



Chilliwack Fish and Game Protective Association

Your Club Newsletter Nov 2008

Presidents Message

Well here we go again. Hunting season is almost over and Christmas is almost here. I hope every one had an enjoyable and productive hunt. As I write this I'm still on mine. So far we have one deer with more to follow. Then hopefully a feral pig. As you may have already guessed I'm not hunting in BC I'm on my brother's farm in Alberta. Fortunately not all the wild pigs here are watching the football game.

Down to business. We have the December Turkey Shoot coming up on the 14th . If you've never been to one it's a lot of fun and a great way to win a turkey or another prize. There are games of skill and there are games where luck does the trick and don't forget to come have a burger or a hotdog. I'll be more than happy to cook you one.

The Boxing Day Steelhead Derby is also coming up. Come on out and bring a friend it's a good time and helps us raise money for our steelhead conservation activities. It's also a good day to shoot trap and possibly win a prize. It's one of our most enjoyable family events of the year and I hope to see you there. It's time for me to make my annual request for donations to the game dinner. It's our most important fund raiser of the year and I seriously doubt anyone can get a better dinner any where. The success of the dinner depends on the membership. We need prizes and donations of meat, fish and birds(ducks,geese and grouse).

If you can help, phone me or Frank Tinnion to make the arrangements. We also need manpower if you can help with picking up prizes, setting up the hall or preparing and serving the dinner. Please contact me or Paul Dulong. We've just had an election and it's very likely that the governing party will have a free ride for the next year or so as the others aren't looking forward to another election. Now is the time to write a letter to your Member of Parliament and demand that they do as they promised and get rid of the long gun registry. Tell them we've been waiting patiently and have been supportive thus far but we won't be much longer.

At this stage of the game the fact that they are still a minority government won't cut it. The others won't have a choice.

The economy is the issue of the day and they need to know that in this fiscal climate no one can justify the existence of a multi-billion dollar mistake. We need as many of us to write letters as possible as we need them to understand we will no longer be a silent majority. Those of you who don't have guns should consider that the billions of dollars they waste on their efforts to control law abiding gun owners could better be spent on fish and wildlife, medical programs or public safety.

The next few years are going to be difficult for our issues as every government we've dealt with for years has held our issues very low on the list of priorities and I don't expect this one to be any different. The more money they waste on other things the less will be available for fish and wildlife. Well, that's all for now come on out and have some fun and help us to keep this club the best one in BC to belong to.

Section News

This section is going to be a permanent feature in the news letter. Please feel free to submit your news!

Changes On The Outdoor Range

Firstly, there has been a problem with members taking guests to the range and not paying the insurance fees. This seems like an insignificant breach of club rules where in fact it is very serious. If someone were to get hurt and not have insurance it would mean the end of our insurance and therefore the end of the club ! So, to prevent this the Executive has created a penalty which is now recorded on a new sign on the range gate:

Notice:

Any club member with un-registered guests will have his/her FOB and membership suspended for three months. Please register your guests !

Range Officers will be spot checking the range to enforce this.

Second, There has been some issues with people shooting 22 cal on the range when trap is shooting. The concession to allow 22 cal was made last year. It is proving to be a problem. Every other section gets exclusive use of the range . To that end 22 cal will no longer be allowed during trap.

Third, in past years Sundays were reserved for events put on by each section. Right now only Trap and Black Powder have been reserving Sundays. The executive wants to bring to the attention of the membership that this rule still exists and as we are planning more events next year there is a strong possibility Sundays may be booked up. Please check the calendars for these events.

Renovations

The Renovations are scheduled to start in March of the coming year. We will inform you if anything changes. If anyone is interested in helping move this along please contact the executive

Membership

There has been some confusion on exactly what our membership fee and structure is with some new members. In order to ensure that everyone is properly signed up, and more importantly insured please read the Membership dues section below. On another note it was mentioned at the last AGM that we needed to change our year end to December 31. After much discussion and debate the executive it has been decided that the change over will occur on December 31, 2010. In order to facilitate this when you pay your membership next year it will be for one and a half years to take us to Dec 31, 2010. More will be communicated on this as we get closer.

