



Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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Your New 2016 Elected Board of Directors:



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Presidents Report: Dom Piluso

We had a good turnout for our club monthly meeting and Annual General Meeting in March, and I would like to thank the membership for putting your trust in me to serve as your President over the next year. You have had great Boards of Directors serving you over the past number of years, and I am honoured to serve with your new Board for the coming year. I am confident that they will serve with the same enthusiasm and vision that your past boards have shown, and will continue the work and record of accomplishments that have been the hallmark of past boards. Welcome to newly elected Board Members Terrance Martin and Bruce Kerr, and to recent additions to the Board Cheryl Henley (SIAS) and Paul Hagel (Skeet, 5-stand).

I would like to thank David Becker for his leadership and service to the Club over the past two years as President. I will be looking to him for help and advice during the coming year on a number of issues, and am glad that he has accepted a roll as an active Past President. All of our Past Presidents since 2009 are still very active with the club, and they are part of the reason that the club has been so successful in the past few years.

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I would also like to thank retiring Frontier Shootist director Al Wilson for his service, help, and advice over the past number of years. Ashley Harrison has big shoes to fill, but I am sure he will be up to the task. Retiring Director Andrew Agate is also due a huge thank-you for his work on the Board over the past number of years. In his capacity as one of our Members-at-Large, he has been our 'ear-to-the-ground' in dealing with issues that affect our membership and their enjoyment of the range. His views and insights will be missed.

Your new Board has already identified a full slate of goals for the coming year, and intends to flesh them out at a full day working seminar in late April. We should come out of that with a 'blue-print' that we can use to help guide this and future Boards with the management and administration of our range, its facilities, and amenities.

I hope everyone is enjoying our good weather that we seem to be having this spring. Make sure you check the website calendar for range availability, and get some time on the range to enjoy your sport.

Our next Monthly Meeting will take place on April 18th, at the usual time of 7:00 pm, at the Strawberry Vale Community Hall. I hope to see you there. Wynne Jones, our Hall Hostess, always has great coffee, tea, cookies, a smile, and great conversation for us. As an added incentive for you to attend the April meeting, the donation 'pot' for our draw to help the Saltspring Island Club has grown to over \$600.... Attendance at the meeting is your ONLY way to get a 'shot' at the pot.....

See you on the Range.

Respectfully,
Dom Piluso

INFORMATION TO MEMBERS

Every Monthly Member Meeting, we have a 50/50 draw close to the end of the meeting. At our last meeting, the 50/50 draw was at \$600. **YOU COULD BE THE NEXT WINNER!! COME TO THE MEETING AND FIND OUT MORE!!**

Also a BIG "Thank you" thanking Art Archer, Bernard Stewart, and Neil (one of our assistant caretakers) for their help in pre-sorting the buckets of fired range brass. They've been cleaning out the junk steel cases and assorted garbage whenever they've been "RO'ing" on the range, before I've been picking up the buckets of fired brass from the club. It makes my job a lot easier and their efforts are very greatly appreciated! Many thanks as well to Mike Lesperance who has been assisting me in sorting out some of the buckets of brass into the various calibres of cartridges so that they are ready for resale, and for me helping me by pulling apart the misfired and mangled cartridges from our dud buckets.

By Al Page

A FEW TICKETS LEFT OF THE MALAHAT MARAUDERS RAFFLE

The Malahat Marauders is holding a raffle for the following two firearms. We still have a few tickets left!! 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, hoping for the May General Members Meeting. Hope to see you there.

Tickets will be available at a cost of 5 for \$10.00.

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Meeting & Club Information

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

Strawberry Vale Hall 7:00pm.

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

Web: www.vfgpa.org

E-mail: inquiry@vfgpa.org

Mail: PO Box 93, Victoria BC V8W 2M1

Memberships available from:**Island Outfitters**

3319 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C.
250-475-4969

Pullen's Gunsmithing

1698 Millstream Rd. Victoria, BC
(250) 474-2512 (Friday—Sunday)

Eagle Eye Outfitters in Sooke

6734 Westcoast Road, Sooke, BC
(250) 642-7983

Langford Canadian Tire

Westshore Town Centre,
855 Langford Parkway, Victoria, BC
(250) 474-2291

Robinson's Outdoor Store

1307 Broad Street, Victoria Downtown
(250) 385-3429

Victoria Fish and Game Range

700 Holker Place, Malahat, B.C.

Membership Chair

Sonya Bell - membership@vfgpa.org

Annual 2016 Membership

*** Adult \$140.00 * Family \$180.00
* Senior \$85.00 * Junior \$40.00**



20th ANNUAL
JUST FOR THE HALIBUT
—= D E R B Y =—

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
APRIL 30TH & MAY 1ST, 2016



1ST PRIZE \$7500
2ND PRIZE \$2500
3RD PRIZE \$1000

Prizes for
Fish of
All Sizes

SG POWER PRIZE FOR AVERAGE WEIGHT
2 X HIDDEN WEIGHT PRIZE - \$1000 OUTFITTERS GIFT CARD EACH



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FISHING COMPETITION TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED

Five angling trophies are available to VFGPA members during the annual calendar year competition. Although participation was low, I thank the regular contributors who continue to submit their quality catch entries. The following were presented with their trophies at the VFGPA annual general meeting on March 21.

Victoria Fish & Game Chinook Perpetual for largest Chinook salmon (donated by Victoria Foundries 1973)

Tom Vaida 28 lb.

Victoria Fish & Game Halibut Perpetual for largest halibut (donated by Mel & Marlin Lohr 2008)

Ryan Mace 58 lb 3 oz

Jack Hiscock Memorial Trophy for junior angler of the year

Ryan Mace 58 lb 3 oz halibut

There were no entries for the Victoria Fish & Game Trout Perpetual for largest trout caught in a lake (established 2011 with winners from 2000) and the Victoria Fish & Game Coho Perpetual for largest coho salmon (donated by Howard English 1973).

