



Chilliwack Fish and Game Protective Association

The Club News
January 2008

Our Club Bursaries

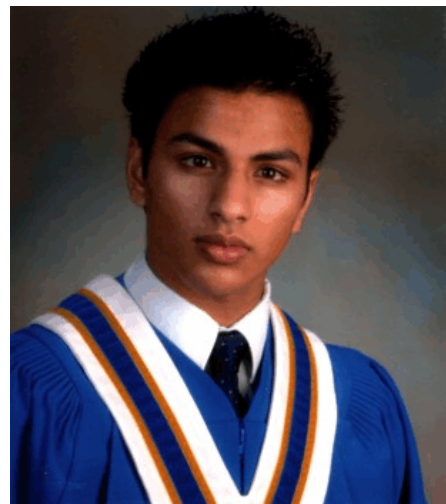
The club bursaries are a very important initiative. We currently offer three bursaries to young people intent on pursuing careers in fish and wildlife management, natural resource management or the environmental sciences. The bursaries are the Elwin Fehr Bursary of \$750.00 offered to students at the Sardis Secondary School, the Jack Pulford Bursary of \$750.00 offered to students at the Chilliwack Senior Secondary School and the Club Bursary of \$500.00 is offered to children or direct relatives of club members at other educational institutions or who are being home schooled.

One of the reasons these bursaries are important is that the club enjoys the benefits of being registered as an official charity on the basis of the work being done by the club to promote sound fish and wildlife management, habitat protection and the work we do to promote good environmental practices as laid out in our Constitution. An important part of achieving these goals is to aid and support the future managers of our natural resources, our young people, in reaching their educational goals and in encouraging them to pursue careers aimed at advancing our interests.

Last year the recipients of our bursaries were Tiersa Rast from Sardis Secondary who was awarded the Elwin Fehr Bursary and Gordi Atti from Chilliwack Senior Secondary who won the Jack Pulford Bursary. There were no applicants for the Club Bursary last year.



Tiersa Rast - Marine Biology
University of Victoria



Gordi Atti - Environmental Science
University of Victoria

The G.W. Graham Middle / Secondary School will be graduating its first grade 12 students in June of 2009. Thanks to Hap Heppner, a Life Member of the club, we will be offering a new bursary to graduates from this school in 2009.

Club members who have children or young relatives in school should encourage them to apply for these bursaries if they are interested in careers in any way associated with natural resource management. I might add that these bursaries are not restricted to the families of club members and if you have friends with children who might be interested encourage them to apply. The rules we have established state that the children and direct relatives of club members will receive preference - **all other things being equal**. Pass the word, these are very worth while bursaries.

Application forms are available at both Sardis Secondary and Chilliwack Senior Secondary or from Rene Carradice, the Bursary Chairperson at 604-858-7789 or by e-mail at carradice@uniserve.com.

Please note the deadline for making application for one of our bursaries is March 31, 2008 so now is the time to start working on it.

Black Powder Schedule

The Schedule For 2008

January 20	Black Powder Shoot	July 28th	Meeting 7:30
January 28	Meeting 7:30	August 17	Black Powder Shoot
February 16-17	Winter Rendezvous	August 25	Meeting 7:30
February 25	Meeting 7:30	September 21	Black Powder Shoot
March 16	Black Powder Shoot	September 29	Meeting 7:30
March 31	Meeting 7:30	October 19	Black Powder Shoot
April 20	Black Powder Shoot	October 27	Meeting 7:30
April 28	Meeting 7:30	November 16	Black Powder Shoot
May 18	Black Powder Shoot	November 24	Meeting 7:30
May 26	Meeting 7:30	December 5	Black Powder Xmas Party
June 2	Annual General Meeting 7:30	December 21	Black Powder Shoot
June 21-22	Black Powder Work Party	December 29	Meeting 7:30
June 30	Meeting 7:30		
July 18, 19, 20, & 21	36th Annual Buffalo Shoot		

Some Black Powder Highlights

Merritt hosted a wonderful thanksgiving shoot with great weather. Chilliwack took the largest proportion of the prizes and Wolfgang Schultz had so many medals it sounded as if he was wearing a cow bell. Good shooting Wolf. The fun shoot featured a ball split where an axe was mounted in a log with a clay pigeon on each side. The object was to split your ball on the blade of the axe and break both clay pigeons. Quite a feat from 25 yards but Yvonne Clark and Judy Scholtz both managed to split the ball. Quite a feat for a couple of grandmothers. Good shooting ladies.

