



# Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

**Monday March 18th, 2019 at 7:00 pm.**

**Strawberry Vale Hall, 11 High Street, Victoria (Off West Burnside)**

Please plan to attend. Annual General Meetings are the most important meetings of the year for all societies. At this meeting we have the AGM and elections for the Board of Directors. Attendees will hear reports about the major activities and business from 2018 plus participate in the election of the club's Head Table officers as well as 6 'Members-at-Large' for the Board of Directors. Your Board of Directors asks that all members in good standing make a special effort to attend this meeting and participate in the running of the club. With a total of 12 positions up for election, we encourage everyone who has good ideas, enthusiasm, and time to participate in the management of our Association to stand for a Board Position.

Of particular interest this AGM will be a motion to increase Dues in the year 2020 to cover increased costs of BCWF club dues.

## **Join your Board of Directors! 2019 Elections Coming in March!**

It's that time of the year again, time to plan for the election of your new Officers of the Board to be held on March 18th, 2019.

### **The following is a list of positions up for election:**

- ♦ President
- ♦ 1st Vice President
- ♦ 2nd Vice President
- ♦ Treasurer
- ♦ Secretary
- ♦ Membership Chair
- ♦ 6 Members-At-Large Positions (These positions are expected to take on a portfolio such as Fishing/Big Game, BCWF representative, Game Dinner Chairperson, Webmaster, etc)

We are looking for members who are motivated to make good things happen, and are prepared to make the commitment to help manage our volunteer-run club. Contact the Nominations Committee chairperson, *Dom Piluso* at [pastpres@vfgpa.org](mailto:pastpres@vfgpa.org) (Nominees will be expected to provide a biography to be published in the March newsletter).

### **Just want to help, but don't want to be on the Board? We Want YOU even more!!**

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

Contact *Dom Piluso* at [pastpres@vfgpa.org](mailto:pastpres@vfgpa.org) if you want to help out. If you want to see the entire Official Range Plan including all of the things your board has been working on since 2013, it can be found here: [www.vfgpa.org/official-range-plan](http://www.vfgpa.org/official-range-plan)

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- \* RP Range - See through mesh or solid barriers to prevent semi automatic ammo being thrown into the person beside you.
  - \* Enhance path to Range House from the Archery Range for washroom access in conjunction with knife and hawk trail
  - \* MP Range – Expand deck and incorporate a ramp and railings for the clubhouse
  - \* Clearing for expanded camping and parking north of Frog-Hollow Pond
  - \* Build fencing along the road to the Multi-Purpose Range
  - \* Refurbish RP building
  - \* Build fishing pier at Frog-Hollow Pond
  - \*Construct the 10'x10' woodshed building to store firewood
- more projects are in the range plan. ....

### 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 VFGPA 2019 (gate locked)

Mar 10-15	7:15pm
<b>March 16-31</b>	<b>7:45pm</b>
April 01- Sept 15	8:00pm
<b>Sept 16-30</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
Oct 01- 15	7:00pm
<b>Oct 16-31</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Nov 01-03 (Last Day Daylight S)	6:00pm
<b>Nov 4-15</b>	<b>4:45pm</b>
Nov 16-30	4:30pm
<b>Dec 01- 31</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>

**Last Shot ½ hr before above time**

**Gate dummy locked ½ hr before Last Shot**

Thank you, Club Manager, David M.

**2018-2019 Board of Directors****Officers (Executive)**

President :	Lisa Nichols	President@vfgpa.org
1st Vice President:	Doug Bancroft	vicepresident@vfgpa.org
2nd Vice President	Paul MacNeill	vicepresident2@vfgpa.org
Secretary:	Tim McNaughton	secretary@vfgpa.org
Treasurer:	Vic Skaarup	treasurer@vfgpa.org
Membership Chair:	Eileen Bancroft	membership@vfgpa.org
Past President:	Dom Piluso	pastpres@vfgpa.org

**Discipline Representatives**

Archery	Douglas Bell	archery@vfgpa.org
Black Powder	Doug Linton	dlinton@shaw.ca
Frontier Shootist	Ashley Harrison	frontiershootists@vfgpa.org
PPC	David Becker	ppc@vfgpa.org
22 Silhouette	Art Archer	(250) 721-0131
S.I.A.S.	Cheryl Henley	sias@vfgpa.org
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Trap	Mike King	trap@vfgpa.org
Airsoft	Rick Rutherford	<a href="mailto:airsoft@vfgpa.org">airsoft@vfgpa.org</a>
Victoria Women Shooters	Tina Clark	<a href="mailto:tinaclark.vws@gmail.com">tinaclark.vws@gmail.com</a>
Advocacy & Strategic Relationship	Doug Bancroft	
Junior Representative	Suzanne Fournier	

**Members at Large**

Wayne Zaccarelli	Fishing & Big Game	<a href="mailto:hunting@vfgpa.org">hunting@vfgpa.org</a>
	Hunting	
Bob Macdonald	BCWF Zone 1 Rep	<a href="mailto:rdmacdonald2016@gmail.com">rdmacdonald2016@gmail.com</a>

Terrance Martin	Access	<a href="mailto:access@vfgpa.org">access@vfgpa.org</a>
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Ron Larose  
Marc Fournier  
Sonya Bell

**Other Club Contacts**

Webmaster	Tony Bousquet	<a href="mailto:webmaster@vfgpa.org">webmaster@vfgpa.org</a>
Rentals	Dom Piluso	<a href="mailto:rentals@vfgpa.org">rentals@vfgpa.org</a>
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Club Kitchen	Marc Fournier	<a href="mailto:canteen@vfgpa.org">canteen@vfgpa.org</a>
Hall kitchen	Wynne Jones	(250) 386-3783
Volunteer Coordinator	Vic Skaarup	<a href="mailto:treasurer@vfgpa.org">treasurer@vfgpa.org</a>
VFGPA Caretakers	David Michaud	<a href="mailto:manager@vfgpa.org">manager@vfgpa.org</a> 250-888-5315
Chief RSO	David Michaud	<a href="mailto:manager@vfgpa.org">manager@vfgpa.org</a>