Remember to submit your fish entries by using the entry form which appears in the monthly newsletter. E-mail the entry to the Fishing Committee chair along with a picture, if possible. Catch and release entries are also acceptable. Please submit length and girth measurements to the nearest ¼ inch. Formulas will be used to determine the weight from these measurements.



BIG GAME COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Unfortunately, few entries were received for the six hunting trophies available to VFGPA member hunters during the 2015 hunting season.

McIlwaine Van & Storage Perpetual for largest Blacktail deer (established 1955)

Colton Walmsley 75 lb.

Bob Hollingworth Memorial Perpetual for largest buck Blacktail taken by a junior member (established 1983)

Colton Walmsley 75 lb.

Victoria Fish & Game Bear Perpetual for largest Black bear determined by Boone & Crockett scoring system (established 1998)

Russ Lucas 18 7/16

There were no entries received for Victoria Fish & Game Antler Award for largest Blacktail antlers determined by Boone & Crockett scoring (established 1966), Robinson's Sporting Goods Perpetual for largest Blacktail taken by bow & arrow (established 1970) and Malahat Marauders Perpetual for largest Blacktail taken by muzzleloader (established 1990)

By Wayne. Z.



**BCWF NOTES****Lottery**

Please remember the Conservation Lottery. Tickets are available for \$10.00 each from the office at the Malahat facility or from any member who has taken a book of 10 tickets to sell. The final draw is on May 27/16. Various club members have taken books of tickets so they can sell to friends and acquaintances. I still have some books remaining and so if you can see to selling a book or two please contact me. Bob Macdonald 250-479-3828 or <rdmacdonald2016@gmail.com>

BCWF Zone 1 AGM

The BCWF Zone 1 AGM was held on the weekend of April 2 & 3/16 at the VGPA clubhouse. Attendance was typical at approx. 35 people. Club member Marc Fournier, helped by family members, provided food for both days. They did an excellent job which was very much appreciated.

Besides the election of a new slate of Directors a variety of issues were discussed.

Included were – Elk Lake study

HCTF

Kid's Camp

Allocations

Aboriginal Relations

Forestry and Wildlife (esp elk)

Access

Fish and Fishing

Resolutions (BCWF AGM) HCTF

Shooting Range vs Development Issues

If anyone wishes information on any facet of what was discussed at the AGM please contact me (as above) and I will put you in contact with the appropriate person.

BCWF Zone 1**Kid's Camp**

Kid's Camp will again be offered by Zone 1 and will be held at the Courtenay Fish and Game club. The dates are July 18 to 21/16. There is no charge to attend the camp but parents must deliver and pick up their children on the appropriate days. Boys and girls who are related to a VFGPA member and are between the ages of 10 and 14 are eligible to attend. Applications for this camp must go through the VFGPA. The VFGPA has positions for 2 children to attend but will send in the names of 4 to 5 children as other clubs frequently do not meet their allowable number. Applications are remitted on a first come – first served basis and must be received by May 31/16.

However, despite the above rules, it has always been the policy of the club to make every effort to send disadvantaged children who are known to club members. The VFGPA will look after all aspects of what is required to allow such children to attend.

BCWF AGM

As must be well known by now, the provincial body of the B.C. Wildlife Federation (BCWF) will be holding its AGM in Nanaimo on April 21 to 23/16. It will seldom be cheaper to attend so please consider it.

Every member organization of the BCWF has the right to submit issues they consider to be of such importance that they require the consideration and possible adoption by the BCWF as a whole. Such resolutions will have been reviewed by BCWF committee and accepted for presentation at the AGM where they will be discussed by all and voted on.

The following is a summary of resolutions to be considered at the 2016 AGM.

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**Special Resolution 01/16 – Changes in BCWF By Laws**

The purpose of this resolution is to allow member clubs to set up a schedule for the payment of BCWF dues that matches the ability of the member club to pay. At the moment, member clubs must pay membership dues at the end of the year in one lump sum.

Administration 01/16 – BCWF Resolution Process

At present, resolutions which were passed at convention must be reported on by the Federation to the sponsoring body and all member clubs. The final disposition and all actions taken for or against all resolutions must be reported on within 9 months of being passed. As this is not being done, this resolution will require formal reviews and reporting procedures from initiation to completion. All actions on resolutions must be reported within 3 months and at intervals of 3 months thereafter until instituted or concluded.

Firearms 01/16 – Partnership Among Shooting Sports Organizations

In the opinion of many, the Federal Government does not recognize the shooting sports as legitimate sports and further restrictions on firearms use are on the Government's agenda. As the BCWF has recently formed a Recreational Shooting Sports Committee this resolution is urging it and all other shooting, hunting and conservation organizations to partner in a common front in consulting with the Government in order to achieve reasonable firearms legislation.

Aboriginal Relations 01/16 – Wildlife Management

In the opinion of many, the management of our fish, wildlife and habitat is the responsibility of all and must be a priority. However, at present, the harvest is uncontrolled and unreported – a situation which is not sustainable. As the Province of British Columbia has shown an unwillingness and/or an inability to manage its wild resources, this resolution backs the creation of a working alliance between the First Nations and the BCWF to create a science based management system that will ensure a positive future for the wildlife of B.C.

Aboriginal Relations 02/16 – First nations Land Claims and Communications

Land claim negotiations are, for the most part, between three levels of Government - Provincial, Federal and First Nations. As the terms in some of these treaties may be precedent setting and non-native hunters, fishers and recreationists are poorly represented in the negotiations, there is concern that their interests are not being addressed. This resolution would direct the BCWF to review the structure of its website so that all information on the treaty process is readily available in a timely fashion.

Wildlife 01/16 – Sunrise/Sunset Regulation Change

At the moment, legal shooting hours in B.C. for large and small game are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. However, for migratory birds, legal shooting hours are from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. It is felt by some that the posting of shooting hours on the internet has created confusion and, in addition, the longer hours allowed for the hunting of large and small game is disrespectful of these species. It is further felt that coordinating shooting hours by decreasing the allowable time for hunting large and small game to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset will alleviate these problems.