Our Membership Rules

The following are the fees for club membership:

Regular Member: \$90.00
Spouse or Partner: \$25.00
First Junior: \$25.00
All other Juniors: \$ 11.00 ea
Seniors (Over 65) \$70.00
Disabled: \$50.00
Associate: \$50.00

Each new member must pay an Orientation Fee of \$30.00. Note Police Officers, Border Guards etc are exempt from this fee with identification.

Everyone must pay a \$10.00 deposit for a range FOB if you want one.

Courses At The Club

Several new members have asked about the courses and events we run at the club.

The Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE)

Program is British Columbia's Hunter Education Program. You must be 19 years or older to hunt on your own. You must have a PAL to complete this course. Youth from 10 to 18 years old can participate in hunting if supervised by an adult. (19 years or older) Core courses are 15 hours of instruction plus exam night. The cost is \$160.00 which includes \$25.00 for the manual , \$20.00 for the exam fee (less \$10.00 if you have a valid PAL) and \$30.00 certificate fee. Cost of exam only for CORE is \$50.00 which includes exam fee of \$20.00 and certificate fee of \$30.00

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Possession and Acquisition (PAL)

This course provides you with a license to purchase non restricted firearms and ammunition. You must be 18 years old to attend this course.

After you have your PAL you can take the Restricted Firearms course which will allow you to purchase hand guns. The PAL course (non-restricted) is 12 hours of instruction plus the exam night. The cost is \$115.00 which includes \$15.00 for the manual and \$25.00 for the exam.

Restricted Possession and Acquisition

The PAL restricted course is 8 hours of instruction plus exam night. The cost is \$70.00 which includes the manual \$15.00 and the exam fee \$25.00.

To sign up for any of these courses go to Chwk Dart and Tackle pick the dates you wish to attend sign up and pay your \$50.00 non-refundable deposit (which will come off the price of the course)
The new 2009 dates will be coming out in the near future.

Section News

Standard Pistol Section

Once more a rather arduous task has been completed. As most users of the indoor range have probably noticed, the target backstops were in dire need of maintenance. The target board supports needed replacement and due to circumstances, the bullet traps had not been cleaned for three years, a job usually done at two year intervals. Considering the relatively large number of people that utilize the indoor range it was a bit disappointing that more people were not able to lend a hand. However, the hard working individuals that were able to help deserve a big "Thank You" from the club. First, thanks to Frank Tinnion, for arranging to have the necessary materials available, and Al Watson for picking up the wood and replacing the target board supports. Kudos to the clean up crew of Christine Baker, Andrew Chan, Paul Dulong, Bruce Mills, and Bob Wallbank, the value of your hard work can not be overstated. Also a very special thanks to Bill Cameron and the Gentleman who came with him, I apologize for not catching his name, your help and special vacuum truck services were invaluable in getting the job done. One more time I would just like to thank all the people who were involved in the project and also the people who would have liked to help but were unable to. Good shooting to all, and to all a good target.
Andy Gebert

MARKET PLACE

For Sale Browning BT99 Trap as new. 32" Barrel - adjustable comb, 3" diana chokes - Hard Case

\$1,200.00

Call Randy 604-799-1451

Black Powder Report

August 1, 2, & 3rd was spent at a small shoot at Lone Butte we had a great time. August 22nd to September 1st was rendezvous 2008. Held at Heffley Creek, B.C. Many of our members either spent the whole time there or part of it. The Fraser Valley Frontiersmen sponsor the vegetable shoot on Saturday the 30th it was run by Sieg & Wendy Lau with a little help from the rest of us. We had 155 shooters and it seems to be one of the most popular shoots of the rendezvous. We all had a great time for the 12 days. September 7th was the club picnic held at Don & Yvonne's as the hawk and knife competition and pot luck dinner. 23 were in attendance and food was just wonderful. October 11th, 12th & 13th, thanksgiving was spent in Merritt for the thanksgiving shoot. Sieg Law took the sr. men's rifle and Yvonne Clarke took women's hawk and knife. Good friends and good weather made for a great weekend. The next club shoot is October 19th, and November 16th at 10:00 am.
President Don Brown

Black Powder Events

Nov 6 th A small work party did some cleaning in the hall. Dusting, Vacuuming and window cleaning.

