



January News



FROM The President's Desk

Happy New Year everyone! I trust your's was a good start to what we hope will be a great new year. As a club we are moving forward with plans to make some good changes around our range and clubhouse. We will be planning some projects that will call for helpful hands. Can we count on you? We conduct general meetings on the third Thursday of each month, even in the Winter, so come out and hear what's happening. Even though it is Winter and the snow is covering the Rifle Range, it can still be used. Many are coming out and keeping their trigger finger limbered up. The Trap shooters would welcome you out to their shoots on the first Sunday of the month. Come on out and they will teach you how to shoot clays. Don't stay away if you don't have a shotgun. They will get you shooting anyway. Our pistol and small bore range shooting bays are covered, and we have lights for night shooting. Call me and I will line you up with some handgun shooters. We will also be putting on an egg shoot in the early Spring, so get out and get in some practice with your .22 rifle. Our new membership's and key to get through the gate are now available. The lock will be changed Jan. 17th., after our general meeting, so come out and pick your's up. We do require you to have your membership card with you when you come to the range. We now have a Range Officer who will ask to see it. If you bring handguns, be sure to have your Authorization to Transport Permit with you. Get out and enjoy the Winter. **KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY!!**

Trevor Holmes, President



Big Game Banquet & Dance

The 40th Annual Salmon Arm Fish and Game Club's Big Game Banquet and Dance will be held at the Rec Centre on Saturday, February 16th, 2008. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for Happy Hour. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the Dance will run from approximately 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets will be available to club members starting at our monthly meeting which takes place Thursday, January 17th and to the public starting January 19th. Ticket price is \$35 each, the same as last year.

Cookshack Creations are catering the dinner. They come highly recommended. We have met with them and changes in preparation and serving style have been implemented. We anticipate that everyone will be served in approximately 40 minutes.

Egon Jespersen is collecting wild game for the dinner. Please give Egon a call at 832-6603 if you have any meat to donate. If we get more meat than we need, the surplus will be used at the BCWF Convention dinner in April.

Support for this event by local businesses in the form or prize donation has always been strong. This year Captain's Corner Marine took that support to a new level by *DONATING* a 2008 Lund 60th Anniversary Edition 12 foot boat, complete with EZ Loader Trailer and Minkota Electric Motor. You can show your appreciation to the Allan family by making Captain's Corner your choice for marine products and service. Tickets for the boat will go on sale the first week of January, contact Dave Richmond at 833-4911 or 833-5543 if you are available to help sell tickets.

Peter Rizzi and Cliff Price are in charge of collecting raffle and door prize items. Please call Peter at 832-8743 if you or someone you know is willing to contribute or able to help collect prizes.

Volunteers will be needed Saturday to assist in the set-up and/or the take-down. If you can help, please give Lionel a call at 804-0976.

The Game Banquet is our single largest fund raising event of the year; we need your support to make it a success.



AWARDS PROGRAM

Did you bag the big one? If so, why not enter it in the 2007 Awards Program. Have the animal scored and mail a copy of the scoring sheet along with your name, address and age to: Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club, P.O. Box 1864, Salmon Arm, B.C., V1E 4P9. Trophies will be awarded in regular, senior (60+) and junior (16 & under) age groups. This program is open to all 2007 Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club members. Deadline for entries is January 31, 2008. Official scorer in Salmon Arm area is Steve Krossa @ 832-6674.



Afterglow

The annual afterglow and pot luck supper will be held on Saturday, March 1st. Happy hour will start at 5:30 and go until about 7 p.m. The afterglow was originally organized as a "Thank You", for people that worked so hard on the banquet, gun show and other projects. Now it is open to anyone in the club (and their wives/husbands/significant others) that wishes to come. The club will supply apples and drinks for the happy hour. For dinner, the club will supply ham, turkey and game meat. **Please contact Elton or Clara Anderson to say if you are coming so that we know how much food to prepare for the dinner. Also PLEASE discuss what you might bring for pot luck so that we don't end up with 10 salads!** Phone 832-2817 or email clara66@telus.net

If you would like to offer some sort of entertainment please let Clara know at the afterglow that you have something prepared: a story, joke, song, dance ??????



Membership 2008

2008 memberships are now available and keys will be available by the January 17th meeting. The gate lock will be changed at that time.

