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2012 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
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GONE FISHIN' 3-2720 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay 250-334-2007

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Seasons Greetings

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December 2011*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well I guess that, if the events that took place at the November General meeting are any indication, I can safely say that we are not the Big Happy Family we thought we were. There were many contributing factors that influenced the results. I realize now that there was not a clear understanding of what the Board of Directors was attempting to attain with regards to the operation of the Association. Unfortunately, the circulation of misinformation, the lack of better communication from the Board and the lack of clarity of the goals has resulted in a divide with in the membership of our Association.

It is my responsibility as President, along with the Executive and the Board of Directors, to remedy this situation and repair any perceived problems that may have been incurred. This may take some time, but it can and will be done in the interest of our Club.

On a more happier note, it is time for our Annual Kids Christmas Party to be held on December the 11, 2011. Besides a visit from Santa and gifts for the kids, the Pot-Luck Dinner is always a tasty event. So it is time to dust of your favourite recipes and get cooking.

To all the members of the Association and your families, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Conservation
Keith MacKenzie

Deserving Members Corner

Gail Eggiman, Publicity

Thumbs up this quarter goes to members of the Setting our Sights Committee and Len Everett and his Constitution Committee for their effort spent trying to come up with ideas and suggestions to improve the management and performance of the Courtenay and District Fish & Game Protective Association. It is always a work in progress to keep our Association running to the satisfaction of all. The Constitution proposals were defeated and that means we carry on. Hopefully, our members will come forward to volunteer for our 2012 upcoming events. There has been a lack of interest in some social events causing cancellations and disheartened Committee heads.

Fortunately, our email is up and running with a new program that permits sending to mass distribution lists. Now, we can keep you informed again. Also, don't forget checking out our website at www.courtenayfishandgame.org Click on the calendar and see what is happening anytime. Also, don't hesitate to let me know at the-office@courtenayfishandgame.org if you find incorrect information.



YANA Christmas Tree

Members can check out the Christmas trees inside the Driftwood Mall that have been decorated by various families and organizations including one from Courtenay and District Fish & Game. The trees are on display now for the next two weeks and bids can be submitted. You get the tree complete with decorations, etc and all monies to benefit YANA.

WILDGAME DONATIONS NEEDED

There is still need for more donations of wild game roasts (8-10 pound size), wild game sausages and pepperoni, and salmon (frozen and smoked) to be used during the Fundraiser Dinner and Awards Banquet during the 2012 BCWF Convention. Please, if you have any to spare please contact the undersigned for pick up or you can deliver it to the club (the caretaker) and he will put in the freezer. Thanks!!

Ron Watanabe, 250-890-2090

tojosan@shaw.ca

FIRST CALL for Volunteers for the 56th Annual BCWF AGM & Convention 25-28 April, 2012



The success of this event now depends on the acquisition of teams of volunteers from the Association. Following is a list of what I believe will be our initial volunteer requirement assessment. Exact times are to be determined. Final adjustments to the numbers will be made in March/April. Refreshments provided!! Please contact Ron at tojosan@shaw.ca or at 250-890-2090 if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.

January-April - Fundraiser Ticket Sales - 5 volunteers - Fundraiser solicitors for sponsors & donations: 10+ Volunteers

Wednesday 24 April - Set up BCWF store, displays, registration areas 9:00 a.m. - ? - 5 volunteers + BCWF Staff - Best Western Hotel Lobby

Thursday 26 April (Club Night - Comox Lake). 3 tour guides on buses. Buses will be used to transport delegates between the Westerly & the Club. Set up, run raffles, etc. and clean-up for Club Night 15+ Life Members - Shotgun, Black Powder, Cowboy Action Volunteers: Numbers TBD - Set up crew for Fundraiser 9:00 a.m. - ? - CV Sports Centre: 20 volunteers. Van Drivers (Daily Requirement) - Youth Program: 3 Drivers, variable hours during the day. Spousal Programme - Requirement TBD - Transportation - The Westerly to the Club & return - 3 drivers - 5:00 p.m. - ? Bar crew - 4:30 p.m. ? 10 volunteers, must have Serve It Right Certificates - all 3 days of the AGM

