



Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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Presidents Report

New Board;

Thanks to everyone who attended our monthly meeting and Annual General Meeting in March.

I would like to thank the membership for putting your trust in me to serve as your President for another year. You have had great Boards of Directors that work well together over the past number of years, and this trend will continue into the coming year. As I mentioned at the meeting, I am honoured to serve with the fine, dedicated people who make up your Board of Directors. 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. If I may paraphrase JFK; Your Board does not look at things as they are, and ask 'Why?' ... they look at what might be, and ask "why not?'. Special welcome to our new volunteer Secretary, Tim McNaughton. Tim brings with him a wealth of experience from other volunteer Boards, and will be a fine addition to the Board.

I would like to thank outgoing Member-at-Large Director Victor Chong for his work, advice and guidance over the past year as a Board member. Victor's work and personal responsibilities prevent him from continuing on as a Director, but you may still find him on the Trap range, perfecting his game.

Special thanks to outgoing Secretary, Perry Roemer. Perry has been our Secretary since April of 2011; That is six years of dedicated service to your club. Perry has always been a stalwart volunteer, and has augmented his secretary duties by also volunteering for most of the programs that the club engages in. He tells me that he will still find the time to volunteer for most of the programs, but work & family are a priority right now. His efforts, talents, and insights on the Board will be missed.

Your new Board is in the process of identifying goals for the coming year, and they will be fleshing them out over the next few months. We have already developed a 'blue-print', in the form of the basis for a Strategic plan for us to follow. This document will help guide current and future Boards in the management and administration of our range, its facilities, and amenities.



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**Town Hall Meeting at Strawberry Vale Hall; April 24th.**

Those of you who did attend our March meeting are aware of the myriad of issues that we are dealing with, with respect to politics, firearms, and conservation.

First up, we have a Town Hall Meeting at Strawberry Vale Community Hall, on April 24th, 2017, at 7:00pm. This open meeting will help inform our local politicians of the challenges and pressures that wildlife populations in BC are experiencing, in the face of declining budgets for natural resource conservation, and a lack of science in the implementation of fish & wildlife management. It is very important that members show support and attend this meeting, and be part of the drive for positive change in BC's policy and budget allocations for the future.

UN Firearms marking Protocol

On June 1st of this year, the current Liberal Government is planning on implementing the "Marking of Imported Firearms (Bill C-10A) Regulations". Previous Governments have delayed this bill, as they have understood the negative impact that the regulations, as currently written, will have on many parts of Canadian Society. The BC Wildlife Federation, and our own Vic Skaarup, has been spearheading a letter writing campaign to get the Federal Government to amend the regulations to wording proposed by the Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association (CSAAA). This proposed amended wording will satisfy the intent of the regulations without significantly increasing the cost of firearms, or threatening the livelihood, pastimes, or recreation of Canadians who need or use firearms. I implore all our members to go to the BCWF website and download a draft of the letter, modify it with your name and details, and then mail it to Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety. Also send a copy of that letter to your local Member of Parliament. Letters to Members of Parliament do not need a stamp. You can also contact Vic to get copy, or download the draft letter by clicking [here](#).

Range Programs

As well as political issues, there is a lot happening at your range. Improvements to all of the ranges continue as time, budgets and volunteers allow.

Our volunteer Range Safety Officer (RSO) program now has about 20 new members that will be volunteering to act as RSOs on the ranges. Please help them out, and make the time spent at the range enjoyable for everyone.

On May 26, 27, and 28th, we will be hosting some of the programs for one of the BCWFs 'Becoming an Outdoor Woman' weekends (BOW). Volunteers are needed to help with the programs that we will be hosting. If you have some time that weekend, please contact our Vice President, Lisa Nichols, to help out.

As a reminder, we have a new Member Benefit; the new resort at the top of the Malahat, the 'Villa Eyrie' offers members and their guests Corporate Rates for stays at their Resort. Just mention that you are a member of the VFGPA when you make your reservation. This full-service resort has super spectacular views that will leave you breathless. On a final note, 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 17th, 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 continues to grow.... Attendance at the meeting is your ONLY way to get a 'shot' at the pot.....

You have a busy, enthusiastic club, with loads of potential.

See you on the Range.

Respectfully:

President VFGPA,

Dom Piluso



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 **4:45pm** is Closing Time the last shot is **4:15pm**, you have 1/2 hr. to clean up and be past the main gate before it is locked. You need to be on the other side of the main gate by **4:45pm**. Range staff have already worked their 8 hours and would like to go home and see their families.

Closing Times for the Range 2017 **CLOSING AND LAST SHOT**

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

Last Shot

April 1-15 last shot 7:00PM Main Gate Closes at 7:30pm

April 16 to Fall last shot 730PM Main Gate Closes at 8pm

Thank you, Club Manager, David M.



Victoria Town Hall

**The future of fish and wildlife:
Are we losing what makes BC special?**

The BC Wildlife Federation is concerned about the future of fish and wildlife populations, and future generation's ability to hunt, fish, camp, and recreate in British Columbia.

The Town Hall offers an opportunity to discuss the trends, threats to fish, public access to public resources, wildlife populations, and how we can turn things around.

Topics for Discussion

- Declining caribou, elk, moose, and deer populations
- Declining fish populations
- Declining budgets for natural resource conservation
- Lack of science for fish and wildlife management
- How you can drive positive change

When: Monday, April 24, 2017 - 7:00PM

**Where: Strawberry Vale & Dist. Community Hall
11 High Street, Victoria, BC**



For more information contact Jesse Zeman (250) 878-3799
or Michelle Galang (888) 881-2293

www.bcwf.bc.ca



2017 MEMBERSHIPS FEES

BLUE membership cards are now in effect.

*Also in consideration to all of our vendors, please have the correct change if paying cash, for your membership purchase.

ADULTS- \$160 18 years of age to 65 years of age.

FAMILY- \$195 Parents and those children under 18 for whom they hold legal Guardianship.

