

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

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*Newsletter  
December 2009*

**President's Message**

My message for this quarter will be short and to the point.

As our Club membership approaches 2400, the need for more volunteers is imperative. What most of you don't know is the vast majority of the volunteer work, done on behalf of the club, is carried out by approximately 60-75 of the same reliable members. The average age of this group is 68 plus. These volunteers make up only 4% of our total membership.

When you joined this association, you joined the CLUB as a whole and not its separate identities. There is no Camping Club, no Boating Club, no Shooting Club and no Archery Club etc. We are ***The Courtenay and District Fish & Game Protective Association and everything we do is for the betterment of the Association as a whole.***

I am taking this opportunity to urge you all to reconsider your commitment to our Club and volunteer however and whenever you can.

Yours in Conservation  
Keith Mackenzie  
President

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

## Deserving Members Corner

Gail Eggiman, Publicity

This quarter we raise our glasses and give a toast to **Gord Parnham**. Gord has the all important job of looking after the bar for the Courtenay and District Fish & Game Protective Association. This is also a volunteer position and he is kept busy working meeting nights as well as most weddings and functions held at the clubhouse. He also supports and attends committee meetings for special events such as the Banquet Fundraiser. Next time you whet your appetite at the bar, thank him for his volunteerism and don't forget to tip!



It's that time of year again for Fish and Game to take part in the YANA Xmas Tree Event. Take time to check out the Fish and Game tree and others available for auction in the Driftwood Mall after 21 Nov and support a good cause.

Several members who have served the club as Directors, sat on committees and volunteered at all our events, have recently passed away. They will truly be missed; not only for their volunteer work but their great personalities.

I sound like a broken record, but we sure could use some new help from members. We need male or female volunteers to help with the upcoming Banquet Fundraiser in February. There is an existing committee but we can use more hands. Join us at the next committee meeting on 25 Nov. at 7 p.m. The Conservation committee are readying to work in the Trent River again so they could use some younger blood for the physical work. The Outdoor Recreation Show committee need a Chairperson to steer them to another successful event in June.

If you are not on the email list, you should consider emailing [courtfg@telus.net](mailto:courtfg@telus.net) and providing your name and address. You will then receive notifications of upcoming events, closures or requests. Also all events are listed under Announcements on the Fish and Game website at [www.courtenayfishandgame.org](http://www.courtenayfishandgame.org)

**TROPHY** - get your entries from the club or phone Randy at 338-6443. If you have any ideas for raffle prizes or where they could be purchased inexpensively or at cost please give Randy a call. **MEAT FOR THE FUNDRAISER** - Randy is looking for trim to be made into sausages for the fundraiser any bits of trim will HELP thanks.



Thanks to all of the volunteers that made this year's Fishing Forever an outstanding success - we had 160 participants this year!! Planning for Fishing Forever 2010 is underway and 4 members have already volunteered to help - 2 of them are from Victoria - HO-RAH! So-o-o, mark on your calendars May 31 - June 3 and June 7 - 10 as days you can come out and help with the 2010 program and let me know!! Also, if you know of any businesses that may wish to sponsor/partner with us - we need some new equipment - rods and reels in particular - please ask them to contact me at 250 890-2090 or [tojosan@shaw.ca](mailto:tojosan@shaw.ca). If anyone has any ideas for improving the program please share them with me.

Ron Watanabe, Coordinator

### **CANADIAN FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE** **TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899**

A non restricted course will start on January 11th. A restricted course will be held on the January 19th. 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 course as I limit class size to 12 students per course.

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

A portable toilet has been purchased by the Association and installed on the lakeside end of the 25 yard outdoor range. The indoor range is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings for handgun and small bore rifle shooting. It will be closed Christmas and New Years eve, but depending on the availability of range officers should be open over the holidays. The only upcoming outdoor range closures are on the 9 Dec, pistol range only in the morning, 15 Dec, both ranges all day, 13 Jan, pistol range only in the morning, and 19 Jan, both ranges all day.

Fall weather was great for continuing work at the Cowboy Action range. The roofs on the jail & the General Store are completed in time for the winter storms & we got a lot of badly needed cleanup done.

