



# Welcome to the Courtenay & District Fish & Game Protective Association Member Orientation



# Who We Are

***We are an organization of hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy outdoor recreation***

***By enhancing our fish and wildlife stocks through our own conservation programs and in partnership with Government and non-government organizations, while promoting sound conservation practices and harvesting limits, we aim to have our renewable fish and wildlife resources forever.***



# Our Constitution

**The purposes of the Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association (“the Association”) are as follows:**

- a) To conserve, enhance, and promote the wise use of all natural resources.
- b) To raise monies to restore fish and wildlife populations and their habitat.
- c) To support scientifically sound conservation.
- d) To practice and promote safe and ethical sportsmanship.
- e) To promote hunting and fishing as rights to be enjoyed by all Canadians and to affiliate and work with like-minded organizations.
- f) To provide education, training, skills, and social development relating to conservation, hunting, fishing, shooting sports, and associated outdoor activities.
- g) To provide facilities for pursuing these purposes for Association members.



[Constitution](#)





# Association History

Local hunters and anglers formed the Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association in 1937.

In 1953, 56 acres on the Puntledge River was purchased with funds loaned to the Club by its members.



In honour of the original purchasers		
ANDERSON J.	FRANK J.	PARKIN V.A.
AUCHTERLONIE J.	GRAMS L.E.	PETERSEN O.
BAIKIE H.	HALLIDAY J.	POWELL G.
BAIKIE W.	HAMES A.M.	RAUTENBERG W.
BARRY J.A.	HAMES H.M.	REYNOLDS D.R.
BELL W.G.	HAMES J.A.	RUSHTON J.C.
BENNETT W.	HAPPY'S SPORTING	SEALE & THOMSON
BLACKBURN A.	HARRISON R.	SEARLES SHOES
BLACKBURN G.	JAMES E.	STELLING M.
CAPES G.B.	JONES H.	SUNDIN C.
CARLSON P.	JUNIOR FISH & GAME	SUTTON C.
CLIFFORD F.	McQUILLAN E.P.	SUTTON RIFLE CLUB
COE JACK	McQUILLAN TOM	TREEN H.
COOKE H.	McQUILLAN R.J.	TREEN P.
ELLISON E.R.	MINION L.	TURNER H.A.
FITZGERALD D.	MORRISON R.	ZILKIE C.W.
FITZGERALD R.N.	MURTSSELL E.O.	





# Association History

In the mid 60's members built a salmon spawning channel through 2 1/2 acres of riverfront and donated the land to the City of Courtenay as "Bear James Park".





# Association History

The federal fish hatchery building on Powerhouse Road was acquired for a clubhouse in 1963 and moved to the property. The Clubhouse was renovated with the addition of 1000 sq. ft. plus a basement indoor range, meeting rooms, and washrooms.



**HAVE HOUSE, MUST MOVE** — The former fish hatchery building, shown above in its original site, has been moved to land owned by the Courtenay Fish and Game club. The bottom picture shows the building enroute to its new site.

— Free Press photo



# Association History

Due to Courtenay's urban encroachment and safety issues the club voluntarily closed its outdoor range in 1992 and, with a membership of 450, an active search for a new home began.

Logging company TimberWest offered to sell their Comox Lake log sort site to the Club and, financed by the \$1.2 million sale of 17 acres in Courtenay, the lake property was purchased in 1997 for \$800,000.

Consisting of 77 acres of upland and 50 acres of lakebed, the industrial site required thousands of man hours to clean up.





# Association History



**During 2000 the construction began on the new clubhouse, and the establishment of outdoor ranges for Rifle, Pistol and Archery.**

**Members purchased debentures to underwrite costs, and volunteered labor and equipment to facilitate the construction.**

**The new century was very busy. Club members spent two years working with Comox Regional District, Cumberland, and Weldwood to keep the 65 year old Cumberland Rod and Gun Club trap /skeet facility open. But public pressure proved too much and in 2002 the Association purchased the assets for \$1.00 while our members voluntarily cleaned up the lead contaminated site.**

