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Spring is on it's way!

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2011 FUNDRAISER - ANOTHER "SOLD OUT" SUCCESS!



Our Annual Banquet Fundraiser was held on 19 Feb 2011 and was a sold out success with people enjoying wild game and shrimp appetizers, a great meal cooked up by Country Catering, and an enormous assortment of prizes



donated by the generous merchants and businesses of the Comox Valley and other areas of British Columbia. Prizes ranged from



gift certificates to a West Jet flight for two anywhere in the world that West Jet Airlines flies. Of course, this event would not have been a success without the members of the organization committee and those volunteers who worked at the



banquet. Thank you to our guests and members who emptied their pockets, purses and wallets in support of salmon enhancement and conservation activities in our local area.

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

Thumbs up goes to **Dan and Linda Orr**. Dan and Linda are long-time members. Dan attends the General Meetings and assists with the Annual Audit each year. Linda has been in charge of the Club Tent at the Outdoor Recreation Shows and sits on the organizing committee. They both volunteer and get their family involved to work at all club functions such as Banquet Fundraiser, SASS, Spring Cleanup, Family Fishing, etc. They are members deserving of our recognition for their support to our Association.



If you did not attend the Banquet Fundraiser, you missed out on a lot of terrific prizes donated by the generous local merchants and businesses of the Comox Valley, Vancouver Island and BC. When you shop or do business with them, please make a point of thanking them for their support to Courtenay and District Fish & Game. They are besieged with requests in an uncertain economic atmosphere; yet they all do their best for us.

My hope is that the rest of our membership will answer the call when we need them as volunteers this year for our various functions. It is not hard work; you meet people, and have a lot of fun. We look forward to seeing you at the Fishing Forever program, BC Family Fishing Weekend, and the Annual Outdoor Recreation Show (all in June).

MEMBERSHIP TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899

It's time to renew your 2011 membership. A reminder has been included to jog your memory if you haven't renewed. Memberships can be renewed at Gone Fishin', Peter's/Tyee Marine, at all meetings, from the caretakers and from myself. Gate keys cost \$3.00 and are only available from the caretakers and from myself. Return previous years gate keys for a \$1.00 refund per key. A member has requested the following. A specialty channel, called WILD TV, is not currently offered by the local cable company. This channel features programs that may be of interest to Association members. If members are interested in getting this channel added to current programming, please contact your cable company and request that it be added. Information of interest to club members is sent out regularly by E-mail. If you want to be added to the E-mail list just E-mail the club "the-office@courtenayfishandgame.org".

RANGES

TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899

Range closures will be put on the WEB site, E-mailed to members and posted in the outdoor range buildings. A new black powder/cowboy action range has been constructed and approved. It is located adjacent to the entrance to "boomtown". It is specific to these shooting sports.

Trophy

Randy Jacobson 338-6443

The antler measurement day was a great success. Approximately 160 people attended with 52 specimens being scored. Out of these 11 made the record book the highlight being a Boone and Crockett whitetail scoring 173 2/8 harvested by Doug Shopland. Thanks goes out to Gord Parnham, Elsie and her kitchen crew, Gail, Tyee Marine for prizes, the scoring crew from Nanaimo and all the club members who helped out. Remember to weigh in your catch this year, must be in Dec. 31st, pictures by measurement day. Thanks to all who donated game or fish for the fundraiser, sausages are being made as I type this. Hope it's not too late Big thanks to ROB Hackert at Hacks Snacks for doing our sausage free of charge. Thanks Rob!

This Year's Spring Raffle

Randy Jacobson 338-6443

RAFFLE Tickets are being printed ready for the March General Meeting. 9 great prizes including "THE TENT", 46" TV and ladies diamond ring. Books will have 10 tickets \$3 ea or 2 for \$5 making for an easy sale. If you can't make the meeting call, I'll bring the tickets to you. SELLERS PRIZE \$300 gift certificate.



BIG SHOOT COMING UP!

Join Connie and the gang at the archery range the 1st Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. We will be hosting our Annual Archery Shoot April 2nd & 3rd. For more information and events give Connie a call at 338-5015.

VALLEY REGULATORS



Work parties this winter have been to “clean up” Boom Town. Many hands helped rid us of the waste construction materials, & clean up the shooting bays. When the weather improves we will finish the exterior of the General Store & complete the Fort.

