



Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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President's Report

December General Meeting and Christmas Social The VFGPA Christmas Social will be held at the time of the December General Meeting (21 December 2009) at the Strawberry Vale Community Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to meet friends and other club members and learn the extent of activities within the club. Please bring something to add to the variety of the fare – the club will provide the basics.

North Saanich Rod and Gun

The VFGPA Executive met with their counterparts in the North Saanich Rod and Gun Club (NSRG) for an afternoon and evening hosted by the NSRG. The purpose was to get to know one another and discuss what plans each has for development of their facilities and activities. For some years now, shooters have been a beleaguered and diminished group. We survive, in part, by making our facilities available to the public, police and security services. To co-operate in what we offer, makes sense. In addition, there may room for complementary programs.

We Extend our Thanks

At the October General Meeting we were fortunate to have Stu Rhodes describe his experiences in backpacking into remote areas to hunt sheep. He gave an excellent talk and finished by awarding relevant prizes donated by Robinsons Sporting Goods. We are indebted to both Stu and Matt King (Robinsons).

January General Meeting

The next talk is scheduled for the January 15, 2010 General Meeting and will be given by Ward Bond and Darren Wright of Island Outfitters. Their talk will be on sport fishing.

Clubhouse Repair

The permit and beams for the clubhouse repair are in hand. A contract will be let to install the beams in order to reinforce the roof purlins and to install replacement columns to replace those drilled to accept the temporary reinforcements. The work should start before the end of the month.

The Victoria Bowmen

The military demanded a very large rent increase of the Victoria Bowmen for use of DND property for their club archery activities. As a result, the hunters within the Victoria Bowmen have decided to join the VFGPA. Please extend a welcome to these new members.

Rainy Day Fund

The club has a substantial sum of money (~\$155,000.00) in low risk investments for the purpose of providing some degree of financial security should a significant loss or claim be experienced. However, the club spends approx. \$13,000.00 per year for liability and facility replacement insurance.

The club has grown over the past several years to over 1500 members. Some of the club ranges cannot handle the demand and/or need work to provide a more usable facility eg. covered shooting points for at least some of the bays at the multi-purpose range.

It has been proposed that about \$75,000.00 of the Rainy Day Fund be used to expand or upgrade present shooting facilities. This topic will be discussed at the November General Meeting. Both the basic idea of using some of the Rainy Day money and a priority list of projects will be open for discussion. If there appears to be enough support, voting would be at the January General meeting.

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Fishing Contest Entry Form

Chinook___ Coho___ Tyee___ Halibut_____

Trout___ Bass___ Steelhead___

Weight:___ lbs___ oz. Length _____

Date Caught: _____ Area: _____

Anglers Name: _____ Jr. age: _____

Member Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Submit to Wayne Zaccarelli - 382-8502

LATEST ENTRIES:



Marlin Lohr

Halibut

42 lb. 3 oz

August 22

2009 Vancouver Island Combat Championships

The 33rd Annual Edition of the Vancouver Island Combat Championships was held at our range on the Thanksgiving weekend of October 10 & 11th. This is a two day PPC event, and this year we had 34 competitors from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec and the USA in attendance. The weather was great (see the pictures!!) and 'smoke and smiles' were evident everywhere.

Congratulations to the winner of the 1500 PPC Event, Luc Rodrigue, a guest from Montreal. Also Congratulations to Stephen Taylor, a local VFGPA member, who won the Duty Pistol Event.

Thanks to all of the people that contributed by volunteering their time to work at the match; from the kitchen crew to the statisticians, the range and line officers to the chief referee.



BIG GAME



Hunters are reminded that Blacktail deer taken in MU 1-1 through 1-13 by VFGPA members are eligible for the five trophies available each year. Deer must be field dressed which means that the heart, liver and kidneys are the only internal organs which can be included when the animal is weighed. Deer must be weighed on club scales by the caretaker or his designate.

The official weigher reserves the right to refuse weighing any animal which arrives in unrepresentable condition. Deer 140 pounds and over taken by rifle and 120 pounds and over taken by bow and arrow must be witnessed by an executive member at time of weigh in.

Please contact the caretaker or Wayne Zaccarelli to make arrangement.

The Victoria Fish and Game Bear trophy is awarded annually for the largest Black Bear (Boone & Crockett scoring) taken by a club member. Boundaries are the same as above.