SENIORS- \$85 -65 and over

JUNIORS- \$40 Non-voting, under 18 in a recognized school.

"We have a new membership category"

FOR 2017 WE ARE TRIALING A NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY, IT WILL BE STUDENT-\$100 -18 and over in a recognized post-secondary school.

VALID STUDENT ID WITH PICTURE ID MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF PURCHASE.

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

"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 22nd, May 14th, June 10th, July 9th, August 5th, Sept. 17th, Oct. 14th, Nov. 12th,**

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



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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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 2017 Membership

*** Adult \$160.00 * Family \$195.00**
*** Students \$100 * Senior \$85.00**
*** Junior \$40.00**



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SATURDAY & SUNDAY

APRIL 22nd & 23rd



1ST PRIZE \$7500

2ND PRIZE \$2500

3RD PRIZE \$1000

Prizes for
Fish of
All Sizes

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B.C. Wildlife Federation (Zone 1 – Vancouver Island)

The AGM for Zone 1 was held on the weekend of March 25/26 at the Chemainus fire hall. The following is a brief description of proceedings.

Native Affairs

The general trend of discussions between Government and Native groups on issues of wildlife management in the past has been to include fish and game clubs, the BCWF and Guide/Outfitters. Reports from recent discussions between the Government and the Chilcotin Band gave little reference to the substantial efforts of these groups in wildlife conservation.

Access

An access rally was recently held in Port Alberni. The rally was well attended and timber companies left gates open for a day or so. Regret was expressed at the lack of communication between Island clubs and BCWF Zone 1 Access Committee. An Island wide access rally may be staged in the near future.

Allocations

It has been proposed that an expansion of both the archery and shotgun seasons in archery and shotgun only areas may help in the control of urban wildlife populations such as deer and geese. To date there has been no action on this front.

Tidal Water Fisheries.

The slow downward spiral of commercially and sport fished populations continues. The latest spike of concern is the yellow-eye rockfish (usually and erroneously referred to as red snapper). Non retention of yellow-eye has been invoked in many areas. Technology is being introduced to help in the conservation of fish stocks. One device is an “app” for I-phones that, through GPS positioning, can provide a location with corresponding fish and fishing information. Another device is a pressure sensitive weighted “gripper” for fish with swim bladders (esp. rockfish). A large percentage of rockfish can survive being brought to the surface if fast action is taken to return them to depth, thus compressing the over inflated swim bladder back to its normal size. When brought to the surface the hook is removed and the gripper is attached to a mouth part. The gripper and fish are then lowered back to depth. The gripper is pressure sensitive and opens at the appropriate depth- releasing the fish. Such devices are now mandatory in Washington State. A similar action can be had by lowering the fish in a weighted and inverted milk tote.

Guest Speakers

Vic Skarrup gave a well received talk which included the implications of the use of lead in shooting (bullets and shot) and fishing (lures and sinkers), the abatement of noise from shooting ranges and the Federal Firearms Program. At the moment this program is focussing on the marking of gun parts. What is next, one can only surmise – but the ultimate purpose is the same – to separate shooters from their firearms.

John Foley gave an also well received talk which the history of the Saltspring Island Fish and Game Club and the recent and ongoing battle with a very determined neighbour whose goal is to close the club by whatever means can achieve that end.

Elk

The re-introduction of elk on the mainland and Vancouver Island has been extremely successful – so much so that in some areas they are becoming pests. One such area is Duncan/ Cowichan Valley. Even though this area is used to provide animals for transplant, there is a population that is doing considerable damage to crops. Increasing hunting pressure would make sense but to get agreements between Government, game clubs and First nations continues to be a difficult proposition. The VFGPA, several years ago, donated money to the transplant program with the agreement that interested club members would participate. Such is yet to happen as per above.

Kid's Camp

For many years Zone 1 has conducted a camp for children of age 10 to 14. This camp has, for these many years, been held at the Courtenay Fish and Game Club facilities with financial support from the member clubs of Zone 1. It has been suggested that Zone 1 could and would reach out to other regions that may wish to provide a similar experience to their children. As a start Zone 1 would provide their expertise and equipment.

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BCWF Conservation Lottery

The BCWF Conservation Raffle for 2017 is getting underway. I have ordered 10 books of 10 tickets and will need some help from club members in selling these. The cost per ticket is \$10.00. The total number of tickets available is 9,999.

The prizes being offered this year are:

- 1st 2017 Yamaha Wolverine R-Spec EPS Camo Side X Side
- 2nd \$3000.00 Cash
- 3rd Roundtrip Airfare for 2 between Vancouver and any one of 5 B.C. locations on Pacific Coastal Airlines.
- 4th \$1000.00 Cabela's gift card
- 5th \$1000.00 Wholesale Sports gift card
- 6th \$1000.00 Husky Energy gas card
- 7th Yamaha PW 3028 pressure washer
- 8th Bradley Original Smoker & Apple Smoking Bisquettes
- 9th Rapala Float/Drift Rod and Apparel package.

Early Bird Draw – February 27, 2017 - \$500.00 Italian Sporting Goods gift card

Final Draw – May 30, 2017

Elk Transplant

Some years ago the VFGPA donated \$1000.00 to support the transplant of elk from areas where they are thriving to areas where they had once been found. An agreement was struck whereby several VFGPA members would be called on as volunteers to aid in a transplant operation. One transplant was carried out in moving some of a herd in the Seward area to a more northerly Island location. No other transplant has been carried out since then but there is to be one involving the Duncan herd. It has been re-iterated that we will be asked to participate when the time comes.

Can't hit your target consistently?

Always shooting left or low??

Shotgun patterns have tighter groups???

2017 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 2nd, and Saturday June 3rd. 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



**VICTORIA FRONTIER SHOOTISTS
OF THE
VICTORIA FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOC.**

**FIRST MATCH OF THE SEASON
MALAHAT RIDGE 2017**

Malahat Ridge was a booming success. Two posse's of shootists assembled from all over Vancouver's Island. The Courtenay contingent was well represented lead by their star performer 15 year old Whistlin' Will Gee who finished at the head of the pack. The six stage match was a fast moving contest at every level from Young Gun to the oldest competitor category. Dave Degrassi of Victoria was Match Director and his industrious wife Angela provided a sumptuous lunch.

