



JANUARY

2009



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope everyone made it through the holiday season safely. As your new President, I would like to welcome the new board of directors on board. There are a couple of new faces and all seem excited about dealing with the new challenges of the upcoming year. I would also like to extend a very grateful thank you to our past President, Trevor Holmes and to the past board of directors. Your service over the past year has been greatly appreciated.

There are a couple of issues that we will be addressing this year for sure. One is range improvements. We are looking into having the dead pine trees removed as they pose a threat to persons and property. We also have a committee investigating what improvement shave to be made to allow us to use larger rifles on our range. Currently, we are only certified to use rifles up to .308 win.

Other issues you are going to hear me raise regularly are membership and participation. Our membership made a substantial increase this past year, which is great. Now we have to maintain or, preferably, increase it. Participation is another area we have to work on. Of the 300+ members we have, it's always the same twenty that attend the regular meetings. Now, as handsome as these guys are, it would be nice to see some new and younger faces in the crowd. A strong club can make a difference.

I urge you all to become informed and involved in the challenges facing outdoor enthusiasts. If you can't participate at the club level, at least become aware of the threats to our recreation. There are a lot out there and we must act on them. A letter or email to the Premier and your MLA doesn't take much time and it helps. Don't know which issues are important. The best way to get informed is to come to a meeting. I look forward to serving you in the coming year. See you at the next meeting.

Bill Butchart



ARCHERY

Indoor matches have been moved to Monday evenings at the old arena at 7 p.m. \$5 entry fee for members and free for those under 16. Mark your calendars for the upcoming 3-D shoot on March 15th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



BANQUET 2009

The tickets are out and selling briskly. February 21st, 2009 is working up to be another great evening with great prizes and auctions, so plan to attend. Boat raffle tickets are also available. Watch for it in your local malls. Anyone wishing to donate any meat, fish, duck or geese for this worthy event, please get in touch with Egon at 832-6603. This is the club's one major fundraising event of the year. It helps to fund all our activities. If you know of someone willing to donate cash or prizes or time to this event or if you have an hour of time you can donate, please get in touch with Lionel at 804-0976.

join us!



POT LUCK

Saturday, March 14th will be the annual pot luck supper for anyone involved with the banquet and any of the members that would like to come out for a fun evening of camaraderie, jokes, songs and great food. Last year, it was a family evening of fun. We will be looking for any entertainment you can provide, so bring out your guitar, voice or karaoke machine. This great evening will start at 5:30 p.m at the clubhouse. The club will provide for the happy hour and appies as well as the turkey, ham and wild meat for the dinner. We ask members bring along a dish for the potluck portion.

Please R.S.V.P. to Clara or Elton at 832-2817 or clara66@telus.net well in advance of this evening so we can plan.



Again, we are asking that all members that have not yet done so, PLEASE write their premier and MLA about the Queen Charlotte Bear Hunting restrictions. Information is located at the following site. We can't stress the importance of this issue and the ramifications that will no doubt come from it.

<http://www.bcwf.bc.ca/documents/s=211/bcw1227309581366/qcbears.pdf>

The BCWF Convention is scheduled for April 22 – 25 in Fernie, B.C. Anyone wishing to be a delegate, come on out to a meeting and let us know.

ATV use on Forestry Roads has come to the attention of many law enforcement agencies. The BCWF has notified the club that coverage automatically is provided with membership. 2,000,000 excess personal legal liability which does become primary coverage while operating legally on a forest service road if no other primary coverage exists. Coverage is restricted to the

member only and is non-transferable. Members must possess a valid driver's license. Only provides protection while actively engaged in the activities of hunting and fishing not related to a business or commercial venture.

Another option to BCWF members is available for purchase through Hub Insurance.

The Optional insurance provides \$1,000,000 personal liability and is attached to the ATV as opposed to the member. Operators have to be 16 years and older and hold a valid driver's license with 3 years ATV operation experience. The benefit here is the member can allow other qualified operators to use their ATV and the coverage is still valid. Coverage does apply while ATV is being legally operated on a forest service road. The covered use of the ATV is expanded to "recreational" activities, excluding racing events, hill climb events, etc. Coverage does not apply if ATV is being used for a business or commercial purposes. The cost is \$115 per ATV plus a \$25 administration fee. This policy also gives you the option to buy "physical" damage insurance on your ATV to provide coverage on an "All Risk" basis (includes collision, fire, theft, etc.) Physical damage rating is based on principal operator being over or under 30 years of age. Premium is discounted for BCWF members.