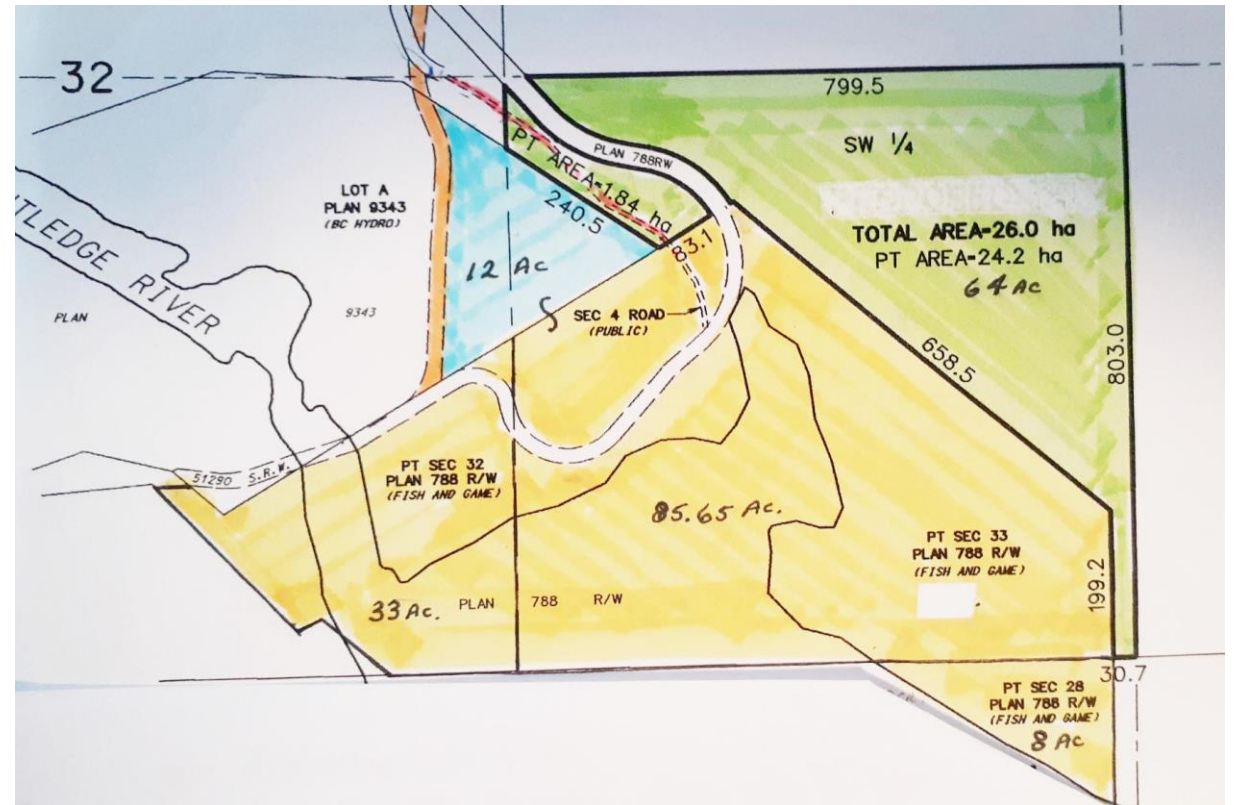


# Association History

By 2001 membership had grown to 800 and the Caretaker's residence was in place. The old clubhouse was sold to a church group with the club carrying a mortgage. The remaining Courtenay property was sold in 2004.

This facilitated the purchase of an additional **64 acres** from Comox Timber for \$150,000 and, in 2006 the development of the trap and skeet facility was started on that parcel. The shotgun facility opened in 2008 while expansion of the archery facilities and development of the cowboy action facility continued.

In 2016, after ten years of negotiation, the club completed the purchase of a further **12 acres** west of the campground from BC Hydro while at the same time selling a Right of Way to Hydro on our land across the river.



# Association History



By 2018 membership was 2500, the Regional District finalized our zoning, and members approved transfer of a 'waterlot' to the Regional District for the new domestic raw water intake and pump station in exchange for a raw water supply to our Association.