The November 18th Turkey Shoot was well attended with 10 turkeys being won. Seig and Wendy did a great organizing job, Alice and Glen cooked up some marvelous hamburgers and the baking provided by Judy and Yvonne disappeared as well. Everyone had a great time.

The Christmas pot luck dinner was outstanding with 28 people in attendance. The entertainment provided by Connie was great and the table decorations were beautiful. A good time was had by all. Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Don Brown, Black Powder President

Presidents Message

As 2007 ends I have realized that I am now 6 months into my term. I've noticed and appreciate the diverse interests among the club members and recognize that this diversity is one of our many strengths.

The membership consists mainly of hunters, fisherpersons, and firearms enthusiasts who have specific interests such as Black Powder, Archery, Pistol, Trap, Small and Large Bore, Hand Loading, Youth programs, Firearms collection, Wildlife photography, Habitat rehabilitation, Fish & wildlife management, Forestry management, Firearms rights, and much more.

With such a diverse range of concerns and interests trying to please everyone is very challenging. I observed that when a specific event such as the Tactical Firearms Courses, Visual Impact Study, Firearms Safety Instructor course, and the Youth Outdoor Skills Camp were announced by our communications chair, the responses were quite amazing. Many different members responded to the distinct events.

Communication is definitely the key to success. With the club's new email program we have been able to communicate more effectively with each other. I am pleased to have received email from new members introducing themselves or inquiring as to specific activities of the club. In saying that, it's important that you inform the membership chair of your **new or changed email addresses** so you can continue to be made aware of opportunities as they arise.

One of my goals for 2008 is to continue using this essential tool, email, and keep the communication lines open with the members. In order for the club to continue moving forward and making a difference in firearms, fishing, and hunting, I need you to give me your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas.

All the best for the New Year

Fritz Atkinson, President

Working With Our Local Scout Groups

Earlier this fall we were approached by Jayson Nofle, Scout Leader and a member of our club, with respect to organizing some firearms training for some of the young men in the 4th Sardis Venture Company. The Scouts indicated they were prepared to do some work on the range in exchange for the training. Frank Tinnion organized some work putting wire screening around a number of our trees to protect them from the beavers and Mike Krabbendam set up some training and the deal was done.



Scout group - Top L to R Cody Robinson, Mark Iverson, Jayson Nofle, Bottom Ryan Thomson, Jesse Robinson and Joseph Taylor. Frank on the tractor



Gwyn Joiner and Frank Tinnion clearing some of the brush at the work party

The Range Report

During the first week of October the club sponsored three, two day Tactical Response courses; one each for pistol, shotgun and rifle. Tactical Response is a highly rated training company from Tennessee. All the club members who participated worked hard and learned many new skills during the exciting courses of fire. The training was popular with many of our law enforcement members from the RCMP, Fisheries, Corrections and Canada Border Service. Civilian members also enjoyed the courses. Many thanks to Range Committee member Adrian Slater for coordinating the endeavor.

Vince LeBlanc
Range Chairman



Aaron Little from Tactical Response instructing students on the pistol course



The shotgun group - L to R - Sebastian Kalmar, Kevin Kooistra, Sonny McNeal, Tim Sterkenberk, Vince LeBlanc and Graham Belyea