Friday April 27 (Fundraiser - CV Sports Centre) Set up crew for fundraiser at arena 9:00 a.m. - ? - 20 volunteers, Security Crew at Arena - 4:30 until Close - 5-6 Volunteers, Arena Ticket Sales 4:30 until close - Raffles - 20+ volunteers, Drink tickets - 4 volunteers, Front Door Ticket Sales: BCWF staff + 2 volunteers, Bar Crew Sports Centre - 12 volunteers. Van Drivers (Daily Requirement) - Youth Program: 3 drivers - variable hours during the day, Spousal Programme: Requirement TBD, Transportation - The Westerly to CV Sports Centre & return 3 drivers - 5:00 p.m. - ?

Saturday April 28 (Awards Night - Native Sons Hall) Take down crew for Fundraiser Sports Arena 9:00 a.m. - noon - 10+ volunteers, Set-Up crew for Awards Night - Native Sons Hall 9:00 a.m. - ? 10+ volunteers. Bar Crew 4:30 - 10 volunteers, Van Drivers (Daily Requirement) Youth Program: 3 drivers - variable hours during the day, Spousal Programme: Requirement TBD, Transportation, The Westerly to Native Sons Hall & return, 3 drivers 5 p.m. - ?

Sunday April 28 - Take down crew Awards Night 9:00 a.m. - ? Native Sons Hall: 10+ Volunteers

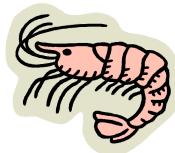


After a generally good season on the salt, and an excellent fishery for chum salmon in both the river and the ocean, things have quietened down for winter fishing. No reports of winter springs in our local waters that I have hear yet. But, given the miserable weather lately for boating, it might be just as well!!

On the halibut issue, we are in a waiting game. MP Randy Kamp has held several local sessions to hear opinions on how the mess that DFO has made of the allocation of halibut between the commercial sector and BC sport fishers can be fixed. President MacKenzie, John Shepherd and myself attended the Courtenay session and vigorously defended the rights of ALL Canadians to access a public resource.

We have been told that before the 2012 season, a decision will come down from Ottawa on how things may change. Stay tuned.

A disturbing trend has arisen in our Area 14 prawn populations. Last summer, we heard comments that the prawn catches had dropped off alarmingly. Catches have continued to be poor throughout the summer and fall. Areas that normally would produce a feed or two with a little effort, now have traps coming up empty. The hope is that it is only a failure of a couple of years classes, but there is no certainty of that at this time. For the foreseeable future , the best bet for winter prawns is Campbell River or the east side of the Straits.



For those who like a fresh clam chowder or a feed of oysters, keep an eye on the local tide tables. And don't forget to check with DFO in Comox if you are unsure of where you can gather clams and oysters. The number is (250) 339-2031.

Cheers
Bryan Allen



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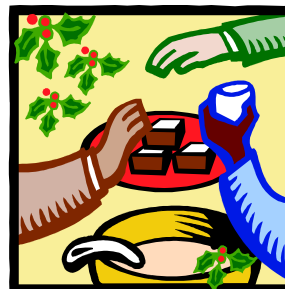
Archery Turkey Shoot - 18 December @ 10am

If you did not win a turkey at the Shotgun Turkey Shoot on the 17th, then come back again and try your luck at archery on the 18th. Prices and additional info to be determined soon.

Archery Director is Dave Thorpe at 250-336-2051.

On the Social Scene.....

Mark your calendars



Children's Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner - Dec. 11, 2011.

Once again we are having our annual Christmas event at the Clubhouse on Sunday, December 11. 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 potluck recipe - see you there!



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

The cost for the courses is \$75 for non restricted and \$35 for restricted. This includes the handbook and exams. Courses for 2012 will be held in January, March, May, September and November. Class size is limited to 12 students. Call me for more information or to register for a course.

A Possession and Acquisition Licence will still be required to acquire a firearm. Legislation, soon to passed into law, will eliminate the requirement to register long arms, that is non restricted rifles and shotguns. Restricted and prohibited firearms will still have to be registered.