Fisheries 01/16 – Skeena Drainage Proposed Steelhead Kill Fishery

It has been requested that a harvest of wild steelhead in the Skeena Drainage system be allowed. However, there are others who say that the data to support such a harvest is incomplete and dated. As the Province has not allocated any funds to complete past studies which would confirm the viability of steelhead stocks in the Skeena system this resolution directs the BCWF to not support a harvest.

Administration 02/16 – Motion To Elect Regional Presidents

At the moment, those elected as President of a Regional Wildlife Association of the Federation automatically become a Director of the Federation. However, as these Regional Presidents were not elected by the general membership, they must be considered appointees – but additional Directors cannot exceed 1/3 of elected Directors. Therefore, at the BCWF 2016 AGM all Regional Presidents (10) will be elected to the Board for a one year term.

Submitted by Bob Macdonald



Can't hit your target consistently?

Always shooting left or low??

Shotgun patterns have tighter groups???

2016 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 3rd, and Saturday June 4th. 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 \$120.00 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

MALAHAT MARAUDERS BLACK POWDER EASTER RENDEZVOUS 2016

Thirty-three black powder enthusiasts took part in the Easter rendezvous held March 25-27. We were blessed with pretty good weather which allowed use of the mountain top trail walk. The main event was the 'Trapper's Challenge', a 6 person team event, which was won by the team 'Morgan's Misfits' made up of; Connor, Dawson, Scott, Keith, Dogspit, and Jack. Their creative book keeping paid off.

Other events winners:

Trail top score: Neil Hunter

Knife and Hawk: Steve Southin

Pistol: Donna Sainsbury

Silhouette: Keith Melbye

Cartridge: Tim Shepherd

Muzzle loading shotgun: Neil Hunter

Cartridge Shotgun: Merlin

My thanks to all who showed up. (Neil H. was down from Prince George), and particularly those who helped with the preparations and set-ups. Sorry we couldn't provide a dinner as usual, but we will do our best to make up for that next year.

Doug Linton, Boosway Easter 2016.

**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!!

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 **6pm** is Closing Time the last shot is **5:30pm**, 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 **6pm**. Range staff have already worked their 12-14 hours to 8 hours and would like to go home and see their families.

Closing Times for the Range 2016 CLOSING AND LAST SHOT

Main Gate times (1/2 hr after last shot.)

April 01-15th Last Shot 7:00PM Main Gate closes 7:30PM

April 16th-30 are last shot 7:30PM Main gate closes at 8:00 PM. (until Sept)

Thank you, Club Manager, David M.

2016 VANCOUVER ISLAND 3D ARCHERY SHOOT SCHEDULE

April 17, 2016	Roger Creek	Port Alberni	Chris@christfinlayson.com
May 1, 2016	Malahat	Victoria Fish & Game	Douglas.Bell@forces.gc.ca (250) 727-9735
May 7 - 8, 2016	Campbell River	Campbell River Fish & Game	Steve & Sonora Thompson my-clan@telus.net (250) 202-0037
June 4 - 5, 2016	Hell Hole	Cowichan Bowmen, Duncan	bryanharper74@gmail.com (250) 709-4861
June 10 -12, 2016	Summer Classic	Nanaimo Fish & Game	Larry McFarlane (250) 753-3695 profat@telus.net
October 2, 2016	Harvest Moon 3D	Cowichan Bowmen, Duncan	bryanharper74@gmail.com (250) 709-4861
October 16, 2016	Nanaimo Pumpkin Shoot	Nanaimo Fish & Game	Larry McFarlane (250) 753-3695 profat@telus.net
December 4, 2016	Turkey Shoot	Victoria Fish & Game	Douglas.Bell@forces.gc.ca (250) 727-9735
December 11, 2016	Turkey Shoot	Nanaimo Fish & Game	Larry McFarlane (250) 753-3695 profit@telus.net



BCWF 60th Anniversary Commemoration Knife Order Form



BCWF Hunters Knife: Limited Edition



- S35VN stainless steel, Arbutus handle, brass bolster, genuine leather sheath
- Gold plated 3D sculpted rams head inlay
- Inscription on blade "Celebrating 60 Years, BC Wildlife Federation"
- Only 25 Available for order
- Launch Date: April 22, 2016

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BCWF Hunters Knife: Outdoors Edition



- S35VN stainless steel, Dymond wood handle, genuine leather sheath
- Nickel silver 3D sculpted rams head inlay
- Inscription on blade "Celebrating 60 Years, BC Wildlife Federation"
- Launch Date: March 4, 2016

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Order Form

Item	Regular Price	Member Price	Quantity
BCWF Hunters Knife: Limited Edition	\$400.00 + taxes	\$340.00 + taxes	
BCWF Hunters Knife: Outdoors Edition	\$234.12 + taxes	\$199.00 + taxes	

Delivery Method

Limited Edition: Pick up at the 2016 AGM & Convention, Vancouver Island Convention Center April 22-23, 2016	Pick-Up	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoors Edition: Pick up at the BC Hunting Show, Abbotsford Tradex, March 4-6, 2016	Pick-Up	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ship Via Canada Post – will be shipped AFTER launch dates	\$13.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note: Orders for multiple quantities, additional shipping may be charged

Billing Information

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Card Number _____ Card Expiry Date ____/____

Signature _____

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Please send your order via email, fax or mail

Email: dev_coordinator@bcwf.bc.ca Phone: 1.888.881.2293 Fax: 604.882.9933

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Help support the BCWF and forward this email to your club members and friends.