Top Ten Competitors: 1st overall Will Gee, Courtenay. 2nd Al Wilson, Victoria. 3rd. Joleen Wilson, Victoria. 4th Kevin Van Kleemput, Campbell River. 5th Dave Degrassi, Victoria. 6th Ashley Harrison, Victoria. 7th Russ Sheriff, Victoria. 8th Chris Jones, Victoria. 9th Ed Gee, Courtenay. 10th Bruce Kerr, Victoria.

The next major event in April is "Circle your Wagons" Wild Bunch April 8th, Cowboy Action Shooting Match, April 9th at the Multi Purpose Range.

For information contact Lanark Rose at cowboyactions shooting2014@gmail.com

The Victoria Frontier Shootists schedule is the 2nd Sunday of every month plus annual events as advertised. Cowboy Action Shooting is FUN non age or gender specific, everyone is welcome.





Thanks to



For donating to our club, a complete set of new metal rebar upright stands for the rifle range wood target supports.

Just as Tycon Steel supports your club, please support Dan Seel and his company, 'Tycon Steel'. If you require supply and installation of reinforcement for your concrete project, contact Dan, Don or Wyatt at Tycon Steel. 250-475-3505

Thanks to:



For donating free rock blasting services to our club for two new Multi-Purpose Bays, and also an area for future washrooms and water well equipment, all at the Multi-Purpose Range.

If you need rock blasting or drilling services for a project, please support H.H.S. Drilling & Blasting, just as they support your club. Contact Dave Purnell, at 250-727-1752 to get a quote.



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Multi-Weapon Operations | Small Teams
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May 19-22 2017 | Victoria Fish and Game
training.veritacsolutions.com info@veritacsolutions.com

Details

Cost \$400. Need a minimum of 8 registrations to run, maximum of 10 slots. 1 serial
Lots of mags, especially if neutered
Operational or training Kit include PPE
600-800 rifle, 400 rds pistol. No Serpa or any index-finger actuated release holster
Repair kit, tools, cleaning kit.
Hydration, Nutrition.
PP&S for notes

Register here: <http://shop.veritacsolutions.com/item/multi-weapon-small-team-operations>

If you are LE/MIL/Security please message us for preferred pricing code

3.5 Day course focusing on skills refresher and advanced skill development for users of semi-auto pistol, rifle, and shotgun (optional). Covers techniques adopted by special operation forces in maintenance, loading, reloading and clearing procedures, malfunctions, transitions, shooting on the move, from cover, from barrier, and marksmanship that include proper sight picture, mechanical offset, rifle manipulation, safety, shooting stance, and body position. Small Team module covers fundamentals and some advanced techniques for teams operating in dismounted roles. Use of static vehicles as a base for exfil and cover may be expected. As an adjunct to this, individual and buddy first aid will also be covered.

Some of the major topics covered will include:

- AR15, Pistol, and Shotgun Series
- Weapon and Equipment Selection
- Loading, Reloading and Clearing Procedures
- Marksmanship Fundamentals with an AR series rifle
- Advanced Rifle Employment
- Back-to-Basics: confirm zero, malfunctions, marksmanship and stance
- Sequence of Events for Planning a Dismounted Team Movement
- Elements Common to all Dismounted Team Movements
- Movement Formations and breaking contact with VIP
- Movement Techniques
- Danger Areas
- Reconnaissance
- Movement to Contact
- Engaging a single target with scanning
- Engaging multiple targets and scanning

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- Breaking contact (2, 4 and 8 man teams)
- Aussie Peel
- Tracking Patrol
- Control Bleeding, Tourniquet application
- Dressing application, Wound Packing

Day 1

- Intro of Instructors/students
- Brief explanation of a CP team roles and responsibilities
- Confirmation of zero
- stoppage drills, mag changes, draws, incorporating buddy cover
- shooting on the line (positional/standing turns/walking turns)
- Intro to walking drills (box and diamond formations) 2 and 4 man
- break contact (dry/live) 2 and 4 man
- formation walking drills - break contact with a VIP (2 and 4 man)

Day 2 and 3

- There will be more PowerPoint slides but most of the next 2 days will be spent running students through introduction to vehicles, seating arrangements (PPO, VIP, driver and shooters) and running the students through all contact drills dry and hopefully/ultimately live. It needs to be rehearsed and rehearsed till it becomes 2nd nature. Basics of Tactical Trauma including TQ application and wound packing will be demonstrated as well as applied.

SPORTING CLAY

June 8 & 9th will be our Sporting Clay Championship
For any info contact Paul at (250) 710-5303 or
email at paulhagel@hotmail.com



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
- Gordon Frost (778)676-7253 or email: gord@yarrowgunworks.com

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
- Gordon Frost (778)676-7253 or email: gord@yarrowgunworks.com



Call to Action

Canadian Firearms Marking Regulation

On June 1, 2017, the “Marking of Imported Firearms (Bill C-10A) Regulations” will come into effect to implement the UN Firearm Marking protocol.

The regulations, as currently drafted, will have a negative impact on Canadians who rely on hunting to feed their families and sports shooters, by significantly increasing the cost of firearms and reducing choice. It is also likely that it will have a disastrous impact on the Canadian firearms industry and result in the loss of jobs. It could also hurt trading relationships with other countries.

The BC Wildlife Federation has written several letters to the Minister of Public Safety expressing our concerns regarding the regulation as drafted, and supporting the solution proposed by the Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association (CSAAA. <http://vfgpa.org/markings-of-imported-firearms-bill-c-10a-regulations/>

It is now time for all members to get directly involved by writing to the Minister of Public Safety, with a carbon copy to your local Member of Parliament, requesting that the regulation be amended.

