



Chilliwack Fish and Game Protective Association

The Club News
October 2007

The Club Champions or Trap Shooting Can be Fun

On August 12th our trap shooters won the Inter Club championship. This year Chilliwack hosted the Inter-Club Trap Shoot which included Mission, Ridgedale and Abbotsford Clubs. Our combined score was 114 of 125 possible targets.



The Trap Squad

Frank Tinnion, Bob Rigby, Bill Moore, Hans Wollenberg and Brent Warkentin

lead, slapping the trigger and following through is a real test of mental concentration. One of the problems is that new shooters are intimidated by the experienced shooters. They are sure they will never get the hang of it when they see shooters like Hans breaking 25 straight - no sweat. Practice along with some good coaching is what it takes.

Come on out. The trap group are shooting every Wednesday evening from 5:00 pm on as long as the light allows and every second Sunday starting at 11:00 am. Coaching is available.

The squad consisted of Frank Tinnion, Bob Rigby, Bill Moore, Hans Wollenberg and Brent Warkentin. Our shooters were shooting very well. Both Bob and Hans broke 25 birds in a tie for Top Gun and in the ensuing shoot-off Hans took the Top Gun trophy.

Thanks must go to Frank Tinnion for organizing this shoot and for keeping our trap section going. As always it is the dedicated people in our club who keep the various activities on track and provide the opportunities our members enjoy.

Trap shooting is a real challenge and a lot of fun, all at the same time. When that clay bird comes out of the house, picking it up, lining it up, judging the

President's Report

Hello members! I hope everyone had an enjoyable, relaxing summer. Now that September is here most families can get back to their daily routine. This is also the case for the newly elected directors who have been able to gradually get their feet wet and now we can move forward with more club business. This is a brief summary of activities that have transpired throughout the summer months.

Our Youth Outdoor Skills Camp held in June/July was a success because of our exceptional volunteers and chairperson, Sandy Ritchie. We had 20 successful graduates!! Many thanks and Congratulations to Sandy and his volunteers!

On August 28 and 29, we had CRAC (Chilliwack River Action Committee) work on our settling pond, and on our creek. Unfortunately our range facilities had to be closed but this was very necessary in order to complete these repairs and maintenance. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers of CRAC for ensuring the safety and upkeep of our creeks and streams.

On August 30, there was an official public hearing on a rezoning application by one of the residents in the Bench Road area. Our club was represented by Gwyn Joiner who stated our concerns regarding the possibility of flooding from faster run-off because of development and the encroachment of more residential areas to the range and what negative impact it could bring to our facilities in the future.

This August, we did not have a sockeye salmon opening due to very low returns. The club's stand on this is conservation first, then food fishery. We appreciate your cooperation with DFO in this serious matter. We need to make sure our salmon fishery will be returning for our future generations.

Now is the time of year that some of us will be 'sighting' in our rifles and preparing to go and hunt food for our family. We now have 20 more junior hunters who will be hunting with their fathers and or grandfathers and will be using the knowledge they have learned from the youth camp. Good luck to them with their hunt!

Our clubhouse renovation project is proving to be a challenge. The resignation of Sandy Ritchie as Director and as the Chairman of the renovation project has left us with a rather big set of shoes to fill. The Directors are working on this and it is our hope we will be able to get on with this work in the near future.

Years ago no one gave it a second thought to helping out friends, neighbours, and organizations. Now with the demands, changes, and fast pace of our society, volunteers are becoming extinct. We, the members of the Chilliwack Fish and Game Protective Association, still believe in and participate in volunteering for the betterment of our organization.

Operating a non-profit organization, which has buildings and grounds to look after, takes time and volunteers. We, the elected directors, will be required to call on you, the MEMBERS of this organization, in helping us out. Our range/grounds require some maintenance and we DO NEED your volunteer time in order to proceed with the upkeep of YOUR facilities. Our range chairperson, Vince, will be setting up a weekend date in the fall for repairs/maintenance to be completed and requesting your help. We will be providing you with **lunch**, **refreshments**, and a **friendly**, socializing atmosphere. The more hands we have helping, the faster the chores will be completed.

Finally, your directors are inviting you to come out regularly to the general meetings held on the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm**. We need fresh, new ideas and more input from our members as to your wishes and concerns in the operation of YOUR club facilities.

Your president
Fritz Atkinson

Black powder report

The 35th annual Buffalo Shoot took place on July 14,15, & 16th . Everything went very well thanks to Sieg, Wendy and all of our members who helped and worked so hard to make it a success. Every one seemed to have a great time.

Lone Butte hosted the August long weekend shoot and had a very good turn out. Weather was just right. Don and Yvonne, and Dave Parrish attended this shoot.

