



# Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone enjoyed the great weather over the weekend. I look forward to serving as your president over the next year. Come on out to our next members meeting which starts at 7:30 on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Strawberry Vale Community Hall. – David Becker, President

The new board of directors:

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**Fishing:** James Mace (trout and chinook)  
Riley Mace (junior angler award)  
Marlin Lohr (halibut)  
Wayne Zaccarelli (coho)



**Hunting:** Trey Cleemoff (Jr)  
with dad Dan Cleemoff (all  
deer trophies) Riley Mace  
(bear trophy)

**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:**

May10/11	June28/29
July12/13	Aug23/24
Sept13/14	Oct25/26
Nov1/2	Dec6/7

Time: 8AM to 5pm each day

Location: VFGPA Clubhouse  
700Hockler Place  
Malahat, BC

Master Instructor  
M.David Michaud  
[davidmichaud333@gmail.com](mailto:davidmichaud333@gmail.com)  
Cell 250-858-8342 or Pager 250-389-8897

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE**

Place your targets on backers between the wood 1" x 5" X 10 ft long slats.

Every time you fire directly into the wood slats they have to be replaced at over \$10.00 each. (We are going through a lot of them)

Please attach your targets under the orange lines provided on the plywood sheets, every time the 2" X 10' s get shot out they have to be replaced.

Please do not sweep your brass off the cement pad onto the ground, instead sweep into the dust pans (orange one hanging on the wall) and put into the brass buckets if its BRASS, steel/shotgun Hulls go into the garbage cans.

Thanks  
David M, Range Manager.



### **Life Membership - Wayne Zaccarelli**

The consensus is that Wayne has been a member since before he was born, so no-one actually remembers when he first joined the club.

It's equally difficult to choose from the huge list of exploits: not the least of which is that he was president in 1984 & 1985 (which also demonstrates how long he has been involved ...). Fortunately, he's almost always around, so most of us have an idea of the dedication, hard work and time he continues to commit for the benefit of all of us. If you're a fisher, you know he works endless hours on many aspects of sport fishing, including supporting every step of fish lifecycles, monitoring of numbers, and confronting and lobbying against uncountable threats to the survival of sport fishing in our province. In addition, he's involved in also protecting the interests of the rest of us, most notably hunters.

He's never too busy to just drop everything and show up for a weighing or a rack-assessment. In fact, he's not even too busy to drop everything and do anything else the club needs, such as serve on the Board of Directors. He's also willing to pursue any affront to our sporting rights with dogged persistence and eternal monitoring of such situations and take action, usually with innumerable well-researched written arguments.

We are proud to award Wayne Zaccarelli with a Life Membership in the Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association. Thank you, Wayne!

### **Life Membership - Mel Lohr**

Mel has been a member since the early 1950's. He has attended most of the regular meetings faithfully and over the years has volunteered many hours to the growth of the club.

When the club house was down by Goldstream Park, during the mid-fifty's the old road needed repair. Mel and his brothers, Owen and Bruce (both now deceased), organized and borrowed equipment from Chews Excavation and Farmer Construction then they put in a new road down the hill and enlarged the parking lot. During the time Mel played a larger role in the club, the presidents were: Brian Roberts, Tom Zaccarelli and Bob Kennedy. During the 1960's Mel was on executive for 8 – 10 years in charge of the Grounds and Maintenance.

Over the years he worked on a lot of projects for the Club. He and his brother Bruce fixed the chimney that was falling over on the old club house with braces made by Zaccarelli's. He and his brother Owen got the generator rebuilt. He spent many hours down at the club house doing general repairs from fixing water pumps to cutting the grass, the latter until the club invested in a ride on lawn mower. Some of his other accomplishments while serving on the clubs executive include:

- Organized the Senior Fishing derby including the prizes from the donations of various business in town
- Managed to sell 100 memberships in one year
- One year Mel showed his skill as a hunter by winning the Gold, Silver and Bronze buttons all in the same season.

