)

(Address)

Member, Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association



2014 Victoria Boat Show February 21st - 23rd

The Victoria Fish & Game has been invited to participate in the upcoming 2014 "Victoria Boat Show" again this year and we will be hosting our air rifle shooting booth as we have in previous years.

The show will be held on Friday, February 21, Saturday, February 22nd and Sunday, February 23rd and it will be located at the Pearkes Arena complex down behind Tillicum Mall.

Setup of our club's booth and the air rifle shooting equipment will be on the afternoon of Thursday, February 20th. (An access time has yet to be determined, but we will be advised by the show organizers when we receive our participant's info package.) We need club volunteers to come and help with the setup and for assistance with the running of the booth for that weekend and if you are available to help us out it would be very much appreciated.

I'm putting together a volunteer time schedule and if you can advise me as to which days and what times you would be available to volunteer for this event then I can add you to our schedule. There is no entry cost for our club volunteers that are helping out with this event so before or after your volunteer shift at our booth you could have a walk around the show and check out the other displays and vendors.

We supply cold drinks and snacks for our volunteers at our booth, but if you want to have a lunch or dinner meal during your volunteer shift you should plan to bring a "bag lunch" or to purchase a meal through one of the food vendors who will be participating in the show.

This is an excellent opportunity for us to do some positive promotion of our club's facilities and to promote the shooting sports in general, and we have always had very positive comments from the attendees in the previous years that we have been involved in the Victoria Boat Show.

In addition this year, we are hoping to include a charity component to our booth with an optional \$2.00 per target paid to attempt to shoot the "best score", with prizes awarded for the winners. All of the funds raised in this manner will be donated to a local Victoria charity group, most likely the "Mustard Seed" food bank. We will need club volunteers to "meet & greet" the public at our club info table and others to act as "range safety officers" to oversee the safe use of our air rifles on our self-contained shooting lanes located within the booth. As always "many hands make light work" and if you can please help us out by being a club volunteer at our booth for even one 2 to 4 hour shift on one of the 3 days of the show it would be very much appreciated and help ensure another successful club promotion.

For more information about the 2014 "Victoria Boat Show" and our club's involvement, or to volunteer to help out by working a shift at our club's booth please contact the VF&G Boat Show chairman, Al Page, at 250-388-0705 or email me a message at lapage@telus.net.

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, there are less than 40 available at Island Outfitters for \$50, and less than 40 available through me.

If you are able to provide some game meat (specifically moose, critters, goose/fowl and seafood), generous donations will be rewarded with free tickets. We could use volunteers to help canvas for more donations, a photographer for the night of the game dinner and folks to help with set up and tear down - the more the merrier!



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

**WANTED**

Part Time Relief Caretaker, must be willing to work every weekend and Stat holidays. 2 days per week.

Would suit a University/College Student that goes to school and wants to work Weekends/Stats. Must have your PAL or applied for it. Must be able to deal with 2800 Members, common sense an asset. Work unsupervised and supervised.

Contact

David Michaud

Club Manager

davidmichaud333@gmail.com

FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR VFGPA MEMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2014

Once again all club members are able to use our club for the month of March and we are excited to see them again.

“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.”

Thank you and have a great day!

Andrew Dollenkamp

General Manager

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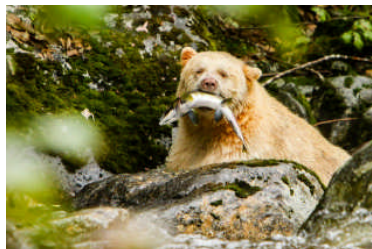


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** They also donated 6 three-month passes for all the specialty classes at Fitness World for the Game Dinner prizes that is coming up on March the 8th, 2014. Total value of the passes is \$594.00.**

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATION

At the February 17th General meeting there will be a special presentation by Bernard Steward of his tour of the Steyr Mannlicher Austrian factory and his subsequent hunt in the Austrian mountains. Plus, as an added bonus, Bernard will be presenting a video on his recent African hunt. Be sure not to miss these exciting adventure films by attending the February meeting.



**MEMBERS LEARN TO USE THE TRAP MACHINES**

The Executive is happy to announce the TRAP MACHINE ACCESS PROGRAM.

This Course will allow you to sign out keys to access the token Machines and our \$15,000 Trap Machines.

The Course is FREE to Members (Members ONLY) successful Completion OF THE COURSE gets your name on the "Authorized List" letting you sign out the keys and use the token box and Trap machine. (tokens will be sold by Manager/Caretaker for \$5.00 per round of 25 targets plus 1)

There will be a classroom Portion as well as hands on training. Course length is approx. 1-2 hrs.

Next Course dates:

Feb 22nd 9am Sat.

