



Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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2015

MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

EARLY BIRD PRICES;

ADULT \$110

FAMILY \$150

SENIOR \$75

JUNIOR \$30

AFTER DECEMBER 31st;

ADULT \$130

FAMILY \$170

SENIOR \$80

JUNIOR \$35

ALL NEW MEMBERS MUST ATTEND A FREE MANDATORY ORIENTATION COURSE BEFORE SHOOTING AT THE RANGE!!

More information about the Discounts on Page 3

THE NEW DAYPASS CHANGES.

As of January 1st 2015

\$50.00 (WAS \$25) NON MEMBERS

\$20.00 (WAS \$15.00) GUEST WITH MEMBERS

\$5.00 (YOUTH REMAINS THE SAME)



"Hand throwing Clays will be banned"
as of January 1st, 2015

As of January 1, 2015, on the shotgun range, hand throwing clays will be banned. All shotgun sports enthusiasts should take the trap access program to obtain use of our trap machines. Times and dates are posted on the website event calendar.



Comprehensive Update of Range Safety Rules and Regulations

The Board of Directors approved update of the Range Safety Rules and Regulations. The update is intended to help make your experience on the range safer and more enjoyable. The updated safety rules and regulations are available at the ranges and on the web site. Please remember that members are responsible for ensuring they are familiar with the range safety rules and regulations. Ignorance is no excuse. Stay safe.

To All Members of the VFGPA,

**Next Member Meeting will be on Monday, December 15th
which will be our Christmas Social. Bringing something is nice and appreciated, but not
essential as the club will be providing food also. Hope to see you there!**

CALENDAR REMINDER

IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE CALENDAR, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT: www.vfgpa.org AND
CLICK ON THE EVENT CALENDAR TAB.

ALSO, BEFORE HEADING UP TO THE RANGE, PLEASE CALL THE WEEKLY RANGE CLOSURES AND
EVENTS HOTLINE AT: 250-478-2411 TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO THE MOST RECENT
VERSION OF THE EVENT CALENDAR POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

Closing times for the Range 2015 CLOSING AND LAST SHOT

Dec. 01 All of Dec. Closing at 4:15PM (last shot 3:45PM)
Jan 01 to Jan 15th Closing at 4:30PM (last shot 4:00PM)
Jan 16 to Jan 31st Closing at 4:45PM (last shot 4:15PM)
Feb 01 to Feb. 15th Closing at 5:00PM (last shot 4:30PM)
Feb 16th to Feb 28th Closing at 5:30PM (last shot 5PM)

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

This is just a reminder that by law if you own a restricted firearm you must have a gun club membership (any gun club) or you may be subject to having your restricted firearms confiscated by the RCMP. Also make sure your PAL has not expired. As life gets busy we all know how easy it is to forget things. If you have firearms you want to dispose of, contact the club if you require assistance.



MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

What are they? How do I get them?

There are **TWO** kinds of discounts that can be applied towards the purchase of a membership in the Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association. Through our vendors, Robinsons', Island Outfitters, Pullen's, and Eagle Eye Outfitters, who have **volunteered** to sell our memberships in their establishments.

Please note: **ALL MUST BE TURNED IN AT TIME OF PURCHASE.**

1-Day Pass

New members who have purchased a **\$25.00** day pass (*Not the \$15 guest pass*) may use it **within 30 days**, towards their membership. **One only.**