Even in his Eighty's, Mel continues to attend meetings to show his support of the club and meet up with the members that share his interests in fishing and hunting. We are proud to put award Mel Lohr with a Life Membership in the Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association. Thank you, Mel!



### Life Membership Ward Morran

One of the "Silent Majority", Ward Moran, one of the owners of Greywood Sales, has been such a HUGE supporter of our club over the past few decades.

He has donating thousands of dollars worth of prizes to our annual Game Dinners, plus he also has donates a number of extra misc. prizes for several of our other club disciplines....and he does this consistently, year-in and year-out, and he does this consistently, year-in and year-out. When we need supplies for Youth & Family day, in the form of thousand of rounds of shot shells, .22 rimfire ammunition and centre-fire rifle and pistol ammo, Ward has been there for us. When our Victoria Women's Shooters need supplies, Ward has been there. When our Juniors Program needed starter air-guns & pellets, he donated 5 Gamo air-rifles, and thousands of pellets.

He added to our presence at the Boat Show this year by donating a further 5 air-rifles which we presented as prizes to happy winners, with the proceeds going to the Mustard Seed Food Bank on behalf of our club. Ward has been a major supporter and sponsor of our club for years, and word has it that he definitely intends to continue to do so in future, even in semi-retirement although we can expect him to continue to be shy, and stay in the background while supporting our club.

We are proud to award Ward Morran with a Life Membership in the Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association. Thank you, Ward!

Congratulations to Wayne Zaccarelli, Mel Lohr and Ward Morran for being awarded with a Lifetime Membership Award. The club benefits tremendously due to their dedication and hard work and dedication. Thank you for your amazing positive contributions to the club!







## What is happening at our Range ? ! ?

Hello fellow members:

As you may recall from past newsletters and information shared at our members meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month, we hired a Registered Forester to prepare a 'Forest Management Plan' for the entire range, and a site-specific 'Silvi-culture' plan for the Airsoft range. The report is available for anyone to view upon request. Information contained in the report, as well as on-site discussions with the forester, informed us that there are instances of root rot (a contagious disease) in some trees in a number of areas. In addition, we learned that many areas of the property contain overcrowded and unhealthy trees. After much discussion and consultation, it was determined that removal and thinning of some trees was recommended to make room for established healthy trees to flourish, and for young saplings to grow strong with less competition. No sooner had we been in receipt of this report than a rather large unhealthy tree ( about 4 foot diameter at the base ... ) fell down onto our well house at a cost of \$7,000 to repair.



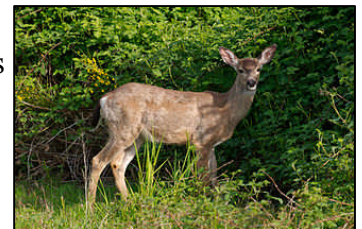
We want to protect our buildings and infrastructure, so in addition to the planned work at the Airsoft Range, we have commenced some tree removal around the Caretaker's house and a few other select areas.



While it may not look pretty at the moment, the deer are quite enjoying the easy access to fresh tops of trees they would not otherwise reach. This was evident at the last ISL match. Right in the midst of IPSC shooters running through the stage at bay one, there were two deer who were within 40 feet, munching away at the gourmet feast before them – oblivious of all of the gunshots.

We hope to have all tree removal done in time for the May clean-up work-party.

Speaking of the clean-up party, we are looking for volunteers to help remove broom, clear and re-establish our trail around Frog-Hollow, and apply wood chips to trails. **Please contact the Caretaker, David Michaud.** He is assembling a list of people to help with the myriad of odd-jobs that need to be done around our property. **The work-party date has been set for the morning of Saturday, May 17th.**



**Best Regards; Dom Piluso**

**TO ALL NEW MEMBERS**

It is mandatory for ALL NEW MEMBERS to take the ORIENTATION COURSE. We keep track of who has taken it on a spread sheet by the Membership Director.

