

Summer 2013



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It is the end of spring and the start of our summer and the club has already hit over 320 members. With the influx of members joining this fall to sight in their rifles for hunting season, we may be looking at a record number of members for our great club.

We held our annual spring clean up on May 4 with only about 20 people turning out to help clean up the range of broken debris, remove dead trees, cut up firewood and stack for upcoming events. There was a great lunch served to help all of us re-charge for the remaining work to be done in the afternoon.

The trap club held a shoot at the trap range on June 8 and all the shells and lunch were free. They are trying to get more people out to show them the fun and challenge of trap shooting but unfortunately they ended up with very few people for the shoot and only about 8 people for the free lunch.

A family fishing day was held on June 15 at Dry Lake (Skimikin Lake) with about 18 adults and kids that attended to do a little fishing followed up with a free lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers and the trimmings.

I am very disappointed, because with the amount of members that we have, we have so few attending the different events that are organized by very hard working and dedicated people. The only reason these people organize the different events is to try to get members out, with especially all the kids we can show what the great outdoors have to offer. We have a small core of people that are always there to help clean, organize and maintain one of the best ranges around, but we are all getting older and when those people can no longer help, well I guess the range may fall into dis-repair or even close. I know there are a lot of people that do not like to attend meetings and people have families with busy schedules, but every member should be able to give a few hours to attend these events

You pay for a membership that is for 365 days a year to use the range and all the facilities it has to offer and it is disappointing that you can't give back a few hours of your time to the club for events and especially for the yearly clean up.

I would like to thank all the executive for all the time, work and help they put in to running our club to keep it afloat in our community. They all should receive a lot more recognition for their unselfish dedication to our great club.

Have a great summer and enjoy the great outdoors that we live in. Hope to see more of you at any of our up and coming events.

Ron Pederson



ARCHERY

Outdoor shooting is available on Monday evenings at 7pm. For more information, stop by Westside Stores and ask Merv or call Vern at 832-4486.

On June 22 & 23 the Salmon Arm Archers hosted the 2013 B.C. Provincial Championships at our local facility. One hundred and thirty competitors took part over the weekend on two very challenging courses. This

year the weather cooperated with sunny skies providing excellent conditions.

Several of our local archers placed in the medals as follows:

Ben Shaule - Men's Open - Gold Joe Sarrazin - Masters 50 - Gold Connor Lott - Pre-Cub Compound - Gold Brayden Brodoway - Cub Compound - Bronze Vern Stevens - Men's Unlimited - Bronze

Complete with a pig roast and potluck supper and rave reviews for the courses by fellow archers, it was a fantastic event. A big thank you to all of our sponsors and a great volunteer group.

We have a wonderful facility for an event of this type



BANQUET 2013

For those of you that don't attend meetings, this past February's banquet was another success story to add to our repertoire. WOW.. It never ceases to amaze me the support the community lends to the club, even during economic slowdowns.

A HUGE round of applause goes out to all the hard working volunteers, that helped out and especially to Susan and her wonderful staff at Cookshack Creations, for cooking up another fine feast. And of course congratulations to all the winners of the fine prizes that we were able to offer.

Just a reminder to all members to have your trophy's scored and entered with Ian for next year's banquet.

In the meantime, please take a moment to peruse the list of individuals and businesses that donated to our club and thank them whenever you are able.

A Flower Shop

A & W Restaurant

Accurate Bullet Company Ltd.

