



SPRING 2012



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It has been 3 and a half months since I was elected president and have found it to be very interesting. The first thing I would like to do is THANK all the club members that helped with the Annual Fish and Game Clubs Banquet held in February. It was again a great success.

I have been getting to know more members of our great club and the more I meet and get to know, the more I am convinced the club will continue to be a part of our community, if we keep ourselves informed about what is happening around us. With the plans for the new rifle range and the new area created for Archery, our facilities will be able to cater better to all our members for all their interests. The one area of concern is as usual, is always having the same core of people out for our meetings once a month and always helping with the different events that take place each year. Last year we reached 360 members and we only have a couple of dozen that actively take an interest in whatever their sport is. I know we have a lot of younger people that still have family at home and the demands on family and work are very high, but we still need members to come out to our meetings once a month to see what is happening or changing in the world of the great outdoors.

As the clubs representative on the Environmental Advisory Committee for the last two years, I have seen

where people in the community have not bothered to attend some the information meetings on the different contextual Environmental issues that affect us and our families. They just merrily go along and then one day read about something they don't like in the paper and get mad that things are changing or its costing them more for something they don't like. Our club is part of the community and is recognized for our part and say in the different outdoor issues. If we don't have members come out and be informed about what is happening around us, then one day some of the things we take for granted now will be gone. A good example is when I attended the Mid-Fraser/Thompson- Okanagan Local Sport Fish Advisory Committee meeting in Kamloops on March 12, 2012, I found out in the draft that the Shuswap River Salmon season will be as usual July 25/2012 to August 12/2012, but it is changing to 1 salmon over 77 cm (30.3 inches) a day and only 4 a month. Without club member's participation, one day when those members only join to sight in their guns for the fall hunting season, they will find no season for whatever they want to hunt for because they were not informed or could not be bothered before hand to find out what is happening around them. As a club we could have a better say in things that affect us. Please try to find some time to come out to the meetings to keep informed and up to date, or we may not have the great outdoor heritage we enjoy now to pass down to our kids.

Have a great summer and enjoy the great outdoors that we live in.

Ron Pederson



### ARCHERY

Indoor shooting continues. The Salmon Arm club will be hosting the BC Archery Championships July 21 – 24<sup>th</sup>. Club members will be helping out at Silver Star July 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> for the Nationals. For more information, give Merv a call at 832-5177 or Vern at 832-4486.



## BANQUET 2012

WOW! The community came out and really supported our club again this year. We were worried that due to the economic slowdown, we would be shy on attendance and prizes. But, we do have to say that the banquet was another great success. A HUGE round of applause to everyone 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.

It is unfortunate that we have not heard from the guest that bid on and inadvertently left with the paperwork and tree stand, before paying for it.

If anyone saw the people taking the caterer's bbq's, it would be great to see them returned. They do allow her to put on events such as ours.

Just a reminder to all members to have your trophy's scored and entered with Ian for next year's banquet. Give Ian a call for more information at (250) 833-6474.

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.  
Alpine Motor Sports  
Andrew Sheret Limited  
Apple Glassworks  
Armstrong Regional Cooperative  
Autowear Accessories  
BCWF  
Barley Station Brew Pub  
Bart's Muffler  
Black Velvet Band  
Boathouse Marine & Leisure  
Body Effects Health & Fitness  
Boston Pizza  
Braby Motors  
Buckerfields

Canadian Photoscene  
Canoe General Store  
Cardinal Rentals  
Carries Restaurant  
Centenoka Park Mall  
Central Hardware  
Centre Point Automotive  
Champion Engraving  
Choices Soup & Sandwich  
Cliff Price  
Cobra Imaging  
Coldstream Auto Parts  
Connects Wireless – Bell  
Country Camping & Leisure Products  
Crystal Glass  
Del Selin Guns  
Doc's Neighbourhood Pub  
Dollar Up Imports  
Dominos Pizza  
Dr. Ujimoto  
Ducks Unlimited  
East West Helicopter  
Egon Jespersen  
EMCO  
Factor 3  
Fischer's Funeral Services & Crematorium Ltd.  
Flowers by Fimmy  
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G & G Midtown Auto Services  
Geecoe Services  
Gem Set Studio  
Gemm Diesel  
Gibbons Motor Toys  
Gil Risling  
Gondwana Gallery  
Hank Shelley  
Harbourfront Family Chiropractor  
Hatt Custom Knives  
Hideaway Pub  
Hilltop Toyota/Suburu  
Home Comfort Centre  
Home Hardware Building Centre  
Hot Headz  
Hunter's Union  
IC Urethane Products  
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Jane's Place  
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Lakeside Insurance Services Ltd.  
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M & M Meat Shops  
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 Monashee Mountain Men  
 NBR Distributors & Body Supplies  
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 Nico's Nurseryland  
 Panago  
 Petrocan Bulk Station  
 Pederson Drafting  
 Pharmasave  
 Piccadilly Place Mall  
 Pink Cherry  
 PJ's Family Restaurant  
 Prestige Harbourfront Resort & Convention Centre  
 Pro Body Shop/Fix Auto  
 Rizzi Enterprises Ltd.  
 Rogers Bulk Food Store  
 Rupp Metalworks  
 SA Fish & Game Archery Division  
 SA Fish & Game Trap Division  
 Salmon Arm GM  
 SA Flying Club, Gunter Angerman & Terry Back  
 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 BBQ & Catering Co.  
 Shuswap Clothing & Shoe Co.  
 Shuswap Rock Creations  
 Shuswap Xtreme Recreation  
 Sportsman's Barbershop  
 Stan Heitman  
 Sultry Nail & Day Spa  
 Surplus Herby's  
 Tarnow's Hair & Day Spa  
 Tappen Tools – Snap On  
 Terry's Books  
 The Candy Vault  
 The Urban Think Tank  
 Tim Hortons  
 Tim Thurston Custom Cutting  
 Trademark Glass  
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 Video Express  
 Westside Stores Ltd.  
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 Zappone Bros. Contracting



## Grizzly Bears: Anti-Hunting Groups Evade Science

SURREY- The media frenzy that usually accompanies the April 1<sup>st</sup> opening of the spring bear hunt season has come in full gear, and the BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) is disappointed that anti-hunting activists are evading science, the mortar used to build the foundation of sustainable wildlife management in BC. Anti-hunting activists claimed that grizzly bear populations were declining to the point of extinction in BC, but science-based population models have proved them wrong.