Usually the first Wed of each month at 7pm in the Clubhouse or we alternate on Saturdays and Sundays at 10am, check the Calendar on the Web site for Dates.

David M.  
Chief Range Safety Officer  
VFGPA.

**Calendar of the Orientation Sessions 2014****APRIL 2014**

April 26 & 27 10am

**MAY 2014**

May 7th, Wednesday 7pm Clubhouse

May 25th, Sunday 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

**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. "There will be a Trap Access Program at 6pm, before the Wednesday night Orientation session that is held at the beginning of each month. Check the Website calendar for specific dates."

**Next Course dates:**

April 26th 9am Sat

May 7th, Wednesday 6pm

April 27th 9am. Sun

May 25th, Sunday 9am

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



### **B.C. Wildlife Federation Notes**

BCWF AGM Kelowna April 09 to 12, 2014

There will be five people representing the VFGPA at this AGM as voting delegates.

### **Kid's Camp**

The names of three children have been put forward to the Zone 1 BCWF executive as wishing to attend the 2014 Kid's Camp. The camp is free to all attendees but the VFGPA will make a donation to Zone 1 to help defray costs. Courtenay Fish and Game hosts these camps with volunteers coming from various Island fish and game clubs.

### **Of Interest to All**

The Gabriola Rod, Gun and Conservation Club has reached a settlement with neighbours over the issue of noise. The club will take various measures to reduce sound levels with the neighbours now willing to consider shooting as a reasonable use of the property. Measures to be taken by the club for sound abatement include acoustic baffling, "closing twice a week (?)" and restricting the use of center-fire firearms to 50 rounds per day. The neighbours have agreed to drop the lawsuit and never launch it again.

### **Junior Rifle Shooting Program**

This program, held every Saturday afternoon, has had a reasonable turnout since inception. Advanced precision rifle (.22) and air rifle are offered in conjunction with a drop-in .22 program for adults and children.

Air rifle was originally conceived as a program for juniors but, as the children must be brought to the range by their parents, these parents have been participating – and enjoying the experience. As a result, the air rifle program will now be open to all with priority being given to junior shooters.

Air rifle is a demanding shooting venue with the advantage that the regulation shooting distance is 10 meters (33 ft) – a distance achievable in many basements. Ammunition (.177 lead pellets) is reasonably priced, noise is low and backstop requirements are minimal. If the muzzle velocity is less than 500 ft/sec. the gun is not considered a firearm and a PAL is not required.

*Submitted by Bob Macdonald*

### **- Hunter Mentorship Program -**

#### **Meeting for Hunters and Would Be Hunters June 7th, 2014**

There will be a meeting in the Malahat Club House from 9 am to noon. The plan is to spend part of the morning getting input from experienced hunters who are willing to mentor new hunters to the sport and for those looking to be mentored. We will then have an educational workshop of interest to new hunters and experienced alike. If you would like to participate in the Hunter Mentorship Program but can't attend the meeting, please email Brendon and let him know if you are interested in being a mentor or mentoree at [bwarwaruk@gmail.com](mailto:bwarwaruk@gmail.com).

Watch next month's newsletter for more details.

***Hunting Committee Update on page 9***



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## **FOREMAN AND FOREWOMEN**

### **TO HEAD UP WORK PARTIES ON MAY 17TH., 9AM TO 12 NOON**

The range has a number of things that need work parties. Use your expertise guiding members with their volunteer hours at the Club.

We need Foreman and Women to look after the various groups assigned to participate on our Work Party **MAY 17TH SATURDAY 9AM TO 12 NOON.**

The Foreperson would be tasked with guiding the volunteers, making sure they have the tools, fuel, gloves, etc needed for the task they volunteered for.