Apple Glassworks

Armstrong Regional Cooperative

Askew's Foods Uptown

Autowear Accessories

BCWF

Barley Station Brew Pub

Bart's Muffler

Black Velvet Band

Boston Pizza

Braby Motors

Buckerfields

Canadian Tire

Cardinal Rentals

Carries Restaurant

Centenoka Park Mall

Centenoka Faik Ma

Central Hardware

Centre Point Automotive & Brian Browning

Champion Engraving

Choices Soup & Sandwich

Cliff Price & Sabine Presch

Coldstream Auto Parts

Connects Wireless – Bell

Country Camping & Leisure Products

Crystal Glass

D C Ouinn's Jewellers

Del Selin Guns

Doc's Neighbourhood Pub

Dollar Up Imports

Dominos Pizza

Dr. Uiimoto

Ducks Unlimited

Eagle River Marine & Stan Heitman

East West Helicopter

Egon Jespersen

Factor 3

Fischer's Funeral Services & Crematorium Ltd.

Flowers by Fimmy

Fountain Tire

G & G Midtown Auto Services

Gemm Diesel

Gibbons Motor Toys

Gondwana Gallery

Hank Shelley & Gwyneth Stead

Harbourfront Family Chiropractor

Hideaway Pub

Hilltop Toyota/Suburu

Home Comfort Centre

Home Hardware Building Centre

Hunter's Union

IC Urethane Products

Jacobson Ford

Jane's Place

Jim Brown

Kal Tire

Lady in the Tub Bed & Bath Boutique

Lakeside Insurance Services Ltd.

Lifetime Fitness

Little Caesar's

Lordco Parts Ltd.

M & M Meat Shops

Martina's Classic Barber Shop

Master Locksmith Service Ltd.

Monashee Mountain Men

NBR Distributors &Body Supplies

Neil Profili

Neptune Pools & Spas

Nico's Nurseryland

Nu Floors

Panago

Petrocan Bulk Station

Pederson Drafting

Pharmasave

Piccadilly Place Mall

Pink Cherry

Prestige Harbourfront Resort & Convention Centre

Pro Body Shop/Fix Auto

Rainbow Glass

Rizzi Enterprises Ltd.

Rogers Bulk Food Store

Rupp Metalworks

SA Fish & Game Archery Division

SA Fish & Game Trap Division

Salmar Grand Cinemas & Salmar Community

Association

Salmon Arm GM

SA Saving & Credit Union

Save On Foods

Scotia McLeod

Sedo's Old Fashioned Butcher and Deli

Setters Neighbourhood Pub

Shepherds' Home Hardware & Buildings Supplies

Shuswap Clothing & Shoe Co.

Shuswap Rock Creations

Shuswap Trailers

Shuswap Xtreme Recreation

South Shuswap Chamber of Commerce

Sportsman's Barbershop

Stan Heitman

Sultry Nail & Day Spa

Surplus Herby's

TA Structures

Tappen Tools - Snap On

Terry's Books

The Urban Think Tank

Tim Thurston Custom Cutting

Touch 'A Texas

Trademark Glass

Trevor Holmes

Tri Crown RV

Twin Anchor Houseboat Vacations

Valerie Rogers Fine Art

Video Express/The Movie Company

Westside Stores Ltd.

Wild Ridge Taxidermy & Ian Shipmaker

Windmill Meats

Woodsman Equipment & Rentals (2005) Ltd.

Zappone Bros. Contracting



BLACK POWDER

Our annual rendezvous, held on the May long weekend, was the best attended event we have ever hosted with 93 shooters registered. All events ran smoothly under the leadership of president Mike Brown.

On Saturday night we fed more than 100 people with beef, ham and potatoes from the club prepared by Dave Ford and Trina German. Other dishes and desserts were supplied by those attending. Merv and Linda Kovach marked targets and did all the scoring. The shotgun event was run by Gary Ellis from the trap club, and we thank them for letting us use their field as a camp

ground. Several other members of the club assisted whenever necessary.

Many families stayed for several days and they all commented on our fine facilities.

Black powder events are a bit unusual in that the social aspects are more important than winning. Competitors are always ready to share their expertise and generous with their time in coaching beginners.

There are a number of similar events taking place during the summer with the largest being at Heffley Creek at the end of August.

