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			Highway 1 opposite Spectacle Lake turn-off.
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Join the Board!

It's that time of the year again, time to plan for the election of your new Officers of the Board to be held on March 21st, 2016.

The following is a list of positions up for election:

- \Rightarrow President
- \Rightarrow 1st Vice President
- $\Rightarrow 2^{nd}$ Vice President
- \Rightarrow Treasurer
- \Rightarrow Secretary
- \Rightarrow Membership Chair
- ⇒ 5 Members-At-Large Positions (These positions are expected to take on a portfolio such as Fishing/Big Game, BCWF representative, Game Dinner Chairperson, Webmaster, etc)

We are looking for members who are motivated to make good things happen, and are prepared to make the commitment to help manage our volunteer-run club. Contact the Nominations Committee Chairperson, Andrew Agate at: <u>aagate@shaw.ca</u>. (Nominees will be expected to provide a biography to be published in the February newsletter). All members of the board of directors are required to attend a weekend working retreat in the weeks following the election.

We Want You!

Do you want to help keep membership fees down, and make a positive contribution to the club? Below is a list of items we have identified in the Official Range Plan which are available to be completed by members. These items are easily accomplished if you have a bit of a handyman inside of you!

Contact Lisa Nichols at vicepresident@vfgpa.org if you want to help out. If you want to see the entire Official Range Plan including all of the things your board has been working on since 2013, it can be found here: www.vfgpa.org/official-range-plan

- * RP Range See through mesh or solid barriers to prevent semi automatic ammo being thrown into the person beside you.
- * Enhance path to Range House from the Archery Range for washroom access in conjunction with knife and hawk trail
- * MP Range Expand deck and incorporate a ramp and railings for the clubhouse
- * Clearing in Morgantown to expand camping and parking
- * Build fencing along the road to the Multi-Purpose Range
- * Upgrade playground equipment and add fence and a shelter for sitting and eating
- * Storage Shed for 3D animals
- * Refurbish RP building
- * Add light switches for each station
- * Build fishing pier





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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!



NEEDED

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

Not a huge commitment, as we present the Trap Access Program (about 40 min.) at 6pm

on the first Wednesday of every month and usually one Sat and/or Sunday at 1pm.

The Orientation Presentation (about 2 hrs) on the first Wed. of every month

at 7PM and usually one Sat. and/or Sun. at 2pm.

We are doing the Holster Course and Handgun Essentials 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

A motion was passed at the last General Meeting on Monday, November the 16th was that all members of the Victoria Fish & Game will have to take the orientation every five years. There is a one year grace period so that all members old and new have time to work it into their schedule.



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.

EVERYONE NEEDS TO SIGN IN WHEN AT THE RANGE, IF NOT YOU WILL BE KICKED OFF THE RANGE!!

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 <u>not acceptable</u>. 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

Main Gate times (1/2 hr after last shot.) Dec 01-31st. Last Shot 345pm

Club Manager, David M.

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

- David Michaud (250)888-5315 or <u>davidmichaud333@gmail.com</u>
- 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

The Malahat Marauders is holding a raffle for the following two firearms. A Traditions .32 caliber Black Powder squirrel rifle and a Yildiz .410 over and under shotgun. Both guns are brand new with the shotgun still being in the box and comes with .410 shot shells, additional chock tubes and the owners book. The raffle for these firearms will be held when all the tickets are sold. Tickets will be available at a cost of 5 for \$10.00.

We will be selling the tickets at the Christmas Social this month on the 21st and also the rifles will be there so you can view them at the same time.

Jodi Sturgill (250) 383-4622 or jbrugge63@gmail.com

GUEST COMMENTARY: OUR COMMUNITY THE COMING FIGHT AND DEADBEAT GUN CLUBS by Garry Breitkreuz

Firearms are common in virtually every aspect of Canadian life, and they are owned and enjoyed by Canadians from every walk of life. We include politicians, lawyers, homemakers, hunters, farmers, teachers, professors, students, judges and professionals of every stripe. The list is endless.

The myriad firearms owned in this country include precious historic collectibles, family heirlooms, precision competition guns (used in an almost endless list of sport shooting activities) and everyday workhorses used for hunting, predator control and plain old plinking.

