



## FALL NEWS 2008



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings Everyone

The Summer has passed, and I trust it was a great one for you. The Fall is now upon us, and it is a great time to be out hunting and enjoying the cool crisp mornings seeking out our favorite game animal. I wish you all success in your hunts.

We do not meet during the Summer months, but now our club meeting are underway on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. We look forward to seeing familiar faces, and many of you members who have not yet made it out and to hear first-hand what is happening in your club. We do need your input as we improve the facilities of the range; plan activities; and do our part in conservation issues throughout our region. We do have some great activities planned that you will want to have a part in.

Our Annual Business Meeting is on November 20th with the election of officers for the executive and leadership of the club. If you have persons in mind that you would nominate, come out and bring their name forward. Come and cast your vote.

See you at the next meeting.

Trevor Holmes



### ARCHERY

Wednesday evening matches are still being held at the range. Indoor shooting to start around November 1<sup>st</sup>.



### BANQUET 2009

The date has been set, so mark your calendars. February 21st, 2009 will be a great evening to bring your sweetie to dinner. Lionel will be chairing again this year and we hope that we can count on some new members to help out for this task. Email, phone or just show up at a club meeting and volunteer your time for any of the jobs that have to be completed in order to make our next banquet the usual *wild* success.



Keep your eyes posted on the BCWF website for upcoming updates and information. Provincial negotiations with our native bands could access restrictions, no hunting areas and no public fishing for certain species. It's all behind closed doors, so we have to rely on the BCWF to uphold our rights.



### BLACK POWDER

Well it was a bit of a slow summer with some shooting, but nothing to create havoc about. July and August seem to be the slack period when other things occupy the shooting fraternity. September brings out the modern powder shooters who drag their hunting rifles to the

range and set about sighting them in, but you will notice that black powder shooters don't need to sight their guns in at this time of year because their guns always shoot to the minute of angle. Well, there may be a wee bit of variation in accuracy, but nothing that we won't lie about. And in this same vein, I heard tell of a fellow who was bragging about the moose he shot with his 30-30 at 700 yards. Waugh!! I have been looking for him for a couple of months, with an ability to tell that story with a straight face he belongs in the black powder shooter section.

We had a good shoot in Armstrong on Sept. 28th with a solid turn out of the black gold and galena shooters. Some walked the trail and some stayed at the benches and shot paper. As always, a good time and good companions. Sam Mingham took home the Monashee shooter of the month trophy with a pretty good score. The trophy has a brass plate with the name of the shooter and the month and year of the event placed on the trophy. We also participated in the Heffley Creek Rendezvous with our annual trappers walk trail. It is the only family event put on. Grandparents to grandchildren and all in-between wander down the trail and stop at the different stations to use a slingshot, throw wooden spears, toss a lasso over an unprotesting set of horns and at the end of the run put their hands into a mystery box and identify as many as possible of the different objects inside. There were as there always is a great number of families having a great time with us.

The Monashee Mountain Men were invited to put on a show for the Lumby Fish And Game Club at their scenic shooting range on Oct. 4th. A gentleman by the name of Pete Aussem who is a serious organizer contacted us and said if we as a unit would show up in our fur and feathers, they would set a fine table of buffalo and wild pig along with corn on the cob and other delightful plate fillers, -- at no cost to us. Hmmm. They also had set up targets in a tomahawk and knife throwing area, a place for the flint and steel contest and marked off an area for Mike Brown's cannon and Pete Lauman's howitzer. (which is just a fancy name for another