BCWF has informed the membership that the government has ratified the new Canada/U.S. Pacific Salmon Treaty. This Treaty contains some major changes from previous Treaties and provides much benefit to Southern B.C. Salmon stocks. The Treaty calls for an immediate reduction of 15% in the Southeast Alaskan Chinook harvest. There will also be a major reduction in the Canadian Chinook harvest levels and these amount to a 30% reduction in the Chinook harvest off of the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Because of Canada's allocation policy the brunt of this reduction will be taken by the West Coast Commercial Troll Fishery. Overall this action will mean a major benefit for our stocks of concern such as the Cowichan River Chinook.

Canadian negotiators were also successful in getting an agreement from the U.S. to provide \$30 million to aid in the buy back of the West Coast Troll fisheries licenses to

ensure that our fishermen were compensated for their loss of opportunity. And it needs to be made clear that Canada and not the U.S. is buying back these licenses. Their ownership remains in the hands of the people of Canada.

In addition to the new management actions the two parties will be spending \$15 million improving the coast-wide Coded Wire Tag data collection program, \$10 million on a 'Sentinel Stocks' study of the spawning escapement of key stocks and \$1 million on improvements to the computer model that determines the treaty harvest number. The Americans also are offering Canada \$3 million with which to conduct experiments with fisheries aimed at adipose-clipped hatchery fish and thereby reducing impacts on depressed natural runs.

"It is clear that Canadians and Canadian fish stocks will all benefit from this Treaty."



BLACK POWDER

The Monashee Mountain Men Black Powder Club will be holding its annual Black Powder Rendezvous on the long weekend of May. Last year was a great success and good times for all of those who attended. Come and participate or just watch, hear and smell the old time festival of the flintlocks, cap locks and assorted front stuffer and buffalo guns booming across the land and smoking up the sky. If you have the wish to try any shooting yourself, or hanker to throw the hawk and knife, just ask and you will be accommodated. The primitive area with its mountain men era tents and teepees, trade blankets, cooking styles and fur and feather dressed shooters should be interesting and informative to those who would wish to wander back 200 years and visit with those intrepid men and women who roamed and discovered the land and rivers long ago. Believe me

some of us feel that old. Bring your camera and your kids and if you have friends who have never seen a mountain man rendezvous, bring them along as well. If you want to stay for a buffalo roast supper Saturday evening, pack in a pie, salad, desert or whatever food you have to share and join in.

We held a couple of good shoots before the winter closed in and shut us all into our little cabins. The M.M.M. Christmas Party was again a champion of success. Harold and the boys set up the games and the trail. The weather was perfect. The prizes and the gifts at the party seem to be getting better each year. Pete put up some flint and steel kits and Harold looking for a way to fill in the empty hours of his life made a Welshman's head out of a block of wood, a fur thing beard, a toque and a pair of glasses that did resemble my favorite mountain man. I never saw a sober Irishman who could enjoy himself as much as Harold. Among the guests was a very young bushman by the name of Firemaker Mike who produced a fire very quickly by spinning a 16 inch mullen stick into a piece of flat cottonwood. I have seen him produce a fire in about 15 seconds with these materials. On his call to the ticket prize, he picked up one of Pete's flint and steel kits which he also started a fire with in less time than it take to say, "Amazing"! If he comes to the rendezvous perhaps he will put on a primitive fire staring show.

One event that stood out over all the other doings at the Christmas party was the fits from the M.M.M. of a life membership to Bob Land. He is a founding member of the organization, which was important, but more so was the fact that he is one of Canada's only real Mountain Man. A trapper, packer, saddle maker and leather worker, if it was done in the bush, he did it. A good man, a worthy friend and one of ours.

Len Leyshon - Monashee Mountain Men



FISH REPORT

Fishing on the lakes is slow at the moment, spotty on White Lake as it is turning over.

The recent drowning of an ice fisherman at Sugar Lake shows how important it is for the angler to check the ice thickness before venturing out onto a lake. Snow acts as an insulator. Fighting to get out is almost impossible as the water slides onto the ice making it very slippery. With heavy winter clothing on, you will go under very quickly. Consider carrying ice picks. They are very easy to construct. Take a boom handle and cut two pieces 5" long. Drill a hole in one end and insert a 4 1/2 inch spike with the head cut off. Drive it in tight and tie a cord onto each end. When you go onto questionable ice, make sure that they are draped through each jacket arm, so they hang there for quick use.