Some of the Tasks we need your expertise are:

- Painting (furniture, outside the R/P building, stairs, gates, etc)
- Wood Cutting, Splitting ( fallen down trees, cutting, splitting, stocking wood supply for summer campers, etc.)
- Broom Removal ( lots of Broom to get rid of)
- Tool Repair (lots of broken tools, missing handles, sharpening, etc)
- Road Maintenance (potholes, etc)
- Cleaning (Clubhouse, Range-house, Portables. Kitchens, Etc)
- Floor Care (stripping, refinishing, etc)
- Power-washing (signs, walls, structures, etc)
- Range Clean up (sweep. p/u brass, general clean-up.)
- Other ideas on things to do!!

We have 2400 members we need your help. You cannot leave it to someone else. An old saying when I was a youth “MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK”. Use your expertise to help out guiding other volunteers.

E-mail to volunteer, we need to get the Foreman/Women organized .

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250-858-8342 Club Cell





## **WORK PARTY CLUB PROPERTY**

**MAY 17TH. SATURDAY**

**9AM TO 12 NOON**

**ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED**

Please bring work/Garden gloves/shovels/rakes  
Handtools

(Please make sure you can identify what you bring)

### **Hunting Committee Update**

The hunting committee met on Sunday, April 6, 2014. During the first half of the committee reviewed and discussed the application to Timber West for access for VFGPA members to their lands. Sabina Reska, the Timber West Access Chair briefed the committee on progress to date. The committee discussed methods for managing access as we expect to have a limited number of keys. Options discussed included:

- 1). Shifts manning gates;
- 2). Serially numbered keys that could be signed out;
- 3). Using an online reservation system.

The committee also discussed areas we want access to (essentially all of southern Vancouver Island) and how to show it on a map. Jeff Barringer and Brendon Warwaruk will help Sabrina prepare the electronic version of the map(s) showing the areas we would like access to.

The second part of the meeting was devoted to discussing Hunter Programs. There were three parts:

- 1). Getting a mentorship program going – Brendon Warwaruk volunteered to be the Mentorship coordinator.
- 2). Programs for hunters (new and experienced) – Jeff Barringer volunteered to be the Program Coordinator.
- 3). Leading the Hunter Committee – Sabrina Reska was nominated to be the Hunting Committee Chair (with Jeff Barringer as alternate) and will be recommended to the Board of Directors to represent Hunters on the Board of Directors. She will continue to chair the Timber West Access Committee.

A meeting for all interested hunters is being planned for Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> ( 9 am to noon) – may include a salmon BBQ (?). The meeting will have two parts (three parts if there is a BBQ).

- 1). Obtaining input on the development of the Mentorship program – all members interested in being mentors and all members who would like a mentor will be encouraged to attend;
- 2). Program – an interesting educational program will also be conducted for part of the morning.
- 3). BBQ – possibly – TBC.

If you would like to help out on the Hunting Committee, please contact Sabina Reska at [smreska@me.com](mailto:smreska@me.com)

**Can't hit your target consistently?****Always shooting left or low??****Shotgun patterns have tighter groups???****2014 Handgun Safety and Introductory PPC Course**

The Police Pistol Competition section of our club is sponsoring another 'Introduction to handgun' course on the evening of Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>. It is a total of approximately 8 hours of both classroom and practical instruction that covers everything from safe gun handling to holster training, sight picture and trigger control. If you are interested in shooting your handgun accurately, learning to shoot a handgun, or just plain fun and enjoyment, contact the Website of the Colwood PPC Club, at <http://www.colwoodppc.com/index.htm> and click on 'Intro to PPC' and 'Training' to get more information.

This is an 'Introduction' course, so you do not need to supply anything; we will supply all equipment, firearms, targets, etc. The total cost is \$110.00 including 3 boxes of 38 special ammo.

See web links for more information. You must pre-register, and registration is limited for each course. We usually hold two courses each year, one around May / June, and one at the beginning of November.

For more information about the Shooting Sport of PPC and the Colwood PPC Club, visit the website: [www.colwoodppc.com](http://www.colwoodppc.com) or Email: [colwoodppc@shaw.ca](mailto:colwoodppc@shaw.ca)

**TRAP PRACTICES**

We are starting to have Trap practices during the week for those that can not make it on the weekends. They will be on ***Wednesdays from 5-7:30 starting on April 30.*** Contact Person: Andre Desautels 250-701-5468

**SKEET AND 5- STAND NOTICE**

Skeet practice is held on Tuesdays with shooting starting at 10am.