Shooting is one of the only sports where males and females, families, children and the physically challenged can all participate on an equal basis.

Canadian shooters enjoy an enviable safety record, making shooting one of the safest recreational activities in our country. There are instances where firearms are used for criminal purposes, but the same can be said for many commonplace objects in our society ranging from pharmaceutical drugs to motor vehicles. While it certainly appears that many in the left-wing media believe that guns pull their own triggers, under Common Law it is the individual who bears the responsibility for the misuse of firearms.

Participation in shooting can range from every day to less frequently – so does the involvement in supporting and protecting this historic activity. There are individuals who continuously contribute time and resources, people who are aware of the monumental challenges we face.

There are also those who have little knowledge or interest in the mountains of conflicting regulations and laws which have been imposed on Canada's gun owners and even less interest in the future of firearm ownership.

For the most part, they depend on a minority of caring individuals to promote and protect their sport. Clubs and associations reflect this same imbalance with some clubs joining, financing and supporting pro-gun organizations, and others who choose to meet the bare-minimum requirements of cheap insurance needed to continue club operations.

Some club members even think that because their gun clubs purchase cheap insurance from an organization, that they are somehow making a contribution towards the longevity of firearm ownership in our homeland. Sadly the truth is much less positive.

The organizations that provide this insurance, by their own admission, do not make any money selling to gun clubs. Yes, you read that right. NO MONEY. What does this mean for you, the gun owner?

It means that the group you think is fighting for your rights may barely have enough money to keep the lights on. It means that you may have less than good representation, not because of the unwillingness or inability of a group, but because you didn't give them the tools or the money to defend you.

And worse, it also means that others are paying for your fight to retain your firearm freedoms.

Apathy is almost an axiom in groups. Five percent of the people do the work for the other 95 percent. It has been this way for a long, long time. All of us see it all the time. Our friends in the hunt camps who don't belong to any group because: "the government won't take my guns because I'm a hunter" or "they won't take my guns because I've owned them for 50 years" or our very favourite, "those gun groups are just fear-mongering."

Frankly, there is nothing in the world we would rather do than enjoy a day afield and promote new shooting activities. That sounds a lot more enjoyable than struggling to retain the basic rights and freedoms afforded to all Canadians except gun owners.

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But those are not the cards we've been dealt. Retaining our rights and freedoms to responsibly use our firearms is seriously tough sledding, involving countless hours and energies against people who truly hate us and our avocation. If you don't believe that, you have been out of the fight too long or were never in it in the first place.

There are also those whose clubs have a different mandate. To be sure, our hunting and fishing organizations do fantastic work on conservation, hunting and fishing issues. That is critically important to many of our members and the CSSA strongly believes that if you hunt and fish, you should be a member of these superb groups.

But that doesn't replace the firearms issues – not at all. Do you shoot? Own guns? Go to a range? Are you a member of a club that has a range? If you answer YES to any of the foregoing, you need to contribute.

And just to reassure you that this is not just a CSSA membership spiel, feel free to contribute to any firearm organization of your choosing. Just do something.

Our friends to the south call this phenomenon of those who let others do the heavy lifting: "deadbeat gun clubs and gun owners." They are also continually amazed that CSSA has accomplished so much with so little.

It doesn't have to be this way. The ability to change things is in the same hands that hold your firearms.

Yours.

Encourage your club to participate at a higher level than the barest minimum. Yes, membership in an organization may entail that you pay a little extra in your club dues – about \$30 per year more than basic insurance buys. Let's put that is perspective. That's a half a box of decent beer, or two tickets to the movies with a small popcorn, or three packs of cigarettes, or one box of .270 ammo.

It's just .57 cents a week.

If you choose to whine and complain about paying this tiny pittance more, maybe you need to be asking yourself some tough questions.

Recent political events have made the status quo unsustainable and threats to the shooting sports in Canada have rarely been greater than we face today. We all, individuals and clubs, need to seriously evaluate our participation and elect to get involved in supporting the shooting sports. We are in danger of losing our rights and our possessions to a government and bureaucracy with a public position of limiting, prohibiting and over-regulating the ownership of firearms out of existence.