Feb 23rd. 9am Sun

March 15th 9am. Sat

March 30th. 9am Sun

April 26th 9am Sat

April 27th 9am. Sun

If you have questions about the Program please ask the Manager David, Trap Director Andre or Relief Caretakers Neil, Art, Lisa, Andrew, or Bob.

P.A.L. (Possession Acquisition License) Canadian Firearms Safety Courses are coming back to the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association (VFGPA).

GET THE COMPLETE COURSE, 4-5 HOURS OF HANDLING PRACTICE, PowerPoint Presentation, Course Video. 38 rifles/shotguns/handguns to practice on.
2 tests Written and Practical 80% pass Required.

Course Dates:

Mar 22/23

May10/11

July12/13

Sept13/14

Nov1/2

April 5/6

June28/29

Aug23/24

Oct25/26

Dec6/7

Time: 8AM to 5pm each day

Location: VFGPA Clubhouse

700Hockler Place

Malahat, BC

Master Instructor

M.David Michaud

davidmichaud333@gmail.com

Cell 250-858-8342 or Pager 250-389-8897

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

- David Michaud (250)858-8342 or (250)389-8897 or email davidmichaud333@gmail.com
- 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

**WANTED: RSOs (Range Safety Officers)**

Club Members, the Club needs more RSOs, please consider donating some of your time to acting as Range Safety Officers for your fellow Members. We currently have 35 Members Trained but we need 200.

A list is being made for the next RSO Course in early Spring (April).

If you are interested, couldn't make the last 3 Courses, have friends that may be interested or someone you know that you think would make a good RSO please e-mail me at: davidmichaud333@gmail.com

Must be over 18, some common sense, must be approachable, willing to donate some of your time helping out, and getting to know fellow members.

Course will be 2 days Sat./Sun.

You have the option of jumping right in or helping other RSOs until you are ready to do it on your own.

David M.
CRSO

HUNTER'S MEETING

Twenty one people attended (including two representatives from the BCWF) the meeting for hunters on Saturday, February the 1st, 2014 at the club house. Eleven have agreed to serve on the Hunting Committee and help develop and deliver enhanced programs for our members. In addition, eight have agreed to help out on the "Access Subcommittee" which will be working to obtain access to Timber West lands for club members. Stay tuned for more exciting developments.

Submitted by Vic Skaarup



Picture of up at the range.

Taken by David M.





Welcome VWS 2014 Members!

Hello **Victoria Women Shooter** members,

It is exciting to bring in the New Year knowing we have over 210 members on our email list, 100 members on our Facebook member's page and 137 individuals who have pressed "like" on the main **VWS's** Facebook page! It is amazing to see how many people are demonstrating a passion for the love of shooting!

We have already started the year encouraging members to obtain a Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association (VFGPA) membership card; familiarize themselves with the awesome website; take the Firearms Safety Course and attend a Range Orientation Session at the club. We are hoping that by taking these steps early in the year, our members will gain a head start in having their feet well-planted for action beginning in the Spring when our events will kick off.



In addition, we are excited that **VWS's** External Communications Liaison **Dawne Deeley** has agreed to take on a lead role in being **VWS's** head "**Hunter**" honcho in assisting any current and new members in the area of Hunting. If anyone is interested in obtaining further information, please contact Dawne at tsarshadow@gmail.com



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WOMEN'S PIONEER SKILLS

July 11th - 13th, 2014

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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/>

**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 once a month and is posted on the club website calendar. 5-stand

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> (Copy and paste link onto google, and then the 5-stand The Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association comes up. Click on that, and then click on the link and the sign up form comes up right away).

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

**Calendar of the Orientation Sessions 2014****FEBRUARY 2014**

Feb 5th Wed. 7pm

Feb 22nd Sat. 10am

Feb 23rd Sun 10am

MARCH 2014

March 5th Wed. 7pm

March 15th Sat 10am

March 30th Sun 10am

APRIL 2014

April 2nd Wed. 7pm

April 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)" *****

davidmichaud333@gmail.com or 250-858-8342

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



Care to stretch your shooting dollar? **Introduction to Reloading**

At the **Malahat VFGPA**, learn the basics about handloading ammunition. I will demonstrate the process, & we will touch on as many aspects of this process, such as costs, safety issues, case and load selection, equipment, and answer as many questions we can get to within 2.5 hours, from 6 PM. For 25\$, VFGPA Member Alex Jefthas can help you start stretching your shooting dollar.

Call 250-885-5305 or email alexjefthas@hotmail.com to pre-register.

Next class list is being generated, please call 250-885-5305 to be added. We're hoping to get this set up for late February/March.



