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*Newsletter
March 2010*

President's Message

By the time this article goes to print, the Annual Fund raiser will have been held. I know that the attendance is expected to be down from previous years. We hope to address the various reasons for this decline in ticket sales over the coming year and once again have a sold out event. I thank everyone who continues to support our association by being involved in this event.

Spring is just around the corner and the time has come for us to combat some of the problems that the heavy rains inflicted upon our property. There will be numerous requests for volunteer work parties to help restore our site to its pristine condition and your participation will be appreciated.

Our annual awards night will be held in April. This is an opportunity for members to not only come out and enjoy a good meal, but a chance to offer congratulations to members for their hunting and fishing prowess over the past year as well as recognize individuals for their involvement and dedication to the Club.

In June, our annual Outdoor Show will be held. Our sincere thanks to James Sheppard for stepping up to take over as chairperson of this major fund raising event. Please show your support for James and the Outdoor Show Committee by willingly volunteer some hours to help put on this event.

All in all, things are going well at the lake and I expect that it will get busier as the year progresses. I invite you all to take some time from your busy schedule and come up to the lake, relax and enjoy our view of paradise.

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

Thumbs up goes to Laurie Lamb. Laurie and her husband, Wendel, are both members of the Association. You will find Laurie volunteering in the kitchen at almost every event that involves feeding hungry visitors. Without members like her, our income from the kitchen would be non-existent and we would not enjoy some fine meals.



Each and every member's contribution is significant. This year is already busy with the upcoming Banquet Fundraiser followed by our Annual Spring Cleanup on 24 April 2010. Come out to the club for coffee and muffins at 8 a.m. Some will head out to pick up garbage and junk dumped along the roadside and form piles for volunteer trucks to pick up, others will be cleaning up on the property and some will stay inside to clean windows, etc. Not only do we want to clean up our environment, we need to spruce things up so we can be proud to have visitors come to our events! With enough volunteers, we are usually finished around noon and sit down to enjoy a complimentary lunch.

The March General Meeting will have well known guest speaker, Jack Minard making a presentation and Don McRae, BC Liberal MLA for Comox Valley will attend our April General Meeting held on 12 Apr (because the first Monday is a holiday). Members are encouraged to attend. And remember, if you would like to receive notices of Association events and info, please send your name and email address to courtfg@telus.net. Our new website is www.courtenayfishandgame.org and still a work in progress.

www.courtenayfishandgame.org

For calendar of events, pictures, newsletters and information.



The new gates on the pond are in place, fish have been requested from the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC, some new fishing gear has been ordered, and I have a dozen volunteers signed up already. Fishing Forever will be running from May - June 3 and June 7 - 10, so there will be plenty of opportunity for you to volunteer to help out with this most enjoyable program, so contact me at tojosan@shaw.ca or 890-2090 or see me at a meeting and I will sign you up. If you have ideas on how we can improve this program, have a line on or if you can land us some new fishing gear, or have some business that will like to partner with us, please let me know! Thanks.

Tight lines and sharp hooks!
Ron Watanabe, Fishing Forever Coordinator

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

A non restricted course will be held May 17-20 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. A restricted course will be held May 25 from 6:30 - 10:30 pm. The non restricted course costs \$75 and the restricted course costs \$35. These fees include the handbook and exams.

For more information, or to register, contact me.

SPRING RAFFLE

Tickets for the annual spring raffle will be available at the March General Meeting. Please help out by taking a book or two. The prize for most tickets sold is a \$300.00 gift card at home depot. For more info or to have tickets delivered if you can't make the meeting call RANDY @338-6443. Also a big thank you to those who gave meat for sausage at the fundraiser. Cheers

RANGES TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899

The outdoor rifle and pistol ranges will be closed on March 26 -28 for the association archery tournament. It soon will be re-qualification time for several federal and provincial law enforcement agencies and the both the outdoor rifle and handgun ranges will be closed daily.

Known range closures are:
April 19-23, April 26-30, May 3-7 (DFO) both ranges, all day
May 1 (Securicor) Pistol range only.
May 11-13 (Environment Canada - Wildlife Enforcement Division) both ranges, all day and also the evening of May 12

Any additional range closures will be posted monthly in both range firing points notice boards, by E-mail and on the web site:

www.courtenayfishandgame.org

Trap & Skeet Range

We have had some success lately, with our Trap and Skeet Shooters. First Trap. The Feb Multiplex Shoot (which is a postal shoot shot at a number of clubs in BC, Wash, Oregon, and Hawaii), drew over 281 shooters. We had 8 shooters who participated at our club....this included several shooters from Victoria who joined our local guys for the Shoot. In the Singles event, Cliff Tarnowski, Paul Bligh and Buck Harley all came away with payouts from the Lewis Purse. In the Handicap event, Keith Collins, Cliff Tarnowski, Ted Marsen and Buck Harley brought home some coin, and Buck Harley was also on the payout list for Doubles.