The BCWF 60th Anniversary AGM will be held in Nanaimo on April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of April 2016



The BCWF Hunters Knife

The Story behind the BCWF Hunters Knife

In the summer of 2013, the late Rick Mayor, BCWF Vice President at the time, got together with knife maker Peter Demmer from Terrier Blades, and they worked together to design a new knife model which Rick thought should be the BCWF exclusive Hunters Knife. Rick's idea was that the BCWF should have their own exclusive hunting knife, an icon for the avid B.C. hunter, made from high quality materials with a very unique design. Rick's experience as an avid outdoors man and hunter was incorporated into the design.

It took several meetings and discussions until Rick was finally happy with the design and three prototypes were made. Rick presented the prototypes to the BCWF Board of Directors ahead of the 2013 AGM. Unfortunately events in Rick's life prevented him from finishing this project, as he passed away later that year.



To celebrate the BC Wildlife Federations 60th Anniversary, and to honour Rick's memory, we have created two editions of the BCWF Hunters Knife based on Rick and Peter's vision.

The BCWF Hunters Knife comes in a Limited Edition version and an Outdoors version. Both are well suited and designed for the rough outdoors. Handmade with the highest quality materials they represent the old hunter's idea of a knife that lasts a lifetime, which can be passed down to future generations.

BCWF Hunter Knife, Limited Edition

The knife features a richly colored Arbutus handle. Rick himself proposed Arbutus as it is one of the most distinct trees in the coastal part of our province. However Arbutus is a natural, very hard and dense wood so it will need some care when exposed to the elements; periodical cleaning and slightly oiling it with good wood/furniture oil is recommended.

- * Blade made of CPM S35VN stainless knife steel, 4" long, hollow ground
- * Handle is Dymond wood, colored in silver/black
- * The sheath is genuine leather
- * Arbutus handle
- * Blade thickness is 1/8
- * Overall length of the knife is 8 1/4"
- * Gold plated inlay with a 3D rams head in the handle



BCWF Hunter Knife, Outdoors Edition



The Outdoors Edition is designed for the rough use in the outdoors when camping, hiking hunting etc.

The handle is made of Dymond wood, more suited for exposure to the elements and regular use. This wood is very resistant to moisture, heat, shrinkage etc. and is a widely used

product for outdoor knives and tool handles. Dymond wood will handle all the different challenges in the outdoors and is mostly carefree.

**ARCHERY**

* * Our next 3D shoot is Sunday, 1 May, come help and learn how to set one up on Saturday, April 30 * *

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. You have a year to complete ASAP so that all members old and new have time to work it into their schedule.

"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: April 23rd, 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

**ClubHouse
Canteen**

**Sat / Sun
10:00 to 15:00**

Menu**Beverages**

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

Snacks

Chocolate 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

**BCWF NOTES****Lottery**

Please remember the Conservation Lottery. Tickets are available for \$10.00 each from the office at the Malahat facility (see Angela Long) or from any member who has taken a book of 10 tickets to sell. The early bird draw was held on Feb. 26/16. The final draw is on May 27/16.

Various club members have taken books of tickets so they can sell to friends and acquaintances. I still have some books remaining and so if you can see to selling a book or two please contact me. Bob Macdonald 250-479-3828 or bob@biologica.bc.ca

BCWF Zone 1 AGM

Zone 1 (Vancouver Island) is an association of all Island clubs which represents the BCWF on the Island. Their AGM (Annual General Meeting) and fundraiser will be held on April 2nd and 3rd at the VFGPA clubhouse. The agenda includes guest speakers, reports from committee chairs, nominations, elections, banquet and fundraiser (Saturday night). Any person in good standing with the BCWF is welcome to attend and support the region. The VFGPA is entitled to 4 persons as voting delegates.

Elk Transplant

Apparently the transplant program will have a 5 year duration. This is somewhat longer than I expected. The transplant closest to us will be from the Cowichan/Duncan area and I do not know the destination for these animals. There is no set date at this time. We have been assured that we will be notified by the Ministry when they wish to proceed.

JUNIORS**Shooting**

As many will recall, Canadian Tire (Langford) held a shooting competition in the early summer of last year for shooters 17 years old and younger. The VFGPA range was used and all shooting was from the bench. Air rifles were used by the youngest but most shot with .22's. Canadian Tire is considering holding another shooting competition but this time it will be a team shoot with a team being a parent and an eligible child. Competition should be fierce as there are several parent- child teams that are becoming quite good by attending the Saturday afternoon practises at the NSRG range.

By Bob Macdonald

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



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, while the weather starts to get warmer, 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



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.



The Edwardian Shooting Party
at the
Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association
700 Holker Place, Malahat, BC
Sunday 05 June 2016
Shooter's Meeting 9:45 Shooting Starts at 10 am

Please Note!
There will be some changes from last Year!
Please stand by for more details or contact me

A celebration of the era of the classic **Double Barrel Shotgun!** Here is a heads up to give you some time to organize your Edwardian/Victorian outfit. **Everyone is welcome!**
Everyone is encouraged to dress in period attire!

**The event is comprised of Five Stand and Trap Shooting
(Side by Side Shotguns - Smokeless & Black powder)**

More information to come as the event draws near!

Any questions please contact Michael at tradegun@shaw.ca or phone 250-478-0069



To All Members of the VFGPA,

The next Member Meeting will be APRIL 18th at 7pm. 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 2016 CLOSING AND LAST SHOT is on PAGE 10

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 Right



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.

PROPERLY PLACED TARGETS ON THE RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE

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



SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

April 16th, 2016

We are having a sporting clay shoot on April 16th. Hope to see you all out to shoot this. It can be real interesting to new and old shooters.

Register from 8:30 to 9:30am, shooting starts at 10:00am

Info contact Paul: (250) 710-5303 or paulhagel@hotmail.com



NEW BEGINNER TRAP SHOOTING COURSE (Not Trap Access)

Sunday April 10th 10am Shotgun Range

\$30.00 Course and 2 Tokens

Bring your own ammo or buy 12 Gauge at the Office.

Register and pre-pay at the Club Office.

WOMEN'S PIONEER WEEKEND

JULY 8-10th, 2016

Port Alberni, B.C.