Last but not least was Rendezvous 2007 August 25th to September the 3rd. Held at Heffley Creek, this event included rifle, pistol, shotgun, bow & arrow, cannon, cartridge, hawk & knife, hay scramble, seminars, ladies tea party, ladies un-tea party, kids candy cannon and other events including a dance.

The Heffley Creek event hosted about 150 camps. Sieg Lau won the hawk and knife trail, Dave Parrish had two wins, Yvonne had three wins and Sieg's son-in-law aced the trail first time out. Good going guys. Sieg's group won the fort shoot and jumped for joy - this is a first that we know of.

Sieg and Wendy Lau with a little help put on the Chilliwack's trail, "a vegetable shoot with about 135 shooters. Everyone loves our shoot. Thanks Wendy & Sieg.

The 2nd Annual Hawk and Knife picnic took place on September 9th at Don and Yvonne's, There were 23 people present and everyone had a great time.

Don brown
President.



Fort Shoot Winners - Heffley Creek

Budge Feller, Seig Lau, Dave Massey, Gary Lau and Glen Burke

The Question of Ethics

Within the fishing and hunting community, one has only to mention the word “Ethics” to open a floodgate of opinion. It should then come as no surprise, that the opinions surrounding fishing and hunting ethics are as diverse as the persons who provide them. In attempting to make sense of ethics, it is perhaps best to first acknowledge that people fish and hunt for a variety of reasons. There are those who fish and hunt strictly for the purpose of harvesting food. For these people the value of the fishing and hunting experience is realized in the food they are providing for their families.

In contrast, there are others who seek to expand their fishing and hunting experiences beyond the simple act of harvesting food. These people desire a deeper connection with the fish and wildlife resources. In these instances the outdoor experience tends to be more valued than harvesting success. These are the folks that will take time to ponder and appreciate what others tend to pass by. Perhaps it's as simple as an owl surveying its domain.



Yes he is surveying his terrain

It is generally from this segment of the fishing and hunting community, that we see volunteers come forward to work on behalf of the resources. For others it is the camaraderie of sharing time with friends and family that draws them to fishing and hunting activities.

No matter the reason one is drawn to fish or hunt, there is a certain value in maintaining good ethical practices. How we go about our fishing and hunting activities can have a tremendous effect on the satisfaction we derive from our outdoor experiences. Equally important is how one's activities can affect the experiences and opportunities of others.

A discussion of ethics can quickly take on a life of its own, and before long become a quagmire of confusion. Perhaps the best approach to maintaining good ethical fishing and hunting practices is to start by embracing the basics.

A good starting point on the path to embracing basic fishing and hunting ethics, is to keep in mind how your actions affect the experiences and opportunities of others. The importance of this should not be understated, as fishing and hunting activities seem to be increasingly placed under the political microscope. It is important to be respectful of the natural resources. Fish or game one intends to keep should be dispatched as quickly and efficiently as possible. Fish that are to be released should be done so carefully and not removed from the



Yes, they are beautiful

water. It is important to realize that catch and release activities have mortality attached to them. However, with careful handling the impact of catch and release activities can be greatly minimized. When hunting, make certain of your target, and be aware of your limitations. Make a conscious effort to leave fishing or hunting locations as tidy as when you first arrived.



The one that didn't get away

Naturally one should make every effort to adhere to the applicable regulations and interim requests of the resource managers. At times the interpretation of regulations and interim requests can generate lively discussions. This has been no more evident than with fisheries on the Fraser River. Such discussions can quickly detract from the outdoor experience, and are best entered into cautiously and at times avoided. Be mindful not to complicate such simple pleasures.

Martin Fraser
Director

Junior 22

The Junior 22 program is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 15th at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse. The program this year is being revised to include a bit more classroom training in firearms safety and proper gun handling. All firearms and practice ammunition is provided free of charge by the club.

If you are interested in this program contact Mike Krabbendam at 604-792-1214 or by e-mail at mike_krab14@hotmail.com.

Membership year

The current membership year runs from September 1 to August 31 of the following year. Our member insurance runs from January 1 to December 31. This creates a serious book keeping problem. A motion was put forward at the Directors meeting to change our membership year to January 1 to December 31. This will require a change in our Bylaws consequently it will require a Notice of Motion and a formal vote by the membership at our next AGM. Please give this issue some thought as there are differences of opinion and it will be an item of business next June at our AGM.