MEMBERSHIP TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899

NOW is the time to renew your membership for 2012. The membership year is from 1 January to 31 December. Renewal memberships can be purchased at Gone Fishin', Tyee Marine/Peter's, from the club caretakers or from myself. You can also mail in the renewal application located on the back page of this newsletter. The cost remains the same for 2012; that is \$65 for a regular membership and \$85 for a spousal membership. Spouse is as defined by current Canadian law, not fathers, mothers, sons, daughters or children. The gate padlocks will be changed on 1 Jan 2012. New gate keys cost \$3 and are only available from the caretakers or myself. Please return your previous years key for a \$1 refund. Cards and keys will be available at all general meetings. If you have a business that has two or more members please give me a call and I'll arrange to drop in.

RANGES TERRY O'TOOLE 250-334-0899

The Association has several firearms ranges for a variety of shooting interests. They are:

100 yd and 25 yd outdoor range for rifles and handguns (open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm daily);

25 yd indoor range for handguns and small bore rifles (open Tues, Wed and Thurs evening from 7:00 pm to ??);

4 trap and 2 skeet fields (open Thursday and Sunday from 10:00 am to mid afternoon).

5 Stand is also shot on the third Saturday of the month;

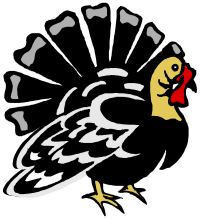
Cowboy action ranges located in "Boomtown". Scheduled shoot on the third Saturday of the month, safety briefing at 8:30 am followed by shooting at 9:00 am;

Black powder walking trail is located adjacent to "Boomtown". It is open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. A black powder shoot is also held the second Sunday of the month at the 100 yd outdoor range starting at 10:00 am;

It is MANDATORY that hearing and eye protection be worn, no exceptions, when using any of the Association ranges. This also includes spectators. Range fees are \$2 daily or purchase a season pass, good for all firearms and archery ranges, for \$20. The option is yours.

SHOTGUN NEWS

Lots going on up at the shotgun range. We have received the sporting clays machines and other equipment we purchased from Dr. Rooks. Don Buchner is organizing the layout and completion of the course. Kelly Stevenson has developed a trail around the edge of the property with John Embury's excavator...thanks John and Kelly for your contributions!! This trail will be developed with 15 shooting positions for our Sporting Clays Trail. If you would like to help out please give Don a call at 250 897-6359.



We have a Turkey Shoot planned for Dec 17th, starting at 10:00 AM. We will have Hams and Turkeys for prizes. Cost is \$7.00 per entry, and **EVERYONE** is welcome. We will have special groups for Juniors and Ladies who would like give it a try! Spread the word, and bring out some friends and see if you can win that bird for the holidays!

Dec 18th is the Club Championship Day. Starting at 10:00 AM, we will shoot for prizes (lots to be drawn so you don't have to be real good). Prize for High Overall, and High Score at Trap, Skeet and 5 Stand (Trophy plus shooting card for Trap Skeet and 5 Stand, Two shooting cards for High Overall). Only one prize per person. Ten Shots at each venue. Cost \$10.00 per entry. Come on out and give it a try!!.....someone has to win!!

PITA (Pacific International Trap Ass'n) Mutliple Shoots will be held starting at 10:00 AM on 4 Dec 2011 and 8 Jan and 5 Feb 2012. A multiplex Shoot is shot over the whole PITA, and scores are "e" mailed to a central scorekeeper. Typically, 20 or so clubs and about 200 shooters participate. They shoot 50 targets at each of Singles, Handicap and Doubles. You can shoot all or only one or two events. Cost is \$20.00 per event plus one \$3.00 daily PITA fee. \$9.00 per entry is returned to the shooters through a "Lewis" Class system, so anyone who participates can win! This is like attending a REALLY Big Shoot, without ever having to leave your home club. You do have to be a PITA member to shoot. Cost for this is \$10.00 your first year and \$20.00 per year thereafter. Give it a try!!

Regular practice days continue around the above. We are open EVERY Thursday and Sunday from 10:00 AM, and we set up and shoot 5-Stand for Score in the Sporting Clays League the Third Sat of each month. The next day is Club day, and we try to do some fun things and have lunch available...which you can win if you can get and break one of those "special" black birds. If you would like more information, call Tom Walker at 250 287-8685, or Gord Keenan 250 336-2424.

C U at the range!