# Association History

To date the club has invested approximately \$1.1 million in land, another \$2 million in facilities for members use.





# Conservation

**Our Association continues to undertake programs that benefit the Comox Valley and local economy through protecting and enhancing our fish and game resources and their habitats.**

**The Association had raised Trent River Coho from 1979 to 2015 at the Puntledge Townsite hatchery.**



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# Conservation - Hatchery

The Club Hatchery was decommissioned in 2016 due to water quality. Since then the Association has used the DFO Puntledge hatchery.

The Comox Valley Regional District required a site for new cold water intake and pump station for the Comox Valley's domestic water supply, so in March 2018, the Club traded a small parcel of land west of the boat launch to the CVRD in exchange for a sustainable 3000 l/m of cold water to supply our new fish hatchery.



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# Conservation - Hatchery

Construction of the Association's new hatchery is planned to begin in 2021. We have completed the new hatchery design, pre-purchased some of the supplies, cleared the hatchery site and cut our lumber from the trees while we wait for the construction of the new water intake.

We have been awarded two grants from the Pacific Salmon Foundation for supplies and have one application pending with the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program of BC Hydro. We have also received discounts from our local business community for purchasing the necessary supplies.

The DFO will be our technical support for hatchery operation. BC Hydro, DFO, and Mowi (aquaculture company) have offered various equipment for this project.



[Hatchery](#)



# Conservation – New Hatchery



**50,000 fry/year production target for Trent River Coho, and in partnership with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans:**

- **50,000 Coho fry to be held over summer for release the next spring from the Puntledge Hatchery.**
- **50,000 Summer Chinook smolts to be released into Comox Lake and the Puntledge River.**



Fin clipping to identify Hatchery returns  
[Hatchery](#)





# Conservation



Chum chucking



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## The Association:

- Sponsors studies of fish populations and habitat in Comox Lake and the Puntledge River.
- Recently concluded study of the Kokanee population in Comox Lake.
- Applied for grant re: opportunities to enhance Chinook and Steelhead population in the Puntledge River.
- Received five year grant to continue our annual distribution of Chum salmon carcasses into the upper watershed to replace nutrients natural salmon runs would have provided before Hydro dams were built.



# Conservation

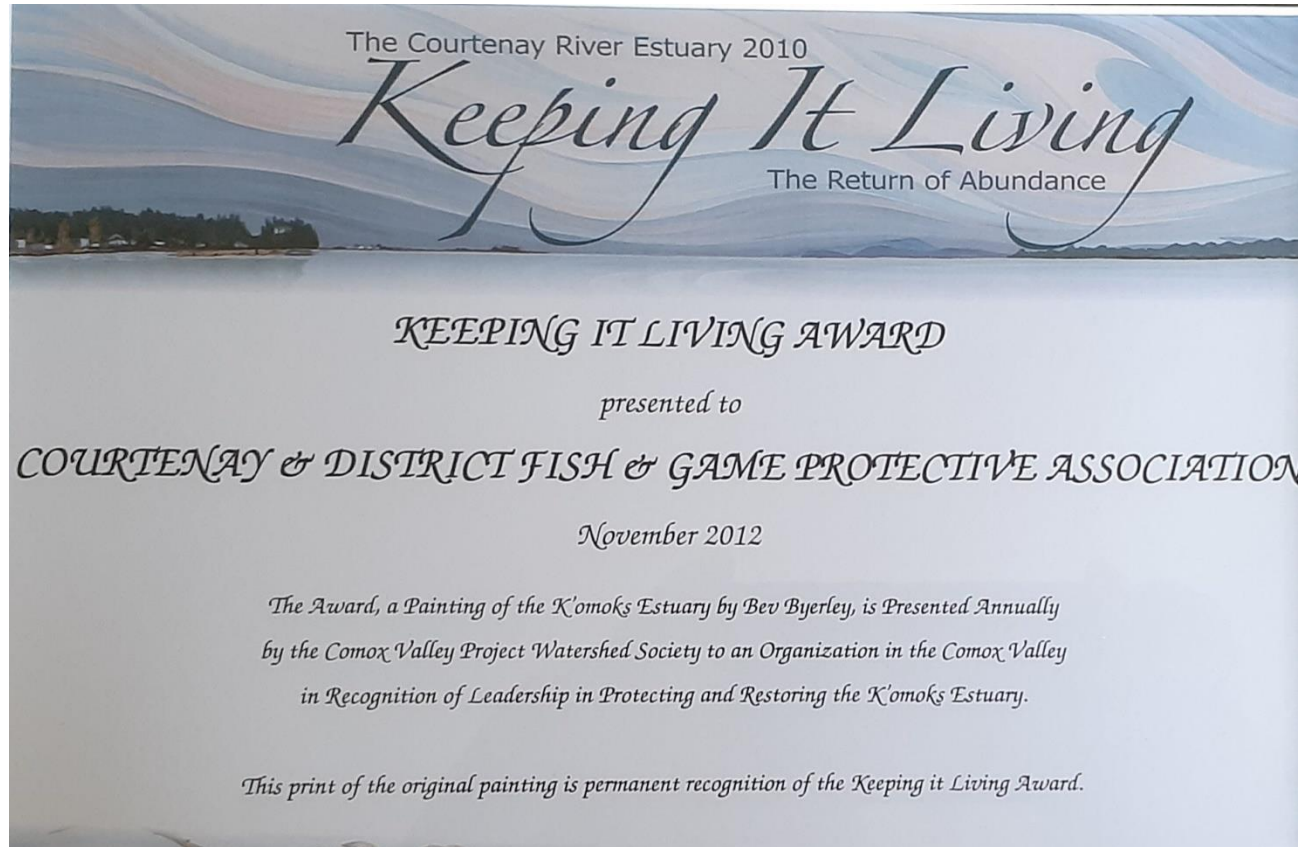
The Conservation group represents the Club on committees dealing with water quality and fish habitat such as Comox Lake Watershed Advisory Group and the Puntledge River Restoration Committee.