As 15 people have now been killed in avalanches in BC, we remind all our back country enthusiasts to Please, use caution.



FAMILY FISHING DAY

A Family Fishing Fun Day has been tentatively planned for Sunday, February 15th at White Lake. Plans are ongoing, so watch your local papers for more information.



KAMLOOPS GUN & ANTIQUE

For you gun, antique and knife enthusiasts, the 9th annual KTSA Gun & Antique (and knife) show will take place April 25th and April 26th at the McArthur Island Sports Centre. Saturday 9 am – 5 pm and Sunday 9 am – 3 pm



HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION

As the winter snows pile up, please keep in mind that the animals are also struggling to survive. If you have pheasants you would like to feed, you can sign up with Derry at Lordco.



HANDGUN

For information about handgun shooting, give Don Schmok a call at (250) 832-3646



MEETINGS

Executive meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month and Members' Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Meetings commence at 7:00 p.m.



MEMBERSHIP 2009

2009 memberships and keys are now available at Westside Stores or from our meetings.



As always, a gentle reminder that all members and **guests** must sign in/log in when using the club facilities. Please use your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER in the sign in books and please ensure that all guests sign in by name.

All Directors may at any time request to see your valid membership card while utilizing the club facilities, so please carry it on your person while using club facilities.



RIFLE RANGE

For those of you that can't shoot certain rifles at our facility, don't lose hope. This Spring, we will be meeting with the Firearms and Range Officials to see how we can improve the range so you can shoot the larger calibers.

Again I will mention that the club would like to improve the perimeter of the range with more safety flagging, notices and/or fencing, however, the City does not have an up to date survey of the leased area. If any of our members is a surveyor or can aid us in accurately flagging the perimeter for this large undertaking, please contact Anne at safishgameclub@hotmail.com so that we can discuss the project.

The KTSA will be running a Range Officer Certificate Course at the Indoor Range in Kamloops the 7th of February, 2009 at 9 am if anyone is interested.

Some of the KTSA events this year include the 3 Gun Shoot on the 28th of March, Military Pistol on the 23rd of May, Military Rifle on the 24th of May and the Politically Incorrect Shoot (Vintage Rifle/Modern Rifle) on the 14th of June, 2009.

For further information, give Tony a call at (250) 833-8944. If you would like to see some of these venues run here, give Tony a call as I'm sure, he would be happy to run a few shoots.



Shotgun News

The New Year's Day shoot was another shooting success with 70 turkeys being won. Just a reminder to all members, Trap shoots are still being held the 1st Sunday of the month with a hot lunch after. Everyone is welcome to come out and try



Westside Stores wishes to remind the club members that when they purchase anything at their store, please ensure that the clerk knows that you are a paid up current member of the Fish & Game Club. They are celebrating their 20th year and at the end of the year, they will be drawing some lucky member's name for a new Browning X-Bolt rifle.



ISSUES

Excerpts From the October/November Canadian Firearms Journal...

"The United Nations took another step towards disarming law-abiding firearms owners at the Third Biennial Meeting of States (BMS) on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in New York. The UN headquarters were filled with anti-gun groups this July. Delegations from over 136 countries participated in the latest effort by the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs to implement "the Programme of Action" that focuses on disarming civilians, not governments.

The Programme of Action, which was endorsed by the UN back in 2001, establishes a global framework for curbing the illicit trade in small arms. A large number of countries publicly support these anti-gun norms and programs. Again and again we find that UN proposals, purportedly to restrict military arms, target legitimate civilian ownership instead.

The international gun-prohibition lobby IANSA (International Action Network on Small Arms) is the organization officially designated by the UN Department of Disarmament Affairs to coordinate civil society involvement to the UN small arms process. IANSA favors handgun prohibition, prohibition of any rifle that can shoot 100 meters (this is, of course, almost all rifles), prohibiting gun ownership for self-defence and drastic reductions in levels of civilian gun ownership.

IANSA and the UN are currently pushing to eliminate gun sales to countries that violate human rights. This may sound reasonable because no one would support providing guns to countries like Zimbabwe or Sudan where the rulers are murdering their citizens. Unfortunately, this hinges on how “human rights” are defined. The UN and IANSA have declared that self-defense is not a human right. This means that, since both Canada and the US allow a woman to shoot a rapist in self defence, both countries would be deemed human rights violators and firearms sales would be prohibited. Unsurprisingly, the Canadian Coalition for Gun Control is a member organization of IANSA.