No one likes price increases, but, increased costs have necessitated a \$10 boost in membership fees for 2008. We have also found we can no longer rely solely on volunteer labour to complete projects at the clubhouse and ranges. The extra monies raised will allow us to hire people to complete some of these projects.

If you have already picked up your new membership, you will have noticed once you have signed and paid, you are immediately issued your 2008 membership card. This will save the club postage and will allow for quicker forwarding of information to the BCWF. We are presently working with the BCWF on a process that will facilitate a speedier renewal of their memberships.

The Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club purchases \$2,000,000 liability insurance for its members through the BCWF Group Coverage Plan. Proof of insurance is now required on some Limited Entry applications as well as by some private land owners. Your new card has the necessary policy number printed right on it.

To accommodate those of you who don't live in the Salmon Arm area, we are including a membership form in this newsletter. Processing these forms will necessitate the mailing of your card, so please be patient with us. For everyone else, we would appreciate if you could renew in person at either Westside Stores or at a monthly meeting (third Thursday of each month). If you have any questions, please call Lionel at 804-0976.



Due to the ever increasing insurance requirements, we must remind all members and guests that they must sign/log in when using the club facilities. For your convenience, we have numbered the membership cards, so that you don't have to record your name, for obvious security reasons, just Record your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER in the sign in books, please.

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.



Handgun

Pistol shooters are meeting Wednesday evenings about 7 p.m. for a little informal target practice. Bring any calibre of pistol from .22 to whatever and join us. First one there please start the fire in the warm-up shed, and get the lights going.

If you have any questions call Don Schmok at 832-3646.

Don't forget your ear-muffs.



Black Powder

Well, it has been a bit of a slug through the Holiday Season, but we made it and now the days are going to start growing longer. Front and centre on the minds of the Black Powder Shooter's is the May 24th, long weekend on which we shall hold our Spring Rendezvous. Last year the weather was with us and the shoot, the feed and the company were just great. This year, we only expect the doings to be better.

The Monashee Mountain Men will have a pistol, revolver shoot on January 27th at the Armstrong range. It will be a trail walk, yes, probably in the snow, so bring your red noses' and chapped hands as well as your blunderbusses. Don't forget your lunch and your coffee as we will have a meeting after the shoot.

November 18th we held a black powder shoot at the Salmon Arm range. A good turnout of shooters with Ernie Love pulling in the high score and having his name added to our trophy as shooter of the month.

December 16th we held our annual Christmas Party. About 44 people arrived to enjoy the proceedings. The food is always excellent, the blanket prizes were just great and while there was no shooting, the hawk and knife throwing, shooting a hockey puck in the barrel, sling shot shooting and a number of other outdoor games gave the atmosphere a very festive air. Pete Lauman introduced the alatlle dart thrower to us and that went very well. Thanks Pete.

Jack and I wandered up to the Salmon Arm Range last week to try some cold weather shooting and our hats are off to the fellow who ploughed the road in and then made a sweep down range to the 200 yard targets. (Thanks to Jim Z for the grader work and Peter R for the 200 yd.) It was really nice walking out to hang targets and not having to battle through the snow.

Here is an excerpt from Paul A. Matthews book, "Shooting the Black Powder Cartridge Rifle."

"The black powder shooter, whether or not he is a front stuffer or a cartridge user, is the richest person in America today, for he is living far beyond the boundaries of his given years. He has seen and felt and lived some of that which his ancestors saw and felt and lived. He lives two lives, two eras at one and the same time....."

That does it. Keep your powder Dry. Len



Archery

Indoor Archery is still being held every Wednesday evening at the arena at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to hone their skills or just to stay in practice. Free for all under 16 and \$5.00 drop in for over 16.

The annual shoot is slated for May 31st and June 1st, 2008. Please note that the range will be closed to firearms May 30th, 31st and June 1st. Sorry for the inconvenience fellows, but you could try a change of venue!! For any further information, give Merv a call.



Fish Report

The December meeting was kept short as Julian Kuna introduced some VIP guests from the Ministry of Environment, Marge Sidney, Lynda Ritchie and Andrew Klassen. They were here with a presentation regarding the spiny ray infestation of some of the lakes, a report of the Rotenone treatment of Skmana Lake and also explained just why this epidemic is considered so detrimental to our province. Spiny ray fishes have the ability to collapse small lake rainbow trout fisheries and threaten the viability of downstream salmon and other native BC fish populations. They first spotted these invasive fish as early as 1996 in Skmana Lake, 1999 for Nellies and Phillips Lakes, 2005 for Harper, Miller, Gardom and Forest Lakes and a sighting in 2007 for White Lake.