**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. *Eileen 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.

**Information Phone: (250) 743-3504**

Recorded Range Scheduling Information—updated every morning

**Web:** [www.vfgpa.org](http://www.vfgpa.org)

**E-mail:** [inquiry@vfgpa.org](mailto: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)

**Langford Canadian Tire**

Westshore Town Centre, *Mondays to Sundays 12-5pm*  
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**

Eileen Bancroft - [membership@vfgpa.org](mailto:membership@vfgpa.org)

**Annual 2019 Membership**

\* Adult \$170.00 \* Family \$205.00  
\* Students \$100 \* Senior \$90.00  
\* Junior \$40.00

**We have a new number for the information  
line: 250-743-3504**



**SURVEY ON FISHING POND**

**If you go fishing at the Club pond, please answer these questions and email to [pchow4570@shaw.ca](mailto:pchow4570@shaw.ca)**

- 1. How many times have you fished at the club property?**
- 2. Are you fishing with a child or children, how many children?**
- 3. How many fish are you keeping?**

**RSO COURSE FOR 2019 (Range Safety Officer)**

**March 30 & 31**

**8am to 5pm each day.**

**Commitment required.**

**E-mail: David at [davidmichaud333@gmail.com](mailto:davidmichaud333@gmail.com) CRSO  
Tell your friends.**

**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](mailto:davidmichaud333@gmail.com)**

**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 existing *Firearms Marking Regulations* under the *Firearms Act*, scheduled to come into force on December 1, 2018, are being deferred until December 1, 2020**





### VICTORIA WOMEN SHOOTERS

Trap shoot was a super fun day in the snow!!! Orange clays were a little easier to see than the yellow ones against the snowy backdrop, but that did not stop us from busting some clays!! Thanks ladies for making it so much fun and a huge thank you to Trap Director Mike King, Dave Fowler, Charlie Parker and CJ Parker for their assistance and expertise!!!





The next AGM Members meeting is March 18th at 7PM  
At the Strawberry Vale Hall at 11 High Street, off Burnside Road West.  
Hope to see you there!

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**Looking for tents for the 100 Year Anniversary:** Do any members have personal pop-up tents or larger marquee tents? We are needing shelter for our 100 year anniversary dinner. Please Contact Doug Bancroft at [doug.w.bancroft@gmail.com](mailto:doug.w.bancroft@gmail.com)



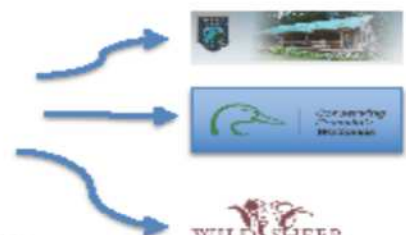
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### VANCOUVER ISLAND GUN SHOWS FOR 2019

**March 24th at Metchosin SVI Rangers at 3498 Luxton Road Contact: Larry Danby (250)479-7260**

**April 7th in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road Contact: Steven Desilva (250) 701-2231**

**May 5th in Courtney at 3780 Colake Road Contact: Rick McClure (250) 703-0223**

**May 26th in Parkville at 1014 Ford Road, Coombs Contact: Graham Alexander (250) 752-1855**

**July 21st at Malahat VFGPA Club house, Contact: Laurie Page (250) 388-0705**

**August 18th in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road Contact: Steven Desilva (250) 701-2231**

**September 15th in Parkville at 1014 Ford Road, Coombs Contact: Graham Alexander (250) 752-1855**

**October 20th in Courtney at 3780 Colake Road Contact: Rick McClure (250) 703-0223**

**October 26 & 27th in Victoria at 1528 Stelly's Cross Road, Saanichton Contact: John Pullen (250) 474-2512**

**November 24th in Duncan at 4295 Robertson Road Contact: Steven Desilva (250) 701-2231**

**December 1st in Nanaimo at 1325 Nanaimo Lakes Road Contact: Doug Miller (250) 758-1303**

### MEMBERSHIP NOTICE:

If members do not put their email on their membership form, I will assume they do not want us to have their email.

If you want the newsletters each month, please be sure to add your emails into the membership forms for now on.

If you have already done your membership for 2019 but didn't put your email address, please let Jodi know and she can add your email address into the system. jbrugge63@gmail.com

### Replacement Card Fee

Effective immediately there will be a \$20 service fee to replace lost cards (e.g., membership cards, orientation cards).

### **TO MEMBERS**

**One of our members is needing a Kidney Transplant. If you know of anyone or you can donate, please email Perry at pchow4570@shaw.ca for more info**

**Merchandise- for General Membership  
NOW AVAILABLE in the office.**

**Mugs \$25.00 Crest etched into Mug  
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778.676.7253



## ***New Potential members of your Board of Directors!***

The March monthly meeting at Strawberry Vale community hall is also our Annual General Meeting and elections for the Board of Directors of your club.

The following new people are willing to volunteer to join your Board, and are seeking positions;

### ***Justin Sain***

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#### **SEEKING POSITION OF: MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

Justin has been a member of the VFGPA since 2016. He has been a competitive shooter with the SIAS club for most of his time with the club, competing in Victoria, Nanaimo and Campbell River. He passed his Black Badge Course, and competed in his first IPSC match in 2018.

He has also shot archery, more casually than competitively, for the past 10 years. He has experience with both recurve and compound bows. Justin has also competed in Airsoft games in the past.

He is also interested and keeps up to date with the news on firearms legislation, both in the US and Canada.

### ***Ben Gudewill***

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#### **SEEKING POSITION OF: MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

Ben Gudewill is an active member of VFGPA, along with his amazing partner, Alexandra. In joining the Board of Directors, his goal is to help ensure the club can be enjoyed for generations to come – he has great childhood memories learning to shoot on the shotgun and rifle ranges with his father many years ago.

In his professional life Ben has an MBA from the University of Western Ontario and is currently the Manager, Commercial Banking, at Canadian Western Bank in downtown Victoria. He is also a former crew member of the Canadian Coast Guard's Search and Rescue Team (Pacific Division). He is a keen fisherman / backcountry enthusiast throughout British Columbia, Alberta, and the Yukon. His values of integrity, commitment, and growth drive him daily and he looks forward to expanding on his interest in representing current membership at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on March 18, 2019.