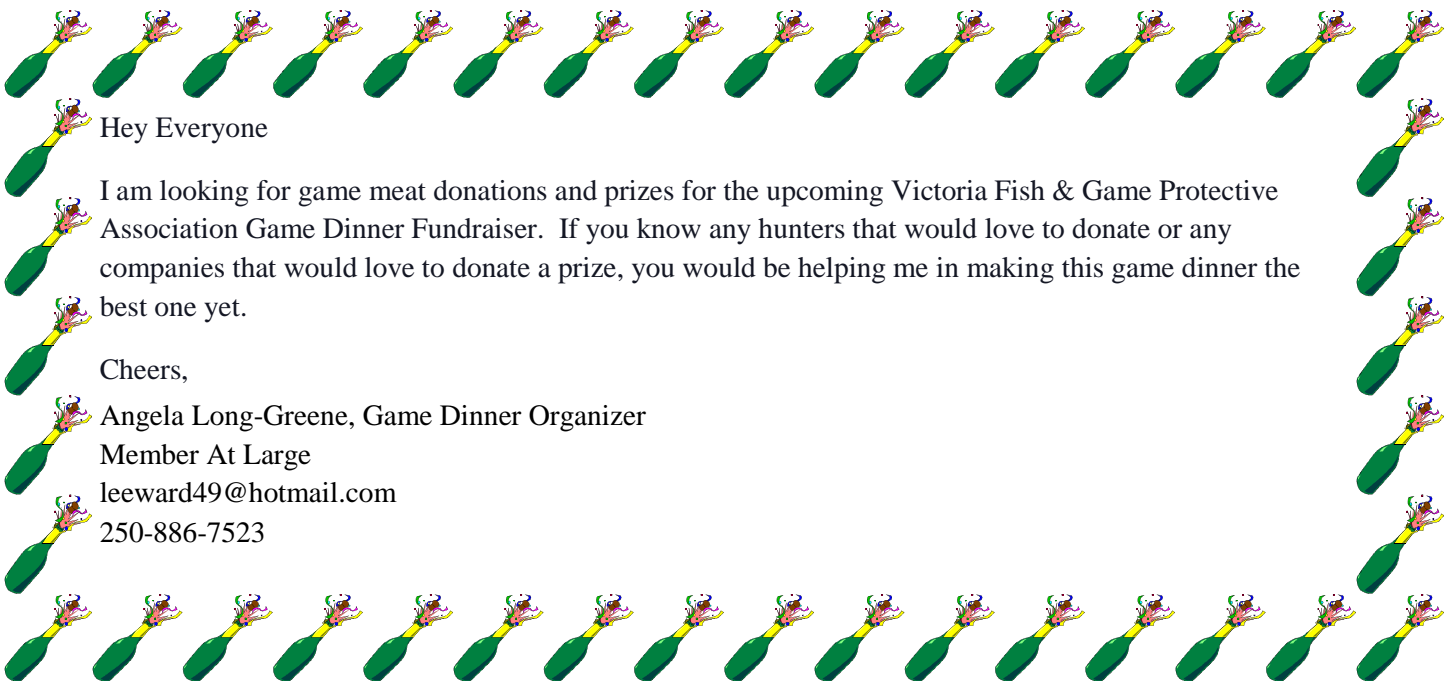
2-BST BUCKS

A **\$5.00** volunteer incentive program designed to be an intermittent reward. They are not issued for every instance of volunteerism within the club. Otherwise the club would owe some extraordinary volunteers far more than we bring in, in revenue! (You know who you are!)

You may use up to a **maximum** of **5 BST bucks = \$25** towards a membership number.
remember

NO VOLUNTEERS=HIGHER FEES

Any other discounts towards memberships must be approved by the membership secretary (Sonya Bell) and purchased from her or through the caretakers.



Hey Everyone

I am looking for game meat donations and prizes for the upcoming Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association Game Dinner Fundraiser. If you know any hunters that would love to donate or any companies that would love to donate a prize, you would be helping me in making this game dinner the best one yet.

Cheers,

Angela Long-Greene, Game Dinner Organizer

Member At Large

leeward49@hotmail.com

250-886-7523

**ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH 2015**

Members, please think of who you would like on the VFGPA Board for 2015. Please show up at the March 16th, 2015 Member Meeting for the Elections.

OBITUARY

One of our long time members, Alex Onischuk, passed away recently. He served on the club executive in the 1960's and was a vice-president. He also ran as a club president but was unsuccessful.

ONISCHUK, Alexander "Chuk" Alex / Chuk was born in The Pas on September 12, 1928 and moved to Victoria in 1942. He passed peacefully on November 3, 2014 in hospital. He was predeceased by Pauline (mother), Andro (father), Lawrence (brother), Irene (sister), Jim (brother), and Peggy (wife). Left to mourn is Laura (daughter), Lawrence (son), Mark (grandson), Carol (cousin), Betty McClelland (wife), his extended family, Heather / Will McClelland-Lamb; Stephanie/Darrin Sutherland; Jennifer McClelland and their families.