We work with partners like Ducks Unlimited, the Steelhead Society, Puntledge Hatchery, the Comox Valley Land Trust and the K'omoks First Nation to preserve and rehabilitate fish and wildlife habitat.





# Conservation



**In 2019 the Association donated over \$50,000 towards the purchase of the Morrison Creek headwaters, the Cumberland Community Forest, and land in the Salmon River Estuary.**



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# Conservation

The Association pioneered the Roosevelt Elk Relocation program and continues to support the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Elk enhancement programs. The Club has been instrumental in establishing a number of new herds on Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast.



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# Facilities Overview

## **COMOX LAKE IS OUR COMMUNITY'S WATER SOURCE**

**\*\*\* All members and their guests MUST be familiar with the [rules and regulations](#). \*\*\***

- Campground and Boat Launch
- Ranges
  - Archery
  - Black Powder
  - Cowboy Action
  - Shotgun
  - Indoor & Outdoor Ranges
- Main Hall
  - Meeting and event hall (upstairs)
  - Includes hall, kitchen, bar, washrooms and patio area
  - Liquor License rules apply to hall and patio – no drinking elsewhere
  - Available for members to rent
  - Office, Boardroom, Indoor range, training room, washrooms, storage (downstairs)



# Campground

- The Campground is staffed from May through September
- Fees are collected and site supervised from October to April by the Club Caretaker.
- The campground is occasionally closed to members during events and competitions.
- There are no reservations possible, the campgrounds are available as first come first served. All campers must register with the caretaker.
- The Campground consists of pit toilets, water standpipes, fire pits and picnic tables only.
- Fees for firewood are paid to the caretaker. The firewood is provided by conservation volunteers, and all revenue goes to conservation projects.
- For campground costs, availability of firewood & costs, as well as information regarding duration of stay, potable water and washrooms, please see the [Rules & Regulations of the Association](#) document.