There are three issues currently under discussion at the UN that are particularly important to civilian firearm owners:

- The Arms Trade Treaty
- The tracing initiative; and
- The proposal to mark commercial ammunition

The Arms Trade Treaty would be a comprehensive and legally binding international mechanism for regulating the legal trade in conventional arms. Not military arms, conventional arms.....

The implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty would mean a more complex and costly bureaucracy for gun manufacturers and civilians alike.....

The International Tracing Initiative also known as the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons.....

Marking commercial ammunition was first introduced by the anti-gun NGO two years ago. They continue to push strenuously for greater treaties mandating marking of commercial ammunition in some way.....

While these proposals might appear impracticable or even irrational to someone knowledgeable about firearms, a few governments have already taken steps towards their implementation. Unfortunately, it is rare for governments to be accurately advised about firearms and it is the norm for governments to proceed with little knowledge of what they’re doing or who these legislative changes will really affect.....”

FROM THE AMERICAN HUNTER (OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE NRA)

“The 2008 elections are over. America has spoken, and proven enemies of our Second Amendment rights will soon take power in Washington, D.C. President-elect Barack Obama and Joe Biden stand ready to lead an unrelenting attack on our rights that will likely come on every front—executive, judicial, legislative and international.

Barack Obama and Joe Biden will take oaths to uphold the Constitution, but we know by their deeds and their words that they believe the Second Amendment rights of American citizens must be harshly curtailed.

With Obama's election, the anti-gunners have seized control of every lever of power in the federal government—the White House, an anti-gun congressional leadership with nearly veto-proof majorities, and the power to pack the U.S. Supreme Court and the vast federal bureaucracy with extremist gun-banners to attack our rights from a thousand directions.

The fight is coming and NRA will hit it head-on.

We'll have to work night and day to protect our freedoms from the onslaught of the Obama-Biden administration and its gun-ban crowd on Capitol Hill.

We can expect that Obama's appointees within the executive branch will begin an assault on the Second Amendment with regulatory and enforcement decisions from day one. Those appointments will be guided by a transition team run by John Podesta, Bill Clinton's former chief of staff.

Podesta helped mastermind the lawsuit abuse designed to bankrupt our American firearm industry. In the White House, Obama will be guided by Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel. Emanuel, now an anti-gun congressman from Illinois, was once described as the Clinton administration's "point man on gun control:"

Outside the walls of the White House, we can count on the Department of Justice becoming an active ally of the gun-ban groups, fighting in court to prevent the landmark *Heller* decision from being made applicable to state and local governments.

Further, Obama's attorney general will have a tool that Reno did not—the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE). With BATFE now under the direct control of the attorney general rather than the treasury secretary, the agency's full powers will be unleashed against the Second Amendment. A large majority of federally licensed firearm dealers (FFLs) were driven out of business under Clinton-Reno—an Obama BATFE will likely be even more ambitious.

When the time is right—after a terrorist attack or some other atrocity—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi will fast-track gun-ban legislation that Obama and Biden will lobby for tirelessly. The weight of the White House will be brought to bear on twisting the arms of Democratic senators and congressmen elected on their promises to support gun owners' rights.

We don't know whether President Obama will have

the opportunity to make one or more Supreme Court appointments during his term, but we do know that from his first day in office, he will stack the lower federal courts with judges determined to twist the *Heller* decision so that it allows unlimited state and local gun bans as well as any federal ban, short of a complete ban, on all handguns.

On the international front, whomever Obama picks for secretary of state, it is now full speed ahead for Obama-patron George Soros and the international gun prohibition lobby. The United States delegation at the United Nations will now be an enthusiastic ally of the most extreme gun-ban groups, such as the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) funded by billionaire Soros.

During the past eight years—with your support—we have succeeded in rolling back much of the Clinton anti-gun agenda. These next few years are either going to be our proudest moments together as NRA members and as freedom-loving Americans or the worst nightmare that gun owners have faced or ever will face. And the difference will be decided by whether or not you and your fellow members rally together with us today, making a new commitment to stand your ground and never give an inch to the gun-ban army.

To win the battles that are surely headed our way, we are counting on your strength and your courage—every bit as much as our nation has counted on the service of our brave men and women in uniform who've pledged their lives in battle.