Please go to the club website <http://vfgpa.org/markings-of-imported-firearms-bill-c-10a-regulations/> where you can find a copy of the letter sent by the BCWF and access a draft letter template you can use. Simply add your name and address to the top, a cc to your local MP at the bottom, print and mail (note, postage is not required to mail to MPs). <http://vfgpa.org/markings-of-imported-firearms-bill-c-10a-regulations/>

This is a "numbers game" - we need to send in as many letters as we can.

Please send physical letters as they have more impact than emails or petitions - note - no postage is required for letters mailed in Canada to Members of Parliament.

The time to act is now!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for Women's Pioneer Skills to be held July 7, 8, 9, 2017. Join us for a weekend of fun and friendship. Remember, registration is limited to 60 on a first-come, first-served basis. You are registered when we have your registration fee.

Please feel free to print out our flyer and post at your club.

To find us, google “West Coast Rangers Port Alberni” and click on “Women's Pioneer Skills” on the selection bar. This will lead you to our schedule, workshops, registration and other information.

If you have any questions, please contact me. bevden@shaw.ca or 250-723-5851 Hope we see you in July.

NEW

All firewood cutting on the property is now by permit only.
Permit available at the office.

David M.
Mgr.



Edwardian Shooting Party at the Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association 700 Holker Place, Malahat, BC Sunday 04 June 2017

Shooters Meeting 9:45am, shooting starts at 10. This event is a celebration of the classic **Double barrel shotgun**, however, all shotguns are welcome. Edwardian or Victorian dress is recommended. Everyone is welcome, wear your shotgunner best in whatever era you choose!

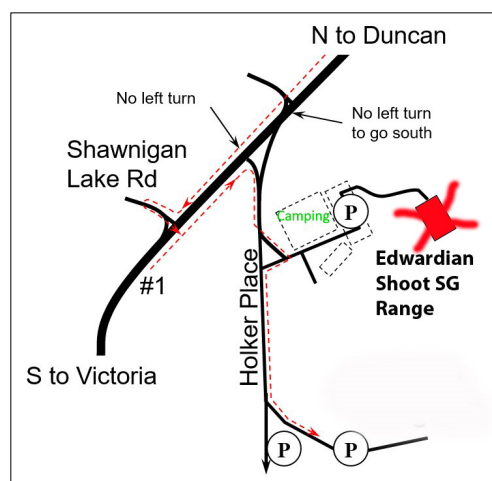
Event is classic trap shooting. Certificates will be awarded for best smokeless shooter, black powder cartridge shooter, muzzle loader shooter, categories for both male & female, plus best dressed shotgunner any era, male and female, best dressed shotgunner Victorian era, best dressed shotgunner Edwardian era. Registration \$10.00 includes tea and lunch.

Cost of shooting is \$5.00 per round of 25. Shoot as many rounds as you like. Bring your own ammo.

Pre-registry is recommended

To pre-register please contact Michael McNall 250-478-0069 e-mail tradegun@shaw.ca Eye and ear protection is mandatory. Bring your family and friends to cheer you on. Make sure you pre-register them also so they can have tea and lunch. Best dressed guest certificates will also be awarded.

Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association website <http://vfgpa.org>





Malahat Marauders

Easter Rendezvous

April 14 - 16 2017

Location:

Victoria Fish and Game Protective
Association at 700 Holker Place.
Just below the summit of the Malahat
Drive.

Time:

Dawn to Dusk, actual event times will vary
throughout the weekend.

Events:

Rifle and pistol, trappers challenge, knife
and hawk, trail walk (weather permitting),
archery, long range rifle shoot and shotgun.

Costs:

\$25.00 per shooter, \$20.00 per extra
family member shooter.

\$10.00 for juniors. Children are free.

There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday
night, bring a salad or dessert item.

(let Donna S. know what you are
contributing for the Potluck – 778-406-1718).



For more information contact; Doug Linton at 250-727-0216



VICTORIA WOMEN SHOOTERS

The ladies who attended the Victoria Women Shooters Rifle instructional session on Saturday, April the 8th, all had a great time and a ton of fun was had by all. They had a chance to try shooting .22 Silhouette and a few black powder and centrefire target rifles in a variety of different cartridges. Many thanks to Lori Noye McKay for keeping things organized, and to Art, Sue, Keith (and myself ... Al) for supplying the instruction and some loaner guns for people to try out. (As per usual we didn't remember to take the "group shot" until later in the day so a few of the attendees had already left by then.)



PAL COURSE

April 22-26th,
June 24- 28th,
Sept. 9- 13th,
Nov. 11- 15th

Archery

See you for our next shoot, Sunday 30 April

Douglas Bell
Archery Director
Victoria Fish & Game Protective Society
250 727 9735

ATTENTION MEMBERS, STOLEN RIFLES, SERIAL NUMBERS BELOW:

There is a fellow club member who had a following rifles stolen from his house about a couple months ago. Picture below is the first rifle:

The First one is a Weatherby 30-06 SPRG VGD2 REDFIELD Scope
Serial number: #VB102704

The second one is a Remington 7600 Pump Action Rifle 30-06. The serial number for the rifle is B8571184 and for the Double Diamond scope on the rifle the serial number is DDK10019

If you see these two rifles, please contact the Saanich Police.





Congratulations

Marlin from Duncan, BC, for winning the Can-Am Commander 1000 XT SXS. Enjoy your new ride!



VFGPA Banquet Fundraiser Success

The 2017 Victoria Fish & Game Banquet Fundraiser was a huge success. With 360 people, tons of prizes, live music and an all game meat feast, we were able to raise \$19,736.19

****Way to go VFGPA****



TO ALL TRAP SHOOTERS

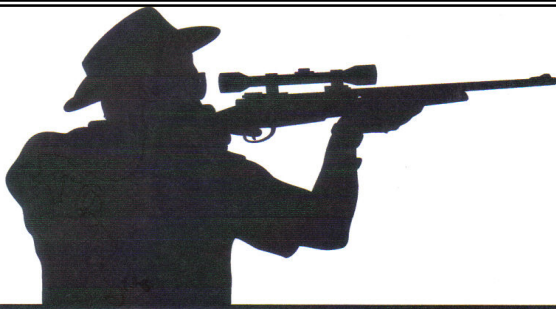
You can now shoot Trap at the same time as a Skeet Practice is taking place under some new strict conditions.