cannon). Sorry Pete, but we aren't skilled enough to differentiate between the two when they are being shot at us.) The day started with both cannons being fired at 9:45 am and then a line of shooters firing their smoke poles off in sequence. This was orchestrated by Pete Laumen, who also was very instrumental in working with Pete Aussem of the Lumby Fish and Game, to put this whole show on the road for us. Thanks for your great effort Pete. The fire making session was instructively run by Harold and Dave Norris, both of whom have considerable knowledge with sparking up a fire. Oh, and before it slips by me, Pete also built a very professional flint and steel fire making kit as a prize and which was awarded to a young lady of about 10. Her name was drawn out of seven names in a hat for having made a successful fire. The fire making with flint and steel was a great addition to the event. The tomahawk and knife throwing was handled by Ernie Love and Mike Brown and was another event that drew people in. It doesn't seem to matter how old or how young you are, throwing an axe or a knife at three big rounds in an attempt to stick either or both in, must be a genetic flaw in our type of people. Mike and Ernie were busy most of the afternoon with the people who came to see and stayed to play. The black powder shooting area, which was carefully run by Bill Searle and Greg Evans and Greg's young up and coming son Mike, went very well all day. There is something about shooting a black powder rifle, that to quote a line from Robert Service, "grips you like some kinds of sinning". I think it is a combination of the roar, the smoke, the belching flame and when the smoke clears the sight of a hole punched in the target that arouses pride in having dared to control this beast called a black powder rifle. The target paper is a carefully crafted ringed target which you could retrieve and have an official member of the MMM sign and date for you -- a bragging point, a keepsake or a cover for the bottom of a birdcage. Even the diminutive and very adventurous green party candidate, Huggette Allen dropped in and shot a round. Two young R.C.M.P. constables clomped in to have a look around and each tried a shot, and did very well indeed. They took a

gentle teasing for looking a bit stiff and stuffy and for dressing in such odd costumes. Next year we hope to be invited back and if so will be prepared to give more of our crafts and abilities over to the public for their enjoyment.

Coming up on Sunday the 19th is another great event. Steam Days out in Westwold is on again and we shall be there in our buckskins and coon hats, to shoot the cannon, flinters, buffalo guns, caplocks and the breeze. This shoot is a great pleasure for the MMM as we are warmly welcomed as part of the festival and usually have a good crowd to show off to. The other neat thing is to wander around and drop back to a period in history when steam was king. The equipment is all run by steam. You would have to go and see it for yourselves to understand what the turn of the century world was like for this section of working men.

Len Leyshon - Monashee Mountain Men



## FISH REPORT

Kokanee fishing on Shuswap Lake is good. The first coho of the season has entered Canoe Creek. Fred Lockwood of D F O confirmed this. They have a completely new aluminum trap in place and the Plywood boys as well as security at Federated Co-Op are watching the trap and helping release any fish coming in. As well, the numeration team from the Spall Band have counted a coho in Blurton Creek. The fish usually come up into Interior streams about late October. Tom Miner enhancement co-ordinator for D.F.O. was looking for members of the Salmon Arm Fish and Game club to do the fencing. Unfortunately, no one volunteered. Lionel Adland and I went to work and completed a good portion of the project. This is to keep cattle out of the stream. Unfortunately, funds from the now defunct Eagle River Roundtable ran out. Lionel is going to approach the club to see if the club is able to contribute some funding for such a great cause.



OCTOBER 25 &26

## ANNUAL ANTIQUE AND GUN SHOW

Salmon Arm Community Centre

Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Admission: \$5.00 (for both days)

(so don't wash your stamp off)

Is your closet stuffed? Do you need to downsize? Perhaps you need to acquire a new toy? Whatever the case may be, come out and buy something old, something new... or just bring those things that you want to sell or trade. If you have a spare hour or two, volunteer to help Don Schmok and the club out.

You can contact Don at (250) 832-3646.



## HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION

Three trips to Caribou Lake were made this summer and we had good fishing every time. The trails were cleared and firewood was cut the first trip. The second trip the outhouses and fire-pits were cleaned. The last trip the picnic tables were repaired and painted.

Cummins Lake had a lot of visitors this summer. Every trip we made, we saw someone camped at the lake, so we never had a chance to paint the picnic table. We will make one more trip up to pick up garbage and see how much damage has been done.



## HANDGUN

Wednesday night pistol shooting will start in November, shortly after the Gun show. For more information, give Don Schmok a call at (250) 832-3646



## MEETINGS

The next meeting, November 20<sup>th</sup>, is the annual general meeting and annual executive nominations. The business portion will, no doubt, be kept short because we will need to get to the important business at hand. Myron Crown, from Westside Stores will be bringing his Christmas display for everyone to drool over. So, bring your wish list and come out and see what's new for Christmas.