More than ever before in your life or in the life of our nation, you need to send a message to every member of the U.S. House and Senate, every federal judge, every entrenched gun-hating bureaucrat, every legislator in your home state and every enemy of freedom that you're standing tall with the NRA for the

next four years. As Charlton Heston said, it is "We the People" who rule this country—not the politicians and not the media—and we will protect our cherished freedoms. Standing together, we will prevail.

In the weeks leading up to the election, the Obama campaign saturated the country with advertisements and flyers claiming Barack Obama will protect our gun rights. We expect him to break that promise. Our message to him and every other anti-gun politician is this: "NRA stands ready. We will protect this great American freedom!"

Soon, you'll receive your 2009 NRA membership card in the mail. Sign it with pride and join the fight.

"Yes We Can..... Ban Guns"

Obama Announces Gun Ban Agenda Before The Final Vote Count Is In

Senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign slogan, "the audacity of hope;" should have instead been "the audacity of deceit." After months of telling the American people that he supports the Second Amendment, and only hours after being declared the president-elect, Obama's transition team website announced an agenda taken straight from the anti-gun lobby—four initiatives designed to ban guns and drive law-abiding firearm manufacturers and dealers out of business:

"Making the expired federal assault weapons ban permanent:" Perhaps no other firearm issue has been more dishonestly portrayed by gun prohibitionists. Notwithstanding their predictions that the ban's expiration in 2004 would bring about the end of civilization, for the last four years the nation's murder rate has been lower than at anytime since the mid-1960s. Studies for Congress, the Congressional Research Service, the National Institute of Justice, the National Academy of Sciences and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found no evidence that gun prohibition or gun control reduces crime. Guns

that were affected by the ban are used in only a tiny fraction of violent crime; about 35 times as many people are murdered without any sort of firearm (knives, bare hands, etc.) as are murdered with "assault weapons." The Obama team says "assault weapons" are machine guns that "belong on foreign battlefields," but that is a lie. The guns are semi-automatic, and they are not used by a military force anywhere on the planet.

"Repeal the Tiahrt Amendment:" The amendment—supported by the Fraternal Order of Police as well as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) itself—prohibits the release bona fide criminal investigation. Anti-gun activists oppose the restriction because it prevents them from obtaining tracing information and using it in predatory lawsuits against law-abiding firearm manufacturers. Their lawsuits seek to obtain huge financial judgments against firearm manufacturers when a criminal uses a gun to inflict harm, even though the manufacturers have complied with every gun law in existence.

"Closing the gun show loophole:" There is no "loophole" Under federal law, a firearm dealer must conduct a background check on anyone to whom he sells a gun, regardless of where the sale takes place. A person who is not a dealer may sell a gun from his personal collection without conducting a check. Gun prohibitionists claim that criminals obtain guns from gun shows, though the most recent federal survey of convicted felons put the figure at only 0.7 percent. They also claim that non-dealers should be required to conduct checks when selling guns at shows, but the legislation they support goes far beyond imposing that lone requirement. In fact, anti-gun members of Congress voted against that limited measure, holding out for a broader bill intended to drive shows out of business.

"Making guns in this country childproof!" "Childproof" is a codeword for a variety of schemes designed to prevent the sale of firearms by imposing impossible or highly expensive design requirements, such as biometric

shooter-identification systems. While the loss of even one life is heartbreaking, the fact is that accidental firearm-related deaths among children have decreased 86 percent since 1975, even as the numbers of children and guns have risen dramatically. Today, the chances of a child being killed in a firearm accident are less than one in a million.

Just days after an NRA e-mail alert called attention to these items, the transition team took the web page down. But you can still read an archived copy of their real agenda at www.nra.org/obama. This is the "change" they believe in and that we must fight against in the days ahead."



MEMBERS' CORNER

A couple of very interesting things for you to view. Firstly, a video about Hydro and our Rivers... eye-opening... <http://ashlu.info:80/video/bcrivers.html>

And for those of you that have a minute to play.... Check out

<http://www.versuscountrybagamonsterbuck.com/>



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HELLOOOO.....

Okay, it's a New Year and with that comes increased postage rates. I know you get tired of hearing this, but Send me any changes to your email address.... to safishgameclub@hotmail.com

If you have any suggestions of what you would like inserted in the next newsletter, send it to me.

Don't forget to keep your eyes open for upcoming proposed legislation changes that the guys in Ottawa are contemplating. We may see some of it slip in "under the radar".

Don't forget to send your comments, suggestions and ads to the webmaster for inclusion in the club's website.

Thanks everyone
Anne

'Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!'

-Pericles (430 B.C.)