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

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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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

A reminder that all members of the Victoria Fish & Game are required to take our Free two hour Range Orientation Course every five years.

We are having a lot of changes & upgrades to the various ranges, and we do not want our members left behind with their knowledge of the range and its requirements.

New members are required to take the course before they are allowed to use any of our facilities. If you are an existing member, and have not already taken the course, please look at our Website calendar and attend one of our sessions as soon as possible.

We require everyone to have their membership card, and an orientation card with them when attending the range so don't take a chance on being asked to leave if you do not have a card!!

Wish to Place an Ad?

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Business Card: \$10.00 per issue, or \$100.00 for 12 issues
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Full Page: \$50.00 per issue, or \$500.00 for 12 issues

Classified and For Sale Ads

Members - FREE classified ads, but for Commercial ads please see the above

For more information or to purchase ad space please contact Jodi at:

vfgpanewsletter@telus.net



Welcome to the
Neighborhood!!

Are you new to the area?

If you have moved to a different town/ area, let me know and I can do the visit. If not in my areas, I can forward your info to the Rep that is your area,

If you would like to receive a free basket of gifts sponsored by local businesses, with local civic & Business information about your new Community, please call (250) 383-4622 or email at jbrugge63@gmail.com and let me know you have moved and would like a Welcome Wagon Visit.

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Publisher's Note

Deadline for each month is the Wednesday after the Executive meeting (the first Monday) of the month.
NEXT DEADLINE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY the 3rd 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



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 36 in this newsletter for information.

Many thanks in advance,

A Big Thank You to our club member "John Russell" for his recent generous donation of some once fired rifle brass to the range brass program.

Al Page

NOTICE TO MEMBERS - GUN SHOW AT VFGPA SUNDAY, JULY 30TH, 2017

The VFGPA will be hosting a one day Gun Show in 2017 on Sunday, July 30th. We've held gun shows at our club in the past, but nothing lately so we thought it was time that we held another one as a fund raiser for the club. "Sale and Trade" rentals are \$25.00 per table and entry at the door will be \$5.00 with women and kids admitted free. The show will run from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm with table setup for the participants from 6:30am until the show opening at 8:30 am. The show will be held in the Main Clubhouse and the Canteen will be open to offer food to the table holders and the attending public. To book a sales table or for more information about the show please **contact Laurie Page @ 250-388-0705** or sent us a note by email to: lapage@telus.net (The number on the cards for the gun shows for 2017 is wrong for Laurie page) Please see number above here in bold.

NEW VANCOUVER ISLAND DEER BOOK

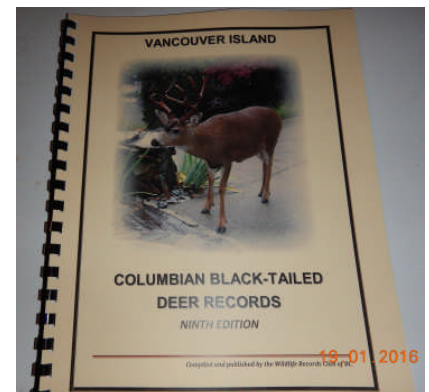
Copies of the ninth edition (2016) of the Vancouver Island Columbian Blacktail Deer Records are available at a cost of \$10 each. The publication contains an excellent article written by Byron Mason on fifty years with the deer in the Nimpkish Valley. Byron relates the impact of wolf and cougar predation 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.

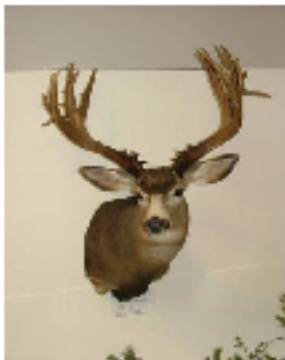
The current records list over 2160 entries scoring 100 or more Boone & Crockett points.

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.





Conservation
Selective Hunting
Sportsmanship
Fair Chase



A "Meet 'n Greet" will also be held on Friday night, May 5, from 7 pm to 11 pm at the Conference Center. Tickets are free and entrance is not limited to Banquet attendees. Come out to meet Club Executive, Award winners and fellow hunters.

Banquet Tickets: \$50/person

AVAILABLE ONLINE: www.wildliferecordsofbc.com

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM:
Bob Petrie (Kamloops) ph. 250-372-1950

OR EMAIL US AT: wildliferecordsofbc@shaw.ca

Tickets for the Friday night Meet 'n Greet are free and available from the same sources noted above

For additional info., contact President Bob Morris at: 250-758-2116

ANNOUNCING THE WILDLIFE RECORDS CLUB OF BRITISH COLUMBIA 16th BIG GAME TROPHY AWARDS BANQUET AND FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Kamloops Coast Hotel and
Conference Center
Kamloops, BC

Cocktails 5:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm



•Wildlife display, awards presentation, dinner, and fundraiser

•FREE SCORING CLINIC: Have your antlers, horns or skulls scored by Wildlife Records Club of BC and Boone & Crockett scorers on Sat., May 6 from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm at the Conference Center



ACCOMMODATION - Book by April 5 for the best rate. Group name: Wildlife Records Club of BC. Group booking code: CKH-GFC5446. Booking by phone 1-800-663-1144; booking online: www.coasthotels.com (under the "book now" tab Click on "special code").



**To All Members of the VFGPA,
Next meeting is Monday, April 17th**

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.**

LIAMA INFORMATION

**Otis our M/P Llama is a guest of our Club (belongs to our neighbour) We feed and water him daily
so please treat him like our mascot with respect and be patient.**



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.



