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*Newsletter
June 2009*

President's Message

Our present weather may not indicate it, but Spring has arrived and as such the activities at our Club facility are well underway.

There has been many successful events so far this year, starting with our Annual Fundraiser, followed by our Awards Night & Members Banquet. The Archers and the Trap & Skeet Shooters have also held very successful events followed by our semi-annual Gun Show.

I would like to thank all of our Volunteer Members who helped make these events so successful. You are indeed an invaluable part of our organization.

At present, we are preparing for our next big Club events. Coming up are the Fishing Forever Program, Family Fishing and of course our Annual Outdoor Show. If any members, especially our new Club members, feel the urge to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. It is a good way to meet new people and do a big service for your Club.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer with what ever you do.

See you at the Lake.

Yours in Conservation

Keith Mackenzie
President

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

The deserving member this time is Bob McAllister. This fine gentleman comes out and helps at every event if he can. I saw him at the recent Annual Spring Cleanup, the Campground Cleanup and working with the Conservation Group just in the past month. He is known as one of the group who are affectionately called "the greyhairs" and we need more volunteers just like him.

I want to thank all the people who came out for the Spring Cleanup; it was our largest turnout ever of about 45 people! A big thanks to those who lent their trucks for transporting the garbage to the dump. We collected 7500 kilograms!

I encourage members, including spouses/partners to help out when we ask for volunteers. These events bring in income to run our facilities, they provide good relations with our community and you meet and make a lot of new friends. We definitely need more volunteers for the Outdoor Recreation Show and I will also be calling for volunteers to work the SASS Canadian Regional Championships for the cowboy action shooters in September.

Don't forget your baking to bring for the Bake Sale at the Outdoor Recreation Show!



THANKS GUYS!

Ron Kennedy & Caretaker Al built all new shelving in the storage for our Outdoor Show and all new shelving in the storage underneath our main hall. The whole area is now neater, cleaner which makes it easier to find items that are in storage. Thanks for keeping us organized!!!!

GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH SEPTEMBER THROUGH JUNE. MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 P.M. - THERE'S LOTS GOING ON BEFORE THEN SO COME EARLY. THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. KEEP INFORMED - COME ON OUT - CONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS AND MEET SOME NEW ONES.



Fishing Forever 2009 will be one of the best attended since we started sponsoring this activity. At the time of printing of this article, it is anticipated that 175 participants will arrive at our new fishing float. Oh behalf of this Association, I would like to thank Dan and his staff at Gone Fishin' for their assistance and donation of fishing tackle and

bait. I would also thank in advance all of the members who have volunteered to assist our guests.

Please note that the first pond will be closed to all fishing except for guests and members during officially sanctioned activities from May 25 through and including June 11, 2009. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

If you want to volunteer or have any questions or concerns please contact Ron Watanabe at tojosan@telus.net or 890-2090.

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

Our Association does rent our range facilities to law enforcement agencies. The range closure times will be posted on the outdoor range notice boards at the start of each month. An E-mail will also be sent and it should also be on the WEB site. The 100 yd and 25 yd ranges may also be closed for social functions held in the clubhouse.

The indoor range will be closed for the summer. The Association thanks those volunteers who act as indoor Range Officers. The regulars are Lionel Baryluk, Steve Rowe and Bob McClure. I can also call on Leigh Schoenberger and Perry Snyder to help out on short notice.

Enjoy the summer and safe shooting!

Campground Update for June 2009

New Caretakers

Our new Campground Caretakers are Debbie & Ray Daniels who took over as of May 1st. They are all set up and ready for business including sales of ice in block and cubes, ice cream novelties and cold pop. They have experience running two other campgrounds and are really excited about our Club and their new position and are looking forward to a great camping season. Welcome Ray and Debbie!



Retiring Caretakers Gary and Myrna

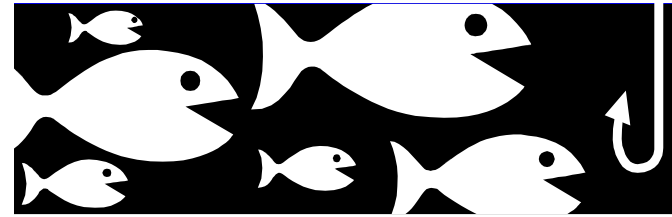
A big thank you to Gary and Myrna for all their hard work and dedication for the many years they were caretakers. They did a terrific job, most of the time much more than was expected and always with the best interest of the Club in mind. This has not gone unnoticed as they were just awarded the "President" Award for Unsung Hero's" presented to them by President Keith MacKenzie at the Annual Awards night on April 18th. Congratulations Gary and Myrna and best wishes for your retirement.

Generators

We had many complaints last year about the increasing number of generators being used. Most people come camping to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet and natural sounds of the great outdoors. Please keep in mind that generators should only be used as a last resort when your battery is just about dead. If you need to charge your batteries everyday, then probably need new batteries. Walmart, Canadian Tire and the RV dealers also sell inexpensive solar panels that you can easily hook up to slowly charge your battery all day long. Please have some courtesy and keep generator use to an absolute minimum.

