



Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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Help Wanted

The Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association has openings for assistant caretakers on a casual, on call basis to provide holiday relief for the full time caretakers, and or augmented coverage during busy periods. Work hours will usually be on weekends and statutory holidays, but may be on other days of the week. Pay is \$15 per hour and duties include:

- * janitorial;
 - * grounds keeping/yard work;
 - * selling day pass and memberships;
 - * range safety officer.
- Requirements for the position include:
- * hold a valid PAL;
 - * good interpersonal and customer service skills;
 - * able to work on your own;
 - * physically capable of doing janitorial and yard work.

Please send your resume and expression of interest to the Range Manager, David Michaud at inquiry@vfgpa.org

NEXT MEMBER MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, MAY THE 19th AT THE NEW TIME 7PM.
Hope to see you there!

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. **Also, on page 12 in this newsletter.**

Check the Calendar on the Website for Dates too.

David M.
Chief Range Safety Officer
VFGPA.

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From the Editor, Jodi Sturgill



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**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

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.

Hey Everyone,

The Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association Decals have arrived. These lovely interior and exterior decals are only \$5 each and available to purchase at the caretaker's office up at the range:) Get yours today!
Thank you, Angela Long
Member At Large

**2015 MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR SALE**

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 9

Next Member Meeting will be on TUESDAY, May the 19th at NEW TIME 7PM.

Hope to see you there!

FOR ANY NEW MEMBERS, FOR THE TURN AROUND COMING OUT OF THE RANGE, IT IS 1.6 KILOMETRES DOWN THE HIGHWAY, JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION.



HUNT AND FISH PRO SHOP

FOR ALL YOUR HUNTING AND SHOOTING NEEDS!

LANGFORD'S We've expanded our hunting department and have now added Firearms and a huge array of shooting accessories
HUNTING
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Over 200 guns in stock and a large ammo selection featuring many hard to find calibers all at amazing prices.

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Firearm Specialist Jim

The Pro Shop also features a large selection of:

- Fishing Tackle.
- Hunting Equipment.
- Camping.
- Shooting Supplies and much more!



The Firearm Department is Open Daily:

Mon. to Fri. 12:00 to 8:00
and on
Sat. and Sun. 9:00 to 5:00

Coming soon: Firearms and ammo department will be expanding 3x!





BCWF NOTES

BCWF AGM 2015

This year, the AGM was sponsored by the Fernie Rod and Gun Club and staged in various facilities available in the town of Fernie. As I have come to expect, this event was well organized and featured a slate of speakers whose competence is well known. The theme of this AGM was “Ours Today, Theirs Tomorrow” – in obvious deference to the, at times desperate, need to conserve habitat and wildlife for our heirs.

The resolutions summarized in the last newsletter were voted on and here are the results:

1. Conservative Approach To Hunting By First Nations

- Therefore be it resolved the BCWF lobby First Nations to take a more conservative to hunting by First Nations hunters all year round.
- Withdrawn.

2. Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Expansion

- Therefore be it resolved that the BCWF vehemently oppose this project through any and all means possible.
- Withdrawn

3. Agricultural Fencing

- Therefore be it resolved that agricultural fencing projects using public monies must include a one-way gate in the fence design preferably in an area for natural escapement.
- Be it further resolved that the Government encourage privately funded fencing projects include these gates in their design.
- Passed

4. Wild/Domestic sheep: Legislated Separation

- Therefore be it resolved that the Government must enable overarching legislation that will provide for effective means of separation between wild and domestic sheep to ensure healthy wild sheep populations in the long term.
- Passed

5. Wildlife Management Program

- Therefore be it resolved that the BCWF request the Government with the appropriate ministries develop and implement a predator management program. The intent of this program will allow predator species to be managed at desired levels allowing wild ungulate populations to increase and meet the harvest requirements of all B.C. hunters.
- Passed

Two of the many good speakers who made presentations at the AGM were Don Peterson and Chief Joe Alphonse.