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 will be made available in early December, for any early birds wanting to get that renewal done quickly or that special someone that has everything and you just can't find that special Christmas gift.



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

The final grade has been put on the range and it looks great. For everyone's information, we have a great facility composed of a clubhouse, shotgun/trap range, a rifle range, a handgun range and an archery range. Please refrain from shooting up the new target frames with your shotgun on the rifle range.

For everyone that can't shoot certain rifles at our facility, don't lose hope. The gun committee has been set up and we are now working on ways to improve the range so you can shoot the larger calibers.

On that note, we 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](mailto:safishgameclub@hotmail.com) so that we can discuss the project.



## IN THE NEWS

It appears that our very own Tony Cox has managed to clean up at two of Vernon's Latest Military Shoots. He took a 1<sup>st</sup> in Bolt Action Rifle, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Advanced Combat Rifle; and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Modern Military Pistol on June 29<sup>th</sup>. August 31<sup>st</sup> he brought home a 1<sup>st</sup> in Modern Military Pistol and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Advanced Combat Rifle. Great shooting Tony!



## SHOTGUN NEWS

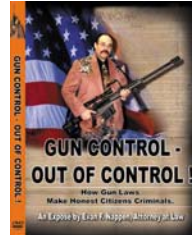
Don't forget that the usual shoots held the first Sunday of every month have commenced once again. The catered lunches are still being offered. Come out and try the December 7<sup>th</sup> Turkey Shoot and don't forget to mark your calendar for the New Year's Day Pig Shoot. Don't worry, they don't start too early... 9:30 a.m. give or take...



## WILDERNESS WATCH

It's really sad when you see the usual infractions being made. A cow moose was shot and left on the hydro line at Ashton Creek. A 3x3 bull moose was shot on the Wap Road and the guy was just dressing it out when another hunter came by. A description, etc. was turned over to the C.O's. A bull elk was shot and wounded up above Silver Creek. Another hunter came across it and a C.O. attended and put the bull down. I have to hope that none of our members are involved.

Carl and Erick Sundmark did the clean-up of Canoe Creek this fall. Garbage, debris, logs and junk were removed in the lower section to help the coho come up. They always are there when needed. They worked and walked most of the day on this job. Thanks for the great effort again.



## ISSUES

"From Canadian Shooting Sports"

### Have Firearms Owners Become Second Class Citizens In Canada?

After two decades of crass political vilification by politicians of all stripes, it appears that firearms owners have become the latest victims of ignorance and prejudice.

In a move obviously fueled by irrational bigotry, Thames Valley School Board Director, Bill Tucker, has refused a five thousand dollar donation to a secondary school drama class because the money was raised at a shooting competition. *"I do not feel comfortable accepting money from any organization associated with guns,"* Tucker said.

This is the third year the Ontario International Practical Shooting Confederation provincial match has donated a large sum of money to the drama class. The money was accepted the first two times.

The donation program was spearheaded by East Elgin resident, John Evers, as a means of assisting the class in procuring large ticket items they otherwise would not be able to afford, in this case, new stage lights. *"The kids are the only ones hurting here. They're not getting the funding they need and deserve,"* asserted Evers.

School boards should not be placing politics ahead of the welfare of our children. He added, Politicians like David

Miller and Dalton McGuinty have demonized firearms owners to deflect blame away from their inability to deal with crime issues but this is the sort of argument one would expect weaker minds to buy into. I would like to think that school board Directors have more sense than that.

*"It is appalling that in these days of chronic provincial under-funding of schools, that a person charged with the responsibility of operating those schools would turn down a generous donation because of political correctness,"* spoke Larry Whitmore, Executive Director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association. *"Mr. Tucker should hang his head in shame."*

Bernardo added, *"Mr Tucker has spit in the face of two million government inspected, government approved Canadians. Target competitions are a lawful sport with an impeccable safety record and a history of community service and involvement. Firearms owners have become Canada's second class citizens."*

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[And from the NFA I have included an excerpt from the following....](#)

**Proposed Liberal "Assault Weapons" Ban**

by Sean Penney, National Vice-President  
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On September 8th, Stephane Dion and the Liberal Party of Canada announced a renewed attack on the rights of responsible firearm owners across Canada.

