



SPRING 2009



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings everyone. Nice to see that winter has loosened its grip on us. The longer days and warmer weather bring with them renewed excitement and anticipation for the upcoming seasons. All the reloading, fly tying, and trip planning should be done and ready to put into action.

For the fisherpersons, the lakes will soon be ice free, the insects will be hatching and nice camping weather will be upon us. What more does a person need.

For the hunters, bear and turkey seasons are under way. The annual hunter's lottery will soon be available. I wish everyone who takes part in it good luck. Except, of course, those of you who are applying in the same areas that I am.

I guess that the skiers are the only ones sporting long faces. But it won't be long until the hiking and cycling trails will be open and you will be up enjoying the mountain again.

Over the next few months the club will be hosting many events at the range (archery, black powder, trap, etc.). If you do not participate, come out and observe. The events are always fun and well run with people willing to share their knowledge. You may come away with a new interest.

Whatever your interest, get out and enjoy your province. It's the best place on earth. Unfortunately, because it is,

there will always be someone who wants to take a piece of it away from you. So please, inform yourself and be ready to preserve the heritage we all enjoy.

Have a great summer!

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. The venue will be moved to outdoor shooting at the Range ...soon.

Salmon Arm Archers will be holding their annual 3D shoot May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The range will be closed to shooters, but spectators are welcome. Setup will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be 2 courses of 20 targets each. Cost is \$20 per day. Breakfast and lunch will be available. For further information, contact Merv at 832-5177



### BANQUET 2009

WOW! The community came out and really supported our club again this year. We do have to say that the banquet was a huge success and one of the best we have hosted. A HUGE round of applause to everyone that helped out and especially to Susan and her wonderful staff at Cookshack Creations, for cooking up another fine feast.



The 53<sup>rd</sup> upcoming BCWF AGM will be held at the Sparwood Arena in Sparwood, BC on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Keep an eye on the BCWF website for important updates.



## BLACK POWDER

Winter really hung in this year and put a damper on the Monashee Mountain Men's black powder shooting. We did have a pretty good shoot down at the Armstrong range on the 19th of April. It was a mixed pistol and rifle shoot that was well attended. The next big thing coming down the pike for us is the annual Rendezvous which will be held on May 16, 17 and 18th, with the gate open on Thursday May 15th for early arrivals. Mike Brown will be camped there early to help early campers get located in either the tin-roof grounds or the primitive area. The range will not be open for regular shooting but the public are more than welcome to come and have a look around. There will be shooters in period costume, tents, tee-pees, lean-tos and assorted camper, trailers and fifth wheels. You should be able to see fires started with flint and steel, stick drills or maybe with the use of a flintlock rifle. There may be demonstrations of how to cook bread on a stick over the fire, bannock done in the old frying pan or meat cooked over the fire on a stick, all done to a turn of course. Flintlocks, caplocks, muskets, front stuffer shotguns and black powder cartridge rifles that brought down buffalo, deer, bear and fowl all through the 16th 17th and 1800s will be filling the air with blue smoke and galena pills. For any spectators who wish, there will be an opportunity to not only see and hear the old fire arms but even try shooting them under the guidance of squinty eyed Monashee Mountain Men. There will be the great potluck supper of Catalo (buffalo crossed with beef cow) good pork, rounded out with all the vegetables and assorted salads and finished up with pies, cakes and all the different deserts. The catch to the supper is that you have to bring a pie or salad or other food item to add to the table.

There will be a couple of new things this year, the new Monashee Mountain Men Flag, based on the old 17th century British Red Ensign and a large banner with

Monashee Mountain Men showing proudly on it. These two items will be prominently placed as so to be seen by all visitors and club members.

The MMM Rendezvous has been a great success over the last few years and will be another great time. Come and have a look and bring your friends and family. This is a sight you seldom see, one worth visiting and bring your camera

Len Leyshon - Monashee Mountain Men



## CLUB CLEANUP DAYS

Yes, it's that time again that we call on all members. We need your help! Mark May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar. It's that time again to do a bit of Spring Cleaning. Come out and donate an hour or so of your time. Be proud of your club and facilities. Lunch will be provided for all the volunteers.



## FISH REPORT

For all you anglers out there that just can't wait... Watch for the new regulations coming to interior lakes.



## GUN, KNIFE & ANTIQUE

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

Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club will host its annual Antique and Gun Show October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the

Community Centre. Admission for both days this year will be only \$5.00 (ah, so don't wash your hand.. or at least the stamp). Proposed hours again this year will be Saturday 10am – 5pm and Sunday 9am – 3pm.



## HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION

Father's Day, June 21<sup>st</sup> is the next day to mark on your calendar. There will be a combination Cleanup/Fishing/Quading/Fun Day up at Cariboo Lake. Heavy on the "fishing" and "Fun Day" as this will be mostly an exploration to see what damage has been done and what needs to be cleaned up and repaired for the upcoming "outdoor or R & R" season. For further information, contact Stan at 836-4309.