West Coast Rangers Black Powder Club Range

Registration is open for Women's Pioneer Skills 2016. Go to the West Coast Rangers website, click on "Women's Pioneer Skills Website" on the left, click on "Registration" and "Workshops" and you're in.

Remember that you're not registered until Linda receives the registration fee.

Contact me if you have any problems, and spread the word. We're limited to 60 participants again this year.

Booshway

Dianne Bodnar

Phone: 250-724-0595

Email: ladydi-rick@shaw.ca

Workshop/Teaching Coordinator

Bev Denning

Phone: 250-723-5851

Email: bevden@shaw.ca

Pre-Registration

Linda Ullman

Phone: 250-724-4003

Email: ullmanlm@shaw.ca

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.).

Trap is at 6 pm every Wed except during the winter.

Orientation is every Wed at 7pm, all year long Plus the odd Sat/Sun during the month.

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



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. Check the Website calendar for specific dates."

Trap Access is Wednesdays at 6pm, & on Sat/Sun 1pm

Next Course dates:

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
April 6th	May 4th	June 1st	July 3rd
April 9th	May 11th	June 5th	July 6th
April 10th	May 18th	June 8th	July 13th
April 13th	May 22nd	June 15th	July 20th
April 20th	May 25th	June 22nd	July 23rd
April 27th		June 25th	July 27th
		June 29th	

If you have questions about the Program please 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 the range with a member needs to purchase a **\$20 Guest pass**. If a non-member is a current member with the BCWF, or an affiliated club (valid cards **must** be shown) they are eligible for a **\$20 Special 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. **Only one \$50.00 Day Pass can be used as a credit towards a membership purchased within 30 days and must be surrendered at time of purchase.**

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

**TO ALL TRAP SHOOTERS**

You can now shoot Trap at the same time as a Skeet Practice is taking place under some new strict conditions.
Please ask Staff to review the new conditions with you when you stop by the office to sign out Trap Keys.

Thanks
David M, CRSO

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.

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 Paul at (250) 710-5303 paulhagel@hotmail.com

Just a short note. Sheet Sunday shot is starting to bring in some new shooters and we are working on improvement on ours 5 stand setups to challenge the Master class shooters. But also keeping in mind the un experienced shooter.

**Calendar of the Orientation Sessions**

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

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
April 6th	May 4th	June 1st	July 6th
April 9th	May 11th	June 5th	July 13
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April 20th	May 25th	June 22nd	July 27th
April 27th		June 25th	
		June 29th	

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.

Range Use Reminder to Shooters

*****A General Reminder that "The facility's gates are OPEN at 8:30AM;
Check Times for closing on page 10 in the newsletter
davidmichaud333@gmail.com or 250-858-8342**



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)**

**May 14th
June 4th
August 20th
Nov. 19th (11-2pm)**

STANCE

GRIP



MUZZLE CONTROL

SIGHT ALIGNMENT

BREATHING CONTROL

TRIGGER PULL

SAFELY CLEARING JAMS & MALFUNCTIONS

TRAINING TIPS

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



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.

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

**NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release February 25, 2016

**Pre-Orders Now Being Taken for Vancouver Island's Largest Native Plant Sale.
Over 120 species of native plants available**

Victoria, BC – With over 120 species of native plants available this year, the plant sale is a wonderful opportunity to get some difficult to find native plants for your gardens. The plants will be for sale at the Annual Native Plant Gardening event held at Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary on April 23rd and 24th, 2016 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Native plant gardening increases biodiversity and celebrates and deepens our local identity and connection to the natural world. Native plants are as attractive as many ornamental species and have the benefit of being suited to the island's climate. They also provide valuable food and habitat to native pollinators, birds and animals.

Love native plants, but do not enjoy the crowds, then the ease of a pre-order is for you. Pre-orders are available for orders over \$50. Please call 250.479.0211 with your order, visit the Nature House or scan and email the order form below to ctearoe@swanlake.bc.ca. Payments must be made at the time of order via credit card, cash or cheque.

Orders must be made before Wed, April 20th and are on a first come first serve basis. The Sanctuary does not guarantee prices or variety of plants due to nursery supply. All changes in pricing due to nursery supply will be processed or refunded at the time of pickup.

For more information on the sale and a list of available plants, please visit <http://www.swanlake.bc.ca/plant-sale.php>

Strategic Link(s):

Stewardship

We believe varied, vigorous ecosystems are essential to a healthy and diverse urban nature sanctuary.

Inspiration

Enjoyment inspires all our actions and decision-making. We demonstrate joy, compassion and a non-judgmental manner in all that we do. We believe in the influence of community to motivate action.

Key Points

- * Plant Sale Event takes place April 23rd and 24th, 2016 from 9:00am to 3:00pm.
- * Native plant species organized by light preferences
- * Members enjoy a 10% discount
- * For more information call: 250.479.0211 or visit www.swanlake.bc.ca
- * Parking is limited
- * To protect our native plants and animals, please remember that dogs are not permitted in the Sanctuary.

Quotes "With habitat disappearing at an alarming rate, the community can help provide wildlife with an oasis of the habitat they need to thrive. The native plants found at the plant sale are ones that you can use to meet the needs, including food and cover, of native wildlife without causing long-term damage to the local plant community."

Jay Rastogi,
Site Manager

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"Many native plants produce magnificent, showy flowers, plentiful fruits and seeds and can offer a fall foliage that is festooned with beauty. By planting native plants, the individuals will not only have beautiful gardens, they will have one that is friendly to wildlife and they will be supporting the work of the Sanctuary."