### ***Tim Doherty***

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#### **SEEKING POSITION OF: MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

Born just over 63 years ago, Tim Doherty spent his formative years on a farm 15 Km outside what was then Port Arthur and is now Thunderbay. He, along with his brothers and sister, learned to fish and hunt with his dad and uncles back in the day when a Lee Enfield 303 was the starter firearm of choice. He also picked potatoes, milked cows, ploughed fields using an International Harvester tractor and tried to avoid school. A family relocation south, and subsequent breakup, found him spending his teenage years in southern Ontario, where he majored in city rules and minor delinquency.

Fortunately he was able to pull himself together enough to attend university and join the Naval Reserve. He also married a wonderful and patient lady (Vicky Pitt), fathered two stalwart lads, ran his own business as a journalist for 10 years, then owned and ran a Marine Surveying business for 15 years. He also signed up for a series of full time contracts with the Royal Canadian Navy that eventually saw him in Command of three classes of Warship as well as acting as the Coastal Warfare Officer, Mine Warfare Officer and Force Protection Officer for the west coast fleet.

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Tim still retains his love of the sea (but confines it to sailing a 27 ft Tanzer and driving tug boats for the Navy) and the love for hunting and shooting his father taught him. You can find him out whenever the season is open and his family and work commitments permit.

He is also an active RSO and is active in teaching shooting - as one of the senior Group Commissioners for scouts in Victoria, he has introduced many scouts to shooting though the VFGPA.



### **Help wanted at VFGPA**

Casual on call Employees leading to Part Time.

Must have Restricted PAL.

Physically fit, ( must be able to handle and lift a sheet of plywood by themselves, load Trap houses 40lb boxes) work involves working out in all kinds of weather includes weekends and holidays.

and interacting with our 3700 Members suitable for retired people and Students.

E-mail David at:

[davidmichaud333@gmail.com](mailto:davidmichaud333@gmail.com) or call (250)888-5315



### **The Vital Four ACTS of Firearm Safety**

- Assume every firearm is loaded
- Control the muzzle direction at all times
- Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard
- See that the firearm is unloaded

### **PROVE it safe.**

- Point the firearm in the safest available direction
- Remove all ammunition
- Observe the chamber
- Verify the feeding path
- Examine the bore each time you pick up a firearm



### **TRAP / SKEEP FUN SHOOTING LEAGUE - SUMMER EVENINGS**

The club will run a Summer Evening Trap/Skeet Fun Shooting League. Shooting will be every Thursday night commencing the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 and ending the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2019. Total of 10 weeks (skipping the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August due to a Frontier Shootists Event). Shooting will start at 5:30pm and end at 7:15pm. Each evening's shoot will consist of one round of trap followed by one round of skeet. Scores will be handicapped, recorded, posted at the clubhouse and published via email to each participant. Total evening shoots 10, total targets 500, cost will be \$80.00 per shooter. The League will be limited to 20 shooters registration is to be via email: [trap@vfgpa.org](mailto:trap@vfgpa.org)

At the end of League get together Patches/Pins will be awarded to those who posted a 25 round either trap or skeet and a patch/pin for those who post a perfect 50. Club trophies (Top Score and Most Improved) will be awarded (trophies will be displayed in the clubhouse). The rules, procedures and handicap system are posted at the clubhouse; any questions can be directed to Mike King the Trap Director at the above email address.

Hope to see you this summer.

Submitted by Mike King



### **MEMBERSHIP NOTICE**

"The membership director would like to remind all members to fill out the membership form fully and legibly. Items written on last years form will not necessarily carry over to the this year. If your address, email, phone or courses have changed, this is the place to correct them. We also need to be able to read the information on the form so it may be entered into our data base."



### Timberwest Access

The 2019 Timberwest access agreement is now open for registration.

Victor Skaarup (our hard working treasurer, champion of our access program funding and the guy that put us at the table with Timberwest) and I delivered the Kapoor gate unit to the gate contractor January 16, and carried on up to Nanaimo for some face-time with the Timberwest negotiating lead. Long term relations were affirmed, and they bought lunch, so I guess they like us, which is a good reference as we expand access into Island Timberlands holdings.

Having mentioned funding, programs are generally expected to be self-sustaining. It would be nice if we had some support from BCWF, but in the absence of that and in view of increasing staff time necessary to administer an additional gate and an increasing number of key-holders with no connection to VFGPA, the annual fee is going up.

I'll be attending the BCWF AGM in Ft. St. John in June to advocate adoption of our Timberwest key as a universal roaming key standard that will access other controlled gates such as Eagle Ridge in Coquitlam, Norrish Creek east of Mission, and others that may appear on the landscape. I don't want to have to deal with 20 different keys, clubs, and access agreements as I travel around the province, so that's an initiative for a provincial body to support.

The 2019 registration fee is \$50 VFGPA members, \$75 non-VFGPA.

With the AGM coming up, I want to put a shout-out about those indispensable souls seen sitting at the executive table at our sparsely attended general meetings and our well attended board meetings. The club is going into its 100 Year anniversary, and while it runs on its membership, it is those dedicated people that volunteer to bear the heavy responsibility that have sustained the organization through 100 years and many tens of thousands of hours of their time and talent.

With particular reference to the access group, please take a 100 year pause, come out to the AGM, and stand with me to show some love with a round of applause for the exec. (and prime the pump for next years funding of course).

Some of you may be aware of an educational initiative I have connected to the access program, that being the Caveman Engineers. A number of threads have come together: The Kapoor gate opening a circle route around the Malahat through the back country, Timberwest opening discussion of ATV use for hunting, the 100 Year celebration coming up on Father's Day weekend in June, the massively growing Airsoft discipline needing room, and board approval to rezone the 20ha property north of the trap range at 751 Trans Canada Hwy (751TCH) for club use.

We are also supporting the VIDRA group with the Tansky parking area improvements to add an east/west layout to the access program for those that like free camping, and legal ATV access to some highly productive hunting areas while we wait for Timberwest to sort it out. Additional support has been contributed to our friends at the Charters River Salmon Interpretive Center for the move of the Jack Brooks hatchery, and I am investigating the feasibility of occupying the hatchery site, once the move is complete, as our first Timberwest campground and ATV staging area. For those that have never travelled Boneyard up the west side of the Sooke River, you have a special treat waiting.



