

Courtenay & District Fish & Game
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From 10 a.m to 5 p.m.

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Newsletter
September 2009

President's Message

I hope that all of you have had a safe and enjoyable summer. I hope you and your family had the opportunity to take advantage of the many activities your association had to offer at the Club over the summer months.

Although no major projects were started this summer, most committees and groups of member volunteers were busy putting finishing touches on past projects plus doing what we do to keep things running and the Club grounds looking pristine.

All the events held this summer have been more than successful. These include:

Outdoor Show

Fishing Forever

BC Family Fishing Week-end

Bust-up in Boomtown (SASS)

My thanks to the many organizers and their countless volunteers. Their hard work is what makes these events the successes they are. If you are interested in helping out at future events, you will not only be helping out your Club but you will enjoy seeing the delight on people's faces that attend functions at our Club. I urge you to volunteer.

Yours in Conservation

Keith MacKenzie

2010 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 APPLICATION, RENEWAL &
CONTACT INFORMATION SEE BACK PAGE.**

Deserving Members Corner

Gail Eggiman, Publicity

This quarter's award goes to Jim Wheeldon AKA Sauce. He can be described as "a lot of energy and volunteerism packed into a small package" and a laugh and a big smile to go with it. Jim currently sits as a Director for Courtenay and District Fish and Game and has been involved in every aspect of the Association for many years. You can find him helping at the Trap and Skeet, working the Fundraiser Banquet, in waders at the river with the Conservation committee, wearing an apron in the kitchen working club social dinners, and many other club venues. If he is available, you can usually count on him. We need more members like him. *Many thanks, Jim.*



Publicity by Gail Eggiman

Our Association is like a ship of 2000 passengers on a cruise enjoying the scenery and the many facilities to enjoy on board. However, our ship only has a crew of about 20 running the helm, the engine room and all the passenger activities. I hope our members will make a real effort to respond to calls for volunteers. Our summer was very busy with BC Family Fishing, Fishing Forever Program, Outdoor Recreation Show, Kids Camp, SASS, etc. and it was nice to see some new faces helping out, but we can sure use more. All these events not only reap funds to maintain the Association but they develop good community relations in support of our conservation cause. We are always hearing comments from citizens about how much they enjoyed themselves at our events and how lucky we are to have the facility. I encourage members and their spouses/partners that would like to get involved, but are not sure about what they could be getting into; to email courtfg@telus.net and their questions will be answered or come out to our monthly meetings.

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

The Association has many firearms ranges, shooting venues and is licensed as a "gun club" for restricted and prohibited handguns.

- Our ranges include:
- 100 yard outdoor** for large bore rifle and handguns - open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 - 25 yard outdoor** for large bore rifle and handguns - open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 - 25 yard indoor** for small bore files and handguns - open Tues., Wed., Thurs. from 7 p.m. till ??? (depending on the availability of qualified range officers)
 - Two skeet fields and four trap fields** - open Thursday & Sunday from 10 a.m. till ???.
- There is also a five stand on the first Saturday of the month. Cost is \$5 per relay, \$6 for five stand, or an 11 relay punch card can be purchased for \$50. Ammunition is available. *No casual use is allowed.*
- Cowboy action range has four bays plus a hillside** - Scheduled shoots are held the third Saturday of the month. *No casual use is allowed.*

**Hearing and eye protection is required on all firearms ranges.....
no exceptions....no excuses.**

Range fees (which include all archery and firearms ranges) are \$2 daily or purchase a season pass for \$20. All range fees are used for range and target repairs. Range fees are included in skeet/trap and cowboy action fees.

All of our range officers and range operators are volunteers. If you have the qualifications, are willing to make a commitment, start a new program, or increase the hours of a current program, please contact any of the responsible directors.



GUN SHOW

Courtenay Fish & Game
Protective Association

Admission - Guys \$3

Gals & Kids Free

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 18th

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BRING THE FAMILY

Breakfast & Lunch Available

For more information
and table

reservations call

BOB at 1-250-339-1179

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.

ARCHERY

Join Connie, Pat and the gang at the archery range the 1st Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. For more information and events give Connie a call at 250-338-5015.

MEMBERSHIPS

TERRY O'TOOLE

(250-334-0899)

The 2010 membership fees will remain the same, that is \$65 for a regular membership and \$85 for a spousal membership. Renewal memberships will be available at Gone Fishin', Tyee Marine, at the Association and from myself in early October. Gate keys for 2010 will be available at the November general meeting. The cost for a new key is \$3.