Alex / Chuk was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed camping, gardening and especially his boat, the Blue Heron. He belonged to many clubs and organizations - ANAVETS Sidney Unit 302; Royal Canadian Legion #37; Fish and Game, Sidney Anglers and CCYC. There was a service on November 12, 2014 at the First Memorial Chapel, 4725 Falaise Drive at 10:00 am. Thank you to all the nurses, doctors and staff at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital for their wonderful care and compassion. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice.

- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timescolonist/obituary.aspx?n=alexander-onischuk-chuk&pid=173082061&fhid=12166#sthash.vahFdrhA.dpuf>

**NEEDED**

We really need Members to Volunteer to present the Orientation Courses, Trap Access, Holster Courses.

Not a huge commitment we present the Trap Access Program (about 40 min.) at 6pm on the first Wed. of every month and usually one Sat and or Sunday at 9am. The Orientation Presentation (about 2 hrs) on the first Wed. of every month at 7PM and usually one Sat. and or Sun. at 10am.

We are doing the Holster Course once a Month (usually on Sun.) but some Saturdays would be good as well.

Very easy to do, training provided, just send me an e-mail
davidmichaud333@gmail.com





HOUSE KEEPING

Hello Members, a few house keeping items:

ALL NEW MEMBERS MUST TAKE THE ORIENTATION COURSE BEFORE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO USE THE CLUBS RANGES.

You cannot sign in anyone (for Free) on your Memberships. (if you don't have a Membership Card you have to have a Day-Pass displayed on you)

Sweeping your brass/steel/empty hulls off the concrete and/or leaving them on the ground is **not acceptable.** Please clean up after yourself. We have a lot of range users that do not know the rules (Day-Pass Users or New Members that haven't taken the mandatory "Orientation Course") please educate anyone not cleaning up after themselves.

Please print your Name/Member Number when you sign in, we NEED to be able to read what you Write/Print. **YOU MUST INITIAL THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOU KNOW THE RULES OF THE CLUB**

If **4:15pm** is Closing Time the last shot is 3:45pm, you have 1/2 hr. to clean up and be past the main gate before it is locked. You need to be on the other side of the main gate by **4:15pm**. Range staff have already worked their 12-14 hours and would like to go home and see their families.

CLOSING TIMES HAS CHANGED

Dec 1st Closing 415pm Last shot 345pm Until Dec 31st.

Thanks for your help.
Club Manager

"New to our Range: Holster Training Course"

You must be 'Holster Trained' and have a Holster Training qualification Card to use a Handgun Holster on our ranges.

Holster Training Courses (a 2 hour short course) will be held at the club on:
Dec 13th, January 18th, February 15th, March 15 & April 12

For Details, costs, & pre-registration, call at the Club Office 250-858-8342



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





PERRY CHOW: To members: Letting you know he is doing well. Perry Chow is staying at the Ross Place at 2638 Ross Lane, and he is in # 809. His number is (250) 412-1528.

RSO'S 2014

More volunteers in the program are required helping with safety on our ranges. We are looking for a 4 hour per month commitment. The next RSO Course will be January 10 & 11th, 2015, if you are interested please contact Chief Range Safety Office David Michaud at davidmichaud333@gmail.com.

NEXT RANGE SAFETY OFFICER COURSE JAN 10 & 11 2015 8-430PM SAT/SUN

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 (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 are available from the 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:

JANUARY 2015

Wed. Jan. 7th 6pm

Sat. Jan 17th

Sun. Jan 25th

FEBRUARY 2015

Wed. Feb 4th

Sat. Feb 21st

Sun. Feb 22nd

MARCH 2015

Wed. March 4th

Sat. March 14th

Sun. March 22nd

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

TRAP PRACTICES

Trap practices will still be on Sundays and some Saturdays, but not every one. Please check the calendar on the website or contact: Andre Desautels 250-701-5468



BCWF NOTES

On Sunday there was a meeting of all BCWF Zone 1 club representatives. There is a fair bit to report on.