**Tansky base camp**





**Fun in the snow - Tansky basecamp**

I have adopted 751TCH as a Caveman Engineer project, and I expect to have grant funding approved for two full time Canada Summer Job positions July-August. I invite an early expression of interest from anyone qualified for CSJ employment that has an interest in pursuing an education in civil engineering or a related field, and can pack a shovel and chainsaw to lay out multi-purpose trail system. Past activities of the Cavemen and the 751TCH project as it develops can be viewed on the web site here: <https://caveman-engineers.org> (Thanks again 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Paul MacNeil for the DND tours!)

Who wants to get paid to play outside all summer and associate with professionals from the engineering community?

I have proposed calling 751TCH the Malahat Outdoor Recreation Park, and with the Caveman relationship to youth oriented outdoor-placed STEM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) we will connect with the affluent, outdoorsy, influential demographic of the professional engineering community. It's a natural sponsor space in good company to get a brand in front of.

If you are connected to a business that markets into that demographic, I invite sponsor proposals for custom programs tailored to your commercial objectives. While in-kind donations are indispensable, we can leverage cash with matching grant funding, and we're currently working on developing relationships with registered charities, which have the potential to return a sizeable tax refund through charitable contribution tax receipts.

With Timberwest proposing ATV use on their property we need to know what we're talking about, so we have proposed an ATV demonstration circuit be laid out on 751TCH. In addition, the property is a natural basecamp to stage excursions around the Sooke-Shawnigan circle route, and if you've never participated in an airsoft event you don't know what you're missing. The opportunities for free camping will more than pay your entire membership!

Come join us and find out!

Best regards,

Terrance Martin  
Director, Access Chair  
Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association  
BCWF Director – Outdoor Recreation Council  
250-642-2917  
<http://vfgpa.org/>  
[access@vfgpa.org](mailto:access@vfgpa.org)





### **NOTICE TO MEMBERS: CANNABIS IS NOW LEGAL!**

( ... as if you might have missed that little detail in the new Canadian Society ... )

The new rules in Canada that now allow legal use of Cannabis have prompted your Board of Directors to update a couple of our Range Rules to ensure that 'common sense' will still be prevalent on our ranges.

*The Property Use Policy; Under 'General'; has been updated to the following;*

14. Absolutely no consumption of alcohol or cannabis on any shooting or archery range. Anyone that appears to be impaired, for any reason, while using the ranges, will be asked to leave the property.

*Also, Under 'General Range Rules - Number 14; has been updated to the following;*

Rule # 14 – The consumption of alcohol or cannabis is **NOT** permitted on an active range.

### **BRASS PROGRAM**

"I'm very happy to report that a new club volunteer has stepped up to take over the club's Brass Recovery program from me". Brad Woollven will now collect, sort, and sell our club's recovered range brass as of mid-December. You can contact Brad at 250-727-9175 or by email at [leonardwoollven@gmail.com](mailto:leonardwoollven@gmail.com) regarding any calibres of reloadable brass that you might be looking for.

### **SPORTING CLAY**

For any info contact Paul at (250) 710-5303 or email at [paulhagel@hotmail.com](mailto:paulhagel@hotmail.com)



### **VANCOUVER ISLAND SHOOTING LEAGUE**

The Vancouver Island Shooting League (VISL) has both a trap division and a centerfire rifle division. Shoots are conducted on a regular basis with each participation club hosting. The trap division of VISL is part of the Pacific International Trap Shooting Association (PITA) further information can be found on the PITA webpage or contact Mike King email: [trap@vfgpa.org](mailto:trap@vfgpa.org) In addition our club is a member of the British Columbia Trap Association (BCTA) information can be found on their webpage as well. The centerfire rifle division of VISL conducts regular 3 position shoots with each participating club hosting. This group has a Facebook page and the contact is Tammy Sanne: [tammypo17@telus.net](mailto:tammypo17@telus.net).

Regards  
Mike King  
Trap Director



### **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

### **"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:

**March 16th, April 21st, July 6th, Aug. 11th,  
Sept. 14th, Oct. 6th, Nov. 23rd, Dec. 15th**

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



### **Victoria Fish & Game Club Chronograph is now available for rental!**

The club recently bought a basic Model F-1 Chrony which will be available for rental to our paid, card carrying club members. (We will not be renting the club chronograph to day pass users.) We will be charging a nominal fee of only \$10 for the use of the club's chronograph, which will be available to be signed out from the Caretaker's office. We will have a simple form to record the renting member's information and it will be the responsibility of the renter to return the chronograph to the office before they leave the range property. Since we suspect this will be a very popular club program I would suggest that you contact the office in advance to book your rental of the club Chrony by date, to ensure that someone else hasn't arranged to rent it on the same day. We now have a club camera tripod that can be used with the rental Chrony.

By Al Page

## **Paul Tedrick**

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### **FREE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

*For two years to all VFGPA members who Buy or Sell their home with Paul.  
Happy Shooting Everyone!*



To All Members of the VFGPA,

**The next General Meeting AGM is March 18th**

**CALENDAR REMINDER**

**IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE CALENDAR, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT: [www.vfgpa.org](http://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: 250-743-3504 TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE EVENT CALENDAR POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.**

**We now have a new number for the information line: 250-743-3504**

**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.**

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**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.

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**Official Range Plan**

If you have any suggestions for major capital improvements to the range, please submit your ideas to [info@vfgpa.org](mailto:info@vfgpa.org)

**Hello Members,**

**Just a reminder ALL targets MUST be placed below "the orange lines on the Rifle Pistol Range" this prevents the target holders from getting shot up.**

**If you see someone not doing this please mention it to them (nicely).**

**Thanks for the help.  
David M.**

**2019 CORE Hunting Safety Course****Instructors:****Robin Pike** M.Sc., P.Ag., Certified CORE Examiner.

Murray Kilshaw, Certified CORE Examiner, Certified CFSC instructor.

**Location:**

Classes are hosted in the Westshore. Courses run Saturdays/Sundays from 8:20 to 4:30 p.m.

