



FALL 2009



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings all. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Now, with summer slowly fading away in the smoke, we can prepare for autumn, the best season of all. With salmon and hunting season under way, and our out of province guests returning home, what's not to like? It truly is the most wonderful time of the year.

September also brings the start of a new year of meetings for your fish and game club. With the events and possible changes to the range that may happen in the coming months, I urge you all to attend some meetings and take part in the process. If every member could attend at least two meetings this year we may have a host of new ideas to boost the activity of this club. And an active club is a strong club. 7:00 pm September 17 kicks it all off, attendance appreciated.

On a more serious note, anyone using the range facilities in the next weeks please, please, please use extreme caution with regard to fire prevention. A missed spark or carelessly discarded cigarette could bring a quick end to our wonderful facility. Please take the time to have a good look around before you leave the range. Thank you.

Have a great season, good luck with your harvests and see you at a meeting.

Bill Butchart



ARCHERY

Shooting is still being held outdoors until it gets too dark. For further information, contact Merv at 832-5177



Keep an eye on the BCWF website for important updates.

BC Wildlife Federation has received confirmation of a road blockade on the Klappan River road in the Skeena region of northwestern BC initiated by concerns regarding moose harvest. We have been in contact with Ministry of Environment staff and with local BCWF representatives to gather as much information as possible.

At this time, we want to notify hunters who are planning a trip into this area about the blockade and to let them know that ministry staff is working to establish lines of communication with Tahltan First Nations and to resolve the situation as soon as possible. The blockade is on the Klappan River road at the junction with Highway 37. Other areas in the region are not affected and some hunters are choosing alternate locations. The blockade has been peaceful to date, and we urge patience and respect to first nations and ministry staff as they work on a solution.

As president of the BC Wildlife Federation, I encourage everyone to work toward solutions that will lead to sustainable shared use and conservation of the resources. We will continue to post updated information on this situation on the BC Wildlife website as it is made available to us. Mel Arnold

BCWF CLARIFIES INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ATV USERS

BCWF basic Insurance Coverage is automatically provided with BCWF 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. It only provides protection while actively engaged in the activities of hunting and fishing and not related to a business or commercial venture.

Additional insurance coverage is sold through Hub Insurance as a separate policy. It provides \$1,000,000 personal liability and is attached to the ATV as opposed to the Member. Operators have to be 16 years of age and older and hold a valid driver's license with 3 years of ATV operation experience. The benefit is that the Member can allow other qualified operators to use their ATF and coverage is still valid. Coverage does apply while the ATV is 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 the ATV is being used for a business or commercial purpose.

BCWF members enjoy a preferred rate. The cost is \$115 per ATV plus a \$25 administrative fee.

This policy also gives you the option to buy "physical" damage insurance on your ATV to provide coverage on an "All Risk" basis (which 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.

Cost Examples:

ATV Value... \$5,000.. under 30 \$354 .. over 30 \$308

ATV Value...\$10,000..under 30 \$516...over 30 \$449

ATV Value...\$15,000..under 30 \$664...over 30 \$578

Coverage can be purchased alone or in combination with liability.

To arrange coverage, please contact Hub International Barton Insurance Brokers, Glenda Peterson, John Paradise or Arianne Trueman at (250) 753-2481. Be sure to identify yourself as a BCWF Member to receive the member discount.

Both policies provide protection while operating on private and public lands and roads where you are allowed to operate an unlicensed ATV.



BLACK POWDER

Our club's day at the rendezvous was Sunday, Aug. 30 where we once again ran the trappers' walk. 114 people participated – a new record

Lumby Black Powder Days

Sept 26 and 27 at the Lumby Fish and Game range. Our club has been invited to attend and put on a demonstration of black powder shooting and other primitive skills. It is expected that we will assist the general public who are attending to try these events.

We also expect to participate in steam days at Westwold on Oct. 18th.

Submitted by Jack 832-2541 Secretary



FISH REPORT

Gardom Lake Treatment:

This was originally scheduled for mid September, but has been re-scheduled for the first week of October. Application days will likely be on the Monday, October 5th, and Tuesday, October 6th, 2009, if all present

complications and hurdles can be put to rest. Providing fresh water for the residences and farms in the area has been the major challenge. If we can't accomplish this need, there is a remote possibility that this project will need to be delayed to next year.

Our permit does not allow application of the treatment product when any public functions are being held at or near the lake. Because there are two camps on the waterfront, which had previously scheduled events, we had to delay the application.

Preliminary studies and progress have proceeded throughout the spring and summer but some volunteer help would be appreciated on the day of the application. Four major accesses to the lake will need to be blocked and security personnel will have to be in attendance.

This is where both members of the Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club and the Shuswap Fly Fishers can help. I shall co-ordinate this effort for the Ministry of Environment. If you can help, please leave your name and phone number by contacting me at 832-7914. If you don't get me, please try Hank at 253-2554.

