

Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club News



FROM The President's Desk

I want to thank all of you for taking out a membership in the Salmon Arm Fish and Game Club. The income from your membership is greatly needed to run the club, and provide a safe place for you to enjoy your interest in shooting. The new memberships are due the beginning of January and I hope you will renew and encourage some of your friends to join and get involved. I extend a special thank you to all those members who are committed to be involved and take the time to attend the monthly meetings. Some great events and projects, pertinent to the success of our club, have taken place this year because you were involved. The New Year will soon be upon us and we already have several events scheduled and planning underway. We do need help in all of these. Give me a call and we can fit you in to one that works for you. Some of you may not be aware that the club has set up our own website. It is presently under construction, and will be improved as input comes available from all the segments of the club. www.SalmonArmFishandGameClub.com. If you have any questions about the website, contact me at 832-4105 or trevor@huntingandfirearms.com. This Thursday at 7:30 Myron Crown from Westside Stores will be at the clubhouse to show us some new products that would be of interest to each of us in our outdoor sports. There should be some great ideas for Christmas gifts. Come out and join us. I want to take this time to extend to all of you a Very Merry Christmas, and all the best in the New Year. Trevor Holmes, President



Gun Show 2007

The 2007 Gun Show held at the Community Centre was a great success with over 530 people attending, which is within 2006 attendance records. The Vendors were busy and sales were brisk. Thanks goes out to the volunteers that helped make this year's show another success.



Handgun Shoot

For all interested handgun shooters, the club is arranging Wednesday evening shoots at 7 p.m. Contact Don Schmok for more information. I hear a little rumour that our own, Tony Cox had a very good shoot in Vernon.



Black Powder Shoot

Salmon Arm is holding a black powder shoot November 18th. December 16th has been scheduled for the Trail Walk, at the Armstrong Club House, with the Christmas Party to follow. For more information, contact Jack Stead 832-2541



Archery

Join us for "An Evening of Archery" November 14th in the old arena (indoor soccer field) at 7p.m. This is to kick off the Archery Club's indoor season. All levels from beginner to advance archers are welcome to come out and hone their skills. Drop in and be welcomed! Cost: \$5.00 at the door.

This spring the Archery Club undertook to remove our old trailer from the shooting range area. It had served its purpose well over the years as the first indoor shooting range and storage facility. Time and weather had taken their toll and the trailer had the look of an old horse with a big sway back and a fat belly. So, with a crew of volunteers and many a wrecking bar and sledgehammer, old #43 was dismantled and recycled where possible. A big thank you to Roger Winkler for donating the garbage bin and to Wayne Mounce for letting us dump it at his site for no cost. Thanks also to Barry for dropping off and picking up the bin. Many thanks to all the guys that helped do this job. Special thanks go out to Devon, Bruce, Clint, Merv, Doug, Albert, and Joe for all their hard work and our apologies to anyone forgotten.



Fish Report

Three years ago, over 9,000 fry were introduced into Canoe Creek. As of the end of October, 65 fish were recorded returning, a tremendous return considering that 1 in 1000 are lucky to survive. In the Salmon River, they have recorded over 480 Coho thru the counting fence. Keep your fingers crossed folks as this is a great return. I hope everyone saw in our local papers that the Ministry applied the Rotenone treatment at Skmana and Little Skmana Lakes, to eradicate the invasive perch. The club sends its thanks to its members that aided the Ministry and especially to Julian Kuna for his **EXTRAORDINARY** effort. A great big



of appreciation from all the members!



Habitat Enhancement

Stan Heitman reports that the campsite cleanup project is finished for the year at Cariboo and Cummins Lakes. We are looking for habitat project ideas for next year. Funding through grants is available and they are always a great way to promote the club to the public.



Wilderness Watch

The members have been very active again during this hunting season logging over 6,300 kilometers. In addition, ongoing surveillance is being provided to the lakes closed to angling due to the invasive species. The next meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, November 14th, 2007 in the Picadilly Mall Board Room at 7pm. For further information, check with Julian 832-7194.



