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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the first time in many years, Janet and I went camping at our facility at Comox Lake on the long weekend. So what you say, well for the past several years our dog Taz could not stand the sound of gunfire, which occurs on a daily basis at the Club Ranges. It made him very nervous and he shook all over, which in turn made Janet nervous and she shook all over too. Now that Taz doesn't hear as well, we can once again enjoy camping at the Lake. On the weekend, the campground was almost full with many families and friends camping, boating and just enjoying themselves. There were plenty of day visitors too, picnicking and enjoying some BBQ.

It was the first time in a long time that I was able to wander around the club property and marvel at what we as club members have. If it had not been for a few dedicated members with their vision and determination our Club would not be what it is today. The volunteers who helped create this masterpiece can be proud of their accomplishments. The other members who come out to assist in maintaining this venue should also be thanked.

We, as members of the Courtenay & District Fish & Game Protective Association, should be very proud of what we have and be thankful for the many volunteers who donate their time to keep what we have pristine and beautiful.

As summer approaches, I hope all members will take some time from their busy schedules and come up to the Lake and enjoy some of the many things we have to offer. It is a special place for all to enjoy.

I hope that you and your families have an enjoyable and safe summer. Hope to see you at the Lake.

Yours in Conservation
Keith MacKenzie

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 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay 250-334-2942



Deserving Members Corner

Gail Eggiman, Publicity

Thumbs up this quarter goes to **Kevin Steele**. Kevin only has a few years under his belt as a Fish and Game member but has jumped right in to get involved. He is a Director, our CORE Coordinator, sits on the Outdoor Recreation Show Committee and is Co-Chairman of the Committee for the 2012 BCWF AGM and Fundraiser to be hosted by our Association. We could sure use a few more "Kevins"! We look forward to your assistance at the Fishing Forever program, BC Family Fishing Weekend, and the Annual Outdoor Recreation Show (all in June).



Thank you again to the members who attended the Annual Spring Cleanup. Your hard work collected over 12,500 lbs of garbage.

Be sure to come out with your families and enjoy the Outdoor Recreation Show on 4 and 5 June, the BC Family Fishing Weekend on Father's Day Weekend, and Showdown in the Valley (cowboy action) in July.

MEMBERSHIP TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899

This is just a rehash of information you should know. The Association has two types of memberships. A regular membership is available to those 19 years of age or older for \$65. A spousal membership is available for \$85. The definition of "spouse" is as defined by current Canadian law. It does not include fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters or children. There is no family membership. The regular members card is "checked" regular, the spouses card is "checked" spousal. The membership year is from January 1 to December 31. Gate keys for entrance to the property, campground access and archery shelter are only sold to members. This key costs \$3.00. Return previous years keys for a \$1.00 refund per key. The keys are changed yearly on January 1. The membership card and key are the personal property of the member. Do not loan them out to non members as your membership will be canceled immediately. Random card and key checks will be done throughout the year.

You are a member of the BC Wildlife Federation by joining our Association. The Association provides a \$2 million third party liability insurance policy for you through HUB insurance. This includes liability insurance on ATV's and personal water craft up to 26' with motors up to 100 HP (conditions apply). There is also a BCWF Affinity Partnership with many agencies that benefit you and the BCWF. This information will be sent to you from the BCWF with your BCWF membership card.

Have You Ever Seen the Rain?

The title of this 1970's CCR song is now clear at Courtenay Fish and Game. Go to www.courtenayfishandgame.org and browse the Current Conditions tab. You can not only see the rain, you can also see the sun, the wind and the temperature before your visit to the lake. While you are browsing the clubs web site, visit the calendar and see the upcoming events. Got something for sale? Talk to Gail about having it added to the classified section.

Want to volunteer for an upcoming event, see the contacts section for a list of the clubs directors. Thanks to John Shepherd and Richard Heyer for their assistance in setting this up.

Cheers
James Shepherd



2012 BCWF CONVENTION

This is a progress report to the membership about the activity of the 2012 BCWF Organizing Committee. The delegates from the 2011 convention and this committee met and discussed what worked well and what did not and what we should consider in planning the 2012 convention. Thanks to those delegates for their feedback and I am confident we can organize a smooth running convention.

- Approval of the various venues is pending and should soon be finalized.
- First meeting between members of this committee with BCWF staff and Executive is pending. I anticipate that after this meeting, our activity level will ramp up significantly.
- Changes in our committee structure has occurred - Keith MacKenzie will coordinate the Thursday night club BBQ night. Randy Jacobson will be co-coordinator with Greg Lafortune for planning the Fundraiser Evening. Wednesday Night Meet and Greet will be coordinated by Kevin Steele and myself. Linda Purvis will be co-coordinator for the Spousal Program.

Updates will be provided to the Executive, Directors, and the membership through the newsletter and email. If there are any questions or concerns please contact Kevin Steele or myself.

Ron Watanabe, Chair
2012 BCWF AGM and Convention Organizing Committee



ARCHERY

Join Connie 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 338-5015.

Trash Talk

Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up for our Annual Spring Cleanup in May. We had 67 people show up and they enjoyed some morning coffee and lunch compliments of the club and Elsie Rogers. **You collected 12,562 pounds of garbage.** Special thanks to our members who loaned their vehicles and to Gord Corrigan Trucking, Kelly Klassen of VI Enterprises, J.R. Edgett Excavating Ltd, John Super, Gary Williams and Ken Fawkes. Thanks go to the Manager of Solid Waste at the CVRD for waiving tipping fees for our annual cleanup.