Kathleen Burton
Executive Director

About Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary


Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary is a non-profit organization that offers the community a place to enjoy the natural habitat that surrounds the Nature House in which programs and interactive displays educate both children and adults. A registered charitable organization, it is run by the Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary Society. The lands and facilities are owned by the Corporation of the District of Saanich, and the Nature Sanctuary Society operates through a land management agreement with Saanich since June, 1975. www.swanlake.bc.ca

For more information contact:

Kathleen Burton
Executive Director
Tel 250.479.0211 Cell 250.361.6221

Jay Rastogi
Site Manager
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**VICTORIA FRONTIER SHOOTISTS****Nimrod 2016: A Cowboy Action Shooting Event****Introduction to New shooters of Cowboy Action****Saturday June 25th, 2016****8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

The Victoria Frontier Shootists are offering our annual introductory course for cowboys and cowgirls for ages 10 and up, (children age 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult shooter).

This course is designed for those shooters who have expressed a keen interest in learning cowboy action shooting. Preference will be given to VFGPA members, and to those who have observed/assisted at a Cowboy Shooting event (such as our monthly match on the second Sunday of the month) and have not yet attended Nimrod.

PAL and successful completion of VFGPA Hand Gun Essentials Course recommended.

After an extensive safety meeting, participants will shoot 4 complete stages under the instruction and mentorship of experienced cowboy action shooters.

Ammo count: 40 rifle, 40 pistol, 16 plus shotgun

Set up: 8 a.m., Mandatory Safety Meeting: 8:30, Shooting: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5 for VFGPA members using their own cowboy guns/equipment/ammo
 \$35 for VFGPA members (equipment and ammo provided)
 \$45 for non-members (equipment and ammo provided)

Please bring your own eye and ear protection, snacks and beverages.

Space limited to 10 shooters so register early. This popular event fills up fast!

Pre-registration by mail required by June 16th or in person at the VFGPA Discovery Day Cowboy Action Booth on June 19th.

Contact: Al Wilson haweater.hal@gmail.com for information about the course or to pre-register.

Ashley Harrison, Director Cowboy Action Shooting, at ash_man@shaw.ca or **250-744-4705** regarding attending the monthly cowboy shoots.

Fired Range Brass Program reminder!

Just a reminder to our members to only put fired pistol and rifle cartridge cases (brass or steel) into the plastic range brass buckets. I just spent a few hours pre-sorting through 10 buckets of brass to remove the plastic shot shell hulls, used paper targets, empty cardboard ammo boxes, plastic ammo trays, used earplugs (LOTS of those), used Kleenex, and other misc garbage that should NOT be put in the brass buckets. Please use the provided garbage cans on our ranges for your garbage and ONLY put your fired rifle and pistol cartridge cases in the buckets provided for range brass. It will definitely help to make my job a lot easier ... and a lot less disgusting. It is a fairly time consuming job to separate and sort all of the various calibres of brass to make them available to the members that reload, but it makes it far more time consuming when I have to pre-sort all of the garbage out of the brass buckets first.

Check page 33 in this newsletter for information.

Many thanks in advance,

Al Page



BIG GAME RECORDS BOOKS

Copies of the ninth edition (2016) of the Vancouver Island Columbian Blacktail Deer

Records are available at a cost of \$10 each. The publication contains an excellent article written by Byron Mason on fifty years with the deer in the Nimpkish Valley. Byron relates the impact of wolf and cougar predation on deer population abundance and hence, hunting success. He also includes 45 years of deer count data from 1970 through 2015.

There is also an article on early cougar hunting where the provincial government paid a bounty of varying amounts on cougars taken between 1870 and 1958. The new edition contains numerous colour photographs of harvested deer as well as record heads and antlers.

Copies of the previous eighth edition (2010) are still available at a cost of \$5.00.

The current records list over 2160 entries scoring 100 or more Boone & Crockett points.

Of particular note is the re-scoring of the Norm Hammond buck from 1942. These antlers were the number two head in the previous eighth edition (2010) scoring 139 7/8.

Following a request from the current owner, it was panel scored in March 2015 and is now ranked as the number one Vancouver Island deer with a score of 143 5/8.

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:

1 st edition (1970 - reprinted 2011)	2 nd edition (1983)
3 rd edition (1988)	4 th edition (1995)
5 th edition (2003)	

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

Website: www.wildliferecordsofbc.com

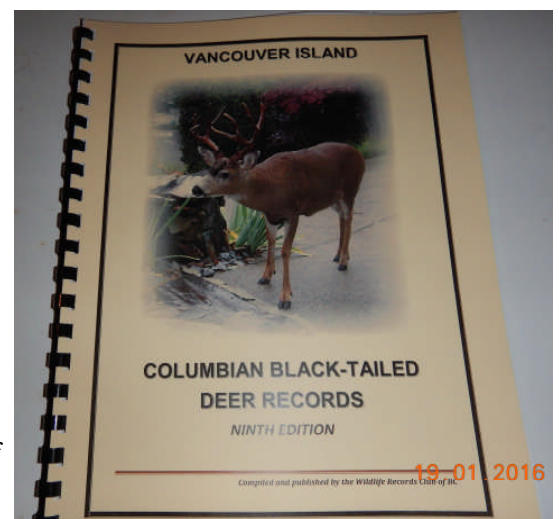
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ELK / BEAVER LAKE WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE

The Victoria Fish & Game supported the Elk/Beaver Lake Water Quality Initiative with donations totaling \$5000 in 2015. A lake sampling program has been in place for over a year, several reports have been completed and a public meeting has been held with over 200 attending.

The process is now approaching the determination of which treatment application will be tried to permanently reduce the soluble phosphorous within the lake. The provincial Ministry of Environment has requested contributions towards the \$6000 estimated cost of a sediment fractionation analysis. Sediment fractionation is the determination of the mobile fraction of phosphorous in the lake sediments that moves back and forth between the sediment and the lake water.