Caretakers: Dwayne & Sherri. Email: [campground@courtenayfishandgame.org](mailto:campground@courtenayfishandgame.org) Phone (250) 338-5159





# Boat Launch

- All boaters must sign in and out with campground caretaker during regular hours.
- No jet-ski/seadoo type watercraft will be launched or operated from or within the Association's property.
- Boats are to be beached with a stern/bow line attached to shore in posted areas only and shall not remain moored, beached or unattended overnight.
- All boats shall be removed from the water by sunset with the exception of boats used in special events and with the approval of the Board.
- No fueling, maintenance or repairs of boats and motors while on the lake or within 100 feet (30 meters) of the shoreline.
- No motorized boats, kayaks or canoes are to be within the swimming area.
- Please familiarize yourself with the [Rules & Regulations of the Association](#).



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# Archery

*To promote and grow the sport of archery in the Comox Valley by providing a safe, supportive and fun environment for archers of all ages and abilities.*



- Field range with target butts from 10 to 90 meters.
- Three kilometer trail with a variety of 3D targets.
- Field house.
- Old Archers Cabin complete with a wood stove to warm up on a chilly winter day



For more information email [archery@courtenayfishandgame.org](mailto:archery@courtenayfishandgame.org)





# Black Powder

**Held on the 2nd Sunday of each month - 10 AM - 1 PM**

**Historical Muzzle Loading Firearms and Tomahawk & Knife Throwing**



For more information email [John Barnhardt](mailto:John.Barnhardt@courtenay.ca) or call (250) 792-1881



# Cowboy Action

Our shooters are members of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS), along with approximately 100,000 others worldwide.



For more information contact Ed Gee at 250-897-2194, or see our website: [Cowboy Action](#)





# Cowboy Action & Boomtown

Ten outdoor shooting bays, set in a frontier village called Boomtown



There are 19 permanent structures in Boomtown with four full buildings which we use for a variety of purposes, including storage, clubhouse, museum, and machinery shed.



For more information contact Ed Gee at 250-897-2194, or see our website: [Cowboy Action](#)





# Shotgun

Facility includes 4 Trap/Skeet fields, a 5 stand field, a 10 station sporting clay course.

- Payment for targets and ammunition can be made by cash, cheque or debit/credit card.
- The shotgun facility is very proud of recent upgrades to our trap/skeet and 5 stand fields to reduce barriers for shooters with mobility issues.
- The club has hosted many prestigious shooting events over the years including Canadian Skeet Championship and the first and only NSSA Kids Camp held in Canada.
- The shotgun facility relies on volunteers for all areas including maintenance, setup, loading clay targets, cleanup, clubhouse functions as well as hosting the many events



Contact the Shotgun Facility [shotgun@courtenayfishandgame.org](mailto:shotgun@courtenayfishandgame.org) or (250) 338-0632





# Shotgun



## Hours of Operation:

- Regular practice days Thursday and Sunday 1000 to 1500 (Except during Covid Restrictions).
- Sporting Clay League shoot first Saturday of the Month at 1000.
- Ladies Night (To be announced) Wednesday evening during summer months.

**The shotgun facility offers FREE lessons for beginners, as well as experienced shooters by NSSA registered instructors.**

**There is also a youth subsidy (ages 12 to 17) that offers free instruction as well as deeply discounted rates for ammunition and targets.**

**So stop by, meet the members and try out our shotgun facility today !!**



Contact [Scott Weir](#) (604) 943-5159 or the Shotgun Facility at (250) 338-0632



# Indoor/Outdoor Handgun and Rifle Range

Open 8:00am to 8:00pm (or dusk)

25 Yard Indoor Range – Handguns  
and small bore rifles

100 Yard Outdoor Rifle Range & 25  
Yard Outdoor Handgun Range



[Complete list of Range Rules](#)





# Handgun and Rifle Range

## Overview

- The indoor range is supervised and is used for archery, handguns and small bore rifles.
- Outdoor ranges have surveillance cameras and lighting installed.
- Ranges are subject to closure – please refer to the [Calendar](#) on the web site for scheduled events and availability of ranges.