**2019 Schedule:**

Jan 19/20	Apr 13/14	Jul 20/21	Oct 19/20
Feb 16/17	May 11/12	Aug 17/18	Nov - Off Hunting!!
Mar 16/17	Jun 15/16	Sept 21/22	Dec 14/15

**Course Content:****SATURDAY**

- Principles of Conservation
- Hunting Ethics
- Hunting Laws and Regulations
- Firearm Safety
- Practical Firearms Examinations

**SUNDAY**

- Outdoor Safety and Survival
- First Aid
- BC Game Animal Identification
- BC Game Birds
- Written Exam

**Additional Instruction:**

- Use of the BC Hunting Synopsis
- Field dressing, Skinning and Butchering
- Knife selection
- How to make Game meat taste it's best
- Bullet selection for hunting
- Water wading safety
- Wilderness emergency communication
- How to approach a car accident
- How to make free topographic maps
- Dominate Eye identification
- Successful hunting strategies
- Archery and bow information

**Contact:**

Robin Pike	250-812-4316	Robin.G.Pike@gmail.com
Murray Kilshaw	250-382-1029	Coreexaminer@shaw.ca

**Canadian Tire in Langford has new hours for their pro shop and will process membership forms during the following hours:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - noon to 5pm**

**Friday - noon to 6pm**

**Saturday & Sunday - 9 am to 5pm**

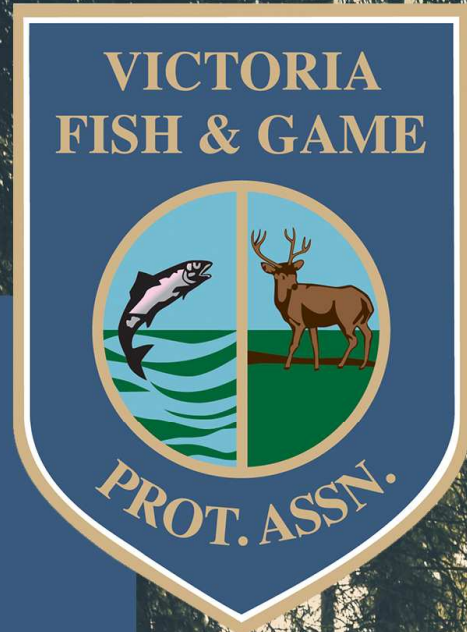




# WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!

**Become a Range Safety Officer  
and help the club! Two-day  
course starting March 30th & 31st,  
from 8am to 5pm.**

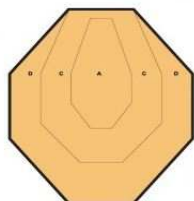
**For questions, contact:  
David, Chief RSO  
[davidmichaud333@gmail.com](mailto:davidmichaud333@gmail.com)**





**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 one of our matches on the Multi-purpose range

**2019**

\* April 7<sup>th</sup> \* May 5<sup>th</sup> \* June 30<sup>th</sup> \* July 28<sup>th</sup>

\* August 18<sup>th</sup> \* September 29<sup>th</sup>

Google IPSC videos

Or email: [actionshooters@vfgpa.org](mailto:actionshooters@vfgpa.org)



## Junior Action Shooters



Is there a Junior in your life between the ages of 11 and 16 years of age who might be interested in coming out and shooting Action Pistol but isn't ready to shoot 9mm?

The South Island Action Shooters is offering a Junior Action Shooters course that will teach safe gun handling, holstering and how to safely move through a course of fire using 22 rimfire pistols.

A parent or guardian must be present during the training course which will be approximately 5 hours and be required to provide a rimfire pistol for the Junior to train with. They will also need at least 2 magazines a sturdy belt, a holster and 2 magazine pouches.

Please email [sias@vfgpa.org](mailto:sias@vfgpa.org) for more information or to register your Junior.





### BOAT SHOW

Just a quick note of thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped out with this year's Boat Show for the installation and running of our VF&G Air Gun Range. It was definitely a bit of a challenge this year being located outside the Eagle Ridge complex instead of indoors, and with weather ranging from snow to pouring rain to sunshine we definitely ran the gambit this year.

Many thanks to everyone who came and helped with setup, working the show, and the tear-down on Sunday afternoon which included: Dom Piluso, Bob MacDonald, Perry Roemer, Doug Linton, Brad Woollven, Art Archer, Sue Bender, Ed Emerick, Paul Martin, Aragorn Hsing, Gary & Sybil Kangas, Catherine Fryer, Bailey Drinkwalter, Erin Bernard, Owen Strachan, Tara O'Mara, Marin Lang, Tina Clark, her husband Jim, and their son Marshall (who helped with the tear down and drove all of the way back up to the range with us on Sunday afternoon to help put everything back into storage), and of course myself (Al Page).

The plan for next year is that the Boat Show will return to Pearkes Arena where we will be located back inside the arena building again (thank goodness!).

Cheers,

Al Page, Boat Show Chairman



### SIAS Report

We held our first Club match of the year on Sunday March 3rd and despite the snowy conditions it was a great day! Our Match Director Thomas Crocker redesigned the Stages so there was minimal movement involved to avoid safety issues but the Stages were still challenging and fun. We had 40 shooters come out, a number of whom came over from the mainland to compete.

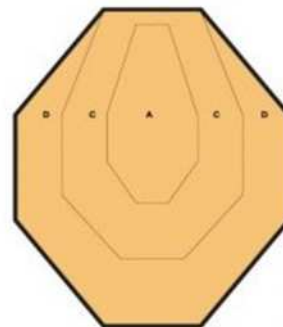
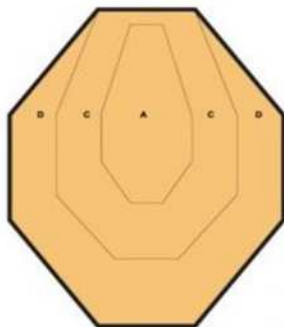
We've had to postpone our first SIAS range safety course of the year twice due to adverse range conditions, the next date is March 17th followed by the regularly scheduled March course on the 31st.

We are hosting the first Independent Shooters League match of the year on March 24th, followed by our next Club match on April 7th. Spectators are always welcome.

By Cheryl H.