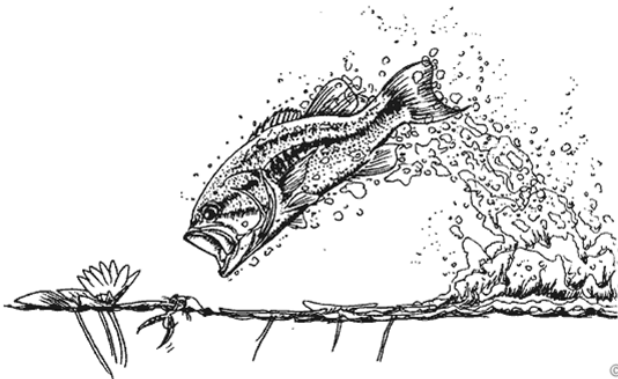
This analysis plays an important part in determining whether the \$1.7 million Phoslock treatment recommended in the recently released consultants report will likely be successful in improving water quality within Elk/Beaver Lake. Pursuing the analysis does not mean the agency steering committee (ie. CRD, MOE, FLNRO, Saanich) has decided to use Phoslock, just that the committee recognizes the utility of having a better estimate of the potential cost of this remediation method. Phoslock is a bentonite clay product which permanently binds the soluble phosphorous within the sediment so that it is not available in high concentrations for the growth of nuisance algae.

The VFGPA executive and directors approved a \$1000 donation at their April 03 meeting in support of this proposed sediment fractionation analysis.

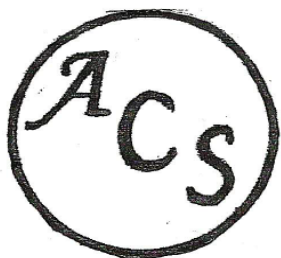
By Wayne Zaccarelli

Fishing Competition entry:

Wayne Zaccarelli 14 lb 10 oz chinook April 03 Macaulay Point



Fishing Contest Entry Form			
Chinook	Coho	Tyee	Halibut
Trout	Bass	Steelhead	
Weight:	lbs	oz.	Length
Date Caught:	Area		
Anglers Name:	Jr. Age:		
Member Number:			
Phone Number:			
Signature:			
Submit to Wayne Zaccarelli - 382-8502			



AMALGAMATED CONSERVATION SOCIETY
1101 MUNRO STREET, VICTORIA, B.C., V9A 5P2

REPRESENTING THE ANGLING COMMUNITY OF SOUTHERN VANCOUVER ISLAND

March 15, 2016.

Minister of Fisheries & Oceans,
Honourable Hunter Tootoo,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario,
K1A 0A6

Mr. Minister:

The Amalgamated Conservation Society has eleven member associations representing over 4500 recreational anglers on southern Vancouver Island. It has come to our attention that lobbying efforts by First Nations on the lower Fraser River are being directed at completely closing the recreational salmon fishery during the months of May and June within portions of Area 19 and 20 off Victoria and Sooke.

This calculated lobbying effort is causing great angst among all concerned recreational anglers as well as those businesses that rely on this fishery. This fishery also supports a First Nations coastal marina and boat launch ramp which generates thousands of dollars over this time period.

This local Chinook fishery intercepts few fish of the stocks of concern. This is because of regulations demanded by First Nations and put in place by DFO since 2008 in consultation with the Victoria area Sport Fishing Advisory Committee. Anglers are restricted to two Chinook per day with no wild (unclipped) fish over 67 cm. These regulations are aimed at reducing our harvest rate on these Fraser River stocks of concern; which is now below 2%. The major contributor to our fishery at this time of year remains Puget Sound (U.S.A.) hatchery Chinook. Our access to these fish would be eliminated with a two month closure in May and June.

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UNITED IN PROTECTING THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS



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March 15, 2016.

These Fraser River Chinook stocks of concern are being protected by our local recreational fishery. However, the major impact on these fish occurs as a result of in-river fisheries. Because of the negligible number of these fish caught by recreational anglers in the Victoria-Sooke area, a complete closure would have little benefit to the rebuilding of the stocks. This is especially so if a recreational fishing closure results in the re-allocation of these Chinook to other fisheries.

Yours truly,

Thomas G. Cole CD CPO2 ret'd,
President ACS

Wayne Zaccarelli,
Secretary-Treasurer ACS

Cc. Randall Garrison, MP Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke
Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries & Oceans

**SOOKE RIVER CHINOOK REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE**

The South Vancouver Island Anglers' Coalition (SVIAC) has developed a multi-year plan proposal which they are calling the Sooke River Chinook Revitalization Initiative. The plan calls for the net pen rearing and release of up to one million Chinook smolts in the Sooke area annually. Recent years Sooke River Chinook escapement has ranged from 350 to 500 fish, although 700 were recorded in 2015. Escapement has been as high as 2500 in the past. The plan calls for the Nitinat Hatchery to take an additional 500,000 Chinook eggs in the fall of 2016. These will have a unique otolith mark applied and 100,000 fry will be coded wire tagged (CWT). In the spring of 2017 all these fry will be net pen reared in the Sooke area for about three weeks before release. The genetics of the Sooke and Nitinat stocks are very similar. The year one project cost is estimated to be around \$120,000.

VANCOUVER ISLAND GUN SHOWS FOR 2016

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**

November 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/>

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**



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NEXT DEADLINE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 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

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FOR SALE; One DGW Tennessee Mountain Rifle 50. cal. c/w buckskin case; spare ram rod; spare percussion lock; 2 ball starters; 2 powder measures ;in line capper; swaged balls and assorted small parts.. Rifle drives tacks and wins shoots. Target/loads info available. \$650.00

FOR SALE: Ruger M77 rifle 270 win. caliber. Redfield 3 x 9 scope. free floated barrel c/w leather sling. Handloads and load info available. \$450.00

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FOR SALE: Winchester 94 AE Trapper model c/w saddle ring 45. long colt. This is a real Winchester not a knock off. \$650.00

FOR SALE: For black powder shooters.. 2 Buckskin possibles bags, 2 powder horns, 2 hand forged hawks ... \$150.00

Contact Oran 250-661-8581. Prefer email: bearanbird@aol.com pictures available via e-mail if requested.