Access

During the meeting this was a hot topic with little or no apparent interest by the timber companies to try to accommodate public access for recreational purposes to their extensive land holdings. This is somewhat understandable with the costly damage some individuals have wrought on logging equipment. For instance, in mid November such equipment was shot up to the tune of \$35,000 damage.

However, a phone call by the Zone 1 BCWF President to a timber company on Monday morning seems to have opened up a line of communication. For the south Island, this company has expressed interest in talking with the representative of a significant group of people who are seeking access. The VFGPA Access chair, Sabina Reska, will be our representative.

Another fly in the ointment is that Ducks Unlimited has apparently offered to buy all lake bottoms owned by Timberwest.

Elk Transplant

The VFGPA donated \$1000 to help fund an elk relocation program. Elk, in certain areas of Vancouver Island, have increased in numbers to the point where they are doing considerable damage to crops and recreational areas. As there are areas on the Island and mainland which were once populated by elk but presently support none, the Ministry of Forests, Lands etc. has proposed a relocation. However they need our help – both financially and physically. For the latter, help is needed to set up the traps and maintain the baits. Ministry people will handle the animals. Several club members have expressed an interest in helping. Dates for the program have yet to be finalized but the time frame is this winter.

B.C. Ferries

The issue of hand carrying cased and locked (ie legal) long guns onto B.C. Ferries is still an issue. At the moment, the ferries which travel the southern routes (Powell River and south) will not allow passengers carrying such cased guns on board. For the northern routes there seems to be no problem. Other ferry systems contacted accept such a carry with the understanding that the gun will be turned over, on boarding, to the purser for safe storage during the passage. The gun is returned on disembarking. B.C. Ferries say they have neither the personnel nor space to offer such a service.

Kid's Camp

This very successful outdoor experience will again be offered to children of club members or children who are club members and between the ages 10 and 14 years.

The Courtenay Fish and Game Club will be the host for this event on their property.

Every child with whom I have talked who has attended this camp has found the experience to be exhilarating and would like to attend the next year. While preference is given to first-timers, several kids have re-attended. Dates for the 2015 camp are July 21 to 23. There is no cost to the campers but parents are responsible for getting the child to and from the Courtenay club.

Fisheries

Salt water - The halibut issue has been put to bed. The BCWF and partners won their case with the commercial fishers and will keep the increased percent of allowable catch (15%). The cost of this action to the BCWF was ~\$53,000. This number accentuates the need for funds to fight many similar encroachments on what is or should be the public domain.

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Freshwater - Several issues are on the radar – particularly in northern B.C. Several clubs in are requesting the right to keep steelhead caught by angling according to what is deemed to be an acceptable sustainable yield. If the BCWF does not support their request they are threatening to leave the organization.

The Nish'ga of the Nass River area want to be the sole licensors of fisher people in the Nass valley. Resident status will only be given to those who reside in the valley with all others to be treated as guided fishers and pay accordingly.

Insurance

The VFGPA and members are insured through a policy negotiated by the BCWF. Presently the insurance package held by most BCWF affiliated clubs is supplied by HUB International. However, the present BCWF executive think that a better deal for member clubs can be found – especially in light of our numbers. CAPRIS is presently honing an offer. One issue with HUB is their announcement that they will not continue to offer ATV insurance.

AGM's

The Zone 1 AGM will be held at the Nanaimo Fish and Game Club on March 28 – 29, 2015.

The Provincial BCWF AGM for 2015 will be held in Fernie on April 23 to 25.

The BCWF AGM for 2016 will be held in Nanaimo.

Conservation Lottery

The Conservation Lottery for 2015 has been announced and tickets are now available. As for other years the cost / ticket is \$10.00. For those who wish to sell tickets, they are available in books of 10. The cut-off date for ticket sales is May 27, 2015. There will be an Early Bird draw on Feb. 27, 2015 with the prize being a \$500.00 gift certificate from Wholesale Sports. All tickets sold in time will first be entered into the Early Bird and then the final draw. There will be prizes given to those who sell the most tickets.

