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*Newsletter  
March 2009*

## President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new members to our association and extend an invitation to join in all the various activities the club has to offer. With spring just around the corner, things should begin happening soon and the many work parties needed to spruce-up the clubhouse and the grounds will be organized.

That being said, it isn't that nothing was done over the winter months The Cowboy Action Shooters continue to expand Boomtown and the Trap & Skeet guys have a few small projects to finish both inside and outside their clubhouse. Once the water problem on the upper ranges is fixed, we will be ready to have a grand opening of the facilities. The archers are busy finishing off their new range and storage building and are proud of being able to provide this new venue for all to enjoy.

Our campground caretakers, Gary & Myrna Thompson have decided to retire so the Club will be actively looking for their replacement. I cannot overstate what great a job Gary & Myrna have done for not only the campground but also for the Club as a whole. On behalf of the Club Executive, Board of Directors and the membership, I want to extend our appreciation and thanks Gary & Myrna for a job well done. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

Yours in Conservation  
Keith MacKenzie

**2009 Membership Renewal Application**

I wish to apply for renewal SINGLE \$65 \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSAL \$85 \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership in Courtenay & District Fish & Game Protective Association.

Please check if you are age 65 or older \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Cheques should be made payable to Courtenay Fish & Game Association.* Bring completed application to a meeting at Comox Lake Meeting Hall (First Monday of the month 7:30 p.m.), or mail to P.O. Box 3177, Courtenay, B.C. V9N 5N4 or purchase your renewal membership at one of the business below:

Cash or Cheques  
ONLY

**GONE FISHIN' 3-2720 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay 250-334-2007**

**TYEE MARINE & FISHING SUPPLIES 870 Cliff e Avenue, Courtenay 250-334-2942**



**FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATON, RENEWAL &  
CONTACT INFORMATION SEE BACK PAGE.**

## Deserving Members Corner

Gail Eggiman, Publicity

This quarter we give a "thumbs up" to Wib Watkinson. Wib is a long time member of the Courtenay and District Fish and Game. You will find Wib volunteering at almost every event that we hold. He currently is a Director, a member of the Outdoor Recreation Show Committee, and a member of the Conservation Committee who are also respectfully known as the "grey hairs". He is one of the great volunteers involved in cutting, drilling and preparing the birdhouse packages for children to build at the June Outdoor Recreation Show. During the show, you can find Wib at the Fish Tank helping the little kids catch a trout. He also worked the SASS Canadian Regional Championships. If he is able, he assists at every event that requires volunteers, no matter what.



This spring looks to be another event filled season with the upcoming Banquet Fundraiser followed by our Annual Spring Cleanup in April and the Gun Show in May. Members will be called upon for help. Each of you can contribute in some small way and it is always appreciated.

If you would like to receive up to date notices of events and information, please send your name and email address to [courtfg@telus.net](mailto:courtfg@telus.net). The website is <http://www3.telus.net/courtenayfishandgame>.



### *Pot Luck Christmas Party*

Thank you to those that attended our Party! The meal was excellent, Santa was jolly and many won prizes at the raffle that were graciously donated. Thank you to Judy Gavin, Charlene Klein, Genevieve Marinus, Elsie Rogers, Neil Brodie, George and Sharon English and the Sawchucks for their donations. A huge thank you also to Len Everett for stepping forward to be Santa!

From time immemorial Marlene Sawchuck has been the morale officer/good will ambassador for this Association, sending get well cards, cards of condolences, delivering flowers, and fruit baskets to the seriously ill or bereaved. She has decided to retire from this position, so on behalf of the Executive and Membership of this Association, I would like to thank her for the years of service. In order to maintain this fine tradition, I will attempt to follow in her footsteps. So if anybody knows of a member who is seriously ill or is bereaved, please contact me and I will initiate appropriate actions on behalf of the Association. Please contact Ron Watanabe at [tojosan@telus.net](mailto:tojosan@telus.net) or 250-890-2090. *Again thanks Marlene for your dedication and service.*



Fishing Forever 2008 was a huge success, with over 150 participants, many were repeat visitors from previous years, and we had several new groups join us. This was the biggest and best year since the program started. The success of this program is solely based on the great bunch of volunteers who were there to bait hooks, clean fish, and to insure that all participants had a great time. Many of the volunteers were there everyday and I thank all of you for the time and effort that was dedicated to the success of the program.

Fishing Forever 2009 will run from June 1-4 and June 8-11. This year we have the great new fishing float, thanks to Greg Sawchuck and his crew, which will make the function a lot more fun and safer. Once again I am calling for volunteers to help out with this most worthwhile endeavor. Your reward for helping will be the smiles and happy memories that the participants leave with at the end of the day. For you new members to the Association, this is an excellent opportunity to meet and work with some of our old-timers. Please contact Ron Watanabe at [tojosan@telus.net](mailto:tojosan@telus.net) or at 250-890-2090 for further information and/or to sign up to help.