Consider making a financial commitment to give the needed resources to those that fight for you. If you belong to a shooting club, ask what is being done to ensure that yours is not the last generation to use your facility. Many clubs are sitting on substantial financial reserves that are earmarked for a rainy day. That day has come, and there is no better use for that money than to assist those who are at the leading edge of the fight.

Editor's Note – Garry Breitkreuz is the former Member of Parliament best known for his work on behalf of Canada's law-abiding gun community over his 22-years in Parliament.

Next VFGPA RSO Course has been set for Jan 30/31 Sat/Sun 8am-5pm.

A few e-mails have been changed that were on my next Course list, if you haven't heard from me about the Course please get in touch with me again. Thanks,

David Michaud, Chief Range Safety Officer, davidmichaud333@gmail.com

"Evening Everyone ... The kids and I went up this evening to setup the tree, that way it was up when the 3D Shooters come up on Saturday It ended up going with a 6.5ft tree, as it looked better, but you never really realize how short 6.5ft is until its in the club house. Below are some pictures ... it's a start ... over the years, we can add some more stuff, but at least it gives a festive feel ...Its in the window nearest to parking lot (obvious by the "past presidents board"). so when lit, people can see it from outside ..."

Submitted by Marc F





Black Powder Turkey Shoot November 27-28th, 2015

The 2015 Turkey shoot was the usual fun-filled weekend. The weather co-operated with both days clear and sunny, and amazingly warm once the frost burned off in the early morning sun. 19 shooters came out to vie for 20 prizes: 10 Thrifty's gift certificates, and 10 bottles of various distilled beverages.

We sat about 20 folks for lunch and dinner followed by an evening of conversation around the fireplace in the clubhouse. Sunday morning we shot off rounds of muzzle loaded and cartridge shotgun, cleaned up after ourselves, and headed home happier if not richer and wiser. Many thanks to the set-up and take-down volunteers, and to the caretakers who made it all happen smoothly.

Submitted by Doug Linton

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.

Volunteers Help Wanted

The Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association has openings for Volunteer 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. 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

CLUBHOUSE CANTEEN NOTICE:

For the next few months, now that the damp / chill has set in (as well as the 'Fog Cease Fire's), we at the Clubhouse Canteen wish to invite the members to come up and enjoy a hot cup of coffee ... on us!

We open at about 10:00, and close at 15:00 ... first thing we do when we open is start a fresh pot of coffee, and fire up the wood stove.

Join us, take a few minutes to warm up ... both outside, and in.

Only available Saturday / Sunday from 10:00 to 15:00 ... one cup per visit, please.

By Marc, Canteen Manager

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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ClubHouse Canteen

Sat / Sun 10:00 to 15:00

<u>Menu</u>

Beverages

Pop (most flavors), Water	\$ 1.00
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate	\$ 1.00

Snacks

Choco	late	Bars	 	\$ 1.50
Chips			 	\$ 1.00

Frozen Treats

Drumsticks	\$ 3.00
Freezies	\$ 0.50
Ice Cream Sandwich	\$ 1.00

Hot Lunch

Hot Dogs	\$ 3.00
Hamburgers	\$ 5.00
Stuffed Cheese/Bacon Burger :	\$ 6.00
served 11:00 to 14:00	

Cash Only

To All Members of the VFGPA,

Our Christmas Social Meeting will be DECEMBER the 21st at 7pm. Come on out and enjoy socializing with others and eating excellent food.

CALENDAR REMINDER

IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE CALENDAR, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT: <u>www.vfgpa.org</u> 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 is on PAGE 7

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.





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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.

