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Meeting & Club Information

Executive meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of each month, for April, May and June at the VFGPA Malahat Clubhouse and Range.

General meetings are on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. in the Strawberry Vale Hall at 11 High Street, off of Burnside Road West, Victoria BC.

Club House and Ranges are located at 700 Holker Place off Malahat Drive—about 20 minutes North of Victoria opposite Spectacle Lake turn-off.

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Winners All Around on Outdoor Discovery Day

In the last bulletin there was a detailed report about Outdoor Discovery Day 2006. Our popular Father's Day event was the best attended so far! This event was the inspiration of our valued member Duncan Haydon four years ago. A well liked annual community event, kids and families having fun for free, a great volunteer effort from our club and people safely learning our outdoor activities are all winning stories, but there is one more that I want to pass along.

As an incentive to joining the VFGPA at Outdoor Discovery Day, the club offers a

prize draw to those who purchase a membership right at the event. The winning ticket holder gets to choose one of the three great prizes each valued at \$200.00. A big thank you to Island Outfitters who sponsor this prize. This year's prizes were a Gamo air rifle, a new archery bow and a salt-water fishing package.

So congratulations go to Lia from Esquimalt, who bought a family membership that day. Her ticket was picked as the winner. Lia chose the fabulous salt-water rod and reel combo and graciously gave her winnings to dad. Seen here outside Island Outfitters after being presented with their prize are Lia and her dad. Congratulations Lia and family, welcome aboard! We are all winners.



Important VFGPA Trap Shooting News

Rick Morgan, our VFGPA Trap Committee co-chair has recently resigned. The VFGPA recognises Rick's many years of volunteer efforts and dedication in running the Trap Committee for our club. We are sad to see Rick step down; we thank him for all his efforts and wish him all the best.

Please make a note of the following:

Trap Practises: There WILL be weekly Trap Practises at the VFGPA Malahat property. Practises shoots will start at 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday. All are welcome.

Scheduled Trap Events: As we have not identified a replacement who has the ability to run the formal BC Trap Association matches yet, all VFGPA scheduled matches are temporarily cancelled. We will keep trap shooters notified of any changes, updates and events through our bulletin, the club website and the club telephone hotline.

Enjoy Trap Shooting More Often: In an effort to better our shooting facilities, the VFGPA has arranged the purchase of a battery-operated automatic Trap clay target-throwing machine. This machine will be available for use on the trap field when the range is open and at times other than trap

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A proposed new allocation policy would see the following conditions apply:

- ♦ Residents have first priority
- ♦ Government is committed to supporting the guide-outfitter industry
- ♦ Regional managers will be responsible for setting annual allowable harvest (AAH)
- ♦ Regional managers are to assure guide quota minimums of 10%
- ♦ Allocations to be set every 5 years with a yearly review
- ♦ Unused resident AAH may be distributed to guides if the resident harvest is less than 75% over 3 years

A brief history of Region 1 elk LEH -

- 1977 - First year of LEH to residents only
- 1984 - First year of guide quotas
- 1985 - First year of current allocation policy use
- 1992 - First recognized elk allocation (39 animals) to natives
- 1993 - AAH of 151 / 97 residents, 49 natives, and 5 non-residents
- 1997 - AAH of 199 / 118 residents, 74 natives, and 7 non-residents
- 2000 - AAH of 205 / 108 residents, 90 natives, and 7 non-residents
- 2003 - AAH of 244 / 126 residents, 107 natives, and 11 non-residents

The BCWF Vancouver Island Region Allocation Committee has an immediate concern about the proposed policy's 10% minimum guide quota. A 10% minimum to guide outfitters would result in a quota increase to them at a time when the resident allocation for elk in Region 1 is still below that which we enjoyed in 1992.

Additional opportunities will exist this year for new area hunts. A total of 4 elk will be available to residents; 2 in the Nahmint River watershed resulting from the transplant in the early 1990's and another 2 in the Zeballos area.

B.C. SPORTFISHING COALITION

A recent Commercial Groundfish Integration Proposal, if implemented, would have more serious implications for recreational anglers than the fixed allocation (88% commercial, 12% recreational) halibut fishery we are currently faced with.