Rifle Range

Tony Cox has worked tirelessly on getting the improvements to the range completed. The club is considering replacing the gravel berm between the trap range and the rifle range with a concrete lock-block wall. This would allow better use of trap range #3 and clean up the appearance of the rifle bays. A motion to purchase the blocks has been made and is now tabled until more details can be worked out. As most of the work on the rifle range is now complete and the road has been re-graded, the temporary target stands have been put in place. There will have to be one more grading of the range

in the spring, if and when it dries up. Once that is done, the permanent target stands will be put into place. Please take time to thank Peter Rizzi as the extra work he did was not part of the original contract to repair the range. This is a donation from the Rizzi family.



Big Game Banquet & Dance

The date for the annual Fish & Game Banquet has now been set for Saturday, February 16, 2008. Look for a few new small changes this year. We will make this event one that the club can be proud of. We will be asking for donations of meat, fish, fowl, cash and your TIME to make this another great event. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. The event is sold out early, so mark your calendars.



Shotgun News

Trap meat shoots are held the 1st Sunday of every month with a catered lunch after. And a reminder to all interested shooters that the ever popular New Year's Day Meat shoot is fast approaching. For more information, contact Rick or Steve.



40 Years and Going Strong Celebration

This year marks the club's 40th anniversary of being! In 1967 the club was founded and today, 40 years later, the club is going strong with just under 300 members. Let's continue on this tradition.



The club joined with BCWF Shuswap Region to put on a joint fundraiser on August 11 & 12. Many thanks to Rick Clendenning and others from the trap division, Tony Cox, the Easter Egg Man, for organizing both trap shooting and egg shoots. Many attendees had never experienced the kind of fun and socializing held at the range that weekend. Steve Krossa and helpers put on a terrific pig roast Saturday evening, complete with a fundraiser and story-telling around the campfire after dinner. Many out of towners and even some of the locals camped out at the range to avoid the drive home and to enjoy the pancake breakfast the next morning. The event was small this year, so we could get a feel for how it would go. Plans are to enlarge it next year. We increased interest in the club and region, had fun shooting and made some money for the regions operating expenses at the same time.

A quarterly general meeting of the BCWF Shuswap Region will be held in Kamloops at Duffy's Pub on Dec. 2nd. We are in desperate need of people to participate and help take up the issues of anglers and hunters. Access, regulations, promotion of our sports and youth programs are things we all need to think about because there are many out there who would like very much to see our sports disappear. For more information or car pooling call Mel at 832-7538.



Convention 2008

Planning is well underway to host the 2008 BCWF AGM/Convention here April 9-12, 2008. Our next planning meeting will be Nov. 29th 6:00 pm at Yan's Restaurant (dinner available). Most of the major tasks are started but we would like some volunteers for things like driving vans to transport people to events, setting up tents at the range, selling tickets at the events and lots of little or bigger jobs depending on how much time you can commit. Grab your spouse, take them out for dinner with us and see if there is something you would like to do.



MEETINGS

Just a reminder, that the next meeting is Thursday, November 15th, 2007 at 7:39 p.m. It's that time again to vote in our executive for the upcoming year!! Remember, if you don't come out and vote, you don't get to be heard!

If you don't support your club, you will find that it may not survive the political strife that we all are currently struggling with.

And.....meetings are changing for the better. Come and see!

December's Meeting: December 13th, 2007 (one week earlier) at 7:30 p.m.

And finally... a request from the publisher of this newsletter.... All members who receive this via Canada Post, please email your current email

addresses (if you have one) to safishgameclub@hotmail.com so that newsletters and important functions can be sent to you. It will save a ton on postage and photocopying costs. If you change your email address or for members that may see this posted and didn't receive the newsletter, forward your corrected addresses on and we will update the mailing lists.

A lasting thought....remember, keep your barrel pointing safely.