PROPERLY PLACED TARGETS ON THE RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE

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

VANCOUVER ISLAND GUN SHOWS FOR 2016		
January 3rd in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250) 746-7812		
February 7th in Nanaimo at 1325 Nanaimo Lakes Road Contact: Doug Miller (250) 758-1303		
March 6th in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250) 746-7812		
March 27th in Metchosin SVI Rangers at 3498 Luxton Road Contact: Jim Whyte (250) 478-5787		
April 10 in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250) 746-7812		
May 1st in Courtenay at 3780 Colake Road Contact: Rick McClure (250) 703-0223		
May 29th in Parksville at 1014 Ford Road, Coombs Contact: Grahram Alexander (250) 752-1855		
August 14th in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250) 746-7812		
September 18th in Parksville at 1014 Ford Road, Coombs Contact: Grahram Alexander (250) 752-1855		
October 16th in Courtenay at 3780 Colake Road Contact: Rick McClure (250) 703-0223		
October 29 & 30th in Victoria at 1528 Stelly's Cross Road, Saanichton Contact: John Pullen (250) 474-2512		
Nanaimo 13th in Nanaimo at 1325 Nanaimo Lakes Road Contact: Doug Miller (250) 758-1303		
November 27th in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250) 746-7812		

GUN SHOWS 2016 - ON THE MAINLAND

Link for all of the BC Rod & Gun Clubs - http://bcrodandgunshow.com/resources/rod-gun-clubs-of-bc/

- March 19 20th Chilliwack Gun Show, Historical Arms Collectors Society at Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way (Exit 116 of Highway 1) Contact: Gordon Bader (604) 747-4704 or Al Amundson at (604) 941-8489
- April 15 17th BC Rod & Gun Show, Cloverdale Fairgrounds, Surrey, BC . Contact (778)869-4867 or (778)896-4867
- April 23 & 24th Kamloops Gun Show, McArthur Island Sports Centre 12th Street South Contact: kamloopsgunshow@ktsa.ca

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.

JANUARY

Jan. 9th

Jan. 15th

Jan. 17th

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. Check the Website calendar for specific dates."

Trap Access is Wednesdays at 6pm, & on Sat/Sun 1pm Next Course dates:

DECEMBER Dec. 12th

BRUARY
. 20th
27th
. 28th

MARCH March 5th March 6th March 16th March 23rd March 30th

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.

Reminder - Day Pass Fees for Non-Members

Anyone who attends with a member pays the \$20 day pass. If a non member attends by himself but is a BCWF member and is a member of another club (card shown) they are eligible for a \$20 day pass. All non club membership holders and are not attending with a member pay the \$50 day pass.

All range rules must be strictly followed. Non-Members must sign in with their Day-Pass number and keep and display the yellow copy of the day pass while using the range facilities. A Day pass can be used as credit towards a membership within 30 days of purchase (please check with the caretaker for details).

If you have a BCWF membership, and are a member of another firearms club on the island, you are eligible for a discount on the non-member day pass.

Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club

We continue to support our friends over on Salt Spring Island and they face challenging times. Please show your support by purchasing a membership at SSiRG or visiting their range.

Official Range Plan

If you have any suggestions for major capital improvements to the range, please submit your ideas to info@vfgpa.org

"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 10-12pm) will be held at the club on: Jan. 24th, Feb.13th, March 13th, April 16th, May 8th, June 12th, July 30th, August 14th, Sept.17th, Oct.16th and Nov.13th

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 and now on some Sunday afternoons. For the Sunday practices please check our club website calendar. Skeet is \$5.00 per round of 25 targets.

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.

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

Calendar of the Orientation Sessions

Wednesday Orientation is at 7pm & on Sat/Sun 2pm

DECEMBER

Dec. 12th

JANUARY Jan. 6th Jan 9th Jan. 20th FEBRUARY Feb. 3rd Feb. 17th Feb. 27th Feb. 28th

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 January 30th and 31st, 2016 - info is on bottom of page 9 of this newsletter

Range Use Reminder to Shooters

***A General Reminder that "The facility's gates are OPEN at 8:30AM; Check Times for closing on page 7 in the newsletter <u>davidmichaud333@gmail.com</u> or 250-858-8342





MARCH

March 2nd

March 5th

March 6th

March 16th March 23rd March 30th



VICTORIA FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

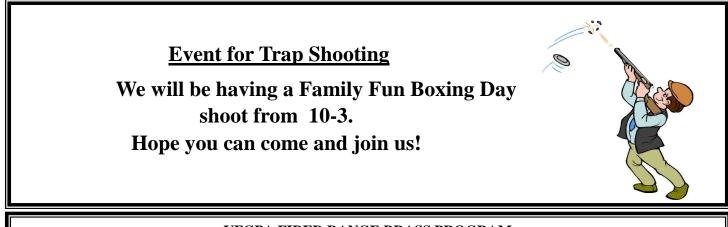
From the Victoria Women Shooters Group

"A New Year's Resolution for the Women in Your Life!