# SOUTH ISLAND ACTION SHOOTERS (SIAS) RANGE SAFETY COURSE



2019

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17

SUNDAY MARCH 31

SATURDAY APRIL 27

SUNDAY JUNE 9

SUNDAY JULY 21

SATURDAY AUGUST 10

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15

## SIGN UP AT THE OFFICE

IF YOU HAVE HANDGUN EXPERIENCE, ARE HOLSTER TRAINED AND ARE LOOKING TO DO SOMETHING OTHER THAN SHOOTING AT A STATIC TARGET, ACTION PISTOL MIGHT BE THE SPORT FOR YOU

QUESTIONS?

CHECK THE VFGPA WEBSITE AND EMAIL  
[ACTIONSHOOTERS@VFGPA.ORG](mailto:ACTIONSHOOTERS@VFGPA.ORG)



**Calendar of the Orientation Sessions**

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

**MARCH**

March 2nd  
March 13th  
March 27th  
March 31st

**APRIL**

April 3rd  
April 10th  
April 14th  
April 17th  
April 24th

**MAY**

May 1st  
May 4th  
May 8th  
May 15th  
May 22nd  
May 26th  
May 29th

**JUNE**

June 1st  
June 5th  
June 12th  
June 19th  
June 23rd  
June 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. 250-743-3504 \*\*\***

**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 2 in the newsletter  
[davidmichaud333@gmail.com](mailto:davidmichaud333@gmail.com) or 250-858-8342**

**NEW**

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

**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.

**Trap Practices are held four times a month on Wednesdays and Sundays as marked on the club's calendar.**

Mike King  
Trap Director  
VF&GPA



### **BULLSEYE SHOOTING AT VFGPA 2019**

VFGPA Weekly Bullseye Competition Shooting recently opened the 2019 season. We shoot on Wednesday morning at 09.00h. [Setup is 08.45] In addition to the match course of fire we share tips and practices all aimed at improving our marksmanship skills. Bullseye shooting will be of interest to pistol shooters who want to move from fun “Plinking” to Competitive ISSF Pistol shooting. This 22 cal. course of fire emphasizes accuracy as it requires disciplined hand/eye coordination when shooting a 7 inch Bullseye target zone and as with all ISSF pistol disciplines, all firing must be done with one hand, unsupported at 25 yards.

Dom and David (Thank you) have assigned MP Range 7 for us each Wednesday morning. We have several shooters who are steadily advancing their marksmanship skills and our goal in 2019 is to have a full line of competitive Bullseye shooters.



If Precision Competitive Shooting is of interest to you,  
Please contact:

Gary Byrne at (250)634-8215.

He can share additional details and answer any questions you may have.



### **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, April 8th, 2019.** 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](mailto:vfgpanewsletter@telus.net)**

Thank You,

Jodi Sturgill (250) 383-4622



### Airsoft News

The Airsoft Discipline has postponed its Annual General Meeting to Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10:00am – 10:30am at the Airsoft Range. Snow storms conspired to interrupt our originally planned event. After the AGM we will carry on with our regular game day. During the meeting we will elect the Airsoft representative on the Board of Directors for 2019. We need a good turnout for the AGM. If you participated in at least one of our scheduled airsoft events over the past year, are 14 years of age or older, and have renewed your membership for 2019 please join us for the meeting even if you can't stay for the day.

We have regular game days coming up on the following Sundays: Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> (following our AGM), Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> and Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>. We are also hoping to host some impromptu Saturday game days if the weather looks good so please keep an eye on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vfgpaairsoft/> I hope to see you at one of our events in the near future.

Rick Rutherford

Airsoft Director



### Archery News

Watch the newsletter and calendar for other events, Note that airsoft is borrowing part of the range on a few Sundays – check the calendar  
**NEXT 3D SHOOT IS MARCH 3rd**

### Looking for a 2019 Archery Director

- Current director will be stepping down at the end of March 18 but will not disappear – he will be around to help and enable a smooth transition
- Grand daughter is taking a bigger piece of time now
- This is an opportunity for someone to take the range to the next level with their vision for what it could be

Questions to Douglas at **250-727-9735** or [douglas.bell@snclavalinom.com](mailto:douglas.bell@snclavalinom.com)

### Wish to Place an Ad?

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### Classified and For Sale Ads

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

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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!!

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

- David Michaud (250)888-5315 or [davidmichaud333@gmail.com](mailto:davidmichaud333@gmail.com)
- Dave Degrassi (250)474-3483 [davedegrassi@telus.net](mailto:davedegrassi@telus.net)
- Sue Bender (250) 721-0131 or [safeshooting69@gmail.com](mailto:safeshooting69@gmail.com)
- Gordon Frost (778)676-7253 or email: [gord@yarrowgunworks.com](mailto:gord@yarrowgunworks.com)

**Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) course; Call;**

- Robin Pike (250)812-4316 (5-9 pm) [thepikes@shaw.ca](mailto:thepikes@shaw.ca) or
- Murray Kilshaw (250)382-1029 (9-5pm) [coreexaminer@shaw.ca](mailto:coreexaminer@shaw.ca)
- Gordon Frost (778)676-7253 or email: [gord@yarrowgunworks.com](mailto:gord@yarrowgunworks.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:****MARCH**

March 2nd  
March 31st

**APRIL**

April 3rd  
April 10th  
April 14th  
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April 24th

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June 26th

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



**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 there 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.

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David Michaud, CRSO

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**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.



### **Introductory Hunting Essentials Course - April 27/28**

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 VFGPA will be holding a two-day Introductory Hunting Essentials Course on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, in the VFGPA Clubhouse, 9 am to 5 pm.

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 encountered
- Hunt site schematic
- Bear considerations

#### **About David the instructor:**

- B.C. Hunter Training/CORE instructor/examiner, since 1981.
  - Canadian Firearms/Restricted Firearms instructor/examiner, since the program's inception (instructor certification card # 0007)
  - 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. To register, please send an email to myself at [vicepresident@vfgpa.org](mailto:vicepresident@vfgpa.org)

The CORE course fee is \$150 (cash), payable at the door. Course size will be limited to 20 students.

**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](mailto: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.**

**Women's Pioneer Weekend - Port Alberni Fish & Game**

Planning has begun for WPS 2019. Dates this year will be July 12, 13, 14, 2019.

The range will be available for camping before and after the event, so feel free to arrive early and/or leave later.

Once again, we are limited to 60 participants, so register early to avoid disappointment.  
For Registration: Google, Westcoast Rangers and on the left side "Women's Pioneer Weekend"

Must send in registration with payment to be registered.