Don Peterson was the very capable President and one of the founding people of the Freshwater Fishing Society. He retired recently after guiding the Society through its formative years to become a model of resource management. For years the Society had requested that all the licence fees go to the support of the resource and this year the Government acceded to the request and granted the Society 100% of these fees – resulting in an increase of ~ \$1.7 million to the operation. As licence fees are its life blood, the Society created a group to encourage freshwater fishing – the Learn to Fish Society. Every year this group sends us 2 to 3 people to help us with our Discovery Day and other fishing events in Frog Hollow.

The model of the Society has been so successful that it is being studied in terms of its applicability to salt water fishing and hunting. I think it is generally appreciated that we need something better than what we have.



Chief Joe Alphonse is the chief of a Chilcotin First Nations band. In his studied, methodical way with a sense of humour he is a delightful and compelling speaker. Hunting is very important to his people and the disastrous decline in the moose population is having serious effects. The causes are manifold. To bring out beetle killed wood, many access roads have been built making much of the territory accessible to vehicles. Cow moose are being hunted. Predators are showing no decline in numbers. Poaching is common. In answer Chief Alphonse is closing off roads, telling his people cow moose are not to be hunted, trapping predators and dealing, at times harshly, with poachers. Chief Alphonse is the first to admit that First Nations people are playing a not insignificant role in the decline of the moose population. He chuckles that people have threatened to shoot him – but I suspect he can look after himself. To achieve its goals in conservation, the BCWF can do little better than ally itself with people such as Joe Alphonse and Stewart Phillip.

JUNIORS PROGRAM

Shooting

The last Saturday in May marks the end of the Junior shooting program until the first Saturday after Labour Day in September.

This program is a joint effort between the VFGPA and the NSRG (North Saanich Rod and Gun club). Drop-in instruction and shooting are available on a no-cost basis most Saturdays from Sept. to June. Membership in either of the sponsoring clubs is not required.

Canadian Tire (Langford) will be sponsoring a shooting competition on Sunday, July the 5th for junior shooters between the ages of 9 and 18. Watch the VFGPA newsletter for more details. Significant prizes will be awarded to the winning shooters.

Submitted by Bob M.

Torquay Elementary School Visits our Club

The kids all had a wonderful time learning how to fish up at Frog Hollow. They also have a Archery Program for the past couple of years at the school.





OUTDOOR PASSPORT PROGRAM

BCWF has established a program to help BCWF members acquire permission to access and hunt on private lands. The Outdoor Passport Program provides an orientation on private land access obligations and requires participants to agree to the terms and conditions of the program.

Access to private land or across private lands to crown land has been a longstanding issue with individuals and land owners. Availability to private lands varies around the province depending on the land owners risk evaluation and how they manage the determined risk. At this point there is very limited public access to private lands.

The Outdoor Passport program provides a process to assist passport holders to acquire permission to access private lands that promotes a high level of voluntary self compliance. The process also addresses landowners concerns and risk management issues.

Everyone may access the course, but only BCWF members are permitted to take the exam at the completion of the course and qualify for a BCWF Outdoor Passport.

For more information, please visit the BCWF website and click on Outdoor Passport Program. There you can read through the material, take the exam and become an Outdoor Passport holder like myself.

Thank you,

Angela Long-Greene
Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association
Member At Large

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.



The Victoria Women Shooters meet on the last Wednesday of the month, for May this will be on the **27th at 7pm**. We meet at the Boston Pizza on the corner of Blanshard and Hillside (797 Hillside Ave, Victoria, BC.)

We also have an **Introduction to shooting happening on June 28th from 1-4pm**, this will be taking place at the Multi-purpose (MP) range #1 and #2 bays (700 Holker Place, Mill Bay, BC.)

The Wild Bunch invited the Victoria Women's Shooters to come try some cowboy action shooting on April 11th, we had three ladies that had never fired a firearm in our group and two of those ladies had never touched a firearm until that day. Despite the weather we had an awesome turnout for this event!! Thank you Wild Bunch!!



HUNTER PROGRAM



Dates:

Oct. 24, 25, 31 & Nov. 1, 2015

Time: & location

**9am to 5pm, Victoria Fish and Game club
700 Holker Pl.**

Agenda:

Class room:

**Hunting skills, Fishing, fresh and salt water,
Bird hunting, upland and water fowl.
Rifle, modern & black powder, Archery, game
cleaning. Equipment needed for hunting in your
area. Game tracking.**

Hands on training;

Rifle range, archery, trap and skeet shooting.