Nov 16 th We had a club shoot.

Nov. 24 th Short meeting and then we will decorate the hall for Xmas and put up the tree.

Dec 5. We will be having our annual Xmas Party

Dec. 14th. We will be helping with shoot cards for the Turkey Shoot.

TURKEY SHOOT

There is another Turkey shoot Dec 14 th starting at 11AM. There will be meat prizes of hams, turkeys and Johnsons Gift certificates.

Black Powder Pictures



Section News

Changes on the Indoor Range.

At the last executive meeting it was decided not to rent the indoor range to police or other enforcement officers for practice. We will allow rentals for the purposes of matches, but they must be supervised by a club range officer.

Kids Camp

The Kids Camp is run every year and spaces are available to club members.

The camp is 12 days of activities and courses. It is for ages 14-16 both girls and boys.

Usually we have about 20 children enrolled. The cost is approximately \$450.00.

At this camp we teach the full non-restricted PAL course, the CORE course, some survival first-aid, a day of canoeing and possibly a day of survival camping and many shooting activities such as black-powder, archery, trap and small-bore. Depending on time we sometimes teach some other activities such as Bear aware.

The kids camp on the property in club tents, and are feed in the club house, all under volunteer supervision. The camp fills quickly every year.

Please watch for more information to come in the newsletter. Pictures from last year follow.



Some of the members finally got the paperwork from the ATF to allow us to go to the US and compete in matches. Anyone, else who wants to get this paperwork should contact me. Renton is shut down until the new year but a group of us are planning to go to their next shoot in 2009.

Winter at our club is a low key time for us on Wednesday nights. However to ensure a good time will be held by all, we are running a different stage each week! Come on out a see what you are missing.

We are planning to run a holster safe course in January if there is enough interest. Anyone interested please contact me so I can determine who is interested.

Since my last report we have picked up four new members so our turnout is improving.

In order to allow us to get closer to the back stop, safely, we have been looking for a new round that frags on impact and is not Carcinogenic. One of our team has come up with a copper clad lead bullet. In head on tests with a steel plate it comes apart on contact and nothing comes back. I have personally ordered 500 rounds for testing, which will commence on Nov. 19th. I also like it since there is no exposed lead and the powder is smokeless. I will keep everyone updated on our progress.

Current World News

From the London Telegraph

Gun crime 60pc higher than official figures

Figures to be published by the Home Office this week will massively understate the scale of the problem. Data provided to The Sunday Telegraph by nearly every police force in England and Wales, under freedom of information laws, show that the number of firearms incidents dealt with by officers annually is 60 per cent higher than figures stated by the Home Office.

Last year 5,600 firearms offenses were excluded from the official figures. It means that, whereas the Home Office said there were only 9,800 offenses in 2007/8, the real total was around 15,400. The latest quarterly figures, due to be released on Thursday, will again exclude a significant number of incidents. The explanation for the gulf is that the Government figures only include cases where guns are fired, used to "pistol whip" victims, or brandished as a threat.

Thousands of offenses including gun-smuggling and illegal possession of a firearm - which normally carries a minimum five-year jail sentence - are omitted from the Home Office's headline count, raising questions about the reliability of Government crime data.

Dominic Grieve, the shadow home secretary, said: "These alarming new figures not only highlight the appalling state of gun crime in this country, but also remind us just how poor the Government's statistics actually are. "Crime statistics must also be compiled and published independent of the Home Office, and crime mapping rolled out so that people can have confidence in what they are being told about the state of crime in this country."