Have a great camping season! Wendel Lamb Campground Director.

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



Sport Fishing Report

It's been a busy spring on the sport fishing front but not the catching part. Recent decisions by DFO and Gale Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, have upheld the allocation of 88% of BC's halibut allocation to less than 460 commercial fishermen. We sport fishermen get the rest—12% of the total allowable catch (TAC). It has meant a late start to our halibut season and reductions in catch from 2/day to one/day and only two in possession. Our club joined with many other organizations, including the BC Wildlife Federation, to object to this giveaway of OUR fish. But sadly no immediate changes are planned by DFO.

But on the bright side....Lingcod were opened on May 1st., the earliest in a number of years. The usual spots are producing well.

On the salmon front, coho are still at low levels in the Strait of Georgia and Fraser River. This will mean continuing restrictions locally. North and West Island Chinook will be pretty much the same as last year. **CHECK YOUR REGULATIONS AND PHONE DFO TO GET THE LATEST CLOSURES IN OUR AREA.**

Finally from me.. On June 20 and 21 our club is again hosting a Free Family Fishing Weekend on June 20th and 21st.. Bring the kids and anyone else and do some trout fishing in our stocked pond at the Club. No license required – Limit is 2 rainbow trout /person. Thrifty Foods will be at the Club again giving out their delicious hotdogs and drinks for FREE! 9-4 each day. Come on up and have some fun. No tackle?? No problem.. we have loaner gear.

Have a safe and productive summer on the water.

Cheers
Bryan Allen
Sports Fishing Director.



MEMBERSHIP TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899

Welcome to all the new members. The Association has a lot of amenities and activities to offer you but remember that there are rules and guidelines to be followed. Everyone that has obtained a gate key should have received a copy of the Constitution and general regulations and signed a declaration as receiving such.

There may be membership and key checks throughout the summer so carry your membership card and be prepared to show it if asked.

2010 memberships will be available at the September meeting.

The 2009 BCWF liability insurance policy for our Association is GC 06020. This policy number may be required for some hunting licence applications and to hunt on private land.



COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING - The Valley Regulators are busy getting the range ready for two upcoming matches this summer. Registrations are coming in for Showdown in the Valley, July 18 –19 & the SASS Canadian Regional Championships, Sept. 3-6.

Besides building new props at Boomtown, we have been salvaging materials from a house donated to us. This has supplied us with enough shingles & shakes to roof our loading/unloading tables & all the shooting facades on

the range.

We wish to thank members of Courtenay Fish & Game & folks from our community for their donations of antiques & memorabilia to be displayed at Boomtown.

If you haven't already checked out the Cowboy Action Range, drop in & have a look. There is usually someone working there who will gladly give you a tour.

Come out the 3rd Saturday of the month to see what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about. **For more information contact Phil @ 897-3643 Mon – Fri. days, 334-3479 eves. or keanauto@shaw.ca**

You can also check us out at www.valleyregulators.com

A WORD OR TWO FROM OUR CONSERVATION COMMITTEE - We had a successful year catching Coho brood stock from the Trent River. Thanks to the innovative thinking of some of the "old" boys, we erected a sky line system to lift the fish from the river bed to the road above.

From the Puntledge Town site Hatchery we moved 69,650 eggs to the Comox Lake Hatchery. We had a very good turn out of fry, approximately 90%. When these fry reach 3 grams we should like to ask you for help clipping the adipose fin. There will be expert instructors to show you how. It is not hard work and very gratifying to see what you accomplish. We supply the tools for the job. It would be nice to see some new faces at the work bee. This will not occur until the end of May or the beginning of June. Please call me at 250-334-4304 if you would like to give it a try.

The Conservation Committee is working with the Ministry of Environment on a fish assessment study of Comox Lake. This study will determine angler effort and collect fish data on the lake. We will be counting and interviewing anglers during the coming months. The object of this study is to determine future fish production and develop a fisheries management plan for Comox Lake. Our club has committed \$15,000 and volunteer help for this study. That being said, we would like members with boats to help out. All you have to do is cruise the lake on a predetermined day and time, count the fishers and ask for catch information. This would be an opportunity for you to get involved in a club project while enjoying a boat ride on the lake. For further information contact **Meinhard Klein - Conservation Director (250-334-4304)**.

On the Social Scene.....

Mark your calendars

FAMILY CAMP OUT - Saturday June 13 & Sunday June 14, 2009. Breakfast 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. Lunch 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. **POTLUCK DINNER SATURDAY** 5:30 p.m.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST - July 11th - Doors open 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$12.50, Children 6-12 \$5.00 5 years and under are free. Tickets available June 1st till July 9th from Ray & Deb at the campsite, Al & Ellen 338-9122 or Elsie Rogers 338-4420.

CORN BOIL - August 22nd - Doors open 5:00 p.m. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Adult tickets \$12.50, Children 12 to 6 \$5.00 5 years and under are free. Tickets available July 11th. from Ray & Deb at the campsite, Al & Ellen 338-9122 or Elsie Rogers 338-4420.