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SOUTH ISLAND ACTION SHOOTERS

The South Island Action Shooters hosted the first Independent Shooters League match of the season on March 19th, there were 56 shooters in attendance. People came to shoot from all over the Island, we even had a few guests from the Mainland join us to get in some practice before the IPSC season begins. The weather cooperated, the Stages were challenging but a whole lot of fun, there were lots of photo ops when Waldo/Otis made an appearance, but then when doesn't he?! Sun, fun and a whole lot of camaraderie, an enjoyable day!

We also held a Club match on April 2nd and had 40 shooters out to put some lead down range. The wind had knocked everything flat overnight but our intrepid SIAS shooters put it to rights so that the Match could go on!



**SOUTH ISLAND ACTION SHOOTERS**

700 Holker Place, Malahat BC

Are you a semi-automatic or double action revolver shooter?

Are you bored of standing still and firing at a static target?

Are you looking to challenge yourself and try something new?

Action pistol may be the sport for you!

Interested in finding out more?

Come on up and check out some of our matches on the Multi-purpose range

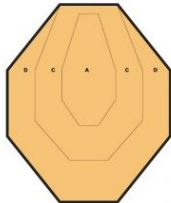
* May 7

* June 4

* July 23

* Aug 27

* Sept 24



Google IPSC videos

Or email: actionshooters@vfgpa.org

Calendar of the Orientation Sessions

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

APRIL 2017	MAY 2017	JUNE 2017	JULY 2017
April 1st	May 3rd	June 4th	July 5th
April 5th	May 10th	June 7th	July 8th
April 9th	May 17th	June 14th	July 12th
April 12th	May 21st	June 17th	July 16th
April 19th	May 24th	June 21st	July 19th
	May 31st		July 26th

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 3 in the newsletter

davidmichaud333@gmail.com or 250-858-8342



Interested in shooting Action Pistol/IPSC style matches at Club level with the **South Island Action Shooters?**



First of all you must be holster certified or complete the VFGPA Holster training

\$20 - 3 hour class. Register at the office

If you are new to handguns we also require you to complete the VFGPA Handgun Essentials Course which focuses on basics such as stance, grip, sight picture and trigger control

\$20 - 3 hour class. Register at the office

Action Pistol or IPSC shooting requires you to move through a course of fire while engaging paper, steel and moving targets, safety is paramount

To come out and shoot a SIAS Club match you must complete the

SIAS Range Safety Course

This short 3 hour course will teach you:

- Introduction to action shooting
- Types of targets and scoring
- How to safely conduct yourself during a match
- Safety and the role of a the range officer
- Range officer commands
- Muzzle control and reloading
- Gun draw from a holster
- Moving, shooting and reloading
- Safely clearing jams and handling malfunctions

Courses run from 11am to 2pm and are \$20, sign up at the office

Course Dates:

Apr 30 May 14 Jul 16
Aug 27 Sep 24

You will need your firearm, a belt, holster, 4 to 5 mag pouches, 4 to 5 magazines, 100 rounds of ammunition, eye and ear protection and clothing appropriate for the weather



Introductory Hunting Essentials Course
29-30 April 2017

Are you a novice hunter, who has successfully completed the PAL and CORE courses, but feel that you need more practical training before heading off into the woods? Then this course may be just for you.

The Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association will be holding an Introductory Hunting Essentials Course; on Saturday/Sunday 29-30 April 2017 in the Clubhouse, 9 am to 4 pm each day.

The course content includes:

- * Ground selection
- * Preys' eyes
- * Hunters' eyes
- * Finding/seeing game
- * Whitetail vs mule,
- * Buck vs doe
- * Fitness considerations
- * Team makeup
- * Optics
- * Scope/binocular selection
- * Rifle/caliber selection
- * Laser range finder applications
- * Normal (< 150 yard) shooting considerations –
- * Long(er) distance shooting considerations
- * Scouting & ambush, vs stalking, merits of each
- * Ungulate anatomy/physiology
- * Field dressing (includes training/practice on either killed-that-morning sheep, or a recent deer)
- * Relationships with game cutters
- * Relationships with landowners
- * Relationships with other parties out there encountered
- * Hunt site schematic
- * Bear considerations

About the instructor:

- * Canadian Firearms/Restricted Firearms instructor/examiner, since the program's inception (instructor certification card # 0007)
- * B.C. Hunter Training/C.O.R.E instructor/examiner, since 1981.
- * Active hunter since 1967 with bow, shotgun and rifle, multiply successful for: deer (both), bear, moose, sheep (both), bison, predators, waterfowl, and upland birds
- * B.Ed, UVic, 1981
- * Current membership in B.C. College of Teachers, and a continuing member in good standing from that college's first day.
- * Teacher in rural schools, 1981-1997, outdoor education, and biology.
- * Commercial/coastal float pilot since 1990.
- * Industrial ambulance/medic, since 1997.
- * Nurse (emerg, med/surg, O.R., rehab) 2001-2013.

To attend, you must register in advance. Cost will be \$150, payable at the door. The course size will be limited to 20 students. To register, please send an email to myself at vicepresident2@vfgpa.org

Doug



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 1pm (as noted a few
exceptions)**

**April 23rd, May 13th, June 11th,
July 29th, August 20th; Sept. 16th,
Oct. 29th, Nov. 25th,**

STANCE

GRIP



MUZZLE CONTROL

SIGHT ALIGNMENT

BREATHING CONTROL

TRIGGER PULL

SAFELY CLEARING JAMS & MALFUNCTIONS

TRAINING TIPS

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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



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:

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April 9th	May 17th	June 14th	July 12th
April 12th	May 21st	June 17th	July 16th
April 19th	May 24th	June 21st	July 19th
	May 31st		July 26th

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@vfpga.org

**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.



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.