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 RUGER 10/22 .22LR semi-automatic

Plus all the following:

- * Bushnell Elite 3200 Scope (worth over \$300)
- * Two 15 round rotary magazines * Two Butler Creek high capacity butler 25 round magazines
- * Combination trigger lock * High quality Ruger carry case * Spotting scope (worth over \$100) * Nice multi – calibre Cleaning kit Priced to sell - first offer of \$650 takes it all **Call Martin at 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.gamoussa.com/product.aspx?productID=60#sthash.e47cAU7t.dpuf>

Asking \$200.00 or best offer. Comes with trigger lock.



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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

For Sale:

1911 .45ACP ParaOrdnance with case and two standard 8 round magazines: \$850

Contact Tristan via email: kiwisti67@gmail.com.



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

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

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

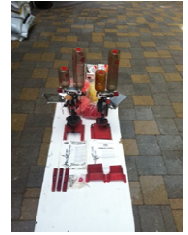
MEC "Sizemaster" 20 gauge, 5 station.

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, excellent condition \$1,499.00**

Call Eric (250) 589-7041 or email ericf@telus.net

Purchaser must show PAL.

**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: 1). SKS in fair condition \$250.00 2). New England Arms single shot 410 shotgun. \$150.00 please call 250-213-8980 Face to face and need to see a valid PAL.**FOR SALE: Pink Camo Semi Automatic 22 Rifle, fairly new as I've only used it a few times. Everything you see here is included, \$400 OBO. Please contact Sophie: sophiegrimm58@hotmail.com or 250-477-9894****FOR SALE: 8 - 20 round boxes of Fusion 300 W.S.M. 150 gr. Silvertip Ammo. \$40 a box or \$300 for all 8. Call Terry @ 250-478-4335. Valid P.A.L. Required.****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



"Most calibres of brass 10 cents each, with 9mm, 40 S&W and .223 Remington at only 5 cents each."

**Calibers available :**

223, 22, 250, 270, 30-30, 308,

300 WSM, 300 Win Mag

300 Rem Mag, 303, 30-06, 300 Sav

There is a new supply and many new calibers

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 shot-gun.
- 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 mccrann@pcwcanada.com



FOR SALE: I have around 800 shells 9mm, once shot brass. They all clean, only once shot. 5 cents per shell, so \$40 for all of them. Please contact Rod at: pacificpersonaltrainer@gmail.com or call (250) 361 5740

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: 9mm Jericho pistol, \$900.00 includes; (9) extra magazines + (2) style holsters available as a kit or separately. Contact Nathalie @ 250-380-7077.



FOR SALE: 1). Matched set of Cimarron (Uberti) 1873 Stallions (often called Lightning's) with holsters, consecutive serial numbers 38 special. 5 " barrel Great for cowboy action Near mint condition with holsters \$1130 for pair.

2). Parker Hale 1861 Musketoon Used by re-enactor rarely fired near mint condition. This is the most exact and best reproduction of Enfield Pattern 1861 Artillery Carbine. 577 cal. 1:48 twist designed for Minie Ball. Same gauges used as original. \$650. Contact: goldb@shaw.ca or call 250 590 4613



FOR SALE: HC3R Stripper Clip Magazine package for the Ruger 10/22. These are really great for the range and plinking! For more information on these magazines, check out: <http://www.hcmags.com/video-gallery.html>

2 full packages for sale.

Each package includes 3 magazines with stripper clip, 6 additional stripper clips (9 in total), and a speed loader. Each stripper clip holds 20 rounds, plus an additional 5 rounds can be added after the clip is locked into the magazine. Each magazine also holds an additional 20 rounds in reserve. Speed loader quickly lines up 100 rounds for loading onto stripper clips.

Asking \$120 per kit.

Will consider parting out a limited number of magazines @ \$35 each.

Discount if you purchase both packages or multiple magazines. For comparison, the HC3R tactical pack : only 1 magazine with stripper clip, 5 extra clips (6 in total) and the speed loader (+ a case which I do not have) costs \$100 + tax & shipping. So you're getting 2 magazines and 1 clip more for less than tax & shipping!

Contact Jay at 250-580-7932 or tangjunho@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 1). A 1906 Lefever Arms I Grade (DS) 12 gauge double barrel shotgun selling for \$1300 **2). Is 1950s Remington Wingmaster 870 BDL 12 gauge** selling for \$400

Contact: seballs10@gmail.com or call (250) 507-7678



**2016 VANCOUVER ISLAND 3D ARCHERY SHOOT SCHEDULE**

APRIL 17, 2016	ROGER CREEK	PORT A;BERNI	chris@chrisfinlayson.com
MAY 1, 2016	MALAHAT	VICTORIA FISH & GAME	Douglas.Bell@forces.gc.ca (250) 727-9735
MAY 7-8, 2016	CAMPBELL RIVER	CAMPBELL RIVER FISH & WILDLIFE	STEVE & SONORA THOMPSON myclan@telus.net (250) 202-0037
JUNE 4-5, 2016	HELL HOLE	COWICHAN BOWMEN DUNCAN	bryanharper74@gmail.com (250) 709-4861
JUNE 10-12, 2016	SUMMER CLASSIC	NANAIMO FISH & GAME	Larry McFarlane (250) 753-3695 profit@telus.net
OCTOBER 2, 2016	HARVEST MOON 3D	COWICHAN BOWMEN DUNCAN	bryanharper74@gmail.com (250) 709-4861
OCTOBER 16, 2016	NANAIMO PUMPKIN SHOOT	NANAIMO FISH & GAME	Larry McFarlane (250) 753-3695 profit@telus.net
DECEMBER 4, 2016	TURKEY SHOOT	VICTORIA FISH & GAME	Douglas.Bell@forces.gc.ca (250) 727-9735
DECEMBER 11, 2016	TURKEY SHOOT	NANAIMO FISH & GAME	Larry McFarlane (250) 753-3695 profit@telus.net