The list of Conservation Lottery prizes is as follows:

1 st .	2015 Honda Pioneer 500 Side X Side	\$13,000.00
2 nd .	\$3000. Cash	\$3000.00
3 rd .	Airfare for 2 anywhere Westjet flies	
4 th .	Scorpion Optics Package (scope, binoculars, laser range finder)	
5 th .	\$500.00 Gift card from Italian Sporting Goods	\$500.00

2015 BOW Weekend (Becoming an Outdoors Woman)

This program offers women 19 years of age and older the opportunity to learn outdoor skills through courses conducted by qualified, patient and supportive instructors. The weekend will be held at the Lake Cowichan Education Centre, Vancouver Island, B.C. from May 1st to 3rd, 2015.

Merry Christmas!

Cheers,
Bob Macdonald
bob@biologica.bc.ca



WELCOME!

ASHLEY WILLIAMS



Victoria Women Shooters are pleased to welcome our new Internal Communications Liaison, Ashley Williams to the Director's Committee of the Victoria Women Shooters.

Ashley recently moved to Victoria to pursue her career as a corporate communications specialist. If you happened to read the VWS Report in the last newsletter, you'll realize that her expertise has us celebrating our good fortune, as her new employer must also be doing. Her enthusiastic presence at shooting events is a huge benefit to VWS, as well.

Ashley appears to be developing an affinity for shotguns, but we expect she'll continue to enjoy everything that goes "BOOM!" "BANG!" "ZIP!" or "ZING!"

We're wishing Ashley an enjoyable and rewarding career in Victoria as well as many years of continued growth and great shooting experiences with us.

Hey Everyone,

It's that time of year again and I am back at it selling BCWF Lottery Tickets

Amazing prizes to be won! \$10/ticket and you have a chance to be the grand prize winner of a 2015 Honda Pioneer 500 Side X Side (Valued at over \$13,000)

***2nd - \$3000 Cash**

***3rd - Airfare for 2 Anywhere WestJet Flies**

***4th - Scorpion Optics Package**

***5th - \$500 Italian Sporting Goods Gift Cert..**

***6th - Toshiba 29" LED TV**

***7th - BCWF Framed Artist of the Year Print**

****Don't forget about the Early Bird Prize**

- \$500 Wholesale Sports Gift Certificate

Send me a message and lets make you a winner! Thank you, Angela Long-Greene, Member At Large

leeward49@hotmail.com or phone(250) 886-7523



Junior Target Rifle

The jointly administered (NSRG & VFGPA) drop-in shooting program held on Saturday afternoons at the NSRG range is fully underway. All equipment, ammunition and targets as well as instruction are offered free of charge. There are two venues - .22 rimfire and .177 air rifle. Al Hargreaves (NSRG) looks after rimfire and Bob Macdonald air rifle. As the NSRG has a stand-alone air rifle range as well as a regular rifle range, the venues are offered concurrently – from 1400 to 1600 hrs.

The rifles used in both venues are all high quality and target grade. Rear sights are micrometer adjustable peep sights and front sights are globe sights with interchangeable apertures. Shooting jackets and gloves are available.

In .22 rifle, most shooting is done from the prone position while in air rifle most shooting is done from the standing or offhand position. However, as most competitions require shooting from prone, kneeling and standing positions, a student who shows a real interest in target shooting will, if time and numbers allow, be introduced to all three.

This program is offered primarily to children 8 years and older. There is no hard and fast minimum age but children younger than 8 tend not to be big enough to handle even the air rifles. However one does not know until one tries. Parents are welcome to shoot alongside their children in either venue if space allows – but, priority is give to the children.

On the first Saturday of each month a range and firearm safety program is give to all those who wish to shoot in either venue – both children and parents. One is not allowed to shoot until this program has been taken.

For those older children and young adults who show continued interest and some skill in target shooting there is a program that runs from 1200 to 1400 hrs. every Saturday at NSRG. This program is coached by Chantel Spicer – a former Canadian National Team member – with the goal to create a team of shooters to compete at the Provincial level.

For more information I can be contacted at 250-479-3828 or bob@biologica.bc.ca.