Jack Stead, Secretary



BUY A BOARD

The Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club started a major range enhancement project in 2009. When completed (2013-2014) members will enjoy significant upgrades to the Rifle, Archery and Handgun Ranges. To help fund these upgrades we have initiated the "buy-a-board" fundraiser.

<u>For the individual</u>, here is an opportunity to show your support for the club or memorialize a loved one. An engraved plaque will be displayed in the new Rifle Range building.

For the business owner, here is an opportunity to promote your business, as an engraved plaque with your company name will be displayed in the Rifle Range building. Your business will be promoted in our newsletter once per year for at least the next 3 years (360 plus members).

Levels of sponsorship are as follows:

Level 1 \$ 100 to \$299

Level 2	\$ 300 to \$599
Level 3	\$ 600 plus

To date, the following individuals and companies have participated:

Individuals:

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Russell Popham	Jack Stead	Neil Woulle
Russ Martin	Dave Hardy	Gordon Allk
Lorne Grigg	George Ujimoto	Carl Sundmark
Julian Kuna	Erick Sundmark	Hans Funk
Cliff Price	Lionel Aadland	Trevor Holmes
Ulli Schoene	Brian Newman	Roger Williams
Trevor Grimshaw	Merv Lott	Kelly Keating
Monashee Mountain Men	Kurt Schwarz	

Companies:

Salmon Arm Frame &	Milestone Fabrications
Body	
Rizzi Enterprises Ltd.	Sedo International Foods
The Urban Think Tank	Scotia McLeod
Shuswap Alarm & Electric	Westside Stores
Zappone Bros.	Pederson Drafting &
Contracting	Design

To date donations exceed \$14,000 in cash and services to our club. We thank them all for their generous support.

For more information or to purchase a board, contact Lionel Aadland at (250) 804-0976.



FOR SALE

SALMON ARM FISH & GAME PATCHES

Brand new issue of richly embroidered mallard, buck and stylized salmon on forest green & multi-coloured background

Ready to be displayed in moments. Simply heat up the family iron and pres on!

Proudly worn on caps, jackets, sweaters or any other cloth backed material

No Limits! Buy one or any number for yourself, family or friends.

Just \$10 each (about the price of lunch at McD's but a whole lot longer lasting)

A chance to show your pride, commitment & membership as a part of a very outstanding group of outdoor enthusiasts

All proceeds to the Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club

Grab 'em while we got 'em!

Call Dave Hardey, 250.832.4123, email snapcap@telus.net or come to a meeting.



HELP WANTED

Don is looking for someone to job shadow him this fall. This will be his last show. He would like to hand over the running of the Gun Show to one or two interested people. It's not hard work, the show always sells itself and the income generated goes to the Club. Please consider helping out. Give him a call at (250) 832-3646 or dschmok@telus.net

For those of you not attending meetings, Anne is finished as club secretary, so if anyone would like to volunteer to look after co-ordinating the acquisition of the banquet prizes, for the upcoming February 2014 banquet, that would be great. Again, it's not a hard job and just FYI, I'm getting harder to find these days! Give me a call at 250.832.8743 or email rizzient@gmail.com



MEETINGS

Executive meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month and Members' Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse



MEMBERSHIP 2013

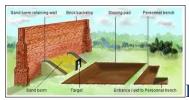
2013 memberships and keys are available at Westside Stores or at a meeting.

All members and *guests* must sign in/log in when using the club facilities. This is an insurance policy. Please use your <u>MEMBERSHIP NUMBER</u> in the sign in books and please ensure that all guests sign in by name. New books are posted in all the venue areas and in the clubhouse, so use them!

<u>All Directors</u> and our caretaker may, at their discretion, request to see your valid membership card while utilizing the club facilities, so **please carry it on your person while using club facilities**.

Please provide your email address when signing up, so that important news and newsletters can be sent out electronically. Change of addresses would be great too.