**Please note: participants are to bring their own firearms and
ammo and other related equipment.**

Costs:

\$75.00 per person.

Price includes the cost of lunch for each day.

For more information contact

Bernard Stewart at 250-882-1124

bearpawdemo@hotmail.com



HUNTER REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Age ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐

Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code : _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

AREA OF INTEREST

Please check your area of interest.

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Big Game Hunting

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Game Tracking

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Water Fowl Hunting

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Trophy Measuring

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Upland Bird Hunting

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Fresh water fishing

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Salt water Fishing

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Black powder hunting

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Archery hunting

☐

Hunting Firearm Selection

☐

Hunting Firearm safety

☐

Game Cleaning



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, Langford Canadian Tire 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 **\$50.00** day pass (*Not the \$20 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.

VANCOUVER ISLAND GUN SHOWS FOR 2015

May 31 - Parksville - 1014 Ford Road, Coombs
Contact: Graham Alexander (250) 752-1855

August 16 - Duncan - 4295 Robertson Road, Duncan
Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250)-746-7812

Sept. 20 - Parksville - 1014 Ford Road, Coombs
Contact: Graham Alexander (250) 752-1855

Oct. 18 - Courtenay - 3780 Colake Road, Comox,
Contact: Al Lapp (250) 338-5982

Oct 31 - Nov. 1 - Victoria - 1528 Stelly's Cross Road, Saanichton
Contact: John Pullen (250) 474-2512

Nov. 15 - Nanaimo - 1325 Nanaimo Lakes Road, Nanaimo
Contact: Doug Miller (250) 758-1303

Nov. 29- Duncan - 4295 Robertson Road, Duncan
Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250)-746-7812



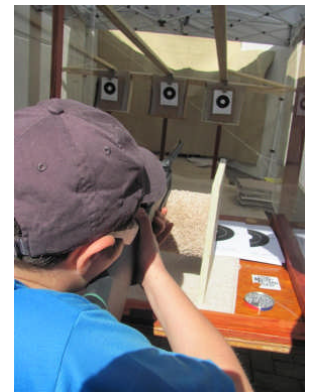
Langford Canadian Tire Air Rifle Shooting Booth Report

On Saturday, May 2nd our club hosted our portable air rifle shooting booth out at the Canadian Tire Store in Langford at the request of Tim Currie, the store's owner / manager. We'd done the same for him last year for the grand opening of their newly expanding shooting and hunting section and so he contacted us again this year and asked if we could do something similar for him again. We were happy to help out since Tim and his store have become huge supporters of our club in the past year and we were very glad to help him out. (Tim was instrumental in the establishment of our Junior Hunting competition this year and has donated 2 prize rifles and a further cash donation of \$1,000 in supporting funds.)

On Friday, May 1st a volunteer crew of Dom Piluso, Andre Desautels, Doug Linton, Perry Roemer and myself (Al Page) met up at the club and transported our portable shooting booth and all of the related accessories down to Langford and got things set up at Tim's store for Saturday's event. On Saturday a large volunteer crew of RSO's and "meet and greeters" from our club manned the booth from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. At that point, the remaining volunteers on hand tore down the range and it's equipment and then transported it all back up to the club property and put everything back away into storage at the clubhouse. Our sincere thanks to our enthusiastic crew of club volunteers who were entirely responsible for making this event at all possible as well as a huge success, which included:

David Becker, Dom Piluso, Andre Desautels, Al Page, Doug Linton, Perry Roemer, Scott & Kathleen Knowles, Gary & Sybil Kangas, Catherine Fryer, Dawne Deeley, Nathalie Dube, Paul McNeil, Bernie Tremblay, Suz Fournier, Ed Emerick, and Owen Strachan. (And my sincere apologies if I missed anyone from the volunteer list.)

Submitted by Al Page



**"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:
May 17, June 14, July 12, August 16, Sept 13th, & Oct 15th

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.

NEW!!! Joe Craig will now be running skeet practices every other Sunday afternoon from 2:30-5:00 pm. So far they have been scheduled for April 12, April 26, May 10 and May 24. Please check the club calendar for further dates and information. Everyone is welcome, come out and enjoy some skeet and give Joe a hand with the set up and the clean up.