### *RANGES TERRY O'TOOLE (250-334-0899)*

The Association has several firearms ranges; an outdoor 100 yd rifle with a collocated 25 m handgun range, a 25 yd indoor range for handguns and rim fire rifles, a "cowboy action" range with four bays and hillside area and a shotgun facility with two skeet and four trap fields.

Range hours for the outdoor rifle/pistol range is from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. The indoor range is open Tues, Wed and Thurs evenings from 7:00 pm to ???. The cowboy action range is open the third Saturday of the month.

The shotgun facility is open Thursdays and Sundays from 10:00 am to ??? and on the first Saturday of the month for 5 stand from 10:00 am. Range fees have been decreased from \$25.00 yr to \$20.00 yr, or you can pay \$2.00 each time you use the range. The choice is yours.

The Association is licensed by the government as an "authorized gun club" and the outdoor and indoor ranges have been certified for "restricted and prohibited handguns". The Association is not certified for "prohibited rifles". Long Term Authorization to Transport permits for restricted/prohibited handguns are available through the Association for filing with the BC Chief Firearms Officer and are valid for a period of three years.

There will be a number of range closures over the next three months and these will be posted in both the outdoor ranges, via E-mail and on the WEB site.

Members visiting our clubhouse may have noticed a particular clean sheen on our numerous trophy heads and on our salmon wood sculpture. This is thanks to our members Adam & Chantelle of White Wolf Taxidermy who spent many hours cleaning up our collection. Thank you so much!

#### **White Wolf Taxidermy**

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## Campground Update- Spring 2009

The good news is that a new camping season is just a few short months away but the bad news is that Gary and Myrna have decided to step down as the Club's campground caretakers.

They originally started up at the new Club property many years ago, just camping on site to act as caretaker/watchmen to keep an eye on things after hours during the construction of the new Clubhouse and when the campsites went in, they moved over to manage them. And a terrific job they have done, too!

I would like to take this opportunity again, to offer a huge thank you to Gary and Myrna for all their years of service to the Club, especially all the extra's they have done, well over and above the call of duty and always with the best interest of the Club at heart. We have big shoes to fill and are sure going to miss the two of you! Thanks Again!

We will be having a spring clean up and rake up for the campground in late April or very early May, depending how the weather goes, so stay tuned to the web site for an announcement or you can call me and leave your name and number (even just on my answering machine) so I can call you back when a date is set.



## Campground Caretaker-Manager Needed - 2009 Season

The Club is seeking applications for expressions of interest to care take and manage our Association's campground for the 2009 camping season running from early May to the end of September.

This is a 7 day a week, onsite caretaker position and would be ideally suited for a retired couple (or even perhaps two couples to job share on a 2 week on 2 week off rotation), or a husband/wife situation where at least one spouse would be on site at any given time. The campground provides a good source of fundraising income for the Club and remuneration is based on a percentage of camp fee revenues.

Good people skills and an even temperament for handling individuals and groups are a definite requirement as well as some record keeping and organisational ability. Some physical abilities are required for daily duties including collection of camping fees, toilet facility upkeep and garbage collection etc. **For more information, please call Wendel Lamb, campground director, before 8:00 pm at 250-338-7476.**

On behalf of the membership, I wish to extend to the estate of Bob Jones our sincere appreciation for the donation of books to this Association. The estimated value of these books is \$2500 US. All of the most valuable and older books are now on permanent display in a locked case in the main meeting room. I encourage all members to come view the display. If a member wishes to examine the books more closely, please contact Ron Watanabe at to-josan@telus.net or 250-890-2090 or another member of the Executive to arrange a viewing date and time.

## **MEMBERSHIPS TERRY O'TOOLE (250-334-0899)**

### **It's time to renew your membership!**

A gentle reminder is included for all those that haven't yet renewed. If you are not planning to renew, please let me know, or E-mail the Association, and your name will be taken off the Association and BCWF listings.

Memberships now cost \$65 for a single and \$85 for a spousal membership.

Memberships can be renewed at Gone Fishin', Tye Marine/Peter's, at all Association meetings, from the caretakers or from myself.

Gate keys are only available from the caretakers or from myself and cost \$3.00. Bring back your old gate keys for a \$1.00 refund.

The 2009 BCWF liability insurance policy number for our Association is GC 06020. This policy number is required for some hunting license applications and to hunt on some private land. It is only valid with your 2009 membership.

The BCWF has, or will, be mailing out 2009 memberships. The 2009 sticker goes on your plastic BCWF membership card. If there are any errors on your BCWF card, please contact the BCWF membership coordinator at 1-888-881-2293.

