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**A History of the BCWF**

*The Federation's origins can be traced back to the 1890's when some of its current clubs were formed. Some were called Fish and Game clubs, while some were called Fish and Game Protective Associations. In those days, the management of British Columbia's fish and wildlife was managed for the province by one person who was a provincial employee known as the Chief Game Warden. That management of fish and wildlife was a cooperative affair between the clubs and the Chief Game Warden.*

*During the 1930's and 1940's the province operated the management of fish and wildlife under their department known as the B.C. Game Commission. They divided the province into various "zones" such as the Vancouver Island zone, the lower Mainland zone, etc. The B.C. Game Commission in each zone then consulted with the clubs in their respective zones in order to manage the fish and wildlife resource for the benefit of the greater community.*

*In 1947, the B.C. Game Commission decided to try a new approach to this consultation method and established a scientific management proposal for fish and wildlife resource handling in B.C. by calling a convention of all fish and game clubs in the province - with the cost being borne by the province (this bearing of costs carried on for 10 years). They requested that all clubs be joined together by one body to ease the burden of consultations.*

*The first convention formed the "Sportsmen's Council" whose role was to assist the B.C. Game Commission in managing the fish and wildlife resource for all people in B.C. The Council's first incorporation was in 1951. In 1956, the name was changed to the B.C. Federation of Fish and Game Clubs and a new constitution was adopted. In 1958 and again in 1965, the B.C. Federation of Fish and Game Clubs applied for recognition as a charitable organization.*

*In 1966, the Federation changed its name to the B.C. Wildlife Federation and adopted a new constitution. This name change represented more clearly the fact that the Federation was involved in all ways with conservation of fish and wildlife and the environment for the benefit of everyone. The Federation is still growing, and as a result, its constitution is still evolving—the last constitutional change was in 1989—however the primary aims and objectives from 1966 still remain unchanged.*

*(Source - BCWF website)*

**2011 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



## Deserving Members Corner

Gail Eggiman, Publicity



This quarter we give a thumbs up to ALL our cowboy action shooters of our Association! Their work ethic and determination to build Boomtown, the little frontier town located at the upper range, deserves a rootin tootin round of applause. The events that are held such as Showdown in the Valley and the SASS Canadian Regional Championship create exciting cowboy action and attention from the public and visitors. Their idea for a tractor drawn hay wagon for the Outdoor Recreation Show was a hit with the visitors and their shoots brought in a lot of money for the Association.

It has been a busy summer with all of our events and some of our committee members are experiencing temporary medical ailments. I hope every member will try to volunteer at least for one event each year, whether it be in conservation or our fundraising ventures.

I hope everyone had a great summer and I know some of you are now planning fall hunting trips. If successful with their hunt, the Association is asking our hunters to keep in mind our Banquet Fundraiser and set aside for donation a large roast (at least 10 pounds). Wild game at this fundraising event is very popular and we would like to keep the tradition ongoing.

Hope to see you at the General Meetings where you find out what is going on!

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For calendar of events, pictures, newsletters and information.



Fishing Forever 2010 was another success...plenty of fish, smiles and laughter, even though a few days were cancelled due to poor weather conditions, I estimate at least 100 individuals had a great time on our pond. Thanks to Bryan Allen for co-chairing the program and to all of those members who spent one or more days volunteering. A big

thank you to Dan at **Gone Fishin'** for donating tackle and bait...his annual donation is always appreciated! I look forward to seeing everyone at next year's program!!!

Ron Watanabe

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

The Canadian Firearms Safety courses will be held in November, January, March and May. Dates TBA but the non restricted course is normally four 3 hour evening classes, a day for exams, then a Restricted course of one 4 hour evening with exams the following day. Cost is \$75 for the non restricted course and \$35 for the restricted course. This includes the course handbook and exams. Call me to reserve a place or for further information.

### **CORE**

*(Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education) Course*

Course is 18 and 19 Sept. with exam held on 23 Sept.

Call Kevin at 250-890-0119 to register or for more info.

Courses will be held in downstairs classroom of main hall of Courtenay and District Fish & Game.

### **RANGES**

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

The Association has several firearms ranges. Scheduled shoots are as follows:

Black Powder..second Sunday of the month on the 100 yard range @ 10:00 am

Cowboy Action..third Saturday of the month in "Boomtown" starting @ 8:30 am

Trap & Skeet..Thursdays and Sundays starting @ 10:00 am

Five Stand on the third Saturday of the month starting @10:00 am.

The 100 yd and 25 yd outdoor ranges are open daily from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. These ranges are rented to law enforcement agencies and range closure times and dates will be posted in the range buildings, via E-Mail and on the Association WEB site.

The indoor range will be open Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm for handgun and small bore rifle. A black powder walking trail is currently under construction and will provide an additional venue for traditional black powder rifle shooters.

## ***Conservation : Success ~ One project After Another***

Committee members continue to be busy on a number of important projects for the club and our relationships with other organizations in the Valley.

As a follow up on our Smolt Recovery efforts from the ditch near the Trent River we have learned that with over 1,700 Coho smolts rescued we have exceeded the success rate of the Brooklyn Creek Recovery Program. Hats off to our volunteers who have been doing this for 'Free' for nearly ten years.

The Comox Lake Research Project is continuing throughout this summer. In the next week or so sampling of species and state of maturity will again take place. This project is fully sponsored by our club. Joe Franceschini is the coordinator of the data collection crew. Members are measuring water temperatures and oxygen levels at various parts of the lake. The goal of this research is to improve the angler success and catch size of our resident species.