The Victoria Women Shooters invite all women interested in shooting, archery, hunting, or fishing to join us for an evening Reception; there will be appetizers, cash bar, and a door prize.

Make 2016 the year you learn to shoot!

Join us in the Topaz Room of the Comfort Inn at 3020 Blanshard Street, Victoria, 7pm, January 27, 2016. Everyone is welcome. " Thanks, Christy



VFGPA FIRED RANGE BRASS PROGRAM

Since Art Archer has been chairing the club's fired range brass program for about 10 years now I've offered to give him a well-deserved break and I will now take those duties over from him. (Maybe now he'll actually get a bit more time to go up to the club and SHOOT a bit more?)

Art has put a TON of work into this program over the years and spent countless hours sorting out buckets and buckets of brass from the dirt and scrap paper mixed in with them and then sorted them again by calibre and brand to offer them to our club members that reload at rock bottom prices. (Try and find rifle calibre commercial brass cases for reloading at 10 cents a round anywhere else ...) The .22 rimfire brass, "mangled" brass, military brass, and berdan primed brass cases were also separated from the reloadable brass and taken down to a local scrap yard to be sold as scrap brass.

Under Art's ongoing chairmanship of our very successful fired range brass program the club has received many thousands of dollars in additional revenue and we definitely owe Art a HUGE vote of thanks for all of his efforts over the years. Many thanks again Art and we sure hope that you enjoy getting a bit of a break from the range brass chores.

I'm planning to keep an ongoing computer inventory of the range brass as an MS Excel database and I can email that list to any of the members who are interested in what we might have available for sale. I'll edit the list as we sell the brass and as I get more in from the range to add to the file and then I'll send the edited list out to everyone on a regular basis. If you'd like me to add you to that email list please send me an email with "range brass" in the header and I'll add you to our brass subscription list. (I'll be sending these emails out as "BCC's" so your email addresses will not be shared with others which should help prevent any SPAM emails.)

We get fairly large quantities of 9mm, .40 S&W, and .223 Remington brass and it often "stacks up" to the point where it quite often ends up going to the scrap yard. With that in mind, we're going to drop the price on those particular calibres down to 5 cents per round (\$25 per 500 / \$50 per 1,000) to help keep them moving faster rather than scrapping the excess quantities we often have on hand. All other regular and magnum rifle calibres will remain at only 10 cents per round which I feel is still very reasonable these days considering the cost of buying new brass ... if and when you can find it! Ad is on **page 25 in this newsletter**

Al Page @ 250-388-705 or you can email me at: <u>lapage@telus.net</u>

VICTORIA FISH & GAME

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

F/A Essentials are on Saturday at 10am to 1am (as noted a few exceptions)

Jan. 23rd (11-2pm) Feb. 13th (11-2pm) March 19th (11-2pm) April 2nd May 14th June 4th August 20th Nov. 19th (11-2pm) STANCE

GRIP

MUZZLE CONTROL

SIGHT ALIGNMENT

BREATHING CONTROL

TRIGGER PULL

SAFELY CLEARING JAMS & MALFUNCTIONS

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TRAINING TIPS

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

Hello to Members to the VFGPA,

My name is Shannon West and I work for the <u>Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation</u> (HCTF), a non-profit environmental granting organization that funds fish, wildlife and habitat projects in BC. The primary source of funding for these projects is conservation surcharges on angling, hunting, trapping and guide outfitting licenses. As I imagine many of your members purchase licenses for these activities, I wanted to pass on a couple of items that may be of interest:

1) **Blog & Newsletter:** HCTF provides regular updates on projects and programs <u>on our blog</u> and in our <u>quarterly</u> <u>newsletter</u>. If the anglers, hunters and trappers within your membership would like to find out more about conservation initiatives funded through their license surcharges, they are more than welcome to subscribe!