Skeet is \$5.00 per round of 25 targets.

5-stand is held once a month and the dates and times are posted on our club website calendar. 5-stand is \$6.00 per round of 25 targets.

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](mailto:aghackett@shaw.ca)

**CLUB RSO (Range Safety officer) COURSE**

May 3/4th. Sat/Sun 8am to 5pm each day.

No Charge, the club has 35 Current RSOs and would like to have 200.

Looking for a 4 hour a month commitment that's all PER MONTH.

E-mail: David Michaud

Chief RSO VFGPA

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## PROPERLY PLACED TARGETS ON THE RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE

To prevent shooting out (destroying) the wood cross beams.

**The Right Way**



**The Wrong Way**



**The Right Way**



**The Wrong Way**



David Michaud,  
Club Manager

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

- David Michaud (250)858-8342 or email [davidmichaud333@gmail.com](mailto:davidmichaud333@gmail.com)
- Dave Degraffi (250)474-3483
- Sue Bender (250) 721-0131 or email at [safeshooting69@gmail.com](mailto:safeshooting69@gmail.com)
- Ken Cornish (250) 656-7885 or email at [safetycourse@shaw.ca](mailto:safetycourse@shaw.ca)

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

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



Spring has sprung in Victoria and the VWS has been busy! On the heels of a very successful co-ed event on March 30th, by the time you're reading this, another Introductory Shoot will have been held on Sunday, April 13th. This more recent event was geared specifically for women to come out and try their hand at shooting some hand guns and rifles!

In an effort to help those considering attending any of our future events, following is a brief rundown of what to expect.

Most of our shooting events have a basic structure.

1. Participants are asked to meet at a certain point on the Victoria Fish and Game property for registration and the safety briefing. It will be mandatory that all participants attend the Safety Briefing prior to shooting.
2. Everyone should bring a jacket (wear long-sleeve clothing); eye and ear protection (available at the shoot if you don't have any), and bring a bag lunch.
3. VFGPA members, please bring your Member ID Card as it's mandatory that we display these while on the range.
4. Space is limited depending on available RSOs/instructors. In the case of an introductory shoot, those who have not previously participated in an Introductory Shoot will be given priority. A waiting list will be taken if necessary.

NOTE: It's a good idea to sign up on the waiting list if the event is full for two reasons:

- We have the odd cancellation; and
- Sometimes an extra RSO/instructor becomes available, which makes it possible to add a whole extra group.

5. Please reserve under the Facebook event or by replying to: ([victoriawomensshootingclub@gmail.com](mailto:victoriawomensshootingclub@gmail.com)).
6. Cost is usually around \$15 for VFGPA members and \$25 for non-members, which includes insurance coverage and ammo.
7. Firearms are supplied unless otherwise announced.
8. Events are co-ed unless announced otherwise.



#### VWS Announcement

Very sincerest thanks once again, for support from members of other more established shooting disciplines. This VWS club could never have existed, let alone made such remarkable progress, without your enthusiastic assistance. Special thanks to our March 30 supporters, Dave, Catherine, Dom, Dawne, Perry, and Steve who played a huge part in making this recent shoot such a great experience for our 26 new shooters.

Leia Calwell  
Internal Communications Liaison

Myrna Francis  
Director





### **Victoria Women Shooters - Introduction to Shooting Event held March 30th, 2014**

I really enjoy introducing new people to shooting, and it was another great day up at the range. Both male and female participants started the day by attending the Range Orientation class presented by Dawne Deeley, then headed down to the Multipurpose range. Several people had never used a firearm, and were thrilled to be able to try shooting .22 single and double action revolvers, and some really cool rifles! Victoria Women Shooters look forward to seeing each of you again.