Submitted by Bob Macdonald

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:

Jan. 10 & 11

Feb 7 & 8

March 7 & 8

April 11/12

July 3/4

Time: 8AM to 5pm each day

Location: VFGPA Clubhouse

700 Holker Place

Malahat, BC

Master Instructor

M.David Michaud

davidmichaud333@gmail.com

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



Range Updates with Construction and Updates



Construction Continues on the Archery Range! Wrong place TO PARK !!



Rock Pile is getting smaller on the Archery Range



New Access road to the New Property



Please leave the Physically Challenged SPOTS for those that need them !!



Back Filling the Multi-Purpose is going well !!



New Shooting Tables on the Multi-Purpose Range!



75 New / Replacement signs are being installed. (No Parking in front of the Bays at the Multi-Purpose anymore!)

2014 Black Powder Turkey Shoot

Twenty-one shooters braved the Malahat construction zones to attend the Black Powder Turkey Shoot on Nov 22-23. Gongs were shot, as well as couple of targets featuring primitive subject matter such as: buffalo, Mike Fink, candle snuff, and a few more. Some did the Hawk and Knife trail. Some shot pistols. We had a hot dog luncheon on the range, and the campers enjoyed a potluck dinner on Saturday evening.

On Sunday we ran two squads of shotgunners. Fifteen prizes were awarded for shooting prowess, with two 'hidden spot' prizes as well as three draws for those who didn't win anything. A good time was seemingly had by all, and we were able to open the range by about 2:45 on Saturday. It was also nice to have a few folks drop by to see what we were up to-Spectators always welcome!



SMALL FIREARM ESSENTIALS

COURSE OUTLINE

In-Class and on the Range, 2 hour Course for New Shooters.
Students must have valid PAL, be members of VFGPA, and bring
their own firearm with 100 rounds of ammo. Course fee is \$20.00
Maximum 10 students per class.

RANGE SAFETY

STANCE

GRIP

MUZZLE CONTROL

SIGHT ALIGNMENT

BREATHING CONTROL

TRIGGER PULL

SAFELY CLEARING JAMS & MALFUNCTIONS

TRAINING TIPS

2015 DATES

Sunday Jan. 17th

Saturday, Feb. 14th

Saturday, March 7th

Saturday, April 18th

Victoria Fish & Game Association, 700 Holker Place, Malahat BC



On November 30th, a few members of the Victoria Esquimalt Military Re-enactment Association held their Christmas dinner at Ross Place. It was a costume affair with members dressing in their favorite military outfit. The food was excellent and the company even better and a good time had by all. As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words, so I will let you judge by the attached picture if they were not a happy, and I might say, a well outfitted group. For anyone interested in obtaining more information on this group please contact the newsletter editor.



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 these free sessions are held 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 Website for Dates and also below in this newsletter.

David M.
Chief Range Safety Officer
VFGPA.

Calendar of the Orientation Sessions

JANUARY 2015

Wed. Jan. 7th 7pm
Sat. Jan 17th 10am
Sun. Jan 25th 10am

FEBRUARY 2015

Wed. Feb 4th 7pm
Sat. Feb 21st 10am
Sun. Feb 22nd 10am

MARCH 2014

Wed. March 4th 7pm
Sat. March 14th 10am
Sun. March 22nd 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*****

YOU MUST DO THE ORIENTATION COURSE BEFORE YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE RANGE.

Notice:

RSO course will be coming this Fall

Range Use Reminder to Shooters

*****A General Reminder that "The facility's gates are OPEN at 8:30pm AM; Shooting can only take place from 9:00 AM – Dusk / 4:15 PM (which ever is first)" *****

davidmichaud333@gmail.com or 250-858-8342



VICTORIA WOMEN SHOOTERS NEWSLETTER

Dec 2014



GROUP SHOT FROM THE VICTORIA WOMEN SHOOTERS APRIL SHOOTING EVENT

Victoria Women Shooters Newsletter

Victoria Women Shooters News

Here we are, staring at a brand-new year with all its exciting possibilities. The Women Shooters' Director's Committee met at the end of November, and we are excited about our plans for 2015.

Our BIGGEST news is that we've been contacted by a member of the Port Coquitlam & District Hunting and Fishing Club about how to start a women's shooting club. This came about due to the articles about our VWS club in the *Canadian Firearms Journal* (Jan/Feb and Nov/Dec issues).