The proposal states that 100% of the total allowable catch (TAC) will be shared within the commercial groundfish sector. This would be accomplished via individual transferable quotas (ITQ). However, this leaves no catch for the recreational sector.

The proposal would also not allow DFO to reallocate groundfish from the commercial sector to other user groups without first compensating commercial license holders. This attempts to privatize a common property resource and is not in our best interests. We are in a similar position with halibut now that the recreational catch is at 12% (our TAC).

Organized anglers became so concerned regarding this groundfish proposal that they formed a B.C. Sportfishing Coalition to fight its approval by the Minister of Fisheries, Loyola Hearn.

It was decided to send a delegation of angler reps to Ottawa to address the Minister, his advisors and DFO. Fund raising efforts were coordinated locally by the Amalgamated Conservation Society to assist with the costs of sending a delegate on our behalf.

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Chris Bos was chosen as our representative and he and eight others in the delegation left Monday April 24 for Ottawa. They met with many individuals, including the Minister before returning home late Friday April 28.

They were assured that the groundfish proposal would address only the commercial TAC - leaving the recreational groundfish catch outside this framework. The Minister also indicated that he believes fish are a common property resource which he will not privatize.

Wayne Zaccarelli, ACS Secretary-Treasurer, VF&G Fishing Chair

Cowichan River Proposal Will Affect Local Anglers

The Ministry of Environment, Vancouver Island Region is proposing several changes to angling regulations on a number of Vancouver Island Rivers including the Cowichan. The Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association have sent a letter strongly opposed to some of the proposed changes.

We do not support closing the upper stretches of the Cowichan for months at a time as there has been no evidence provided showing steelhead are at conservation concern levels (in fact last year there was a noted increase in adult returns). We also do not support banning bait use as it takes away opportunity for novice anglers and families to fish and we see no merit to making a large portion of the river "fly fishing only". "If it ain't broke don't fix it!"

The suggested new Cowichan regulations are part of a suite of proposed regulation changes. If you want to find out more and voice your opinion, which we recommend you do, you must

act quickly as the deadline for response is August 11th 2006.

For information about the proposal visit:

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6 BLK PWDR rendezvous (all ranges closed)	7 BLK PWDR rendezvous (all ranges closed)	8 Rental (r/p closed)	9 Trap Practice 4:30	10	11	12 Frontier Shootists (r/p and s/g closed)
13 Frontier Shootists (r/ p and s/g closed)	14	15 Rental (r/p closed)	16 Trap Practice 4:30	17	18	19 PPC (r/p)
20 Silhouette r/p Club Trap (s/g c/h) Championships Canceled	21	22	23 Trap Practice 4:30	24	25	26 "Salmon Fishing Challenge"
27 IPSC	28	29	30 Trap Practice 4:30	31		

The Malahat Marauders invite you to the annual Black Powder Rendezvous on August 5-7, 2006.

The Malahat Marauders, being a Living History Society, ask that all participants in the Primitive Camp keep with the theme of pre-1840. Please ensure that all plastic and modern equipment is kept under cover and out of site when not in use.

The Primitive Camp is on the hill as in the past. Modern folk are in Frog Hollow.

Registration: Friday 7:00pm to 8:00pm, and Saturday 8:45am to 11:00am

The Rendezvous starts at 9:00am Saturday with a Shooters Meeting at the Clubhouse.

Fees: \$20 per adult, \$10 per Junior (under 16), and cubs (under 12) are free. Fees include dinner.

Saturday dinner starts at 6pm. All dinner tickets must be purchased no later than Noon Saturday. Tickets are \$10 for dinner only.

Blanket prizes will be asked for at time of registration (\$20 value).

Special Events: Bring your Cartridge Pistols and your Brown Bess.

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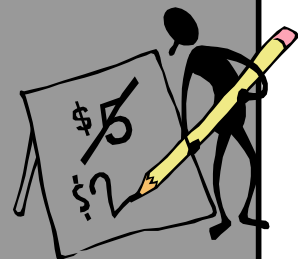
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