2) **Photo Contest:** We are currently running a photo contest for images of BC fish, wildlife, landscapes and people participating in activities that connect them with these resources. First prize is a \$500 VISA gift card and we also have two \$250 runner up prizes. Full contest details are available <u>here</u>. Last year, we received some great entries that have been very helpful in promoting conservation in BC (you can view the winners gallery at <u>http://www.hctf.ca/communications/blog/entry/photo-contest-winners</u>). We are accepting entries until December 31st, 2015.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and happy holidays!

Shannon West

Communications and Program Officer Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation – <u>hctf.ca</u> 107- 19 Dallas Road Victoria, BC V8V 5A6 Phone: <u>250 940 9789</u> or <u>1-800-387-9853</u> Subscribe to our newsletter <u>here</u>

There is a lost Llama on the property. If you know who it belongs to, please let Angela know.

* Watch out...a Llama may be lurking around the corner.
* "Llama Selfie"







FIREARMS--CASES--BENCHES

* Firearms are to be <u>cased and uncased</u> <u>ONLY</u> during Live Periods and <u>preferably</u> 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 <u>always</u> 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 <u>Cease Fire Period</u>. (An RSO can retrieve forgotten items.)

* During a Cease Fire <u>DO NOT</u> 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.

Safety Tip

Each Range has a Perimeter Flag. If the Red Flag is in the UP position that is a indicator that the range is active. Even if their is a cease fire shooting can start at anytime.

It is a good idea to put your Hearing Protection on at the Perimeter Flag before you get to the active range. (Range Rules require that hearing and eye protection be worn on the Ranges.)

The Federal Licensing Course suggest you wear both in ear and outside ear protection, another option is the "Electronics Earmuffs" Good Christmas List need item.

Once your hearing is damage it cannot be fixed and it does not repair itself.

David Michaud, CRSO

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

Thank-you Your RSO Volunteers

JANUARY 2016

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) 4th edition (1995) 2nd edition (1983) 5th edition (2003) 3^{rd} edition (1988)

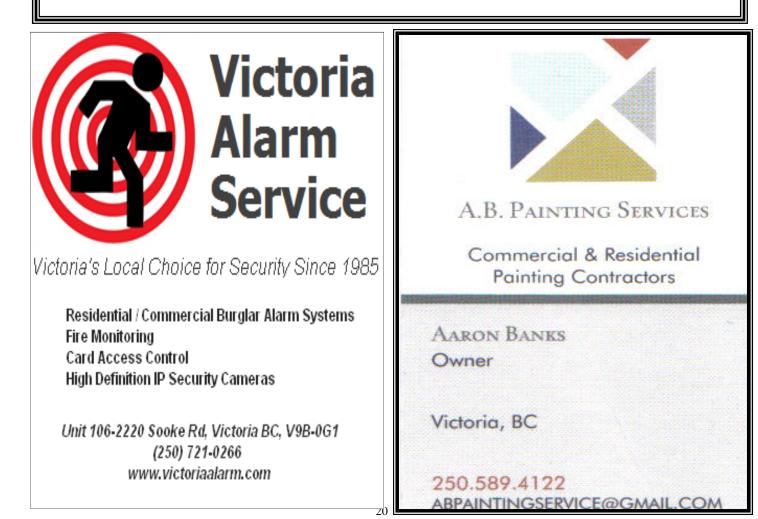
Check out the **Wildlife Records Club of B.C.** website and e-mail at:

Website: <u>www.wildliferecordsofbc.com</u>

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.



ELK LAKE WATER QUALITY

Water sampling for physical, biological and chemical parameters continues at Elk Lake led by volunteers from the Victoria Golden Rods & Reels. The VGR&R have been responsible for raising \$26,500 over the past two years to support the Elk/Beaver Lake Initiative.

Contributors include:

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (project seed money)	\$5000
Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C.	5000
B.C. Wildlife Federation (Vancouver Island Region)	1500
Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation	5000
Canadian Wildlife Federation (re-directed from Legacy Project)	5000
Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association	5000

The HCTF seed money was used to prepare a \$70,000 grant request to the HCTF which was rejected, \$2000 for lab work requested by the Ministry of Environment (for lab work estimated at \$20,000), and producing a bibliography of Elk/Beaver Lake reports. The FFSBC donation was paid directly to Rick Nordin for his June 18, 2015 water quality report. The HCTF, CWF and VFGPA contributions were paid for a contract report on restoration options which was released in October 2015.