During their preliminary investigation at Skmana Lake, over a 24 hour period on May 24, 2007, 540 yellow perch were caught vs. 24 trout. Skmana Lake had been a regularly stocked lake with 8000 Rainbow Fish being stocked annually. The lake was clearly being taken over by the aggressive perch, which are capable of laying between 10 – 30 thousand eggs.

The work that had to be completed prior to any treatment was very intensive. Environmental assessments, water quality (sampling), zooplankton sampling, invertebrate

sampling, red and blue listing for all species were but a few of the requirements.

Thanks to the local Fish & Game Clubs and their dedicated volunteers, the road was made passable and much of the hard work was completed with their help. 18 people were trained in the safe application of the chemical. Over 500 hours was been put in and without the support of the local clubs, the treatment would not have happened as successfully as it was.

The actual Rotenone treatment was arduous and labour intensive. The level of the lake was lowered; channels had to be cleared so that hiding holes for fish would be eliminated. The chemical was disbursed via boat and workers with portable sprayers.

1988 was the last time this chemical was used in this Province and they knew that only gill-breathing wildlife would be killed with the treatment. The chemical essentially stops the movement of oxygen through the membrane of the gills. 10 western painted turtles were taken to the wildlife park for sanctuary, while 5 were left in their habitat and watched for any adverse reaction to the treatment. Everyone was pleased to see that no ill effects, on any other wildlife including the turtles, has been recorded, other than their dislike of being bothered by the boat traffic.

The dead fish will decompose; supplying valuable nutrients back to the lake and help bring back the wildlife it supports. The lake continues to be monitored as to the levels of the rotenone and it is hoped that they will be able to stock the lake again soon with trout returning it to the sports fisherman.

Most of the funding for this project came from the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund combined with hours of service rendered by the clubs speaks volumes about the conservationist role fishers and hunters play in the Province of British Columbia.



Fishing Derby

This year with the invasive fish taking over what used to be great sports fishing lakes, and the closure of many of the local lakes, the pressure is on to NOT hold the annual Fishing Derby at Gardom Lake. There are many reasons. Would there be enough volunteer help? The greatest fear we all should be recognizing is that someone will again transport live perch and dump them where they shouldn't be. I'm informed that we haven't had the cold temperatures necessary allowing the lakes to put on their top hats of ice. Now with all that white stuff, which is now insulating the lakes, it's preventing a good ice buildup for people to safely venture out. So, for our family's safety, can we afford to hold the annual fishing derby? Can we work with DFO to stock another small lake for another year?



Habitat Enhancement and Conservation

Work parties planned for the spring and summer of 2008 at Cariboo and Cummins Lake will start Father's Day, June 15th. Cariboo Lake needs the one km. of trail cleared and both picnic tables repaired and painted. Cummins Lake needs the picnic table repaired and painted also. The walkway across the meadow was destroyed by mud bidders and should be replaced. We try and make the work fun by adding some fishing time. All are welcome, young and old. Give Stan a call if you can plan to come.



Wilderness Watch

For those of you that don't know, Julian has stepped down from the driver's seat of Wilderness Watch to focus his attention on the invasive fish epidemic and Dick Ladner

has agreed to step in and run it once again. If anyone is interested in joining or helping Dick out, please give Carl or Dick a call.



Rifle Range

Range improvements will continue in 2008. Many are being made to meet the Range Safety Criteria as required by the Federal Range Inspector. Ongoing improvements will also take place in the rifle shack.

The annual Easter Egg Shoot is booked for Sunday the 23rd of March, 2008 at the Range. Limit of 30 entries, so pre-registration is appreciated.

There will be 2 formats available.

At the 50 Metre Range, bring your .22 (rimfire only). Scopes are allowed, but the max allowed is 6 power. It will be a challenge as this is a free hand shoot... elbows only on the bench. We will let you sight in on paper first.

At the 200 Yard Range, bring any caliber up to .30 caliber with a scope max of 14.5. Bipods and Elbows only. Come and show us what you can do. We will again let you sight in on paper, but only at 100 yards. There has to be some challenge for you sharpshooters. So, bring what you have and try your luck. There will be 2 strings of 5 for scoring on each format. If you need any further information, call Tony.