## 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 still 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.

Please provide your email address when signing up, so that important news and newsletters can be sent out electronically.



## RIFLE RANGE

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Easter Bunny made his annual appearance at the Range. Approximately 14 shooters jumped around to show us what good sports they were and no one went home empty handed. Thanks, Tony for putting on another Eggcellent Shoot.

Notice To all Members: Please note that the range will be closed to all members May 5, 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> for utilization by DFO. They ask that no spectators attend their training sessions.



## SHOTGUN NEWS

The Trap club has had a very successful meat shooting season for 2008/2009. We will be having our last meat shoot of the season on May 3/09.

Practice nights will start on Wednesday April 22/09, and every Wednesday thereafter.

On June 5, 6 & 7 the shooting range will be closed in order for the Trap club to put on the first, and hopefully annual Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club "Anne Fest". Spectators are welcome to come out.

We are looking forward to a good turn out and a lot of fun for this event, and if the word already going around about this shoot is any indication, we certainly will have that.



## ISSUES

### **Bill C-301: SECOND READING - APRIL 1st**

Still waiting to hear how that battle goes.

Mon, March 9, 2009

By JONATHAN SHER, SUN MEDIA

London city council won't get behind Toronto Mayor David Miller in calling for a complete ban on handguns.

By a vote of 12 to five today, council instead supported the federal law, which allows handguns to be owned legally for use at registered gun clubs and sporting events. The vote came despite an emotional appeal by Coun. David Waininger, who said legally-owned handguns have been used in acts of domestic violence, including a recent notorious London case, the murder of school teacher Angela Sedore.

"I won't feel I have it on my conscience the next time a handgun is used in another act of domestic violence."

### **From the Canadian Shooting Sports site:**

### **The Senate's April Fool's Joke on Canada's Firearms Owners**

The Canadian Shooting Sports Association is deeply mystified by the Senate's proposed Bill to scrap the long gun registry.

"Bill S-5, only removes the requirement to retain registration certificates. It does not shut down the gun registry," said Tony Bernardo, Executive Director of the Canadian Institute for Legislative Action. "By including a statutory requirement to report all transactions of non-restricted firearms to the Chief Firearms Officer, and by having to receive approval for that transfer, the Bill proposes to morph the registry to a paperless system." He added, "As the Chief Firearms Officer is a police official in most jurisdictions, the collected information regarding the buyer, seller and the firearm, will simply be retained as 'police files.' A registry by any other name..."

As the Chief Firearms Officer is provincial in jurisdiction, a system of sharing transfer information from CFO to CFO must be in place to facilitate inter-provincial transfers. The maintenance of thirteen interconnected registries, combined with the time required to transfer many thousands of firearms per day, will increase the cost of operation of the long gun registry tenfold over the current system.

"Bill S-5 may rid the Conservatives of their Gun Registry commitment but Quebec will maintain its beloved registry and Canadian taxpayers will once again be required to fund another giant white elephant disguised as public safety," stated an unnamed source in the government of Canada.

"Bill S-5 is bad legislation, pure and simple, no matter what branch of government introduces it. It is simply a re-hash of the failed Bill C-24 that died on the Order Paper because of its lack of quality. Any Canadian who cares about where their money is being spent would do well to ignore this legislative disaster and support Bill C-301," added Bernardo.

Bill C-301 is the widely popular Private Members Bill introduced by Garry Breitkreuz February 9, 2009. It has received accolades from all sides of the House of Commons and the Canadian public.

And... if you would like... an interesting article from the Canadian Firearms Journal which is just a bit too long to copy.... Check this and many other interesting tidbits out, if you run out of things to read.

<http://www.canadianfirearmsjournal.com/Current/Article10.html>



## YARD SALE

At the regular meeting of March 19th, it was decided to hold a yard sale on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Items offered for sale should be related to fishing, shooting, camping or other outdoor activities. The club has about 25 tables for members to display their sale items and tables will be available to club members only.

Set up on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and open the gate to the public at 8AM on Saturday and shut down at 1PM.

The club will place ads in the local papers and post signs to publicize the event.

This is a chance to get rid of the gear you no longer use and is the very best kind of recycling. And it also puts some money in your pocket since the club is covering all the costs.

Tables will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and may be booked by phoning Jack Stead at (250) 832-2541.

This event will take place only if most of the tables are booked by the end of April. Phone now for further information and to book your tables



HELLOOOO.....

I hope you enjoy receiving a copy of the newsletter. I'm sure you get tired of hearing.... but Send me any changes to your email address.... to [safishgameclub@hotmail.com](mailto: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

*'All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent!'*

*-Thomas Jefferson*