The public meeting held at the University of Victoria on October 29 was well attended with about 250 concerned individuals. There were three presentations which addressed a history of water quality to the present at Elk Lake, a review of remediation options experienced in other Pacific Northwest jurisdictions and the recently released draft restoration options report.

Remediation/restoration options include:

- lake aeration (as currently operating at Glen and Langford Lakes)
- dredging and removal of lake sediments
- addition of a chemical binding agent which will lock up the available phosphorus
- hypolimnetic water removal to reduce dissolved phosphorus
- course fish removal
- aquatic weed removal

All of these options are aimed at removing excess phosphorus levels which are responsible for the toxic algae blooms and ultimately, the reduced oxygen levels.

It may be that a combination of these measures will be required to attain the desired results.

The CRD Parks Committee at their October 21, 2015 meeting passed motions to purchase a weed harvester for a cost of \$200,000 and to hire a half-time coordinator for a 4 year period to oversee the implementation of a watershed management plan. The projected cost is estimated at \$122,000 per year.

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 6th.** 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

Salmon River Estuary:

The Nature Trust of B.C. recently celebrated their recent purchase of another 78 hectares (193 acres) within the Salmon River estuary northwest of Campbell River. The new acquisition adds to the 117 hectares (289 acres) previously secured by the Nature Trust. The Salmon River estuary provides critical habitat for numerous species of fish and wild-life. Funding support for this purchase was provided by many organizations and individuals, including the Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association.

Salmon Enhancement:

Coho escapements to local rivers was poor this year with lower than expected numbers and smaller than normal size fish. Craigflower Creek has had 285 Coho through their counting fence while Colquitz River has had about 265. Both systems have recorded one chum salmon. One bright light has been Shawnigan Creek at Mill Bay which has recorded over 2600 Coho.

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The following deer have been weighed in during this hunting season** Colton Walmsley (Jr)75 lbOctober 11

BIG GAME COMPETITION ENTRIES

Blacktail deer antlers from deer taken during the 2015 hunting season within Region 1 (Vancouver Island) will be accepted until January 31, 2016 for entry in the largest antlers competition.

Black bear skull entries from the spring and fall 2015 seasons will also be accepted until January 31, 2016 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.

Contact Wayne Zaccarelli to arrange for your entry submission.

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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.

Classifier

FOR SALE:

1). Henry 'Golden Boy' .22 rifle. Hardly used and in great condition. Asking \$450

2). UK Import. One the best breakbarrel air rifles available. The robust

construction, the excellent accuracy and the powerful main spring guarantee an

extraordinary efficiency and penetration power especially at longer distances. Beautifully shaped

Monte-Carlo-stock (beech), checkered pistol grip and rubber buttplate. Front sight tunnel with

interchangeable inserts, micrometer rear sight with 4 different notches, automatic safety, precision

adjustable match trigger. Simmonds scope included. PAL required. Asking \$490 - Call 250 882 2765

FOR SALE: GAMO CFX .177 Air Rifle for Sale

MECHANISM - Velocity: 1200 feet per second (fps) with PBA, 1000 fps with Lead, Single Shot with Rotary Breech Loading System, Fixed Barrel: Single Cocking System, Automatic Cocking Safety system, Cocking Effort: 35 lbs, Barrel: Precision Rifled Steel, Trigger: Second Stage adjustable, Manual Safety

STOCK - Stock: All weather rugged Synthetic with Ergonomic Soft Rubber forearm grip, Butt Plate: Ventilated rubber pad for recoil absorption, Cheekpiece: Thin cheekpad molded on each side for both Right hand and Left hand shooters, Checkering: Non-Slip texture design on grip

SIGHTS - Fiber Optics: Contrasting fiber colors in the front and rear sight, Front sight: 0.40 millimeters in diameter, Rear sight: 0.60 millimeters in diameter, adjustable micrometric for both wind and elevation