The Bruce Montague Court Challenge for Liberty and Rights

The court challenge initiated by Bruce Montague is important to all of us whether we are gun owners or not. In the simplest terms Bruce's fight involves our basic rights and freedoms. The Firearms Act, put in place as a result of Bill - C68 by the Liberal government of the day, imposed constraints on firearms ownership by Canadians that are not only an infringement of our basic rights and freedoms but which contravene our concepts of due legal process and property rights.

Bruce Montague was targeted by this legislation and has paid a terrible price not only in money but in terms of the stress placed on Bruce and his family. But Bruce and his family are fighters and they have challenged this onerous legislation every step of the way. Our club and numerous of our members have made contributions to the Bruce Montague Scrap - C68 Fund and we need to keep supporting Bruce in this fight.

The case is now headed for the Supreme Court of Canada and Bruce and his team have hired the well known constitutional lawyer, Doug Christy, of Victoria B.C., to head up the challenge.

For anyone wanting more information go to www.BruceMontague.ca This website contains a wealth of information on this issue.

A quote from the Question and Answer section offers an interesting observation -

Question - Why is this challenge so important?

Answer - Unless the Conservatives win a majority government, they may not be able to keep their promise to repeal the firearms act. Besides being our best opportunity to repeal the Act, this court challenge may offer the clearest legal argumentation needed to reinforce firearms rights in Canada.

We need to stay on top of this important issue and support Bruce and his team in every way we can.

Range FOB rebate.

When the electronic gate was installed to control access to the range the decision was made to charge a \$10.00 deposit for the electronic FOB required to access the range. It has been found that when some people terminate their membership in the club they do not return their FOB and claim the deposit. As we are required to record the deposits as part of our official financial records it was found that these unclaimed deposits would essentially accumulate forever and would constitute an accounting problem. Consequently club policy has been changed and the refund of the deposit will only be honored for a maximum of 4 months following termination of membership. If the FOB is not returned and the deposit claimed within 4 months of termination of membership the FOB will be written off and the deposit removed from our books.

Junior Membership Fees

The Directors have voted to extend the Junior membership fees for the current year at \$25.00 for the first junior in a family and \$11.00 for each additional junior in the family. This policy must be ratified by the membership at the next AGM.

The Directors made the decision to extend the current policy for the current year but seriously considered dropping the Junior membership fee to \$15.00 across the board for all junior members. Our goal is to increase junior membership and the membership should give serious thought to dropping our junior rate to the lower rate at the next AGM.

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
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ■ Range Closed - 9 to 5	2 ■ Range Closed - 9 to 5 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	3 ■ Range Closed - 9 to 5 ■ Trap - 5:30pm	4 ■ Range Closed - 9 to 5 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	5 ■ Range Closed - 9 to 5	6 ■ Range Closed - 9 to 5
7	8 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	9 ■ Trap - 5:30pm ■ Gen. Meeting - 7:30pm	10 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	11	12	13
14 ■ Trap - 11:00am	15 ■ Jr, 22 - 7:00pm	16 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	17 ■ Trap - 5:30pm	18 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	19	20
21 ■ Black Powder Only	22 ■ Jr, 22 - 7:00pm	23 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	24 ■ Trap - 5:30pm	25 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	26	27
28 ■ Jr, 22 - 7:00pm ■ Black Pdr - 7:30	29 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	30 ■ Trap - 5:30pm ■ Ex. Meeting - 7:30pm	31			

November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	2	3
4 ■ Jr, 22 - 7:00pm	5 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	6 ■ Trap - 5:30pm	7 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	8	9	10
11 ■ Trap - 11:00am ■ Turkey Shoot	12 ■ Jr, 22 - 7:00pm	13 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	14 ■ Trap - 5:30pm ■ Gen. Meeting - 7:30pm	15 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	16	17
18 ■ Black Powder Only	19 ■ Jr, 22 - 7:00pm	20 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	21	22 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	23	24
25 ■ Jr, 22 - 7:00pm ■ Black Pdr - 7:30	26 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	27 ■ Ex. Meeting - 7:30pm	28 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	29	30	

December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 ■ Jr, 22 - 7:00pm	3 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	4	5	6 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	7 ■ Black Powder Party	8
9 ■ Trap - 11:00am ■ Turkey Shoot	10 ■ Jr, 22 - 7:00pm	11 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	12 ■ Gen. Meeting - 7:30pm	13 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	14	15
16 ■ Black Powder Only	17 ■ Jr, 22 - 7:00pm	18 ■ Pistol - 7:00pm	19	20 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	21	22
23	24	25	26 ■ Ex. Meeting - 7:30pm ■ Steelhead Derby	27 ■ Archery 5:00pm ■ Sr. 22 - 7:00pm	28	29
30 ■ Black Pdr - 7:30	31					