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**FISHING ENTRIES**

Wayne Zaccarelli	13 lb 6 oz chinook	Feb 12	Victoria
Wayne Zaccarelli	12 lb 8 oz chinook	Mar 17	Victoria
Doug Bancroft	32 lb halibut	Apr 03	Victoria

Mel Lohr - Largest Coho



Two trophy winners were absent. Angie Rol - largest chinook and
Riley Mace (Jr) largest bear

Liz J. - Largest Trout



Darryll Walmsley - Largest Deer



Cotton Walmsley - Largest Deer by Junior





OMEGA PACIFIC HATCHERY DONATION

Omega Pacific Hatchery, located on Great Central Lake near Port Alberni, is currently part of a four year Chinook yearling trial. These fish are known as S1 because they are held in freshwater for an extra year before release to the ocean. Their survival rates have been greater than 5% from smolt release to adult spawner returns. This compares with conventional hatchery releases of S0 Chinook, held for only a few months before release, of only 0.2 to 0.6%.

The trials involve growing 100,000 Chinook as S1 releases for four brood cycles. Their costs are about \$100,000 per year which includes adipose fin clipping, coded wire tagging (CWT), feed, disease screening of adults and juveniles, transport, labour, electricity, oxygen, etc. This is based on per fish costs of \$0.85 to \$1.00 and is consistent with a Washington State auditor's report which assessed 25 hatcheries having an average S1 cost of \$0.85 US.

Omega Pacific has been unable to secure any funding from the Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) and numerous applications to funding sources, such as the Pacific Salmon Foundation, have been unsuccessful. The Area 23 (Barkley Sound, Alberni Inlet) Harvest Committee donated \$38,000 in May 2016. Their immediate concern is for funds to coded wire tag and transport 85,000 Chinook (from brood 2015) for release in April, 2017.

Omega feels these fish will provide a substantial benefit to fisheries and a solution to increase wild stocks. At the March 06 directors meeting of the Victoria Fish & Game, a motion to donate \$5000 towards this worthy project was approved.

By Wayne Z.

VANCOUVER ISLAND GUN SHOWS FOR 2017

April 9 in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road **Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250) 746-7812**

May 7th in Courtenay at 3780 Colake Road **Contact: Rick McClure (250) 703-0223**

May 28th in Parksville at 1014 Ford Road, Coombs **Contact: Grahram Alexander (250) 752-1855**

July 30th at Malahat VFGPA Club house, **Contact: Laurie Page (250) 388- 0705**

August 13th in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road **Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250) 746-7812**

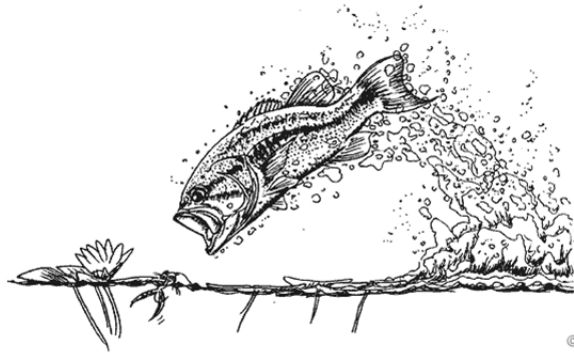
September 17th in Parksville at 1014 Ford Road, Coombs **Contact: Grahram Alexander (250) 752-1855**

October 15th in Courtenay at 3780 Colake Road **Contact: Rick McClure (250) 703-0223**

October 28 & 29th in Victoria at 1528 Stelly's Cross Road, Saanichton **Contact: John Pullen (250) 474-2512**

Nanaimo 12th in Nanaimo at 1325 Nanaimo Lakes Road **Contact: Doug Miller (250) 758-1303**

November 26th in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road **Contact: Geoff Maxwell (250) 746-7812**

**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

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

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

Website: www.wildliferecordsofbc.come-mail: wildliferecordsofbc@shaw.ca



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 10 round rotary 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.

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: 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: I have a 19-20 teepee for sale complete with poles, liner, pins, and stakes if anyone in your club is Interested, please pass this along. \$1000.00 **Rick Carter (250) 727-3458 ext 224, rick@smwia276.ca**

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



"For a Rendezvous, the correct tin plate and cup for 18th and early 19th century soldier and a tin British style canteen on hemp shoulder rope. All made without lead solder by Carl Giordano in the USA. Canteen \$30, plate and cup \$30. landmenbc1@shaw.ca"

FOR SALE: Leupold scope. 4.5-14 x40mm. B/C reticle 30mm.tube side parallax adj. Please contact Frank petjet88@shaw.ca

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

MEC "Sizemaster" 20 gauge, 5 station, 5 Charge Bars, 302/100, 50/78, 302/78, 502/100, 302/188
 6 Powder Bushings, 20, 22, 27, 28, 29, 34, Instruction Booklets, 1000 Assorted Wads
 2 Shell Stackers **Contact: John Taylor (778) 679 4291 or email at John_taylor47@hotmail.com**



FOR SALE: 1). Antique Marlin model 1893 30/30 caliber rifle Serial# C1893 with hex barrel and a Lyman sight. This rifle is in good antique condition but does not have any bluing. There is no rust or pitting. I am asking \$700 OBO. **2). Beretta Urika 2 (A391), 12 Gauge Shotgun, 2/34 and 3" with a 28" barrel.** Seldom used (only for trap and skeet) in like new condition in the original hard case. Comes with 4 chokes and is a camouflaged model. Includes original documents. \$1200 OBO. **3). Browning Model BPS 12 gauge 2 3/4", 30" barrel shotgun.** This is a Trap model with a single and repeat shot selector. This shotgun is like new in the original box and has only been used for trap and sporting clays. Comes with 5 chokes. \$700 OBO **4). Walnut wood and etched glass locking gun cabinet/display.** This cabinet is for display purposes only and is not safe for long term storage. It is back-lit in the upper and main storage areas and will hold 10 long guns and trophies/awards in the upper shelf. Measurements are H 72", W 38", D 12". **Contact: David at - thejubbbers@gmail.com or (778) 817-1015.**



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, exchangeable 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:

- 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 mccrann@pcwcanada.com

**FOR SALE:**

Winchester Defender 12 g. 3" magnum Very good condition Very low round count \$350 (250) 478-6433 or email rkeegan@telus.net

**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 at \$1.70 per pound."



"Many thanks to the club members who have been spring cleaning lately and have donated surplus brass in several different calibres to the club for re-sale along with our fired range brass".