Entry Fee: For all SAF&G club members (in good standing) \$15.00; non-members \$20.00

Extra strings will be available at \$2.50 per string

Any remaining eggs will be carried over to the BCWF Convention – Club Day and Fun Shooting Events

scheduled to take place on April 10th. More information to follow.

I would like to organize a military pistol shoot with two categories. Vintage – Korean War and Older; Modern to Date. They must be in as original condition as possible. Interested? Contact Tony at 833-8944 and we will set up a date sometime in May or June. I'm proposing a simple format for this shoot. Let's get together and come up with a plan. It can also incorporate rifle and/or pistol. So, dust off those oldies, but goodies and let's go shooting.



Shotgun News

The New Year's Day shoot was another shooting success. About thirty five shooters from Chase, Kamloops, Vernon, Kelowna, Lumby and Salmon Arm attended. A handful of volunteers moved a lot of snow on Sunday, to have the range in good condition. The weather held out and all those who attended were very happy with the organization of the event. Thanks to all the hard-working volunteers who helped make it another success story and to those who attended.

Trap meat shoots are held the 1st Sunday of every month with a catered lunch after. Steve.



from the December newsletter

Good news for firearms owners and the Canadian firearms industry! The regulation to require all newly imported guns (featured in the October BCWF Newsletter) has been deferred until 2009. The regulation was deferred due to a lack of support from stakeholders and MPs. The BCWF and its members have been strongly opposed to this and have definitely contributed to the deferral of this regulation.

The future of hunting, fishing and other recreational activities in the South Okanagan – Lower Similkameen

are at risk. For the past 4 years Parks Canada has been conducting a feasibility study to create a National Park Reserve in the area. Public meetings were held last month in the South Okanagan; BCWF was represented by executive, members of the board and club members from throughout the Okanagan region. The proposed Park has been strongly opposed by conservationists throughout the region. The proposed area contains several popular hunting and fishing locales which have been managed and conserved by hunters for ages. National Parks do not allow hunting and angling is often extremely regulated and requires additional licensing.

This park would also override thousands of hours contributed by conservationists who established a Land Resource Management Plan for the region which has been hugely successful. While everyone agrees conservation of habitat is the most important challenge we all face, access to and utilization of the resource must also be ensured.



Convention 2008

Planning and organizing this huge task is well underway to host the 2008 BCWF AGM/Convention here April 9-12, 2008. The next planning supper is scheduled for January 31st at Yan's Restaurant (yes dinner is available) at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and help out. This is a very worthy event and will bring over 300 delegates and government officials into the community. Let's show them what a great club we are.



Meetings

Director's meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are welcome to come and observe.

General Members Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Come out and get a chance at a gift certificate, courtesy of Westside Stores. Don't forget

to thank them for their generous ongoing support. Come and see what the door prize is....



Helloooo.....

If you have an email address and you didn't get the electronic version of this newsletter, please send your email address to safishgameclub@hotmail.com Newsletters and notices of important functions will be sent to you.

It will save me a ton on postage, photocopying costs and my fingers that labour to stuff the envelopes. If you change your email address or for members that may see this posted and didn't receive the newsletter and would like it, please forward your corrected address on and we will update the mailing lists.

If you have anything that you would like inserted in the next newsletter, let me know.

Thanks Anne



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MEMBER REGISTRATION

NEW RENEWAL

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP
(COMPLETE REGISTRATION & ISSUE CARD FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER)

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____ CARD # _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ CARD # _____ AGE: _____
(UNDER 18)

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE \$55.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY \$65.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR SINGLE \$50.00 (60+) | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR \$30.00 (16 & UNDER) |
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TOTAL AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

AS A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB I AGREE:

- TO ABIDE BY ALL LAWS & REGULATIONS (FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL AND CLUB) PERTAINING TO THE OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, SAFE HANDLING AND TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARMS
- TO SUPPORT THE CLUB BY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN CLUB FUNCTIONS AND MEETINGS
- NOT TO LOAN ACCESS KEYS TO NON MEMBERS
- TO SUPPORT CONSERVATION OF OUR RESOURCES IN WORD AND DEED

MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO ALL CLUB BENEFITS AND B.C.W.F. INSURANCE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR

SIGNED: _____