We are thankful to Dom, Catherine, Steve, Perry, Dawne and Dave who helped make this event a huge success.

-Lisa Nichols, Event Director



### **Malahat Marauders 2014 Easter/Spring Thaw Rendezvous**

**April 18 - 20th, 2014**

Trapper's Challenge (team event)

Pistol

K & H

BP Silhouette/gongs on range/maybe paper

Shotgun

Archery ( for fun)

***Hosted dinner Saturday night***

\$20/per shooter

Max. \$40 per family

\$10 extra dinner tickets

Camping available if you dare. :)

Water and firewood available

#### **Contact:**

Perry [pchow4570@shaw.ca](mailto:pchow4570@shaw.ca)

Doug [dlinton@shaw.ca](mailto:dlinton@shaw.ca)

Merlin [benders69@shaw.ca](mailto:benders69@shaw.ca)



- Come one - Come All -  
To a Good Old Fashion  
**Victorian -  
Edwardian**  
**"Shooting Party"**  
at the  
**Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association**  
700 Holker Place, Malahat, BC  
Sunday 01 June 2014  
Shooter's Meeting 9:45 Shooting Starts at 10 am

***Perhaps the event of the year!*** A celebration of the era of the classic **Double Barrel Shotgun**! If you like to shoot side by side shotguns here is a chance for you to pull out your old classic doubles and shoot them - just for fun! We hope you will immerse yourself in the past and dress in period costume – country gentlemen dressed in your finest tweed, just like the old "Shooting Parties" of the **Victorian and Edwardian eras**. Or perhaps you would prefer the Safari look. For those of you who watch Downton Abbey or Out of Africa you will have a good idea what kind of style of dress to look for. Ladies may prefer the sophistication of the Victorian era with long flowing gowns and wide brimmed hats. **Everyone is welcome! You are encouraged to dress in period attire! Come even if you're not interested in shooting! Make sure to bring your spouse there will be lots of other Victorian games to play – croquet, bocce, etc. Come just for the fun and the old fashion atmosphere!**

The event is comprised of a Five Stand and Trap Shoots, (Side by Side Shotguns, Smokeless & Black powder) displays of vintage double guns, vintage cars and Victorian games. Victorian and Edwardian characters will be wandering around personifying the atmosphere of the era. Maybe you would like to come just for the Victorian style "High-tea" (lunch!)

**- Cost -**

Visitors - No charge (You don't have to be a club member to attend)  
Spectators & volunteers welcome - especially those in period costume!  
Shooters \$10.00 entry fee and \$6.00 a round  
(Supply your own ammunition, Safety Glasses and Hearing Protection)  
Ammo available at club for \$10. A box  
Lunch - "High Tea" – Cost TBA





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## **VICTORIA FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION**



### **HUNTING/CONSERVATION AND SHOOTING CONTEST**

To be held beginning April 1, 2014 and running through to May 31, 2014, the contest rules are as follows:

1. For 12 to 18 years of age.
2. Parents or guardians must have a current PAL.
3. The participants must shoot a centre-fire rifle at a 100 metre targets, with 3 shots allowed. The target must be signed and witnessed by the President of the Club.
4. The participants must compose an essay on hunting and conservation, of no less than 1000 words.
5. The participants must be able to reproduce the shooting on the target if chosen as a finalist.
6. The contest will be judged by Rare Exports.





### **PRIZES**


First prize will consist of a Steyr Mannlicher rifle, SBS Pro, .308 Winchester.  
The runner up will receive a Steyr Manlicher knife.



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### **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/>





## 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.

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### **ELK LAKE WATER QUALITY UPDATE:**

The Victoria Golden Rods & Reels Society has recently received a \$5000 grant from the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation for an enhancement and monitoring project on Elk Lake.