**Questions?** (please check FAQ first) on the website  
Contact Diannne Bodnar @ 778-421-2261 or [ladydi-rick@shaw.ca](mailto:ladydi-rick@shaw.ca)







# **SMALL FIREARM (HANDGUN) ESSENTIALS COURSE OUTLINE**

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**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.**

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

**April 28th, May 19th, June 15th, July  
7th, August 24th, September 22nd,  
November 3rd, December 14th**

**RANGE SAFETY**

**STANCE**

**GRIP**



**MUZZLE CONTROL**

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**BREATHING CONTROL**

**TRIGGER PULL**

**SAFELY CLEARING JAMS & MALFUNCTIONS**

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**TRAINING TIPS**

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



### SILHOUETTE

The February match was cancelled due to risk of losing targets in the snow.

Match day schedule:

- 8:30 target setup and shooter registration
- 9:00 sight-in and practice
- 9:30 match start
  - o 40 round Smallbore rifle
  - o 40 round Smallbore Hunting rifle
  - o 20 minute lunch break
  - o 40 round Smallbore rifle
  - o 40 round Smallbore Hunting rifle
- 3:00 update scorebooks, collect targets, cleanup and awards presentation

Entry fees:

- \$5 for 2, 40 round Smallbore rifle matches
- \$5 for 2, 40 round Smallbore Hunting rifle matches

Scoresheets are provided for all shooters.

The match director will update shooter's scorebooks at the end of the day's matches. Scorebooks are used to track results and classification levels. Annual scorebooks are available for purchase for \$5. New shooters are expected to purchase a scorebook after their second event.

New shooters are welcome to join us and we'll help get you started – please arrive by 8:30. Before shooting your first match you should know your scope settings for the 4 distances we shoot (40m, 60m, 77m and 100m).

Upcoming Silhouette matches:

- March 17 - small-bore on the Malahat
- March 31 - small-bore in Nanaimo
- April 7 - high power in Port Alberni
- April 14 - small-bore on the Malahat



### **VICTORIA FISH & GAME ANNUAL BIG GAME COMPETITION**

Hunters are reminded that Blacktail deer taken in MU 1-1 through 1-13 by Victoria Fish & Game members are eligible for the five trophies available each year. Deer must be field dressed which means that the heart, liver and kidneys (edible portions) are the only internal organs which can be included when the animal is weighed. Deer must be weighed on Club scales by the caretaker or his designate.

The official weigher reserves the right to refuse weighing any deer which arrives in an unpresentable condition. Lungs must be removed and body cavity wiped dry with a rag or paper towels. Deer 160 pounds and over taken with a rifle and 140 pounds and over taken by bow and arrow must be witnessed by an executive member at time of weighing. Please contact the Club caretaker/manager or Wayne Zaccarelli to make arrangements. Hunters are reminded that access to club facilities is restricted to daylight hours with the gate locked progressively earlier through the hunting season. Please ensure that you confirm the time gates are locked and show up at least a half hour earlier.

#### **Trophies available include:**

McIlwaine Van & Storage (est. 1955) largest deer / rifle  
 Victoria Fish & Game (est. 1966) largest scoring antlers  
 Robinson's Sporting Goods (est. 1970) largest deer / bow & arrow  
 Bob Hollingworth Memorial (est. 1983) largest buck deer / junior member  
 Malahat Marauders (est. 1990) largest deer / muzzle loader

Gold, silver and bronze buttons are awarded in both rifle and bow & arrow

#### **classes for deer in the following weight categories:**

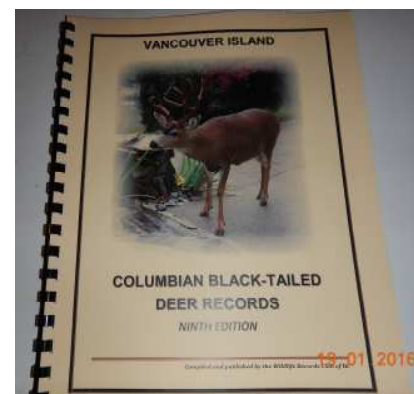
	<b>RIFLE</b>	<b>BOW &amp; ARROW</b>
<b>Gold</b>	<b>180 lb +</b>	<b>160 lb +</b>
<b>Silver</b>	<b>160 - 179 ½ lb</b>	<b>140 - 159 ½ lb</b>
<b>Bronze</b>	<b>140 - 159 ½ lb</b>	<b>120 - 139 ½ lb</b>

In addition, the Victoria Fish & Game Bear trophy is awarded annually for the largest Black bear taken by a Club member. Boone & Crockett Club scoring is used to determine the largest entry. Boundaries are again MU 1-1 through 1-13.

### **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.

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.



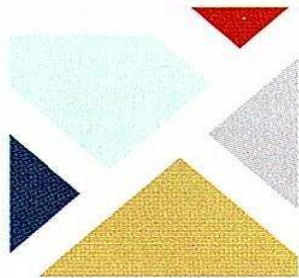
**NEW 7<sup>th</sup> EDITION BIG GAME RECORDS OF B.C.**

The new 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Big Game Records of British Columbia* is now available at a cost of \$35. The 560 page hard cover book is published by the Wildlife Records Club of B.C. "This is the official records book for exceptional big game species native to British Columbia, based on the Boone and Crockett scoring system." The book lists more than 10,000 entries in 19 big game categories with over 1400 of these being new entries since the previous edition in 2010.

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1 <sup>st</sup> edition (1970 - reprinted 2011)	\$20	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition (1983)	\$25
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The Wild Sheep Society of B.C. has developed a ***Hunter Heritage*** program which they launched in February 2019. The pro-hunting campaign will attempt to create a public relations outreach that preserves our right to hunt. The campaign is designed for the greater non-hunting public; **not** the hunting community or the anti-hunter crowd. The B.C. Wildlife Federation has donated \$30,000 and the Wildlife Records Club of B.C. donated \$500 towards the program at their February 02, 2019 meeting.