Trophies include:

- ♦ McIlwaine Van & Storage (est. 1955) largest deer / rifle
- ♦ Victoria Fish & Game (est. 1966) largest scoring antlers
- ♦ Robinson's Sporting Goods (est. 1970) largest deer / bow & arrow
- ♦ Bob Hollingworth Memorial (est. 1983) largest buck deer / junior member
- ♦ Malahat Marauders (est. 1990) largest deer / muzzle loader



Gold, silver and bronze buttons are awarded in both rifle and archery classes for deer in the following weight categories:

	RIFLE	ARCHERY
Gold	180 lb +	160 lb +
Silver	160-179.5 lb	140-159.5 lb
Bronze	140-159.5 lb	120-139.5 lb



DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
SUBJECT TO CHANGE:		1 • <u>RP Range Closed; 9am to 4pm</u>	2	3 • <u>RP Range Closed; 9am to 4pm</u>	4	5
6	7 • <u>Board Mtg.</u> • <u>RP Range Closed 9-4pm</u>	8	9	10	11	12 • <u>RP Range Closed; 9am to 4pm; PPC</u>
13	14	15 • <u>RP Range Closed; 9am to 4pm</u>	16	17	18	19
20	21 • <u>General Mtg. & Christmas Social</u>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

RP : Rifle/Pistol Range MP : Multi-Purpose Range SG : Shotgun Range

CH : Main Clubhouse RH : Range House



JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
NOTE : NO COMPLETE INFORMATION AT TIME FOR PRINTING, MORE INFORMATION WILL APPEAR IN NEXT JANUARY NEWSLETTER.					1	2
3	4 • Board Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 • Malahat Marauders Blackpowder Shoot
24	25 • Malahat Marauders Meeting	26	27	28	29	30
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Black Powder Saturday, October 24, 2009

Jodi Sturgill

A wonderful turnout was seen for last months shoot. The weather was great and perhaps that is why we had 21 shooters in attendance. Three were guests and from all accounts enjoyed themselves greatly. For a change this month Tom and I were able, that means we refused to help or do anything for anyone, to attend the shoot. Two of the guest were friends of ours who had never fired a gun in their lives. They both did very well and showed interest in our club, the other guest I didn't meet but according to Gary he was very happy shooting black powder. Hopefully we will have three new members soon.

The winners of the formal part of the shoot were as follows;

Match winner: Jay Zimich

Second: Keith Melbye

Third (tied): Jason Nault - Dave Henderson, (who hit the gong at one hundred yards with his smoothbore Brown Bess)

Shotgun event: Perry Chow

Second: Jacques Von Bodegreaven

Smoothbore: Dave Henderson

Second Dave Willoughby.

Remember next shoot, November 28, will be our annual turkey shoot. With lots of fun events, be sure to attend.





Day Passes

Starting January 01, 2010 the executive has decided to tighten up the day pass policy. The cost of only one day pass will be applicable to the purchase of a membership. That membership must be purchased within the month and year the day pass was purchased.

As most guest passes are probably purchased by members, their cost is not applicable to the cost of a membership.

Archery

Jason Maude has been asked to join the Board as the archery chairperson. As our archery facility is in need of considerable work, Jason's enthusiasm will be most welcome.

To Whom It May Concern:

You are receiving this to announce that Kia Vancouver now has ATV's for sale!

If your club would like to receive a package in the mail which will include product information, prices and contact info please feel free to contact me with mailing info.

For every ATV sold through this ad campaign there will be a donation of \$150 to the club named at time of sale.

Thank you very much for your time and I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at (778)886-3804 or at Kia Vancouver (604)326-6868 or by e-mail trishkiavan@gmail.com

- Trish @ KIA Vancouver your ATV specialist



NOTE:

Please lock your vehicle while at range / shooting, there has been theft on the property.

Publishers Note

Deadline for next month's Newsletter is the 5th of the month. Note: Late submissions will be published in the month following.

Please submit all ads by emailing them in text format only.

Send all pictures with the event name, date and the names of people in the photo. All submissions are welcomed and can be sent to:

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BCWF Notes

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Limited Entry Hunting

In 2007 the Ministry of the Environment let a contract to an independent contractor to review the Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) system. The Ministry has been in receipt of the report for almost two years, but, as of 23 October 09, had not released it to the stakeholders who participated in the review or the public. The BCWF wrote the Minister to express their disappointment with the continuing delay in releasing the report. The report is especially significant to residents with a need to provide food for families.

Lax Kw'allums Appeal

The BCWF has been granted intervenor status (funded by the BCWF Legal Defense Fund) in the appeal by the Lax Kw'allums Indian Band of the dismissal of their claim for a declaration that they had aboriginal right to harvest and sell, on a commercial scale, all fisheries resources they harvest from claimed territories. The Lax Kw'allums had failed to prove that before European contact, they had traded fisheries resources on a commercial scale. The original trial judge states "Fish, as a living, moving, dynamic and variable resource, has always belonged to the public at large and the Defendants administration of the fisheries has always had to take into account the rights of all Canadians to exploit this resource"

Nuu-chah-nulth Ruling

In a parallel and almost identical case to the above, another B.C. Supreme Court Judge has ruled that the Nuuchahnulth do have the right to harvest and sell fisheries resources on a commercial scale. Such harvesting could include steelhead, trout and sturgeon. This ruling is a major infringement on the Common Law Right to Fish held by all Canadians cf. the statement in the previous note.