Conservation Committee sits on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 p.m. A busy schedule planned for this year and help is always needed for field work.



Neither the cold nor the snow could keep the Valley Regulators from their monthly shoots. Many brave cowboys turned out. Kananaskis Kid was chief range officer & lived up to his reputation of providing some very exciting stages. Hands got cold as the cowboys dug in the snow for their empty brass, so everyone made frequent trips into the saloon to warm up between stages, but a great time was had by all.

This snow & cold has caused the workers to turn their attention indoors, insulating the saloon walls & ceiling, building new targets, repairing targets & stands, & constructing a new bar for the saloon.

Registrations have begun to come in for "Showdown in the Valley" July 18 & 19, & for the "SASS Canadian Regional Championships" Sept. 3-6. **Fun shoots 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, starting at 9 AM.**

Come out & try Cowboy Action Shooting. A family shooting sport for ages 12 to 9

**Phil - aka "High Country"**



**Courtenay Fish & Game  
3D ARCHERY SHOOT  
Comox Lake  
APRIL 4th & 5th, 2009**

**REGISTRATION** - Friday 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**BREAKFAST** Saturday & Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**LUNCH** Saturday & Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ROAST BEEF DINNER** Saturday 5 p.m.

**Saturday - Shot Gun Start at 9:30 a.m & at 1 p.m. Supper at 5:00 p.m.  
BOW SWAP 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Sunday - Shot gun Start at 9:30 a.m.  
Awards - Door Prizes - Raffles 2:00 p.m.**

**CAMPING INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION**

<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	Adults \$35 Seniors \$25 Family \$70 Juniors \$20 Cubs Free	<b>Saturday Only</b>	Adults \$20 Seniors \$15 Family \$40 Junior \$15 Cubs Free	<b>Sunday Only</b>	Adults \$15 Seniors \$10 Family \$30 Junior \$10 Cubs Free
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**FOR MORE INFO CALL**

**Connie Sorensen @ 250-338-5015 or shaun\_con@shaw.ca**



**Courtenay and District Fish and Game is hosting the BCWF Region 1 Annual General Meeting on 6,7, and 8 Mar 09.** All clubs from Vancouver Island will have representation at this event. Tickets are available for the **Fundraiser Dinner on 7 March for \$25** each. Courtenay and District Fish and Game members are encouraged to attend the meeting and dinner. We are the largest club and best facility and we should represent it well. Call John @ 334-8805 for tickets and meeting info.

There will be a CORE course on full days of 25 and 26 April with exam held evening of 29 April 09. Contact courtfg@telus.net for more info.

CORE stands for Conservation Outdoor Recreation is a great program for anyone interested in outdoor recreation and wildlife. The program had a very successful 2008 year, graduating a record 6,305 students who passed the provincial examination requirements.



**Trophy:** Antler measurement for the 2008 season was a resounding success, mainly through the efforts of Kerry Amos of Tyee Marine and Gail Eggiman. With the help of these 2 ladies we attracted 77 entries from the club and 26 nonmember entries, and approximately 300 people overall. Dillon Hyrko won Junior Blacktail antlers with Mike Gavin winning for adults. There were a total of 8 B.C. records and 5 Island records entered. A 50/50 and a small raffle were held making \$95.00 for the club. Refreshments and lunch was served generating additional revenue as well. I would like to thank Kerry and her crew from Tyee Marine, Gail, Elsie and her kitchen staff, Gord and the boys behind the bar, the scorers from Nanaimo and everyone else who helped out.

To see who won the rest of the awards, buy tickets and come to the Annual Awards Banquet. If you had a 2 pt. or big game animal scored and want to enter it I will need your score sheet. THANKS RANDY 338-6443

**RAFFLE** - If I get permission to run this year's raffle I will need your **HELP!** Yes I mean **YOU!!**  
**THANKS RANDY 338-6443**

*On the Social Scene.....*

**Mark your calendars**



**FISHING STAG** on May 2nd & 3rd at the Gravel Pitt at Upper Campbell Lake. For more information phone Wayne Kennedy 250-338-6925 or Jeff Marinus 250-334-3945

**ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET** on April 18, 2009. Doors open @ 5:30 p.m. Dinner by Country Catering served at 6:30 p.m. -Chinese Auction - Door Prizes - Tickets \$12.50 - Limited Number - buy yours early - Available March 2nd until April 16th from Elsie Rogers 250-338-4420 & Al & Ellen Kennedy 250-338-9122



**STEAK DINNER & GENERAL MEETING** on June 1st. Doors open @5:00 p.m. - Dinner served @ 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$12.00 available from Elsie Rogers 250-338-4420 & Al & Ellen Kennedy 250-338-9122