In his official press release made on the campus of

Dawson College, Mr. Dion stated that:

"A new Liberal government will make our cities, our communities, and our schools safer by getting military assault weapons off our streets." Mr. Dion went on to argue that, "military assault weapons have no connection to hunting or sport shooting, and serve absolutely no purpose in our society. No one outside of the military needs these weapons and we would all be safer without them in Canada."

What Mr. Dion didn't bother to explain to Canadians was the fact that such firearms have been effectively banned since 1978 and that such firearms have not been available for purchase by non-grandfathered individuals in 30 years. Individual firearms, such as the much-maligned Beretta CX4 Storm, despite Liberal contentions, are low-powered sporting arms designed for target shooting and informal plinking. Under current Canadian firearms legislation magazine capacity for such rifles and carbines are restricted to five (5) rounds only. However, to use the uninformed terminology of the Liberal Party, Mr. Dion considers such a firearm an "assault weapon"!

Anyone completing the standard Canadian Firearms Safety Course could easily point out the errors perpetrated by the Liberals in their press release and backgrounder. Interestingly enough, to use the Liberal "definition" of what an "assault rifle" is, the venerable Lee-Enfield .303 British bolt action rifle carried by millions of Canadian soldiers during both World Wars and Korea would qualify under the Liberal scheme! According to the Liberals the hundreds of thousands of .303s - now in the hands of hunters from coast to coast, pose a danger to peace, order and good government due to their "evil" "high capacity magazines" and "bayonet lugs. I don't know about average Canadians, but I'm sure the tens of thousands of deer and moose harvested by hunters each year will breathe a collective sigh of relief once these "assault rifles" that have "no sporting purpose" are off the tundra and barrens of the Canadian north! I'm sure coyotes and other varmints will share the same opinion once the Liberals succeed in banning semi-automatic centre-fire .22 rifles like the Ruger Mini-14 as well! While not to make light of the subject, such absurdity demonstrates the lack of the Liberals' understanding of firearms issues in Canada today.

Such firearms, just as the dozens of other rifles, carbines and shotguns that would fall under the Liberal gun ban, pose no more danger to the public than any other sporting firearm in Canada. These firearms are used safely by millions of responsible firearms owners each year and it is highly offensive to choose to ban such firearms due to cosmetic military-looking outward appearances. Detachable magazines, pistol grips and muzzle brakes make firearms more ergonomic and easier to use in hunting or sporting settings. Just ask any deer hunter who must frequently enter and exit a hunting vehicle, or the turkey hunter who must spend long hours sitting on the ground, holding a pistol-gripped shotgun across his or her knees! If such firearms posed an actual threat to Canadians, we would see them employed on a regular basis in the commission of gun-related crimes across the country. Using the RCMP's own statistics, we can categorically prove that that simply is not the case. How then do the Liberals justify their "assault weapons ban?" Like so many Liberal leaders before him, Mr. Dion has chosen the "smoke & mirrors" approach. As with Bill C-68 and former Liberal leader Paul Martin's proposed 2006 handgun ban, Mr. Dion's new attack on responsible firearms owners has far more to do with political correctness and vote seeking than it does with enhancing public safety.....

If you would like to read the rest of this article... go to the following link

<http://www.nfa.ca/content/view/279/1/>



## MEMBERS' CORNER

Ian Shipmaker is offering a 10% discount to any SAF&G member on mounting any game head brought in between Thanksgiving and Christmas of '08. You can contact him via [wildridgetaxidermy@hotmail.com](mailto:wildridgetaxidermy@hotmail.com)



HELLOOOO.....

Okay, I know this is getting boring, but yada yada yada.... 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

*"You cannot build character and courage, by taking away men's initiative and independence." Abraham Lincoln*