For further information contact Joe, joe@blueshapes.com



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

5-stand or sporting clays are 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 and Sporting Clays is \$30. per round of 100 targets.

Saturday April 18 will be our next Sporting Clays shoot, 50 targets in the morning and 50 targets after lunch.

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

Calendar of the Orientation Sessions**MAY**

May 24th

JUNE

June 3rd

June 13th

JULY

July 1st

AUGUST

Aug. 5th

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 / 7:15 PM (which ever is first)" *****

davidmichaud333@gmail.com or 250-858-8342



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. Extra buckets have been put at each range, these are not garbage buckets they are to be used for Brass Cartridges (recycle) on the R/P and M/P Range, shotgun shells on the S/G Range. All garbage (paper, plastic, cardboard) goes into the garbage cans.

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 **7pm** is Closing Time the last shot is 6:30pm, 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 **7pm**. Range staff have already worked their 12-14 hours and would like to go home and see their families.

Closing Times for the Range 2015 CLOSING AND LAST SHOT

After April 16th, last shot is 7:30pm close at 8pm

Club Manager, David M.

DAYPASS AMOUNTS for 2015

As of January 1st, 2015

NON MEMBERS \$50.00

GUEST WITH MEMBERS \$20.00

JUNIORS (18 & under) \$5.00

CANTEEN IN THE CLUBHOUSE WITH POP, CHIPS, BARS AND COFFEE

A canteen is in the clubhouse on Saturdays & Sundays 10:00 –3:00pm Come and check it out!



**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. 40 minutes. "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:**MAY**

May 24th

JUNE

June 3rd

June 13th

JULY

July 1st

AUGUST

Aug. 5th

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

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, JUNE THE 3rd, 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.

Please send all submissions to : vfgpanewsletter@telus.net

Thank You, Jodi Sturgill (250) 383-4622

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 davedegrassi@telus.net
- 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



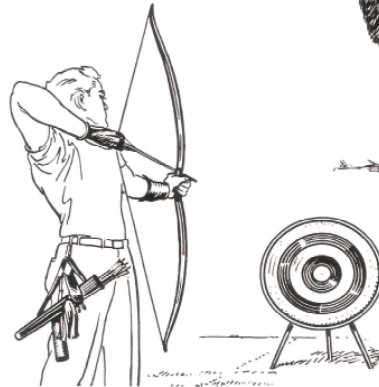
OUTDOOR DISCOVERY DAY

VICTORIA FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
700 HOLKER PLACE AT THE TOP OF THE MALAHAT



JUNE 21, 2015 - SHOOTING & FISHING
10 AM - 3 PM

LOTS OF FUN AND FREE!!!



**ARCHERY, BLACKPOWDER, TRAP,
PISTOL, RIFLE, COWBOY SHOOTING,
& FISHING**



LEARN HOW TO GET YOUR P.A.L (FIREARM LICENCE)
HOT DOGS, BURGERS & DRINKS AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JIM (250)383-0799

**Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jim or show up around 9:00am
and they can slot them in where needed**



BC Wilderness Skills Camps 2015

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one partial
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Come one - Come All -
To a Good Old Fashion

Edwardian Shooting Party

at the

Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association

700 Holker Place, Malahat, BC

Sunday 28 June 2015

Shooter's Meeting 9:45 Shooting Starts at 10 am

The Shooting 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 Edwardian or Victorian costume. 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! Visitors are also encouraged to dress in period attire! Come even if you're not interested in shooting! Make sure to bring your spouse there will be other Edwardian games to play like croquet & bocce. Come just for the fun and the old fashion atmosphere!