OPTICS - Scope Ramp: Raised Rail, -Scope: S4x32WR & 1'' Rings, See more at: http://www.gamousa.com/product.aspx?productID=60#sthash.e47cAU7t.dpuf **Asking \$200.00 or best offer. Comes with trigger lock.**

FOR SALE: KWA M4 Airsoft for Sale

Air electric airsoft, Full metal upper, Dark Smoke plastic lower, 9 magazines, Extra battery pack, AIM red dot quick point site, Lots of plastic shot

Asking \$275.00 or best offer. Call Trevor at (778)677-5198

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: NEW, SEALED 8LB. KEG OF IMR 3031 \$275.00. JOHN 250-743-8687











VICTORIA FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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



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

FOR SALE: "Blaser F3 Game Selling for \$7500 OBO. New \$10k plus import and tax. Selling a Blaser F3, the most awesome O/U you will ever shoot. With upgraded hand selected cat 4 wood, 12 gauge 3", barrel sequence selector, exchangable Blaser chokes, gun case. Only 250 shots through it, so hardly broken in. **Please contact Christian at 250-508-0503.**"



FOR SALE: Complete Reloading Equipment Press, powder scale, 270 & 243 dies, sorts & bits \$200 Contact (250) 721-2929

FOR SALE: Lightning Baby Carbine, 20" round barrel, .357 Magnum/38 special, excellentcondition \$1,499.00Call Eric (250) 589-7041 or email ericf@telus.netPurchaser must show PAL.



FREE to a good home-

bicycle trailer for kid, dog etc. Aluminum frame - could easily convert to GAME HAULER. Good condition, has all coverings. **email <u>benders69@shaw.ca</u>**

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**

UPDATE: NEW CHAIRMAN SHIP

Reclaimed brass for sale - money goes back to the VF&GPA

Brass is mostly once fired and is clean and sorted

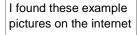
Calibers available :

223, 22, 250, 270, 30-30, 308, 300 WSM, 300 Win Mag 300 Rem Mag, 303, 30-06, 300 Sav 9MM, 45 GAP, 45 auto Lots of 40 S&W











<u>There is a new supply and many new calibers</u> All calibers - .10/case Please call or email Al Page (250) 388-0705 or email at lapage@telus.net (please make reference to brass)



FOR SALE:

1) 50 cal Pedersoli pretty much standard shoots well its been at least 10 years

2) 50 cal Trial Guns armory double barrel with interchangeable double 12 gauge shotgun.

3) All the misc shooting gear 2 powder horns, patches, short starter, lead, pouches everything in the picture.

4)-A collection of straight razors with a display case I collected 30 years ago as per picture if anyone is interested.

Would like a total of 800.00 for everything but will take offers on individual stuff.

Call Gary at (604) 816-4279 or email at gmccrann@pcwcanada.com



FOR SALE:

 1). 1955 Husqvarna, .270 cal. good condition 6 x power Baush & Lomb Elite scope, 23" barrel, very accurate rifle, \$450.
 2). 1970 Husqvarna Lightweight 30.06,3x 9 Bushnell Elite scope, Excellent condition like new \$600. CELL# 250-510-7011 OR buzzard120@shaw.ca

FOR SALE:

1). 54 cal. Robinson left Handed with a Malcolm scope 2). Flint lock Dixie gun works double set triggers 50 cal. Left handed with all the bullet moulds call 250 882 1124.

FOR SALE: 1). 1943 Mosin Nagant, great condition, has welds for sniper scope but no mount and straight bolt. \$250.00 or trade for half decent SKS with chrome lined barrel. **2). New England Arms single shot 410 shotgun**. \$150.00 or trade (plus a little cash) for a half decent SKS with Chrome Barrel Either one willing to trade with or without cash (depending on the condition) for a SVT 40 or a 1022 Ruger. Face to face and need to see a valid PAL. **Email <u>sean@japanra.com</u>**

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.** <u>kiwisti67@gmail.com</u>

WANTED: to buy a reproduction Baker Rifle - Call Mike 250-478-0069

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

Wish to Place an Ad?

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