### BIG GAME COMPETITION ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Thank you to those hunters who submitted entries during the 2018 hunting seasons. Competition for the six trophies is open to all VFGPA members who harvest a Columbian Blacktail deer or Black bear within Region 1 (Vancouver Island) subunits 1-1 through 1-13. The following deer were weighed in during the 2018 season:

Jason Smith	111 lb.	Aug 30	R4L4	Crossbow
Gord Adams	140 lb.	Oct 12	R4L3	Bow & Arrow
James Mace	110 lb.	Nov 03	R2L2	Rifle
Parker Gale (Jr)	142 lb.	Nov 19	R3L3	Rifle

Congratulations to junior hunter Parker Gale who receives two trophies for his fine 142 lb. buck.

McIlwaine Van & Storage Perpetual for largest deer taken by rifle (established 1955)

- Parker Gale 142 lb.

Bob Hollingworth Memorial Perpetual for largest buck deer by junior (established 1983)

- Parker Gale 142 lb.

Robinson's Sporting Goods Perpetual for largest deer taken by bow & arrow (established 1970)

- Gord Adams 140 lb.

Malahat Marauders Perpetual for largest deer taken by muzzleloader (established 1990)

- not awarded (no entries)

Victoria Fish & Game Antler Award Perpetual for largest scoring antlers (established 1966)

- not awarded (no entries)

Victoria Fish & Game Bear Perpetual for largest scoring Black bear (established 1998)

- not awarded (no entries)

In addition, Parker Gale receives a bronze button (rifle-140 to 159.5 lb.) for his 142 lb. deer and Gord Adams receives a silver button (archery-140 to 159.5 lb.) for his 140 lb. deer. Trophies and buttons will be presented at the March 18, 2019 Annual General Meeting.



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

REPRESENTING THE ANGLING COMMUNITY OF SOUTHERN VANCOUVER ISLAND

February 22, 2019.

Pacific Salmon Management Team,  
Fisheries & Oceans Canada,  
200 – 401 Burrard Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
V6C 3S4

The Amalgamated Conservation Society appreciates the opportunity to comment on the public Chinook fishery options paper released by the Department of Fisheries & Oceans on February 05, 2019. The ACS has operated continuously since 1954 representing angling and salmonid enhancement organizations in the southern Vancouver Island area. Our Society was instrumental in the formation of the Sport Fishing Advisory Board (SFAB) in 1964. We currently have ten member associations representing close to 5000 individual members.

Choosing either option **A** or **B** will make little difference to the Fraser River stocks of concern. Their numbers have been declining rather steadily since 1957 when both seiners and gill netters invaded the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Prior to that, fish traps harvested these fish. Severe restrictions on the public fishery started around 2006 and, despite ever increasing restrictions and reduced recreational catch, stocks have continued to decline to their threatened and endangered status today. These ever expanding restrictions are doing irreparable harm to the public Chinook fishery.

We see the current situation as an ongoing re-allocation from the public fishery and traditional commercial fisheries to First Nations. The resource cannot withstand the onslaught of reportedly up to 800 gillnets between Tsawwassen and Sawmill Creek (34 km. upstream of Hope) where 28 First Nations have fishing rights. These both legal and illegal unselective gillnets are destroying the salmonid resources of the Fraser, and other rivers. The First Nations in-river catch has been escalating in proportion to the total catch for many years.

The Amalgamated Conservation Society supports the banning of unselective gill nets and the move toward selective fish wheels, pound nets and other less harmful means of targeting specific species, runs and sizes of salmonids. This should be implemented in combination with new hatchery techniques to supplement specific stocks of concern. There should be greater use of Chinook net pen rearing to significantly increase survival rates over that of traditional hatchery methods. Habitat restoration and enhancement needs to take place along with protecting and guaranteeing minimum water flows provided by the Provincial *Water Sustainability Act*. Significant pinniped (harbour seal, Stellar sea lion and California sea lion) control needs to take place to ensure the survival of both out-migrating salmonid smolts as well as returning adult spawners.

Any measures instituted to further clamp down on the public recreational fishery will make little difference with respect to stock rebuilding.

Yours truly,

Wayne Zaccarelli,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Amalgamated Conservation Society





### FISHING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chinook salmon fishery options for Areas 18-20 (Sidney-Saanich Inlet to Port Renfrew) issued by DFO on February 05. Public and stakeholder comment will be received until March 01.

Option "A" non-retention of both wild and hatchery from April 01 to July 31, then one Chinook per day (hatchery or wild) from August 01 to August 29.

Option "B" one Chinook per day (hatchery only) from April 01 to July 31, then one Chinook per day (hatchery or wild) from August 01 to August 29.

These options are put forth to protect severely depressed Fraser River system stocks. From August 30 through March 31, daily limits would return to two Chinook per day (hatchery or wild).

The SFAB met in Vancouver February 7-9 and agreed to work with DFO to develop an Option "C" which would address the Chinook conservation concerns while reducing the impact on the sport fishery.

Effective March 01, 2019, and until further notice, there is **no** retention of wild (unclipped) Chinook over 67 cm. in the waters between Cadboro Point (FMA 19) and Sombrio Point (FMA 20).

The SFAB proposed halibut regulations for 2019-2020. The fishery would be open from March 01 to December 31 with an annual limit of six fish. They proposed an option for size and possession limits; either 1/day (2/possession) with a maximum size of 90 cm. **OR** 1/day (1/possession) with a maximum size of 126 cm.

SFAB elections were held with Martin Paish replacing Gerry Kristianson as chair of the Sport Fishing Advisory Board.

The SFAB approved a name change to **Public Fishery Advisory Board (PFAB)**.

There are 28 First Nations with fishing rights between Tsawwassen (mouth of Fraser River) and Sawmill Creek (34 km. upstream of Hope).

The Millstream Fishway Project designed to allow fish passage through the large culvert crossing Atkins Road, has been delayed to, likely, 2020. Construction costs escalated beyond reason this past year due to shortage of workers. Peninsula Streams Society has raised about \$75,000 which they are holding for the project. The Victoria Fish & Game donated \$7500 for one step in the fishway. About 130 Coho were counted by the in-stream camera this past fall.

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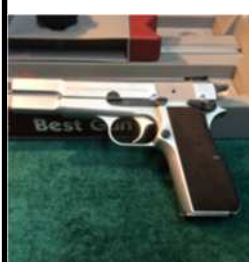
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