Shotgun Firing Line



Mike Grant

Black Powder Winter Rendezvous

At the Club Range

February 16 & 17, 2008 - Starting at 9:00am Saturday

For more information call - Dave Parrish - 604-824-4924 or Sieg Lau 604-795-9869

Forest View Scape Survey

When the club was approached by the Forest Service in mid November about taking part in a survey to assess people's attitudes towards forest harvesting practices and the impact these practices have on the visual landscape it seemed like a good idea. The time frame was tight but we managed to set up a time for some of our members to take part in the survey. The survey was based on 60 slides. Each picture was put up on a screen for 8 seconds and the participants were asked to rate each picture on a scale of minus 1 to 3 or plus 1 to 3 or 0 and put in a one or two word comment on the questionnaire sheet that was provided. This required absolute concentration. At the end of the questionnaire section there was a debriefing and question period. The Forest Service facilitator, Jamie Elbert, did a great job and I think everyone felt it was a worthwhile exercise.

The Forest Service only wanted about 20 people to take part. I put out an e-mail to the 375 members with e-mail and got about 35 immediate responses. As it was first come first served I notified the first 25 they had been selected. As it turned out we got 23 members out to participate and the 2 that couldn't make it let me know, which was appreciated. The Forest Service have indicated they will be giving the club an honorarium of \$10.00 per completed questionnaire so we are looking forward to a cheque for \$230.00.

A couple of things are apparent. A number of our club members are interested in our land use policies and appreciate the opportunity for input. Quite a few are prepared to participate on rather short notice. It is also becoming apparent that members without e-mail are at a bit of a disadvantage. We need to work on this.

Jack Carradice
Communications Chairman



Club Members Completing Questionnaire



Jamie Elbert Explaining the Survey Process

Politics and Guns - One Man's Thoughts

The Montague court decision should not come as a big surprise. Bruce Montague broke the law as it currently stands. While a lot of us may not agree with our firearms legislation it is not really possible to change the law by breaking it. When you try to change Federal Government legislation it is essential to understand Canadian law and our political process.

The legal foundation of Canadian law is quite different than that in the United States or for that matter Britain. The division of powers between the Federal Government and the Provinces is very different and of even greater importance Canadian citizens do not enjoy property rights. A Canadian citizen does not have an absolute right in law to own anything. This is a major deficiency in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms for which you can thank Pierre Elliot Trudeau and the NDP.

From a political perspective Canada tends to be quite socialistic and Canadian voters lean towards governments that offer all sorts of government programs and government interventions in our lives at considerable cost to our personal freedoms. In addition a significant proportion of Canadian voters are city dwellers who have no knowledge of guns other than they see them as being bad.

Any politician or political party that based their election platform on the absolute right of any citizen to go out and buy any kind of gun at any time with no constraints whatsoever would never be elected. To suggest that a politician or party must take such a stand is nonsense.

The reality is that we have to work with the party and the politicians that best support our interests even if we are not going to get everything we want.

I am prepared to accept "reasonable" regulation and getting rid of the long gun registry is a first step. We also have to try and get rid of the Liberal gun marking legislation the Conservatives have put on hold for a year.

Taking the position we will accept no constraints is a lose - lose proposition in Canada. What we have to do is to pull together and work with the politicians and political parties that best reflect our interests. The alternative is a hostile government and more regulation.

Jack Carradice

A couple of good pictures



Bernie Pitura and his moose



Black Powder, Pot Luck Xmas Dinner

Club Directors and Committee Chairs

Directors

President	Fritz Atkinson	Carol Bishop	1 Year	Gerty Fraser	2 Year
Vice President	Vince Leblanc	Mike Bishop	1 Year	Martin Fraser	2 Year
2 nd Vice President	Clive Edwards	Andy Hawryluk	1 Year	Andy Gebert	2 Year
Treasurer	Frank Buyar	Sieg Lau	1 Year	Gwyn Joiner	2 Year
Recording Sect.	Rene Carradice	Ken Prachnau	1 Year	Frank Tinnion	2 Year
Corresponding Sect.	Jack Carradice				
Past President	Sandy Ritchie				

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January 2008

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February 2008

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March 2008

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■ Trap - 11am Pig Shoot	■ Jr, 22 - 7:00pm	■ Pistol - 7:00pm	■ Gen. Meeting - 7:30pm ■ IPA Pistol 6:00pm	■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm		
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