**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, MARCH 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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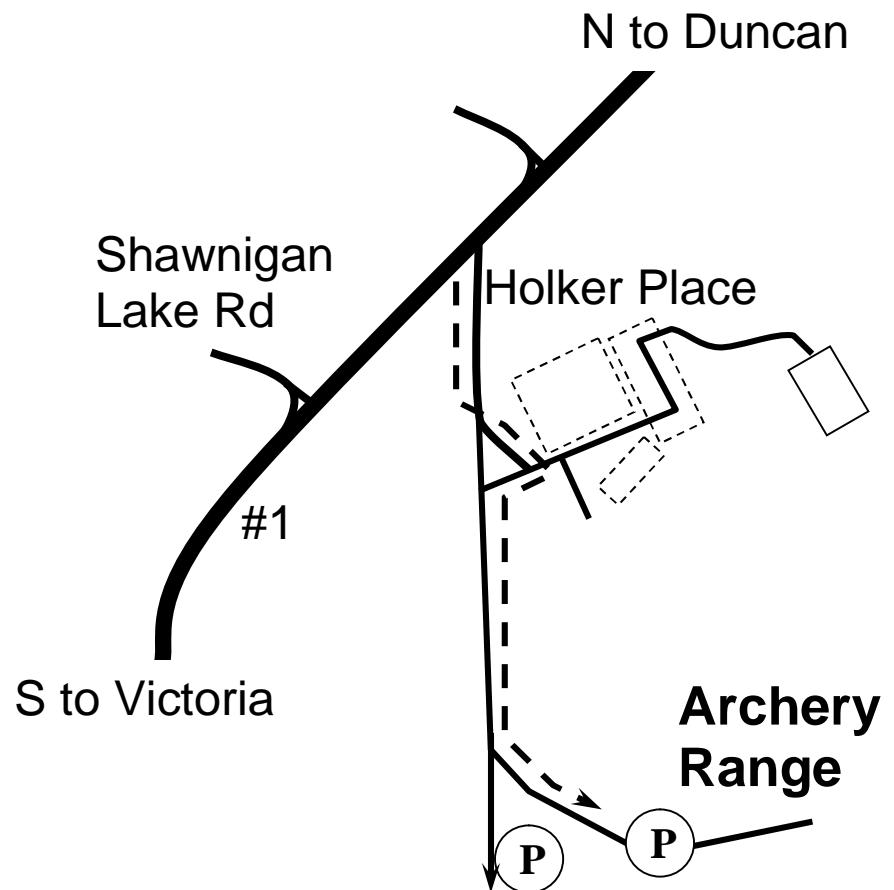
Archery 3D Shoot

2 March 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.

Contact Douglas Bell 250 727 9735 if you have any questions



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

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>



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RECREATIONAL HALIBUT MANAGEMENT 2014

The primary objective of the Sport Fishing Advisory Board is to provide opportunity over a full season which traditionally has been February 01 to December 31 with an historical limit of 2 per day and possession limit of 3.

While the Minister of Fisheries & Oceans raised the recreational share of the total allowable catch (TAC) from 12% to 15% in 2012, our season was closed in early September despite reduced size and possession limits. As a means of extending our season to December 31 in 2013, the SFAB recommended additional measures to slow the catch. These included a maximum size of 126 cm on the first fish (a maximum size limit of 83 cm was instituted in 2012 on the second fish; daily limit of 1 and possession of 2) and an annual possession limit of 6 halibut.

These measures were successful in extending our season to the end of the year. The recreational harvest to September 30, 2013 was 814,975 pounds on an annual catch quota of 1,080,450 pounds. Based on these results, there seems no current reason why the fishery should not re-open on February 01 and continue under the present rules until the end of the current license year on March 31, 2014.

Over the past couple months the SFAB family has been discussing options for the 2014 season. These have largely revolved around altering the size restrictions of the first, second or both fish in the possession limit. This has been accomplished not knowing what our 2014 TAC will be. That will be set based on the outcome of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) meetings which took place in Seattle this year in mid January.

The recently concluded IPHC meetings set an all gear catch limit of 6.85 million pounds for British Columbia in 2014 - down from the 7.04 million pounds in 2013. This should provide a recreational TAC of about 1,027,500 pounds (15% of 6.85 million pounds). This amount is only slightly lower than the 2013 TAC of 1,080,450 pounds.

The Sport Fishing Advisory Board met January 25-26 in Vancouver and recommended similar regulations as 2013 with the following exceptions:

- increase maximum size of first halibut from 126 to 133 cm.
- increase maximum size of second halibut from 83 to 90 cm.

These recommendations were made knowing that our fishery fell substantially short of the TAC in 2013 and are aimed at approaching our TAC for 2014.