Besides the exciting possibility of a sister club, it's fun to look back into our early beginnings for helpful information. Lots of awesome memories there! We're wishing this club every success, and we hope they have the same type of support and encouragement that we've enjoyed.

Attending VFGPA Events

Did you know there are shooting events hosted by other groups at the VFGPA range that are open to beginners, in addition to those put on by VWS? These newbie-friendly shoots are great opportunities for us women shooters to gain experience in various disciplines.

Many of our committee members are new to one or more of the disciplines themselves, so in 2015, we will invite you to join us at beginner-friendly shoots of all VFGPA disciplines.

At least one committee member will attend each event and we look forward to being joined by some of our members (you!). We will be beginners together. This is a good chance for us to get to know each other in small groups and reduce the intimidation of showing up on your own.

Upcoming Events

Watch your inbox for information on our 2015 events. We will distribute more details as each event approaches.

The first VWS gathering planned for 2015 is our Island Outfitters Night on February 17. We will meet in the gun room at Island Outfitters. I.O. staff will be available to answer questions and assist with purchases. Stay tuned for more details in the New Year!

Monthly Meet and Greet

There will be no Meet and Greet for the month of December. The committee is taking the month to relax and recharge and



prepare for the upcoming season, which has many great things in store.

VWS T-Shirts

The Director's Committee members are working on creating custom t-shirts for the Victoria Women Shooters. These will be available for purchase sometime in early 2015 for those who want to proudly proclaim "Why Yes, I Do Shoot like a Girl".

VFGPA Christmas Social

The Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association, our parent club, is hosting its annual Christmas Social on December 15.

You do not need to be a club member to attend this festive potluck event, so come on by and enjoy the opportunity to eat and mingle with some fellow enthusiasts (bringing a potluck item is optional).

Monday, Dec 15 at 7:30pm
Strawberry Vale Community Hall
11 High Street
Admission free

Check out the Victoria Women's Shooters at www.vfgpa.org/womens-shooting-club or on facebook "Victoria Women Shooters – Sports News



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

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

- David Michaud (250)888-5315 or davidmichaud333@gmail.com
- Dave Degrassi (250)474-3483
- Sue Bender (250) 721-0131 or safeshooting69@gmail.com
- Ken Cornish (250) 656-7885 or safetycourse@shaw.ca

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
- Ken Cornish (250) 656-7885 or safetycourse@shaw.ca

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 painted 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 ones hanging on the wall) and put into the brass buckets if it's BRASS. Steel/shotgun hulls go into the garbage cans.

Thanks, David M, Range Manager.



SAFETY REMINDERS--PLEASE READ

FIREARMS--CASES--BENCHES

Firearms are to be cased and uncased ONLY during Live Periods and preferably only at the Firing line (forward wooden benches) Actions open, Magazines removed (empty cases can be returned to rear gear tables)

Firearms are to be Loaded and Unloaded ONLY on the Firing Line (forward wooden shooting Benches)

Muzzles are always to be pointed down range or upwards.

(magazine may be filled or emptied at the rear gear benches and tables).

“CEASE FIRE” ROUTINE/PROCEDURES:

Remove ammunition from the Chamber. Remove magazines from the action

Leave actions visibly open-(a chamber flag helps visibility!)

Then- **Your Choice:**

Leave firearm(muzzle pointed down range, magazine removed, action open) on FIRING LINE bench.

Or

Carry firearm muzzle up and place in rear wall rack- magazine removed action open.

Remember to take needed targets, tape, stapler, beverage, etc. with you when leaving the shooting bench area for the Cease Fire Period. (An RSO can retrieve forgotten items.)

During a Cease Fire DO NOT go within 3 metres of the firearms on the bench or handle firearms on the racks (Remember your P.A.L. Course). Do not touch anything on your shooting table. (An RSO can retrieve forgotten items).

During a Cease Fire the divided concrete slab area around the shooting benches is to be used to walk through only on the way to your target and back. Please remain off the shooting table area concrete during cease fire periods.

Your Cooperation is appreciated! Your Safety is our only concern!