The project has five objectives:

1. Coordinate the establishment of a lake stewardship group for Elk/Beaver Lake.
2. Facilitate ongoing water quality monitoring and analysis with sampling conducted by club volunteers.
3. Prepare a brief report on historical trends in Elk Lake water quality, fish habitat, health and production. The report will include a synopsis of the eutrophication process and possible weed cutting/removal and reducing nutrient inputs from the watershed.
4. Organize a meeting of all stakeholders and interested public to focus attention on the urgency of investing in scientifically valid measures to improve water quality, fish habitat and productivity and recreational enjoyment.
5. Prepare a detailed budget and proposal for a cost shared lake enhancement project to any, and all, appropriate funding sources.

The major stakeholders include the Province of B.C., the District of Saanich and the Capital Regional District. The VGR&R are working on a detailed 'business plan' for the implementation of the project, including community outreach and public relations. The public meeting will likely be held in late September or early October. For further information, please contact club president, Robert McConnell at [milmac2@shaw.ca](mailto:milmac2@shaw.ca) or project coordinator Mick Collins at [mickcollins@shaw.ca](mailto:mickcollins@shaw.ca)

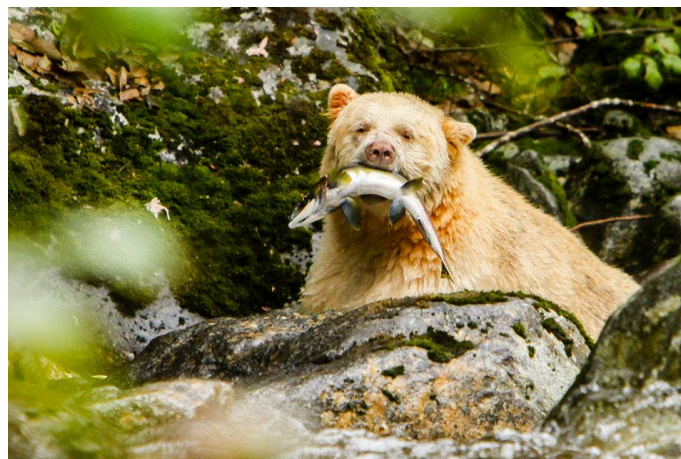
### **MARCH BOAT TRAILER COUNT AT ESQUIMALT ANGLERS:**

The Amalgamated Conservation Society members have just completed a boat trailer count at four local ramps during the month of March. Trailers were counted at 0830, 1100, 1330 and 1600 during the 16 odd days of the month. The ramps involved included Cattle Point, James Bay, Peddar Bay and Esquimalt Anglers.

The purpose of this exercise is to obtain a better estimate of angler effort as measured by boat days. Currently, DFO estimates angling effort through flyovers which count boats in the area during approximately six to eight days per month. The recreational angling community has reason to believe that their calculations of effort overestimate the true effort. This is particularly critical because effort times catch per unit effort (catch per boat day) equals total catch. Therefore, it is believed that DFO is, at times, overestimating our catch - particularly of salmon and halibut. Because of this, anglers are under increasing threat of restrictions; perhaps needlessly.

A total of 262 trailers were counted at the Esquimalt Anglers ramp. This results in 506 trailers for the month when extrapolated. There were two consecutive days with no trailers due to strong winds. The maximum number recorded was 55 on March 23. The average number of trailers per day was 16.3. By 8:30 AM, 48% of the daily boat total was on the water and by 11:00 AM effort reached 84%.

Found the picture  
on the internet







I received this following e-mail from Saanich Parks in response to the Victoria Fish & Game commitment to monitor the fence this coming season and our ongoing efforts to rebuild and relocate the fence upstream of the current site.

"I would like to ask for your continued patience as Saanich and the other senior levels of government (Federal and Provincial) work through the many considerations with the fence.

In the fall of 2013, we had reached an agreement through VFGPA president David Michaud for the 2013 counting season. That arrangement saw the newly formed Colquitz Salmonid Stewardship and Education Society (CSSES) led by the historic operators of the fence continue.