**Please call or email Al Page (250) 388-0705 or email at lapage@telus.net
 (please make reference to brass)**

"Supplies vary week to week, but calibres which have been available in the past have included:"



**From the estate of Chris Archibald:****Reloading supplies;**

- 1K 38 special 125 grain Berry FP - \$120

Firearms:**Non-Restricted :**

- Fox Sterlingworth side-by-side Shotgun 12 ga. Selective ejectors
Non-matching numbers, bluing mostly gone - offers on \$400

No P.A.L . Necessary....

- New Custom Laminated wood Bow with arrows & accessories. - \$300

55# pull at 28". Built by Bucky's in Duncan

- Swiss Vetterli Rifle (41 Rimfire) Antique status:
Corrosion in the barrel: Stiff action: Dates around 1881 - offers on \$300

Spyderco Knives: New, in the box

- Tatanka: (retail \$265) - \$140

Contact Dom Piluso: piluso@shaw.ca or phone: 250-415-9150

FOR SALE: 1). American Ruger 22LR with sling, case and alternate stock, 10 round box magazine. like new - \$375

2). SKS rifle, Soviet built, 7.62 x 39, with cleaning kit, case - shoots well - \$180

Contact Ian - icraw123@gmail.com 250 383-5969

FOR SALE: 1).Ruger SR1911 45 ACP.In very good condition, comes with 2 mags and original pouch/box etc.\$725

2).STI Spartan 9mm.Set up for IPSC classic with EGW magwell,Ed Brown safety,Wilson mag release.Its my spare gun and never gets used anymore, very reliable and accurate and in great condition.\$775

Contact Trevor (250 588 3092)

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: 1). 1926 Winchester 30-30** saddle ring carbine \$950 **2). Winchester .45** colt lever action like new with extras \$800 **3). Remington Model 700 .270** with Zeiss 9X scope \$1500 **4). Smith and Wesson .357** magnum highway patrolman \$600 **5). Ruger mark III hunter .22,** 6" fluted barrel \$450 **Open to offers, will include relevant ammo and cases. Ryan 250-213-5802 or gerbilfun@shaw.ca**

I have my blacksmith shop set up, and I am starting to take orders for iron work.

Do you need some throwing knives, tomahawks, a flint striker, fire irons, grills, lantern hooks, fire pokers, bottle openers etc...? I specialize in hand forged 18th and 19th century reproductions, and can make just about anything for your rendezvous camp, or Christmas presents. If you want things made soon and delivered, I will be at the turkey shoot in Victoria on the 26th and 27th and can bring things with me. Please check out my FB page Meška Ironworks to see some of my other stuff. **Contact me at: 604-719-4139 or blacksmithju@hotmail.com**

FOR SALE: Ponsness Warren 800 plus reloader and one gauge set. Your choice 12, 16 or 410 ga.

This machine has not loaded more than 20,000 rounds. \$700 **Contact Al Wilson (250) 656-2520**



**FOR SALE by Ken Bodnarchuk kbodnarchuk@gmail.com 250-477-3860****Restricted Firearms**

Walther PPQ M2 22LR \$500

Browning Buck Mark Hunter 22 LR Tandemkross trigger, Volquartsen Trigger kit Custom Grip \$950

Ruger Super 6 Convertible 22LRR 22 WMR \$650.

Non Restricted Firearms

Savage Mark II FVT Target Riffle William Iron Sights, Apache Trigger Kit \$599

Reloading

Bullseye Powder by Alliant 1 lb \$60 or 2 for \$110

Gunsmithing

Lucas Lithium Grease \$10 each or 2 for \$15 same or mix and match

Lucas Red and Tacky Grease \$10 each or 2 for \$15 same or mix and match

Savage Mark II and Savage Model 93 Accutrigger 1.5 lb trigger spring \$50

Range Equipment

Bullseye Camera Target System \$459 NEW

Ammunition

Remington Thunderbolt 22LR \$40 per box or 2 boxes for \$75

Ken Bodnarchuk kbodnarchuk@gmail.com 250-477-3860**ITEMS WANTED****WANTED: to buy a reproduction Baker Rifle - Call Mike 250-478-0069****WANTED: Lee Shotshell Loader 20 ga or 12 ga. Also looking for a reloading Shot. Please contact Ed at (250) 386-3783****WANTED: Any Amount of Hodgdon's international powder. Will trade other powders and /or buy. Call Ed at (250) 386-3783****WANTED: SPOTTING SCOPE****Does anyone have an extra, decent quality spotting scope they want to part with?** Laurie, Cell: 250-812-6152.E-mail: Lmcbride@telus.net.**New to hunting and interested in joining an experienced person in hunting on the island. Using a 303. Will share expenses. Please contact Luke at 250-886-9888.**

**FOR SALE:**

New, Remington .270 with Zeiss 9X zoom scope, ebony fore-end hardly used
\$1500 OBO

1926 Winchester Model 94 30-30 saddle ring carbine excellent shape and working order \$850 OBO *will include cases [if available](#) and relevant ammunition.

Ryan Ogilvie 250-213-5802 call or text, or email

gerbilfun@shaw.ca



FOR SALE: It a Smith & Wesson MP9 9mm , like new ,case ,3 mags and Gun holster, mag holster \$525 email: 9laroc-que@icloud.com



FOR SALE: 1) Remington Model 700 .308 cal. with 3 to 9 power Redfield scope very nice condition \$850
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Ivan 250-590-3280 or cell 250-893-4826.

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More info available at dgnorton@telus.net



FOR SALE: A Meade 15-45 power spotting scope. Great condition. Has eye piece and objective lens cap and comes with satchel style carry case. **Price is \$45** **Contact Sean at** sc42@shaw.ca