We are participating in the Puntledge River Estuary Project under the direction of Biologist Lora Tyron who is one of the lead investigators in this study. One of our members, Bob Dunn, has proven to be very helpful in Salmonoid identification. This just goes to show that after fifty years in commercial fishing... we know it's best to listen carefully to the real experts in their field!

The Hatchery Crew is working on an application for funding from the Habitat Trust Foundation to expand our on-site Coho production facilities. If funding is approved not only can we increase the number of fry raised to release weights of 3.5 to 4.0 grams, but we will have a biomass reserve of nearly 20% just in case the fry don't stop growing.

For: Meinhard Klein, Conservation Chair  
Ron Shillum Hatchery Coordinator.

## ***Trophy - Randy Jacobson***

Please fill in slips for your fresh and salt water catch, can be weighed at club or weight stations. Turn in your slips to our caretakers or Randy, telephone 338-6443. Deer weights also at club weigh station.

## ***Children's Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner - Dec. 12, 2010.***

Mark Your Calendars! Our Annual Christmas Potluck and Children's Christmas Party will be at the Clubhouse on Sunday, December 12. 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. ***Don't forget to make your favourite potluck recipe - see you there!***



### **ARCHERY**

We have an informal meet on the 1st Sunday of the month (except long weekends)

Come on out and give Archery a try. We have traditional and compound equipment and can give you pointers and information to help you decide which style of archery is right for you. We can also give instruction on how to safely use the equipment and how to have a good time as well. Archery is a great sport for the whole family to spend time outdoors together. We have several practice butts set at different distances and a forest trail with both 3-D animal and bag targets. See you there between 10 am - 2 pm. Connie 338-5015



## ***GUN SHOW*** ***Buy, Sell, Trade*** ***Sunday***

***October 17, 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***

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

2010 is looking up to be a record breaking year for memberships. The Association has a lot to offer but can only be as good as its members.

Membership costs will remain the same for 2011, that is \$65 for a regular membership and \$85 for a spousal membership. The 2011 membership renewal application is on the last page of this newsletter. If you choose to renew by mail the 2011 membership cards will be mailed to you with the December newsletter. You can also renew at either Gone Fishin, Tyee Marine, the Association caretakers or at all general meetings. **Remember, the Association membership year is from the 1 January to the 31 December.** Gate keys are \$3.00 each, and previous years keys can be returned for a \$1.00 refund per key. Gate keys are only available from the Association caretakers or at general meetings. **All padlocks are changed on the 1 January.**

**Trap & Skeet - Shotgun Range - Tom Walker**

We have had a very active Summer. We FINALLY held our Grand Opening, and held an Iron Person shoot in conjunction with it. John Embury was the winner, dropped only one bird on the thirty thrown. (Ten at Trap Handicap Distance, Ten at 5 Stand and Ten Doubles on the Skeet Field. The opening was on the same weekend as Family Fishing, so we had a draw to try and encourage more visitors to see both our fishing and our Shotgun Facilities.

A concrete pad was poured in front of the field house, which has cut down considerably the gravel being tracked in to the building. It has also been a favored spot in good weather for members to sit and watch the shooting going on.

We also hosted the Island Skeet League Championships in early June, as well as a National Skeet Shooting Ass'n (NSSA) Registered 4 gun shoot. On the trap side we hosted a Pacific International Trap-shooting (PITA) 500 bird event in July. This Month a number of members participated in the Zone 8 Championship for the NSSA. This was a 4 gun shoot (12,20, 28g and .410). This is a Postal Shoot and because of the area covered by Zone 8 we had shooters competing from all around the world. The NSSA puts up \$1,000.00 in prize money for High Overall by Class. We are anxiously awaiting the results!

**Coming up** on 21 Nov (this is our "Club Day" in November), we have the Club Championships which will have prizes for top shooter in Trap, Skeet and 5 Stand, as well as a high overall prize for the top score in the combined shoots. There is something for everyone here, and every member shooter has a chance at a prize as we will have a draw for a hidden score. Members only are eligible for prizes..... Come out and shoot one or more of the events.

We have a small group headed by Don Buchner looking at the feasibility and cost of putting in a Sporting Clays trail. We will keep you posted as this work progresses and we put together a proposal for consideration.

Remember our regular shooting times are from 10:00 AM on every Thursday and Sunday. 5 Stand is available on the THIRD Saturday of each month and the next day (Sunday) which is Club Day.....lots of prizes and fun for all. Come out and give it a try!!

**Tom Walker** tomdwalker@shaw.ca 250 287-8685

# VALLEY REGULATORS

After many hours of work by our dedicated cowgirls & cowboys, the interior of the Longhorn Saloon is nearing completion. The "period incorrect" pink insulation is no longer visible, covered now by a beautiful ceiling & wall panels. The Mercantile was also a top priority to get operational in time for the Outdoor Show and we have added a roofed boardwalk to the jail and a upper walkway on the Fort.

This year the Valley Regulators opened Boom Town to the public during the annual Outdoor Show. Tractors towed hay wagons loaded with people to & from Boom Town. When they arrived at Boom Town, they were met by a grizzled miner (Slim Delgado) who gave them a short introduction to our range before entering the mine shaft. Visitors checked out the Longhorn Saloon, & spent lots of time in the Mercantile reminiscing as they looked at the old time wares. We were kept mighty busy as we gave folks the opportunity to shoot revolvers, try their marksmanship with a lever action rifle at a moving target or the double barrel shotgun on can tossers. All in all, a very successful weekend & summer.