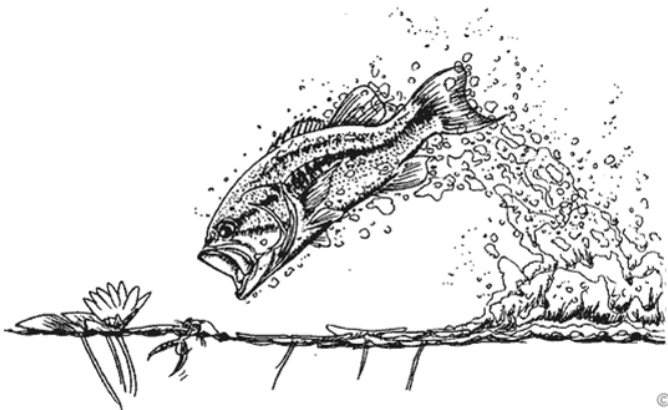
The senior government staff are continuing to review the details related to the operation of the fence and the considerations for enhancement/relocation. It is expected this may take a few more months to conclude. Once this is complete we will be back in touch. Therefore, at this time, we don't anticipate any change in the operating arrangement with CSSES for the 2014 season.

Again, your patience is appreciated and we will follow up once the agency reviews are complete."

Rae Roer,  
Senior Parks Manager,  
District of Saanich

#### SWAN CREEK COHO SMOLT COUNT:

The Friends of Swan Creek Watershed will be doing coho smolt counts at the Daisy Road crossing daily from April 15 to June 15 at 9:00-10:00 AM. If you are interested in assisting please contact their president, Bob Cox, at [rkcox@shaw.ca](mailto:rkcox@shaw.ca) to make arrangements. There will be at least two persons on site at all times.



#### 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



*From the Boone and Crockett Club*

### **Meat Hunter Scores World's Record**

December 5, 2013

Heinz Naef  
World's Record Alaska-Yukon Moose  
Yukon River, YT  
263-1/8 Official Score\*

Armed with an old 303 British, the 6'5" subsistence hunter, Heinz Naef got more than he bargained for. He shot the beast at 35 yards with open sights, and then later hacked off the antlers with a chain saw, nicking them in the process. After all, antlers don't offer much nutrition.

The scoring of the trophy drew much attention in the community. They probably should have sold tickets!

Official measurer Clint Walker tells the story.

"Immediately following this last measurement, I had my helpers go back to the shop, where the rest of the measurements had been made, while I tallied up the score.

There were apx 40 local residents in attendance to watch the measuring take place, which in Dawson City, Yukon, translates to over 3 % of the population of the town and surrounding area!!! Even the two local Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers who were on duty that evening attended to watch!

After determining the official measurement to be 263 1/8 net (267 1/8 gross score), I returned to the shop where everyone was waiting in silence. I approached the hunter, Heinz Naef, and in a quiet tone that could still be heard by everyone in the nearly silent room I said, "Well Heinz, no matter what the measurements are, you have yourself a really great trophy right there" as I pointed to the rack on the table. He humbly hung his head a little, clasped his giant hands together and replied, "Thank you, I know, I know..."

I looked at him for a couple seconds and followed with,  
"Unfortunately.....(- insert long pause here- and at which point the room let out a collective groan), you are going to have to get it measured by the panel because I have it officially measured at an inch and a half..... ( - insert another pause here-) ..... larger than the current world record!" The room then erupted deafeningly with cheers of congratulations for the hunter while pictures and backslaps were certainly aplenty following that moment.

It is such a great story. Taken at 35 yards after a "cat and mouse" stalk by a local hunter whose hunting party was just looking for winter meat, with an old .303 British rifle and open sights, is something that we rarely hear of in today's times. There is nobody more deserving of such honor as being a world record holder, than Heinz!"

There was no skull retained, and no cape! His comments in his swiss accent were; " I should haf, eh?". Haha.... Yes Heinz, you should haf!

\*The trophy will be panel scored for verification in Reno, Nevada in January 2014.

[Listen to the interview with Heinz on CBC](#)

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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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