Rodney Wiebe, BCWF President says, "By simply claiming it is wrong to hunt bears and the hunt should be stopped on moral grounds ignores the fact that bears and other predator populations need to be managed because of other imbalances caused by human activities and gives no consideration for the values of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, which is based on scientific management and sustainable use."

A 2003 report from an independent panel of the world's most recognized bear scientists confirmed the province's grizzly bear management is effective and population estimates are sound. The province has developed systems to monitor bear populations relying on science and data partially obtained through compulsory inspection of hunter harvested bears. This independent review concluded that both hunting and non-consumptive use are acceptable in the management planning process.

Last year's grizzly bear mortalities increased over the 2010 figure, exactly what was predicted by anyone monitoring bear populations and bear/ human conflict numbers. But the grizzly bear harvest and total mortalities were still well below the management goals of 6%. In fact, the total mortality, including human conflict and highway/ railway collisions, was only 2.4%. Studies have shown that grizzly bears in BC can reproduce at a rate of 8% per year or more.

Wiebe stated, "The BCWF has worked collaboratively with the David Suzuki Foundation and other NGOs on habitat and environmental issues in the past and looks forward to doing the same to address the greater risks to bear conservation such as resource development and habitat fragmentation. Working from a solid footing built on science rather than emotion will provide better managed wildlife populations across BC."

*Please keep an eye on the BCWF website for updates to this and other important updates.*



## BLACK POWDER

The Black Powder crew will be back this summer with the Rendezvous to be held May 17 – 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note that the range will be closed to all other shooting activities to facilitate this venue.



## CLUB CLEANUP DAYS

Come out and donate an hour or so of your time. Be proud of your club and facilities. Mark your calendars for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for the annual Spring cleanup. If you know of any projects that we should be undertaking, please contact Lionel and let him know. Lunch will be provided for all the hardworking volunteers. We plan on starting about 9:30 am.



## EVENTS

Stan is hoping to have a cleanup day at Cariboo Lake on Father's Day.. This will be subject to the weather. If it's nice, plan on meeting at the bottom of the hill at 8 am and don't forget your fishing gear.

The club is planning on having a FAMILY FISHING DAY June 10<sup>th</sup> at White Lake. 9am start time and hoping to finish up about 3pm. We are hoping for volunteers to help out. Give Hank a call if you can help, or better yet, come out to the next meeting to see if there is anything you can do. We are planning on hot dogs and hamburg lunch



## FISH REPORT

Hank will be contacting BC Parks for a permit to do a bit of cleanup and brushing out at Cedar Creek trail/viewing platform. He will be looking for a small crew to do a bit of brushing. There is not going to be any stream work involved. Please consider volunteering a bit of time to this worthy project. Give Hank your support.



## HELP WANTED

We will be looking for a club member (or even two) to take over the job of club secretary next year. I have been secretary for quite some time now and I need to refocus on my various hats that I wear. I will continue to do up a newsletter, if the new secretary doesn't wish to. So, if someone would step forth, I will be happy to show you how easy it is.

otherwise, please be patient while we endeavor to make this the best range around.



## 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 2012

2012 memberships and keys are available at Westside Stores or at a meeting.



## ISSUES

As you all know, the club is changing the shooting direction of the rifle range. The next meeting, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the executive will present to the membership a notice of motion to authorize up to \$20,000 for the further expansion. We are almost there folks. If... we can get this range turned this year, we will do it. BUT, this may mean that the rifle shack may be gone and we may have to wait til next year to replace it. So... just a warning folks, that if we have the funds to finish the majority of the project and we have the authorization and blessing from the Firearms people... you may have to put up with a bit of inconvenience for awhile. If you don't like it, put your money where your mouth is and make a donation to the club to finish this project, or volunteer some time to get a new rifle shack put up,



As always, a gentle reminder that all members and **guests must sign in/log in when using the club facilities**. Please use your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER 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!

All Directors 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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.



## SHOTGUN NEWS

Wednesday evening practice starts up again with the first evening being held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. This is a great opportunity for any new shooters to get out and learn how to shoot clay targets, as well as the more experienced shooter gaining valuable practice.

Mark your calendars as June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the Fun Shoot. This event is open to all Club members that have shot clays. This is not a practice. We will have different shooting events all day long and trophies for the event winners, as well as a wind up barbeque supper. This is a total fee event, so bring your shotgun and shells. Please RSVP Gary if you plan to come - [garyfellis@telus.net](mailto:garyfellis@telus.net) or (250) 833-5887.

Gary will also be holding practice shooting lessons for small groups or individuals wanting private lessons. Contact him for more information



HELLOOOO.....

I hope you enjoy receiving a copy of the newsletter. I'm sure you get tired of hearing.... but Send me any changes to your email address.... to [safishgameclub@hotmail.com](mailto: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

*"Only a government that is afraid of its citizens tries to control them."*