Chris Huhne, the Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman, said the figures revealed the extent to which gun crime is a "scar on society".

"It is shocking that the Home Office is in denial about the extent of gun crime by refusing to include offenses where a gun is present but not brandished," he said.

"This is another strong reason why the Home Office should not be in charge of collecting its own statistics, which should be put directly under the responsibility of the Office for National Statistics.

"Gun crime must be treated with the same seriousness and concern as knife crime. Both are a scar on our society."

In all, there were at least 5,612 offenses excluded from the Home Office's official gun crime total last year, according to figures supplied by police forces.

The true total number of excluded offenses will have been even higher, because two of the 43 forces in England and Wales, Thames Valley and Leicestershire, failed to hand over their data when asked to do so under the Freedom of Information Act, and a large urban force, Greater Manchester, provided incomplete statistics. Scotland records gun crime differently.

When the Home Office publishes its latest quarterly crime figures on Thursday, they will include a section on gun crime injuries and deaths, but the figures will again exclude a significant number of incidents. The Sunday Telegraph's figures suggest that the Metropolitan Police's official tally of 3,300 gun crimes in 2006/7, the most recent available, would have risen to around 5,000 if excluded categories had been counted. In 2007, Met officers dealt with 1,678 firearms incidents which were not included in the official tally. The Met's figures show that offenses of firearms possession in the capital rose from 850 five years ago to 1,400 last year.

After the Met, the second-highest number of offenses excluded from the official statistics was recorded by West Midlands Police with 404, taking the force's true annual total of gun crimes to around 1,400.

Richard Garside, director of the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies at King's College London, said: "We welcome this research. Effective policy-making needs to be informed by the best information available. "Firearms offenses are comparatively rare in Britain, and the vast majority thankfully do not result in a serious or fatal injury. But if the police already collect this information it is difficult to understand why it should not be put routinely into the public domain." The Home Office crime figures document states: "Firearms are taken to be involved in a crime if they are fired, used as a blunt instrument against a person, or used as a threat." A Home Office spokeswoman said: "Gun crime figures have only ever included offenses involving the use of a firearm. These counting rules for these figures were drawn up by the Home Office in conjunction with police."

She added: "There are five offenses which are not included in the firearm statistics, and which can be tried for in the courts."

The Sunday Telegraph also recently revealed that knife crime figures were at least two-thirds higher than official figures.

Police statistics showed forces in England and Wales are on course to record 38,000 serious knife crimes this year, or more than 100 a day, compared with last year's official total of 22,151 offenses, a figure announced by the Home Office in July in its first annual count of knife

United States

Just a note for anyone aspiring to a concealed carry permit in the US. Recently they have changed the law and as a result you must have resident status to get a permit. Resident status is defined as a US residential address for at least 90 days, a State drivers license and an alien gun permit. I was unable to determine if those with a current permits will have it renewed. This information is courtesy of Front Site. For more info contact Front Site

Christine Baker

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Vancouver, BC - Canada's homicide rate and number of gang-related murders has increased since the federal government's firearms registry and licensing program was implemented, an indication that the program has failed to improve public safety, according to Hubris in the North, The Canadian Firearms Registry, a new report from independent research organization The Fraser Institute.

"In 1995, the government promised Canadians that the gun registry would reduce total criminal violence, suicide and domestic abuse, not just gun violence," said Gary Mauser, author of the report, senior fellow with The Fraser Institute, and a professor at Simon Fraser University.

"But the legislation has failed to do that, primarily because it relies upon public-health research to justify a moralistic approach to firearms that exaggerates the danger of citizens owning firearms through pseudoscientific research methods." Hubris in the North, The Canadian Firearms Registry details the history of Canadian gun legislation and examines the trends in criminal violence and suicide to see if the gun registry has been effective in accomplishing its stated goals.