The event is comprised of **Five Stand and Trap Shooting**, (Side by Side Shotguns, Smokeless & Black powder) displays of vintage double guns and Victorian games. Maybe you would like to come just for the Edwardian 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 \$15.00 entry fee and \$6.00 a round

(Supply your own ammunition, Safety Glasses and Hearing Protection)

Lunch/High Tea - please RSVP for the Lunch part of the event. Cost – **TBA** (contact me)

-Contact -

For more information please e-mail tradegun@shaw.ca or phone 250-478-0069



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:

July 3/4

August 8 & 9

September 5/6

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

To All Members of the VFGPA,

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

After April 16th, last shot is 7:30pm close at 8pm

**Next Member Meeting will be on Tuesday, May the 19th AT NEW TIME 7PM
Hope to see you there!**

To members: Perry Chow has moved to room #605 at the Ross Place at 2638 Ross Lane, and his number is 250-478-2279



SMALL FIREARM (HANDGUN) ESSENTIALS COURSE OUTLINE

**In-Class and on the Range, 2 hour Course for New Handgun Shooters.
Students must have valid Restricted P.A.L., be VFGPA member,
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 Course dates:

Saturday, May 23rd.

Saturday, June 6th.

Saturday, July 25th.

Saturday August 22nd.

Saturday September 26th.

Saturday October 17th.

Saturday November 21st.

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



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

The Wood cross pieces in theory should not have any holes in them, We are going through a lot of wood unnecessarily. Please make sure targets are placed correctly and educate other members if they haven't read the Newsletter.

Can't hit your target consistently?

Always shooting left or low??

Shotgun patterns have tighter groups???

2015 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, June 5th and Saturday June 6th**. 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 \$115.00 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 or Email: colwoodppc@shaw.ca

**VICTORIA FRONTIER SHOOTISTS****Nimrod 2015: A Cowboy Action Shooting Event
Introduction to new shooters of Cowboy Action
Saturday June 27th, 2015**

The Victoria Frontier Shootists are offering an introductory course for cowboys and cowgirls for ages 10 and up, (children must be accompanied by an adult shooter). After an extensive safety meeting, participants will shoot 4 complete stages under the instruction and mentorship of experienced cowboy action shooters.

Cost:

\$5 for VFGPA members using their own cowboy guns/equipment & ammo,

\$30 for VFGPA members (equipment and ammo provided)

\$40 for non-members (equipment and ammo provided)

Please bring your own eye and ear protection, snacks and beverages. PAL not required.
Space is limited to 12 shooters so register early. This popular event fills up fast!

Pre-registration required by June 20th or in person at the VFGPA Discovery Day Cowboy Action Booth on June 21st.

Contact Al Wilson hawewater.hal@gmail.com for further information and to pre-register.

OUTDOOR DISCOVERY DAYS

Outdoor Discovery Days will be on Father's Day, and we are looking for volunteers to help out so it will be a success. Please contact: David Michaud for more information at
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For more information or to purchase ad space please contact Jodi at:

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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@telus.net



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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



BIG GAME RECORDS BOOKS

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

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

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

Copies of previous editions are also available as follows:

1st edition (1970 - reprinted 2011)

2nd edition (1983)

3rd edition (1988)

4th edition (1995)

5th edition (2003)

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

Website: www.wildliferecordsofbc.com

e-mail: wildliferecordsofbc@shaw.ca

A new ninth edition of the Vancouver Island Columbian Blacktail Deer Records will be published in late 2015. Deadline for entries will be March 31, 2015. If you have a large set of antlers which could score 100 or more Boone & Crockett points, now is your chance to have it scored and entered. There is no charge for this.

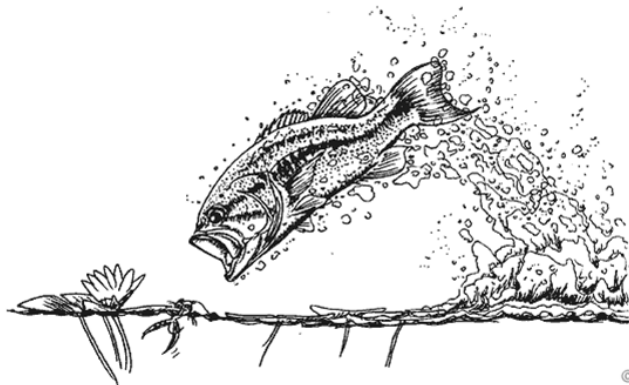
Contact Wayne Zaccarelli for entries, records books or further information.