We continue our monthly fun shoots, on the 3rd Saturday, no matter what the weather man throws at us.

Come on up & join the fun. Phil “HighCountry” Peterson



GUN SHOW Buy, Sell, Trade

Sunday, April 24, 2011 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 9, 2011



Chinese Raffle, Door Prizes
Doors Open @ 5:30

Wild Game Roast
by Country Catering
6:30 p.m.

For tickets contact:
Elsie Rogers 338-4420
or Caretakers
Dave & Sheila 338-9122

February Sport Fishing Report—Bryan Allen



The big news of the fishing front is the continuing dispute over recreational access to halibut. Minister of Fisheries Gale Shea has refused to provide a fairer perportion of the total allowable catch of halibut to the recreational sector. Instead she has come up with a hair-brained scheme that will allow the sale or lease of “quota” from the commercial industry . The rational here is that if a guide, lodge or individual fisher wants to continue fishing for halibut after the season closes (estimated now in mid August), then they can pay \$7/lb or more to a commercial fisherman that has not caught his allotment. In other words, if you catch a 50lb halibut, it will cost you an extra \$350 to keep that fish. That makes for ridiculously expensive fish and chips!!

The idea that the recreational sector should buy-back a resource that we already own is unacceptable. The BC Wildlife Federation has come out strongly against this scheme, and has called for the firing of Minister Shea. The largest sport fish company in BC the Oak Bay Marine Group, has refused to participate , as have the BC Fishing Guides Association.

This fight is far from over. The issue is rapidly becoming an election issue that our MP would be well advised to pay attention to. Keep sending letters to the Prime Minister, your local MP and Minister Shea.

On the salmon front, apart from much fewer sockeye swimming through our waters, its pretty much the same outlook for this summer as last year. Pinks, however, will be more abundant. Late season coho and chinook fishing for Puntledge river stocks may be limited as the returns to the river are projected to be weak.

There were encouraging steelhead returns this winter to the Englishman and Qualicum Rivers. Maybe the Puntledge is next? A “thank-you” to Larry Peterson and Nick Strussi is due ,for their lobbying efforts to bring back steehead to the Puntledge and Oyster Rivers.

Trap & Skeet - Shotgun Range - Tom Walker

Not much going on this time of year. The Feb Multiplex Shoot attracted only one shooter, but he won some money!! The Multiplex Shoots are sponsored by the PITA and are shot at your own club with the scores being sent in to a central location. This year’s series attracted an average of 30 clubs and about 300 shooters a shoot!! Participants are from BC, Washington, Oregon, Hawaii and Alaska. In each of the shoots this fall, shooters from our club have come away with some of the prize money. Watch for these shoots next fall. They are a great way to get into some Competetative Trap shooting, and because the “Lewis Class” system is used, everyone has a chance at some of the prizes money.

Other than that, we are just getting ready for next year’s shoots. We are shooting every Thursday and Sunday starting at 10:00 AM and going on till about 2 or 3. Five Stand in March is on 19 March, with Club day on the 20th. Come on out and give it a try!!

Tom Walker
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The "*Becoming an Outdoors Woman*" (**BOW**) program is designed for women 19 years or older and provides them an opportunity to learn outdoor skills in a relaxed non-competitive atmosphere. Each BOW workshop offers a variety of outdoor related educational workshops for participants to select from in each of three areas: shooting and hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation courses. Over the course of Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, BOW participants will attend four 3 1/2 hour pre-selected courses of their choice. Qualified Instructors conduct the courses ensuring that all participants enjoy a safe, positive, fun and educational experience and are taught in a very 'hands-on' way.

Each BOW weekend is an all-inclusive package; accommodation, meals, four hands-on courses and equipment are provided. BOW workshops are generally held at camps, the atmosphere is 'outdoorsy', but comfortable. Participants will stay in lodges, dormitories or cabins that may be rustic, but have modern basic amenities. Participants are asked to bring their own sleeping bag/pillow and towels. Nutritious meals are provided and cooked by the camp staff. The focus on the weekend is learning in a comfortable atmosphere. Each BOW location allows for new and interesting workshop topics. **June 3 - 5, 2011 Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) Weekend to be held in Winfield. B.C.**