Thank-you
Your RSO Volunteers

**Deer Weigh Ins:**

Wayne Zaccarelli	102 lb	R3L3	Nov 09
Darcy Rhodes	150 lb	R4L5	Nov 11
Don Swindell	130 lb	R4L4	Nov 22
Jiri Rol	137 lb	R5L5	Nov 23

**ELK/BEAVER LAKEKEEPERS WORKSHOP**

The B.C. Lake Stewardship Society will be hosting a workshop on March 28-29, 2015 in Victoria. It will focus on Elk/Beaver Lake which is currently suffering water quality issues. Registration is \$25 and can be processed through the B.C. Lake Stewardship Society website. The session will be led by Dr. Rick Nordin, a noted limnologist in this area. Rick is also on the executive of the BCLSS and has worked with the B.C. government and University of Victoria. Topics which will be covered include organizing a stewardship group for Elk/Beaver Lake, fundraising, lake ecology, watershed planning and developing a lake monitoring program. Optional topics include invasive species, aquatic plant surveying, watershed assessments and watershed planning processes. Registration is limited to 24 persons so make sure you register early.

COLQUITZ - CRAIGFLOWER COHO RETURNS

The local creeks experienced a second major influx of spawning Coho salmon with the heavy rains of late November. Totals on November 09 were 1133 for Craigflower and 714 for Colquitz. As of December 02, Craigflower had 1795 and Colquitz 1403 for a total of 3198. These are all time record returns since counts started. Some fish have been missed in the count at both creeks due to high water - although not a significant number. Including these and other sources of mortality such as predators (ie. seals, otters), angling catch within the harbour and Gorge waters, it is not unreasonable to assume that probably 4000 Coho entered the outer harbour waters.

On November 23 alone, Craigflower volunteers processed over 400 Coho through the fish trap. Females have significantly outnumbered males at both creeks with about 60% females and 40% males. The returns have slowed down with the cold weather at the end of November, however the counting fences remain operational. Some more Coho are expected with the next rain event although the numbers should be much smaller. It is not unusual to get a few Coho as late as Christmas or New Years.

Submitted by Wayne Z.

HUNTING OPTIONS OPEN

Currently, hunting options include Nanaimo Lakes and Comox / Courtenay, and Cowichan Lake area (islandtimberlands blog lists days/times that gates are open. Mostly weekends and stat holidays. The website is good to check for updates)

**BIG GAME COMPETITION / RECORDS BOOKS**

Blacktail deer antlers from deer taken during the 2014 hunting season within Region 1 (Vancouver Island) will be accepted until January 31, 2015 for entry in the largest antlers competition.

Black bear skull entries from the spring and fall 2014 seasons will also be accepted until January 31, 2015 for the club competition. The Boone & Crockett scoring system will be used to determine a final score for all bear and deer entries.

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.

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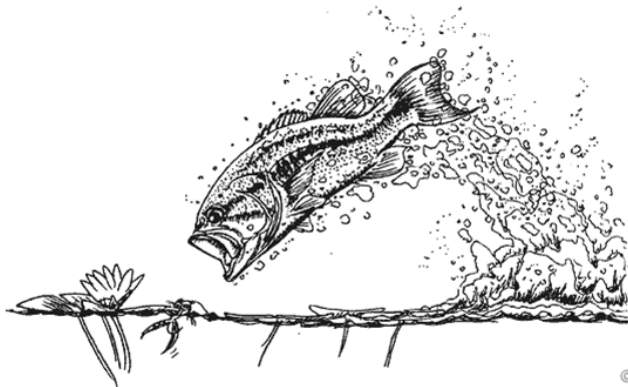
1 st edition (1970 - reprinted 2011)	2 nd edition (1983)
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Check out the **Wildlife Records Club of B.C.** website and e-mail at:

Website: www.wildliferecordsofbc.com

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Contact Wayne Zaccarelli for entries, records books or further information.

**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:___

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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, JANUARY THE 7th, 2015.** 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.

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Member Meeting

Strawberry Vale Hall 7:30pm.

Member 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.

Phone: (250) 478—2411

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Web: www.vfgpa.org

E-mail: inquiry@vfgpa.org

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