We had approximately 5,000 old bricks donated to us which will be used to build a bank next summer. We are very grateful to Slegg Lumber for lifting the roof trusses & hauling the bricks for us.

We are in need of siding for the General Store. A type that would fit the time period.

On behalf of the Valley Regulators, we wish you & your family a very merry Christmas.



Phil "HighCountry" Peterson

## Children's Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner - Dec. 13, 2009

Once again we are having our annual Christmas event at the Clubhouse on Sunday, December 13. **Doors will open at 3:00 pm and Santa arrives at 4:30 with dinner served at 5:00 pm.** Bring your children, grandchildren, or just yourselves and join in the fun of some crafts, games, raffles, and a delicious **Pot-Luck Dinner**. If you have any donations to offer for the fun Christmas Raffle please phone Marlene @ (250) 338-6197 or just bring it along with you. Mark the date and don't forget to make your favourite pot-luck recipe - see you there!



## Trap & Skeet Range

Weather has had an adverse effect on the number of shooters coming out in the past month. We remind you that we shoot Trap and Skeet every Thursday and Sunday starting at 10:00 hrs. On the third Sat of each month, we also add 5 Stand to the mix, and on the Sunday that week have a fun club day, with light lunch available, and chances to win a free lunch. Instruction is usually available, so come out and give it a try....you will enjoy yourself. So brave the elements and come out and join us. The wood stove is fired up early in the morning so you can get warm and coffee and light snacks are always available.

We are busy also with meetings this month to set up the Island Skeet League schedule for 2010. We will post the dates for all of the shoots on the web page as soon as we have them, as well as the dates for our 2010 VISL and PITA Trap shoots.

In the next three months we have three Competitive shoots planned. These are all Multiplex Trap Shoots, which means that you pay your entry and shoot at your home club against a bunch of other people in the North West that are also shooting at their home club. Prize distribution is Lewis Class, so everyone has a chance to win some \$....and some of our members have won in the three shoots we have been involved in to date. Participation requires membership in the PITA which lasts for the shooting year. It costs \$10.00 your first year and \$20.00 thereafter. Shoot dates are 6 Dec 09, 3 Jan 10, and 7 Feb 10.

**Tom Walker**  
thomas.walker@telus.net  
250 287-8685

## Summer-Winter 2009 Fishing Report

Bryan Allen Sport Fish Director

Well its been quite a year. Depending on where you fished, the fishing ranged from "uh-oh" to "FANTASTIC". Off shore on the west coast was the best in many, many years for chinook and coho. Halibut were steady all summer as well. The biggest pleasant surprise was the chinook fishing all summer long locally. Right from May until October, big slabs were sitting all over the Kitty Coleman "hump". Even a few coho showed up this year too.

In 2009, the size limit for lingcod was lowered by 5 cm to cut down on excessive incidental catches of rockfish. The smaller size limit for lingcod meant that anglers were able to harvest a lingcod and move on afterwards without excessive wasteful catch and release on rockies, which are in rough shape in the Georgia Strait. Hornby and Denman Islands both produced lings all summer.

Prawns continue strong locally, but the Baynes Sound recreational crab fishery is in tough shape. The reasons for the crab decline are not certain, but it is becoming increasingly clear that the area is too small to support a First Nations and recreational fishery as well as a commercial fishery.

In July strong numbers of pinks showed up in this area, but since most anglers were targeting chinooks, not many were taken. However, when the fish moved to the beaches in August it was a different story. Many fly-chuckers and well as gearheads has a blast with these little guys of the salmon world. Anglers are also slowly starting to realize just how good these small rockets are on the BBQ! Perhaps soon they will no longer be the "Rodney Dangerfield" of the salmon world!!!

October saw the opening of the Puntledge River for salmon angling. Chinook and early chums bent many a rod. Later in the month, coho were opened for retention too. The value to the economy of the Valley from this fishery is totally underestimated and not really appreciated by the merchant community. Ask yourself—why isn't the success of our Puntledge Hatchery program widely celebrated? Why send visitors to the Adams River to see spawning salmon when we have 60,000+ chums, 10,000 chinook, 13,000 pinks and 8000 coho heading up the Courtenay and Puntledge Rivers???