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)

FISHING ENTRY

Ryan Mace (junior) 58 lb 3 oz halibut March 29 Oak Bay



Fishing Contest Entry Form

Chinook___ Coho___ Tyee___ Halibut___

Trout___ Bass___ Steelhead___

Weight:___ lbs___ oz. Length___

Date Caught: _____ Area

Anglers Name: _____ Jr. Age: _____

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Meeting & Club Information

**Executive meetings - 1st Monday of the Month @ 7:30pm,
Esquimalt Anglers Lounge 1101 Munro Street**

Member Meeting

Strawberry Vale Hall 7:30pm.

Member meetings are on the **3rd Monday of each month** at **NEW TIME 7:00pm.** 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

Recorded Range Scheduling Information—updated every morning

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Annual 2015 Membership

**Adult \$130.00 - Family \$170.00 - Senior \$80.00
Junior \$35.00**



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

FOR SALE: Para Ordnance LTC 1911 45 ACP 4.25" barrel. Complete with carry case and 2x7round mags \$800
Norinco AR15 223 cal, 14.5" barrel. Bushnell Trophy red dot scope \$650
All prices OBO. Please email Tristan. kiwisti67@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 1). 12 gage Remington model 1100 SA– Shotgun “Skeet B” Betten wood - This model Excellent Condition. Offers 2). Remington—Model 14 Pump Rifle 32 Remington Caliber - Good Condition. Offers.
Contact: Ed at (250) 386-3783

FOR SALE:

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Barrel Length: 500mm

Weight: 4.0 kg



FOR SALE: a (Remington 1911. R1 IN 45 ACP) Price \$650.00 Contact: capridelmar@telus.net or phone 250 818 6189

FOR SALE TRUCK CAMPER: The truck camper of truck campers. 22ft long. Camper is a 2010 Adventurer w/slide out (winterized), sleeps five, queen cab bed with extra high ceiling over 3ft tall (normal people can sit up in it no problem) 2 bunk beds on the slide out, and the sofa converts into a twin. Toilet/shower, fridge freezer, 3 burner stove, oven. Truck: 2007 Ford F350 one ton 4wd. with 133,000km and load bearing tires. Excellent condition totally checked by licensed mechanic last week with perfect bill of health. . Camper was professionally installed by Fraser RV May 2014. Frame bolted on to body of truck. 22" flat screen TV/dvd player . Small BBQ included.
sean@japanra.com



FOR SALE: Ruger SR1911 .45ACP “Government” Very few rounds through -2 Magazines-\$825.00
Ruger New Model Single Six – .22 LR/.22WMR, Blued, 6.5”, “L” Model Convertible Revolver - \$525.00
Please contact Peter at 250-479-7927 or jazzdvic@shaw.ca

Wanted: Any Amount of Hodgdon’s international powder. Will trade other powders and /or buy. Call Ed at (250) 386-3783

WANTED: Looking for a quantity of clean lead suitable for bullet casting. Please call John at : 250-743-8687

WANTED: SET OF 5 WHITETAIL ANTLERS

I am looking to purchase a set of 5 Whitetail antlers for the interior décor of a saloon I’m involved with in Victoria. Asking if anyone had a set, or two, lying around that they would be willing to part with (?).

Contact: Stacy at (250) 514-1659 or email at: skuiack@uvic.ca

**Reloaders For Sale \$400 MEC "Grabber" 12 gauge, 6 stage, automatic**

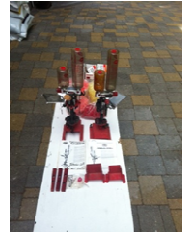
MEC "Sizemaster" 20 gauge, 5 station.

5 Charge Bars, 302/100, 50/78,302/78,502/100,302/188

6 Powder Bushings, 20,22,27,28,29,34

Instruction Booklets

1000 Assorted Wads

2 Shell Stackers **Contact: John Taylor (778) 679 4291 or email at John_taylor47@hotmail.com**

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Bushnell 3x9x40 with 1" tube, silver. I bought a new Savage .22 last fall and replaced the scope with a Leupold. **Will trade for CCI std. velocity .22 ammo. Email to petjet88@shaw.ca.**

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Transfer must be done in person locally. (Victoria) I am going on a business trip soon so please get in touch asap.

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30-30 308

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30-06

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I found these example pictures on the internet

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