Members renewing by mail will receive their new cards with the December newsletter.

Remember, your 2009 membership expires on December 31st and the gate padlocks will be changed on January 1st, 2010.

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



Fishing Forever 2009 was an outstanding success this year with a record breaking number of participants from the Comox Valley and one group from Campbell River! The weather cooperated, the fish were hungry, and all of the Association's members who volunteered, made the fishing experience for 160 individuals a day to remember. On behalf of the Association, I would like to thank the owners and staff of Gone Fishin' for their donation of tackle, bait, and time. Thanks to Bryan Allen for organizing the fish from the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC and the netting of the pond. The new enlarged and stable fishing platform added immensely to the success of the event, thanks to the Sawchuks and the volunteers involved in the construction. And to all of you who volunteered to assist the participants, many who helped on multiple days, are the members who made this year's program an outstanding success -

"Thank you!"

Ron Watanabe
Fishing Forever Coordinator

CANADIAN FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE

TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899

A non-restricted course will start on the 16 Nov. A restricted course will be held on 24 Nov. The cost is \$75 for the non-restricted course and \$35 for the restricted course. Fees include the handbooks and exams.

Contact me for more info or to reserve a place on the courses.

Conservation Report - Meinhard Klein 250-334-4304

Hatchery

Thanks to all of you who came out to help us clip our Coho fry. There were 22 of you, plus Dave Davies Fisheries Liaison for Volunteer Hatcheries and Christine Berg, Hatchery Tech. Christine & Dave explained what we were to do and how to do it. We started at 9:30 a.m. and worked until 3:30 p.m. - yes we did have coffee and lunch breaks. The first day we did approximately 30,000 fish. The next day we clipped the rest.

This year thanks to all of you we were able to clip all of our fry. This will give us a good indication 3 years from now how many fish in the river are our own and how many are natural spawn.

We turned them loose in Bradley Lake and Bloedel Creek the first week of July.

Comox Lake Study

On July 29 we had the Ministry of Environment conduct an acoustic sounding of Comox Lake. This was to determine the concentration of bait fish and where they were located. They were looking for trout feed. Good concentrations were found.

On July 30th a trawl was taken in an area that showed good. This trawl was done at night, as was the acoustic sounding. The trawl was a success as they caught Kokanee, Stickleback and fry.

On August 5th, Tracy Michalski and George Reed came to the lake to select a site for the next survey. It was taken from an indication of good amounts of fish on the acoustic survey.

Joe Franceschini hosted Tracy Michalski and Lou Carswell at his cabin overnight.

Tracy, Lou and Joe set the nets overnight, one net floating and one sinking. A good number of fish were caught in varying sizes and weights, Cutthroat, Rainbow and one Dolly. The fish were measured, weighed, scale samples taken, stomach contents and sex determined. Thanks to the six of you who came out on short notice to help with this.

A reminder to anyone who wants to get involved in our Coho Brood Stock capture, this is a physically demanding and wet job. It happens on short notice as river flow conditions determine when we can set our nets.

If you would like to volunteer, please leave your phone number with me so I can call you.
Thank you - Meinhard



Through the summer the Valley Regulators have been adding more props, building the sheriff's office & jail & started construction on the General Store. We also completed the roofing of our loading/unloading tables & the Dunsmuir House & painted the structures.

In June we participated in the annual Outdoor Show, where many folk got the opportunity to shoot a single action revolver for the first time. July we hosted Showdown in the Valley, and September 3rd to 6th we hosted the Single Action Shooting Society Canadian Regional Championships. Many of our own members placed very well in the Championship match including Al & Joleen Wilson who took Overall Top Men's & Top Ladies for the second time, & Shirley Salter (aka Sure Shot Shirley), won the prestigious "Spirit of the Game" award.

On behalf of the Valley Regulators I thank all who volunteered. The cooking crew, (in the kitchen & at the range), parking attendants, those working the bar, setup & take down volunteers, spectator control, ticket sales, saloon attendants & all others. Without your help these matches would not have been as successful, & the tremendous amount of work that Elsie & Gail put in is immeasurable.

Thank you for a great summer!
Phil Peterson

***Courtenay Fish and Game
General Membership Meetings take place the first
Monday of every month at the Clubhouse. The meeting
begins at 7:30 p.m. - arrive early - socialize with old
friends and make new ones.***