ELK LAKE WATER QUALITY

The issue of declining water quality and decreasing angler success at Elk Lake was first raised in a letter from the Amalgamated Conservation Society dated June 09, 2012 to the provincial Ministry of Environment. In their reply dated July 09, 2012, it states that "... the District of Saanich and the CRD are the lead authorities responsible for developing a plan to look at restoration options ...".

The ACS followed up with letters dated November 07, 2012 to the District of Saanich and the Capital Regional District. In their replies neither agency expressed interest in taking a lead role - much as the ACS expected, as a fix will be a costly one.

Water quality concerns were also expressed by the Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Group.

The concerns of many individuals and groups forced a meeting between the various agencies in September of 2013. In an e-mail from Deb Epps (Section Head, Environmental Quality, MOE) dated October 09, 2013 she notes that a meeting occurred with CRD Environmental staff, District of Saanich, MOE and the CRD Parks chair of the Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Group. "We were discussing how to proceed with Elk Lake, and the need to discuss restoration options. We have also contracted Ken Ashley who is an expert in lake aeration, among other lake restoration options."

The Victoria Golden Rods & Reels have filed an application for \$5000 seed money with the Habitat Trust Conservation Foundation to carry out physical, chemical and biological lake sampling on Elk Lake.

On January 14, 2014, I attended a meeting of the Victoria Golden Rods & Reels at which Dr. Rick Nordin, of the B.C. Lake Stewardship Society, was making a presentation. Rick, a limnologist, discussed various aspects of lake water and biota sampling. The Golden Rods & Reels are proceeding with facilitating the establishment of a lake stewardship group for Elk Lake.

Wayne Z 30/01/14

**COLQUITZ RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVATION COALITION**

The Peninsula Streams Society and the Friends of Swan Creek Watershed have organized a workshop for March 01 to discuss the coordination and cooperation of the various groups currently working within the watershed.

Is there a way for Colquitz River watershed stewardship groups to work together that is effective yet not a drain on their time? With so many stewardship groups looking after various aspects of the watershed, it seems like the right time to bring everyone together to explore:

- challenges and opportunities facing the watershed
- increasing our ability to advocate for the watershed
- particular skills, ideas and resources that could be leveraged
- ways to communicate and keep track of each other's efforts

Currently there is no umbrella or coalition of these groups which could assist in identifying broad watershed issues and solutions and to provide a strong advocacy voice for the Colquitz River watershed.

Some of the key areas of focus could be:

- stream restoration
- environmental education
- water quality & quantity
- terrestrial ecosystem restoration
- green spaces for recreation
- salmon enhancement
- watershed protection
- urban forest protection
- parks and their usage
- wildlife use & distribution

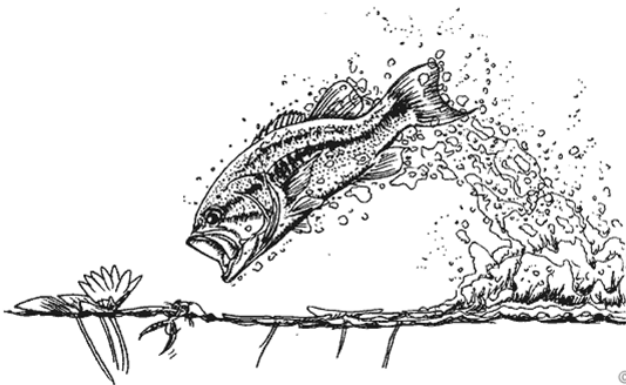
The Victoria Fish & Game will have representation at this workshop. A report will be included in the next newsletter.

FISHING ENTRIES

James Mace	5 lb 3 oz cutthroat trout	(24"Lx12.75"G)	Cowichan Lake	Dec 20
James Mace	6 lb 4 oz cutthroat trout	(24.75"Lx13.75"G)	Cowichan Lake	Dec 30
Riley Mace (Jr)	3 lb 2 oz cutthroat trout	(20.5"Lx10.75"G)	Cowichan Lake	Dec 31
James Mace	6 lb 7 oz cutthroat trout	(24.75"Lx14"G)	Cowichan Lake	Jan 11/14

All these entries are catch and release as required by regulation (release over 50 cm)

Weights were determined by formula: $[1.33 \times L \times G \times G]$ 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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**Executive meetings - 1st Monday of the Month @ 7:30pm,
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General Meeting**

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. *Sonya is usually at the meetings every month selling memberships, in case you don't have yours yet.*

Club House and Ranges are located at 700 Holker Place off Malahat Drive - about 20 minutes North of Victoria on Highway 1 opposite Spectacle Lake turn-off.

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Alex (250)656-3575 or Betty (250) 655-4547



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or will sell 1 Uberti 1858 New Army .44 cal percussion revolver \$300.

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