Previous Supreme Court of Canada rulings, including one dealing with the Nuuchahnulth, held that such a commercial right did not exist. The BCWF is taking the stand that the Federal Government should launch an immediate appeal. For more information of the activities of the BCWF in support of its members visit their web site BCWF.org

Dumping of Fill

The club continues to accept fill from local construction sites for the purpose of creating a safer shooting environment through the building of berms. Most of the dumping is on the rifle/pistol range. We are sorry for the inconvenience the dumping causes as the range must be closed for the time the trucks need to dump their loads. This is typically 10 minutes. When a machine is brought to the site to level the dumped material, the rifle/pistol range may be closed for a day or so. Please bear with us – and watch the website for closures.

Bob Macdonald, President

FOUND

FOUND ON OCTOBER 2ND, UP AT RIFLE RANGE, CHILDS MEDIUM HODDIE. PLEASE CONTACT CARETAKERS.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

I received a call from club member Charlie Boas concerning traffic safety which I thought should be passed on. When heading South Bound to Victoria from Duncan it is best to make a right turn into Whitaker Road then go across the Malahat into Holker Place. This is safer than making a left off the Malahat as there is **NO SOUTH BOUND LEFT TURN LANE** into Holker Place. Also when exiting Holker Place it is best to make a right turn (North Bound) onto the Malahat then go into the left turn lane into Whitaker Rd. then you turn and enter the Malahat South Bound to Victoria.

Jodi Sturgill.



This column for sale items is provided to our members free of charge. VFGPA is not responsible for any items listed.

Show your new (blue) 2009 Victoria Fish & Game membership card at our store you can purchase the following promotional items at this great member price:

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Call Dave Metcalf 250-479-8688 or the caretakers

For Sale:

Pedersoli Deluxe Charles Moore Flintlock Pistol, 45 Cal, with set trigger. I have made a nice custom pine case for it with loading accessories. Price \$500.00

Pete Stratford 652-8532 or pstratford@shaw.ca

TO FISH AND GAME MEMBERS:

IF YOU WANT ANYTHING TO BE IN THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE EMAIL ME AT vfgpanewsletter@shaw.ca OR PHONE (250) 920-7712 Jodi Sturgill

BY THE 5TH OF THE MONTH, 12 NOON.



Club Contacts:

2008 Executive

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 PPC

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Newsletter: Jodi Sturgill 920-7712

Hall kitchen: Winnie Jones 386-3783

VFGPA Caretakers - 858-8342

Meeting & Club Information

**Executive meetings 1st Monday of the Month @ 7:30pm,
 Esquimalt Anglers Lounge 800 Munro**

General Meeting

Strawberry Vale Hall 7:30pm.

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.

Phone: (250) 478—2411

Range Scheduling Information

Web: www.vfgpa.org

E-mail: inquiry@vfgpa.org

Mail: PO Box 93, Victoria BC
 V8W 2M1

Memberships available from:

Island Outfitters 3319 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C.
 250-475-4969

Pullen's Gunsmithing 1698 Millstream Rd. Victoria, BC
 474-2512 (Friday—Sunday)

Eagle Eye Outfitters in Sooke

Robinsons on Broad Street Downtown

Victoria Fish and Game Range 700 Holker Place, Malahat, B.C.

Val Macdonald - membership@vfgpa.org

Annual Membership

Adult \$90.00 - Family \$120.00 - Senior \$65.00
 Junior \$30.00

Wish to Place an Ad?

Business Card: \$10.00 per issue, or \$100.00 for 12 issues

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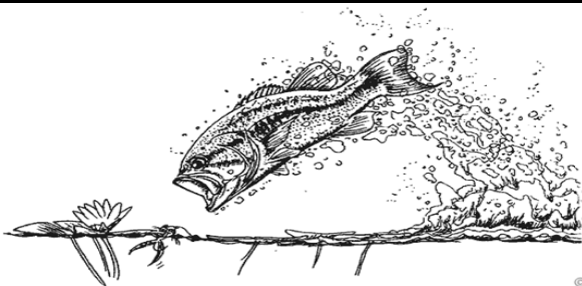
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South Island Action Shooters Report

The South Island Action Shooters would like to close the year with a salute to the volunteers who donate hours, brains, and brawn toward planning, building, setting up (and later taking down) the stages for each match, plus the many willing workers who lend their support on match days.

Here's the plan, guys...



Preliminary construction



If we build it, they will come



So let's build it higher!



The Hermann men lend a hand



Re-check the plans



This is how it's done...



The brawn part



Some of our most dedicated workers seem to have eluded the camera this time, but a great big THANK-YOU is extended to them, also. It will be easy to catch them at the next set-up. You can bet they'll be there, so watch for them in the spring!