Collection of the expired matter (dead fish) will be handled by the Fly Fishers & members of the Wilderness Watch. Ministry of Environment will look after the excess fish to an approved land site. Thanking all our generous members in advance for their ongoing support and volunteer work, I look forward to hearing from you.

Julian Kuna – 832-7194 or Hank Shelley -253-2554



GUN SHOW

The Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club will host its annual Antique and Gun Show October 24th and 25th 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

There were 4 trips made to Caribou and 2 trips made to Cummins Lake. General cleanup and maintenance of the camp and grounds was completed but the areas were not used much due to the forest fires and fire bans in place. Fishing and huckleberry picking was great.



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.



LOST AND FOUND

Found at the Range

1 Set of Ear protectors

Call Tony at 833-8944 to claim.



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

RANGE COMMITTEE UPDATE

No meetings were held over July and August, but that's not to say nothing happened.

Through the generosity of Stacey Tress of Forsite Forest Management Specialist and Ron Pedersen of Pedersen Drafting & Design, we have completed initial electronic plotting of our facility onto the commercial version of Google Earth. These measurements will allow us to show various range design options by using scale drawings on transparencies overlaid onto the Google shots of our

existing facilities. I would have liked to have them ready for our September meeting, but it is more likely that we will have something to see at our October meeting.

Once a design is approved in principle by the membership, then and only then can we proceed to detailed cost estimation, drawings and some form of increased caliber advanced approval by the Provincial Firearms Officer.

The final decision to proceed or not will be that of the membership. By keeping you informed, we are confident the right decision will be made and supported.

Lionel Aadland – Committee Chairman



RECOGNITION AWARDS

As we move into the final quarter of the year, it is time to start thinking of your nominations for our annual recognition awards.

CONSERVATION

GOOD FELLOW/GAL (Club participation & involvement)

Here is your chance to nominate those club members who always seem to be giving that little extra in areas of conservation and club participation.

Nomination forms are available in the clubhouse (bulletin board). Just complete the form and get it to one of the club directors or mail it to the club at P.O. Box 1864, Salmon Arm, B.C., VE 4P9

Final selections will be done by the Directors and plaques will be awarded at the annual Game Dinner in February.

Deadline for nominations is January 15, 2010



SHOTGUN NEWS

Meat shoots commence again in October. The first Sunday meat shoot will be October 4th. December 6th is the Great Turkey Shoot (all the prizes are turkeys... the edible variety... just in time for filling your freezer for Christmas), so come out and try to win a turkey. Don't forget the great New Year's Day Shoot (which doesn't start too early for you celebrators). For further information, contact Rick.



TROPHY AWARDS PROGRAM

The Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club has for the last number of years sponsored an awards program. These awards were intended to recognize those members who were fortunate enough to bag a trophy game animal. Unfortunately participation (entries) has dropped off and no individual(s) seem willing to take over the co-ordination of this program.

For this program to continue, we are asking for one or more members to step forward and take on this task. The club will continue to support the program financially but we need a fresh crew to take over the promotion and administration.

If we are unable to come up with any volunteers by October 15th, the program will be officially terminated. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact one of the Directors or call Lionel at (250) 804-0976.



ISSUES

Some interesting things for you to view at: <http://youtube.com/KateysFirearmsFacts>

For those who don't know Katey, she the daughter of Bruce Montague.

The nfa.ca website is another great site for viewing the latest from the politicians including their own production, the Canadian Firearms Journal, which has excellent articles.

In other matters... Pride and Family. We all are proud of the facility that we have. However, a matter was recently raised at the September members' meeting. It involves the garbage left lying around the range.

We now have over 300 members of the club. All we ask is that if you come to the clubhouse or range, you pick up your refuse, empty cartridges, whatever you bring; and store them in the containers provided. (Yes, we do have a dumpster and garbage cans)

There are a select few individuals that consistently clean up after all of us. They take the time to build target stands, so that you can sight in your rifle. They show up at the cleanup days to help paint, fix things, mow and trim lawns, clean, split firewood and pick-up garbage.

Isn't it time that you join the "family" and spend a few extra minutes picking up, cleaning or even attending a meeting to see if you can volunteer or help for a hour or two? It's a small sacrifice.

Guns have only two enemies; rust and politicians

I usually tell you about the issues of gun control or who is plotting to take away another of our fast diminishing rights, but today, I think it's important that we all take some time to appreciate what we have, that others perhaps don't have, or have lost due to their inactivity. I foresee a day when it won't be here because all the old-timers are gone and no one had any time to step up to help keep the club running. "So, then what", you ask? Well, then it will go to the City or other clubs.... all the selfless, hard work and assets will disappear. No one left to help clean up a stream or count fish, and no one around to help some less fortunate children and adults learn how to fish, shoot and hunt.....



HELLOOOO.....

I hope you enjoyed this issue of the Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club's newsletter. I'm sure you get tired of hearing.... 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 watch for upcoming proposed legislation changes from not only the guys in Ottawa but also other international powers.

Please send your comments, suggestions and ads to the webmaster for inclusion in the club's website.

Thanks everyone
Anne