The gun registry and its supporting legislation were introduced in 1995 by the Liberal government. Justice Minister Allan Rock said at the time that registering guns and licensing their owners would save lives by reducing criminal violence, domestic violence, suicide, and firearm accidents. But Mauser's analysis shows that public safety has not improved. He finds that overall criminal violence and suicide rates have continued their long-term decline with the violent crime rate falling by about four per cent. Yet the homicide rate has actually increased by nine per cent since the registry was implemented. No persuasive link could be found between the firearm registry and these changes.

"I don't think you can credit the gun registry for the decline in criminal violence because the data indicate the drop began well before firearms registration was introduced," Mauser said. "Moreover, homicide and criminal violence in general have fallen more in the United States during the same time period than in Canada, so it's hard to imagine the gun registry having a measurable impact in this environment." One of the most striking findings is that gang-related homicides and homicides involving handguns have increased substantially "Gang violence typically involves handguns and although handguns have been registered since the 1930s, this has not reduced the level of their criminal misuse," Mauser said. "The gun registry had no effect on homicide rates and was particularly ineffective against gang activity."

The report suggests that the rationale for the registry program is based on faulty research.

"The government's approach to public safety relied on an analysis of firearms and violence that greatly exaggerated the dangers of firearm ownership," Mauser said.

"This misrepresentation stemmed from public-health researchers who ignored basic scientific principles in favour of advocacy. These activists drew conclusions that were not supported by their research studies and they compounded their errors by recommending legislative solutions that fell outside the boundaries of their research. Such studies are not properly scientific but use the scientific trappings of research to prove claims rather than testing hypotheses." The report points out that research to date has not shown that sweeping gun laws are effective at reducing general homicide or suicide rates. These research findings remain largely unacknowledged in the public-health community. The low incidence rate of firearms misuse means that there are large numbers of false positives with substantial attendant financial costs, as well as important implications for

Despite its estimated \$2 billion cost to date, the firearms registry remains notably incomplete and has an error rate that remains embarrassingly high. As a result of its many failures, particularly its failure to reduce gang violence or stop senseless killings such as the recent occurrences at Dawson College and Mayerthorpe, Alberta, the firearms registry has not been able to win the trust of either the public or the police.

Mauser pointed out that Auditor General Sheila Fraser complained that she could not get all of the necessary financial information during an audit of the registry and summarized her review of the books by saying the registry had one of the largest cost overruns her office had ever seen.

"Clearly, the evidence shows that the registry has failed Canadians. It has failed to reduce gang violence or stop senseless killings. So why then, should we trust it, and why should we continue to fund it?" Mauser said.

The Canadian Firearms Registry

As a Canadian Citizen first and a gun owner second I am dismayed by the amount of money that our Government is wasting on a gun registry that most people agree serves no purpose. Even if you don't care that the government is tracking us think about the money that could be spent on other government programs such as health care or police services. Spending on these or similar programs would benefit all Canadians. The 2 billion dollars they admit they already spent, and some say it is really double that, represents \$100 for every man, woman and child in Canada. In the election in 2006 Harper said it would stop this waste but didn't. Right now the Conservative government would not be toppled by any minority as no minority wants another election right now. Enclosed is a letter I am sending to PM Harper. If you feel as strongly as I do about this, please send him your letter or use the form letter. No postage required.

Christine Baker

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Chilliwack Fish & Game

Dec 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Jr. 22 7:00 Pm Restricted Course 6:30 - 10 PM	2 Pistol - 7pm Restricted Course 6:30 - 10 PM	3 Trap IDPA 6:00-8:30 Inside Range Restricted Course 6:30 - 10 PM	4 Archery - 5pm Sr. 22 - 7pm	5 Hall- Black Powder Christmas Party	6
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28	29 Hall- Black Powder Meeting	30	31 Executive Meeting			

Chilliwack Fish & Game

Jan 2009

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