[Complete list of Range Rules](#)



# Indoor/Outdoor Range Rules and Regulations

1. Never touch or handle any firearms while someone is forward of the firing line and/or down range.
2. Ensure the 'range active' flag is raised before you start shooting. Ensure you lower it if you are last out of the range.
3. All rifle and handgun shots should be aimed so that projectiles strike the berm at the end of the range after passing through the intended target.
4. Shooters using steel targets should ensure that the projectiles are deflected to the ground rather than ricocheting upwards or to the side.
5. Small objects - golf balls, blocks, clay birds, etc. - are not to be placed on the ground to be used as targets.
6. Shooters should try to hit the actual target so as to not damage the outside 2X2 target frames. Bullets and shot hitting the stands create unnecessary damage.
7. Mount targets on the stand so that they do not overhang the 2X2 target stand legs. Do not mount with bullseye close to the legs.



[Complete list of Range Rules](#)





# Indoor/Outdoor Range Rules and Regulations (CONT)

8. Pre-mount your paper targets on cardboard so that it is easy to attach them to 'shot up', but still useable, target mount faces.
9. Balloons are not to be stapled to the 2X2 target stand frames. Mount balloons on 2X2 or 2X4 posts that you supply. Posts can be supported in the existing target frame bases.
10. Bring your own 'off the ground' support for targets such as clay birds, shotgun shells, blocks, rubber balls etc. Remember to remove your supports when you leave.
11. Help keep the range neat and tidy by removing your used targets and materials. Deposit your used paper targets and cardboard in the trash cans provided or take them home.
12. If shooting shotguns, bring your own target supports. Large cardboard boxes work well for shotgun shooting.
13. Finished shooting? Sweep up your brass and deposit it in the appropriate brass recycling container.



# Rules/Regulations/Policies/Procedures

**Members must be familiar with all Policies, Regulations and Code of Conduct.**

**These are located here: [General Information](#)**

**The following information can be found on our website under General Information**

**Constitution & Bylaws of the Association**

**Rules & Regulations of the Association**

**Policies & Procedures of the Association**

**Miscellaneous Documents & Forms for Download**

**General Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month.  
(except July & August)**





# Rules – Riparian Areas

Riparian areas supply food, cover and water for a large diversity of animals and serve as migration routes and stopping points between habitats for a variety of wildlife. Trees and grasses in the riparian areas stabilize streambanks and reduce floodwater velocity, resulting in reduced downstream flood peaks.



CDFGPA has major riparian areas located in the campground and near the Blackpowder range.

School District 71 students completed major restoration work and assisted club members with replanting.

**MEMBERS ARE NOT TO ENTER THESE MARKED OFF ZONES!**



# Annual Community Events

The association annually hosts multiple community events.

- The Annual Banquet Fundraiser at Florence Filberg Center
- The YANA Christmas Tree Auction
- The BC Family Fishing Weekend





# Annual Community Events

## Spring & Fall Gun Shows



## Antler Measure Day





# Annual Community Events

## Annual Spring Cleanup





# Community Events



## Outdoor Recreation Show





# Annual Community Events

## Fishing Forever Program

Fishing Forever is the program when we invite seniors and challenged to come with caregivers to fish for the day. Club volunteers help bait, cast, net and clean fish, and talk with the participants.





# Community Cooperation & Relationships

We work with and provide access to our facilities to these organizations and others on request.

- SD 71 School Youth Program
- CV Marine Search and Rescue
- Western Canada Marine Response
- Department of National Defense – helicopter
- Conservation Officer Service
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- RCMP/ERT
- Emergency Response for Cumberland
- CVRD Water Quality Monitoring
- Air Cadets



# Donations

- Royal Canadian Legions
- RCAFA 888 Wing
- Pacific Salmon Foundation Dinner
- Point Homes Recreation Association
- Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society





# Bursaries

Two bursaries of \$1000 each are presented each year to students graduating from Grade 12 in the Comox Valley that qualify in at least 1 of the 2 criteria.

- A student furthering their education in the field which Courtenay Fish & Game promotes.  
IE: Conservation, Environment, Forestry, Fisheries. This student does not necessarily have to be a club member dependent.
- The second recipient should be a dependent and not necessarily going into the conservation/environmental field. Dependents of members of Courtenay Fish & Game Protective Association means, child or grandchild.