Membership in the club is valid from January 1st to December 31st. There is no discounted rate should you purchase your membership late in the year, but if you buy your membership early, you are able to take advantage of the full benefits of being a club and BCWF member, such as the BCWF insurance.



RANGE UPDATE

Watching for signs of progress on the new rifle range project seems like slow (or no) motion.

Looking back to 2010 when the project started, we have changed the landscape but we are still using the original building and range. The reason for this slow progress is, of course, funding. Primary funding since the start has come from profits from the Annual Game Banquet. Fortunately the banquet continues to be a success with profits between \$15,000 and \$18,000 each year.

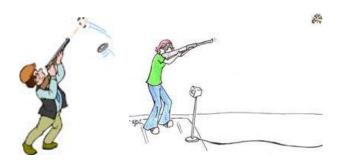
On the down side, this project has necessitated the excavation and placement of literally thousands of cubic meters of earth. Even with the generous discounts extended by Jim Zappone and Peter Rizzi, we have not been able to work for more than a couple of weeks each year before funds are exhausted.

Well here we are 2013 and ready to start again. The difference this year is we hope to complete the project. In July, excavation work will commence. Jim and Peter will complete the final range floor and berms on the west end. This will include prepping the site for the new firing line structure. On the east end, excavation and berms will run up to the present range but we will not close off this range unless we are sure the new range can be completed. You will have a range for pre-hunting practice and sighting.

Design work for the new range building has now been completed. The new structure will be approximately 64 x 16, a minimum of 6 tables and there will be no front wall, this will permit firing positions such as sitting and prone. We will be soliciting quotes for the concrete and structure in the very near future.

You have all been very patient and with good planning and some luck, we will finally be the beneficiaries of a new 200 meter (plus) rifle range.

SHOTGUN NEWS



Practices Wednesday Nights @ 6pm

Want to give your duck, pheasant, rabbit and trap skills a workout?

SAFG Club is the place - We now have Trap & Sporting Clays!

Try out the **NEW 5 Stand**

Club Members, Guests Welcome
Bring your shotguns, shells and be prepared
have a lot of FUN

Further information is available from Gary garyfellis@telus.net or (250) 833-5887.

STREAM



ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Early in 2011 the Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club was asked submit a request for funding of a two part stream enhancement project in our area. The Pacific Salmon Foundation had funds available to club willing to take on projects targeting ways of improving salmon numbers in their areas.

In June of 2011 our club was advised we had been approved for funding totaling \$25,000. The money would fund \$5000 for equipment necessary to clear spawning channels of beaver dams and other natural debris and \$20,000 for stream enhancements to spawning beds.

In 2011 scheduling problems caused us to miss the window of opportunity authorized by D.F.O. to enter these spawning areas.

In 2012, the Canadian based representative of the company contracted to conduct the cleaning unexpectedly ceased operations. Once again we missed the narrow time window.

Starting back in the late summer of 2012, we were able to negotiate with the parent company, Streamside Environmental out of Findlay, Ohio. The company has agreed to honor the contract and divert a crew to Salmon Arm following the completion of projects in Oregon and Washington. On July 22 the crew will arrive in Salmon Arm armed with the latest in stream enhancement

technology and equipment. Sites have been identified on the Salmon River and Canoe Creek and over July 23, 24 & 25, the project will finally proceed.

If you have an interest in stream/fish enhancement and can spare some time please contact our volunteer coordinator Earl Bloom (250) 832-4490 for details, no one will be asked to do more than they feel capable of doing.

Support salmon conservation/enhancement in both word and deed



I hope you enjoy receiving a copy of the newsletter. I'm sure you get tired of hearing.... but send any changes to your email address.... to safishgameclub@hotmail.com

Don't forget to keep informed on all gun, fishing and hunting regulations.

Feel free to send your comments, suggestions and ads to the webmaster for inclusion in the club's website.

Thanks everyone Anne

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms. The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government"

-- Thomas Jefferson