Gail Eggiman
Spring Cleanup Coordinator



As has been the case in the previous 5 years, we have a full slate of participants from various organizations. A big thank you to Gone Fishin' for their support by providing us with tackle and bait, some of which was provided free of charge. Again, I thank Bryan Allen for co-chairing this program and all of the members who once again volunteered to make this year's program as successful and fun as in the past. A final report will be published in the next newsletter.

Ron Watanabe
Co-Chair Fishing Forever

On the Social Scene.....

Mark your calendars

Please mark your calendars for **September 17th 2011** for a special dinner.

This dinner will replace our "pig roast and corn boil" The reason for the change is that the hall is completely booked for the summer.

The dinner will consist of wild game and pork roasts. There will be games for the kids, door prizes etc.

Tickets will be on sale August 1st till September 15th. and can be purchased from the caretaker Sheila, campground caretaker Debbie or Elsie at 338-4420.

Tickets for adults \$12.50, children 6 to 12 years \$5.00 and under 6 is free.

If anyone has ideas or suggestions for entertainment please let Elsie know 338-4420 or email rayelse@shaw.ca

RANGES TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899

The indoor range will close for summer on June 2 and open in September. Enjoy shooting outdoors!!

Most of the range closures will finish in early June as the law enforcement agencies will complete their qualifications. Range closures will be posted in the outdoor ranges, on the WEB site and an E-mail will be sent to members.

However, it's wedding season and the hall is rented every weekend. The 100 yd and 25 yd outdoor ranges will close at 3:00 pm on these days.

June Sport Fishing Report—Bryan Allen



Things are starting to move on the salmon front. Kitty Coleman hump has produced some nice Chinooks. Flora Island has been spotty but some fish are present. Over on the west coast, sockeye are in Alberni Canal already and good numbers of springs between 10 and 25 lbs are being taken inshore from Renfrew to Esperanza. Inshore coho are forecast to be similar to last year.

While it is shaping up to be a good season for anglers, there is still no resolution to the halibut allocation issue. However, with a commitment from our MP, John Duncan, with direction from the Prime Minister, to broker a better share of the available halibut for recreational halibut anglers, there is some hope for a better deal. It goes without saying, however, that MP Duncan must be held to his election promise so that we don't end up see the halibut allocation issue end up with his office floor sweepings.

There is a good forecast for Fraser pinks this year. Don't underestimate the sportiness and eating quality of these silver rockets. The key is to match your tackle to your quarry....AND ICE YOUR CATCH IMMEDIATELY!

Have great summer and don't forget to fill out the applications for our club's fish trophies. Last year a number of categories did not get any applications. Our caretaker has applications forms or they can be downloaded from our webpage.

Bryan Allen Director, Sport Fishing

Trap & Skeet - Shotgun Range - Tom Walker

We held our annual PITA registered Trap shoot on 7 and 8 May. 28 shooters participated, the weather cooperated and everyone had a good time. Top shooter for the event was Ron Stubbings from Victoria. Our thanks to all the members who showed up to help with the scorekeeping and field duties and to Sherry Walker who "womaned" the kitchen! We had a great steak BBQ dinner on Sat night with participants and helpers enjoying some great steaks from the Butcher Block.

Coming up on the Trap side, we will have the mid-week Multiplex trap shoots over the summer on three Thursdays. Come out and join us. This is a great way to do a little bit of competitive shooting, and **EVE-RYONE** has a chance to win some money as all prizes are on the Lewis System which does not rely on classification, it simply pays to a number of scores determined by the number of people in the shoot eg: every 8th score. PITA Multiplex shoots can be shot at ANY participating PITA club. Scores are sent to a central point, and the winners calculated. Last fall up to 300 shooters participated in a single shoot from 30 clubs situated in BC, Alta, Washington, Hawaii, Oregon and Alaska. There are three 50 Bird events, 16 Yard Singles, Handicap and Doubles. You can shoot ONE or more of the events. Prizes are calculated and paid at the end of the summer. Dates of these shoots are 9 June, 7 July and 4 Aug 2011. Come out for 10:00 AM and give it a try!!

On the Skeet side, we have several upcoming shoots. The first is the Island Skeet League which will be held 26 June starting at 9:00 AM.

We also have a couple of NSSA sanctioned Skeet shoots scheduled:

23 & 24 July	GLACIER VIEW OPEN	4 Guns plus Doubles
28 Aug	RETRO SHOOT	4 X 50 birds

Sporting Clays work has commenced on building a Sporting Clays course. We have ordered some machines to augment those we already own, and are waiting to hear from the Range Inspector for approval to proceed. Current plan is for a 12 Station course built in stages, starting with 5 stations and expanding as the revenue from this allows.

Lastly, don't forget our regular shooting schedule. We shoot Trap and Skeet every Thursday and Sunday starting at 10:00 AM. On the Third Sat of each month we shoot 5 Stand, again Starting at 10:00 AM. The next day is Club Day, and we do some fun things, have a special lunch and have prizes such as free lunch or a free round of Trap or Skeet. Light Lunch is available at the Field house on all days that we are open.

NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE 5 STAND ON JUNE 18TH, TO ALLOW OUR SHOOTERS TO ATTEND THE SPORTING CLAYS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN GOLD RIVER. CLUB DAY WILL STILL BE ON FOR THE 19TH!

We hope to see all of you at the Shotgun Range

Tom Walker

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