Also during the month of October, one of the most hectic but also most enjoyable sports fisheries opened up at Campbell River... The annual chum migration through Seymour Narrows. It is "combat fishing" at its best! Imagine, your boat is in the middle of 50-60 other boats all holding position in a six knot current. WHAM—FISH ON!!! And then the panic starts!!! Estimates are that 50% of the hook-ups are lost--- but who cares!!! Wait five minutes and there is another silver rocket up to 20 lbs that fights like a tiger! Limits are the norm in this fishery—not the exception. If you have not tried this fishery, you must before you die!

Starting now winter "spring" fishing starts. If you have the boat that will handle unexpected rough water and don't mind cold fingers and runny noses, this fishery is worth a try. Speaking of "runny noses" November is also the start of the winter steelhead fishery on the central/north Island. The Stamp, Salmon, Nimpkish, Cluxewe and Quatse are all worth a look. Just because its winter, it doesn't mean that you just watch football. Get out and enjoy our fishing!

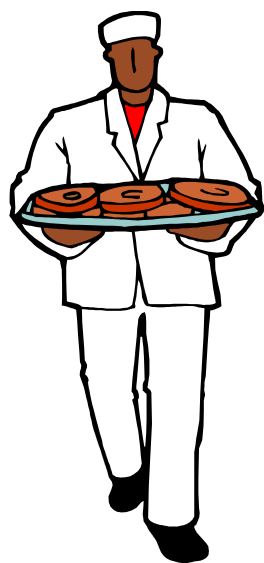
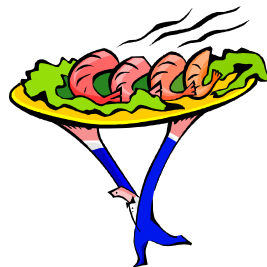
Our theme this year is  
"Caring For and Sharing The Great Outdoors"  
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Florence Filberg Centre  
Saturday February 20th 2010

Doors open @ 5:00pm

Roast beef dinner by Country Catering @ 6:30  
Wild game appetizers, door prizes, Chinese raffle,  
live and silent auctions and of course dancing.

Tickets \$40.00, available from  
January 4th general meeting,  
Al & Ellen Kennedy 338-9122 or  
Elsie Rogers 338-4420



The Fundraising committee is looking for donations of salmon, oysters and wild game. Your assistance is always welcome, there will be a sign-up sheet available at the meetings. If you have something you would like to donate please bring it along at meetings or email us and we will make arrangements to pick it up. We are looking forward to another successful evening.

The Fundraising Committee.



The New Archery Field House is nearing completion thanks to many volunteers and their generous donation of time and knowledge. We have the practice butts set up at the new site and the trail has 25 targets on it with approximately 60 % 3-D and 40% bags. The wheelchair assessable outhouse is now operational as well. We've had a busy summer with Cadets, Boy Scouts, Youth Group, Ladies Day, BCWF youth Camp all enjoying some Archery instruction. We had a great turn out for the Annual Turkey shoot for club members. Several new faces with their families.



We meet the 1st Sunday of each month around 10am and offer the use of our equipment and limited expertise in instruction on types of bows, safety, and more for those interested in trying it out before purchasing their own equipment. The next Archery meeting will be on Wednesday January 20, 2010 at the Archery Field House @ 7pm. Main topic will be discussion and preparation to host our Annual 3-D competition on March 27 & 28, 2010.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season, Connie Sorensen, 250-338-5015 or  
shaun\_con@shaw.ca

**MEMBERSHIP** *TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899*

Your 2009 membership expires on the 31 December so it's time to renew. Renewal memberships are available from Gone Fishin', Peters/Tyee Marine, from the club caretakers and from myself. Shotgun shooters can also pick them up on Thursday and Sunday mornings at the field house. Gate keys are available from the caretakers and from myself. The cost is \$3.00. Return previous years gate keys for a \$1.00 refund (but not till after 31 Dec). The gate padlocks will be changed on the 1 January. The final membership count for 2009 was 2261 members: 1357 regular members, 664 spouses and 240 seniors.