At the first Island Skeet League shoot of the year held 14 Feb Alex Stuart came away with B-1 for 12g and HOA for B Class. Tom Walker won A-1 Doubles, and Lorne Wigard D-1 Doubles. Lisa Cunningham was High Lady, and Stuart Wolfe won the Unclassified pin.

We now have the new Pat Traps set up on all the fields, and the first 25 was shot by Alex Stuart on the Skeet range.! Not bad for a Senior Vet shooter!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Come out and join us for some Trap, Skeet or 5 Stand. Trap and Skeet open every Thursday and Sunday from 10:00 AM. Trap, Skeet and 5 Stand open the 3rd Sat of each month and the next day (Sunday) as well.

We would love to see you...shells available at the club, and there is always someone there willing to help new or inexperienced shooters!!

Tom Walker

tomdwalker@shaw.ca

250 287-8685

The Christmas Pot Luck Celebration was a success due to all you who attended, brought great food, donated to and supported our Christmas Raffle. Thanks to Jim Wheeldon for the great job of being Santa Claus! A huge thank you also to the Gavin family, Elsie Rogers, Sandy Clifford, Terry O'Toole, Keith and Jan MacKenzie, Genevieve Marinus, Sharon and George English, Bruce and Reta Walls, Mt. Washington, and Marlene Sawchuck. See you again next year!

SPORTS FISHING NEWS

Bryan Allen Sport Fish Director

From the Sports fishing end of things, March/April is the time to get out the trout gear and start exploring our local lakes. On the saltwater, halibut are present on the "hump" at Campbell River for the dedicated few who target them. Salmon fishing should be picking up as well locally all the way from French Creek to Campbell River.

Exactly how our salmon season will proceed in 2010 is undetermined at this time. DFO has not released any information about further regulatory measures to protect endangered Cowichan chinooks. For the time being, assume that the closures that we had off Bates Beach and Denman Island in 2009 will continue this year.

TROPHY Randy Jacobson

We had a great turnout for the annual measurement day, I hope you all had a great time. Sadly there were not many entries for photos or other trophies. To encourage more entries I'll give you a list and explain how it works - In the fishing department we have separate categories for men, ladies & juniors catches of Coho, springs & trout as well a catch & release for salmon, steelhead, & trout open to all. For adults we have Lorne Franks archery deer, largest isle., blacktail rack, heaviest Is. bt., largest is. bt. 2pt. rack, black bear trophy, archery big game trophy, and rifle big game trophy. We also are very happy to award the Frank Gavin Memorial to any club member for the best photo depicting something of interest to the Assoc. For juniors only in addition to the earlier mentioned trophies we also have a heavy Is. deer and big game trophies as well. The winner receives a club trophy and an engraved keeper, a hidden prize is given out as well. There are other trophies voted on by the assoc. for hard work and club service which you are encouraged to put forth your best effort to snag one of these. Weigh-ins can be done at the "club" or other places, a list & weigh-in slips are my next priority. Tight lines and straight shooting Randy @338-6443

GUN SHOW

Buy, Sell, Trade

Sunday

May 2, 2010

9 a.m. - 2 p.m

Fish & Game Clubhouse

Bring the family

Admission - Guys \$3

Gals & Kids Free

Breakfast & Lunch Available

For more information

and table reservations

call

BOB at 1-250-339-1179

Annual Awards Banquet



Saturday, April 17, 2010

Chinese Raffle

Door Prizes

Doors Open at 5:30

Dinner by Courtenay Catering 6:30

Tickets \$12.50

Available until April 15, 2010

For tickets call Elsie Rogers 338-4420

Caretakers Al & Ellen 338-9122

ARCHERY NEWS

Construction of the New Archery Field House and storage addition is nearing completion. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers.

Archers meet on the 1st Sunday of each month (except long weekends) and has been very well attended all winter with a lot of new faces coming for some instruction and FUN! Come on out and give Archery a try, we have several bows, safety equipment and a lot of knowledge to share. Anytime between 10 - 2 p.m.

We will be hosting our annual 3-D Shoot on March 27 & 28. We expect over 100 shooters and their families to attend.

For more information contact Connie 250-338-5015 or shaun_con@shaw.ca. or check the CF&G website.



MEMBERSHIP

TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899

2010 renewal memberships can be purchased at Gone Fishin', Tyee Marine/Peters, at all club general meetings, from the caretakers or from myself. Gate keys are only available from the caretakers or myself. Gate keys are \$3.00 each. Return previous years gate keys for a \$1.00 refund per key.

Single memberships are \$65.00. Spousal memberships are \$85.

PROJECT WATERSHED

Ron Watanabe is our Association's representative on Project Watershed's Estuary Working Group. They are attempting to gather historical data about the Courtenay River Estuary. If anyone has any photographs, newspaper clippings, maps, etc. and are willing to share them, please contact Ron at tojosan@shaw.ca or 890-2090. Thank you.