# Member Benefits

- Tyee Marine (Campbell River) - 10% Discount
- Gone Fishing - 10% Discount
- Cloverdale Paint - up to 30% discount.
- Times Square Suites (Vancouver) - 20% off Reg Rates
- Comox Valley Animal Hospital - 10% discount on specified services
- Comox Valley Dodge - Special offers on Sales & Service
- Brian McLean Chevrolet and Bret Walters - Sponsor and donate to meeting meat draw and \$100 donated to Association for any new vehicle bought by current member.
- Van Isle Water - 15% Discount on in-store purchases
- Thrifty Foods – they donate all the hot dogs and beverages and staff work the BC Family Fishing weekend
- BC Wildlife Federation membership
- Point Homes Recreation Association Boat Launch

There are also several businesses who donate to the Association for event prizes and give discounts for material and equipment when requested. They are very much appreciated! We live in a great supportive community!





# Club Events

- Competitions and Shoots
- Social Get Togethers
- Kids Christmas Party and Potluck
- Kids Fishing Derby
- BCWF Region One Kids Camp



# Club Trophies



## Club Annual Trophies

Largest Spring

Largest Coho

Catch & Release Cutthroat Trout

Heaviest Cutthroat Trout

Largest Blacktail Rack

Largest Blacktail 2 point

Big Game Bow

Big Game Rifle





# Club Service Awards

## Club Service Awards

Bush O'Bear Conservation Award

Frank Gavin Photo Award

Men's Service Award

Ladies' Service Award

President's Service Award



Ladies' Service Award



# Life Membership

The Association supports and promotes recognition of exceptional volunteer efforts, as those efforts relate to the Constitutional 'Purposes of the Association'.

Life membership enables peer recognition of members who have continually and consistently contributed exceptional volunteer efforts to the Association.

Life membership encourages those members so recognized to stay actively involved with the Association which will provide valuable historical resources to the Club.

Life membership will inspire all members to contribute more 'for the good of the Club' ensuring its growth and development.

The number of Life Members at any one time is generally between twenty and thirty.





# BCWF

The BC Wildlife Federation consists of 43,000 province-wide members whose aim is to protect, enhance and promote the wise use of our environment in the best interests of present and future generations of all British Columbians.

Our Association is one of 43 member clubs of the BCWF, when you become a member of the association, you are a member of the BCWF as well. Your membership fees include the BCWF liability insurance (see certificate on website), a subscription to BC Outdoors, and a voice to advocate for members.



# BCWF

## The BCWF has a mandate to:

- Consult with all levels of government.
- Provide outdoor education and conservation expertise.
- Lead outreach activities promoting British Columbia's outdoor heritage.
- Advocate for science-based fish and wildlife conservation and management.
- Defend access to public resources.





# Volunteers & Contact Information

Other than 1.5 full time office positions and caretakers, everything at the association operates and is maintained by member volunteers.

**Without your help, these facilities will not be available for future generations.**

**Please volunteer.**



[Complete list of Association Contacts](#)



# Association Governance

**The Association is guided by a Board of Directors consisting of:**

- President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and eight Directors.
- All Board positions are for two year terms.
- The President, one Vice President, Secretary and four directors are elected in one year.
- One Vice President, the Treasurer, and four directors are elected on the alternate year.
- In addition there is a Governance Committee, Nomination Committee, Elections Committee and a Finance Committee.



[Complete list of Association Contacts](#)





# Drone View



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# Warm And Fuzzy

Since 1937 the Association has played a significant role on Vancouver Island restoring and enhancing fish and wildlife, while promoting the values of sustainable harvest.

From the early days of working with the 'Game Branch' to set open seasons and harvest limits - pioneering successful elk transplants - operating salmon hatcheries – funding conservation projects and partnering with other organizations - our Club and its members have been an integral part of the Comox Valley community for 83 years.

We believe we have one of the finest volunteer operated Fish and Game Clubs in North America, featuring world class facilities for our members. It is our hope you will participate in many of the activities offered and, where possible, volunteer your time and talents to the Association.

Thank you for attending today.  
A copy of this presentation will be emailed to you.





# Questions



**Thank you for joining and supporting the  
COURTENAY AND DISTRICT FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION**