



Spring 2013

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New Executive for 2013

Our annual general meeting was February 7, 2013. We welcome new executive, and also those returning for another year.



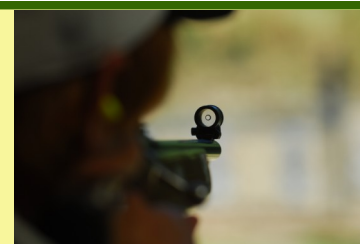
President Marc Robichaud working on an elk roast at the banquet.

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NEW! Small Bore Sunday Fun Shoots

Starting in March (**Sunday March 3rd**) we are organizing a low cost club only games shoot on the first Sunday of each month from March to November. The .22 and .17 rimfires are fun and inexpensive to shoot and are the ultimate practice rifles to keep sharp for hunting season. We now have 12 portable target stands for the small bore and Junior shooters to use.



There are a lot of club members who own rimfires. Club members and their guests are welcome. It is OK to bring any rimfire rifle to shoot. This is a good opportunity to meet other club members and see a variety of different rifles and compare how well they shoot. These shoots don't require the costly equipment of some of the other shooting matches. It is a good place to start out and see if you like the shooting sports, or for new shooters to learn.

The Club will supply use of the 100 and 50 yard ranges, targets and portable target stands. Volunteer members (needed) will score and track the targets shot in each match. We plan to use the 100 range for club completions, games and practice. The 50 yard and indoor ranges, targets and stands will be available for practice shooting and instruction. *The club has several .22 rifles available if you do not have your own.*

We need several volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out, or have questions please contact Bob Kopp 250-748-1887

2013 Awards Banquet

February 16th was our annual game banquet, awards night and dance. This year we had a great turnout for the evening, serving over 140 diners. **Many thanks** to all the people that helped put the event on, and to those who donated meats and prizes for the raffles, it is all very much appreciated. We were fortunate to receive a cougar a couple days prior to the banquet to supplement what we acquired from across the pond and a member's freezer. Thank you Dean Cook for again coming to the rescue. Cougar seems to be a very popular meat year after year.

The trophies for fish and game from the 2012 seasons and random draw prizes were handed out as follows:

Largest Mule Deer Antlers 133 4/8 Rick Bronson	Largest Island Trout 5 lbs 5ozs Trevor Anderson
Largest Blacktail Antlers 76 2/8 Ben Vanden Dungen	Largest Blacktail Deer 123 lbs Ben Vanden Dungen
Largest Spring Salmon 37 lbs Marcus Kennett	Largest Coho Salmon 12 lbs Susan Middlemiss
Most Exotic Game Fish 70 lbs tarpon Barry Alldred	Sportsman of the year John Vanden Dungen
Random fish draw - John Vanden Dungen	Random large game draw - Ben Vanden Dungen

These random draws are open to anyone who enters fish or large game no matter how big or small. Both prizes of \$100.00 are drawn out of a hat. We encourage you to enter something next year (one entry per category). We will be having a measuring night, however you can send in your photos via e-mail to Doug Sawden or Tanya Vanden Dungen for the 2013 hunting and fishing season after December 31, 2013. There will be announcements in regards to this later in the year. So,



Marcus Kennett 37 lb Spring



Barry Alldred - Florida tarpon

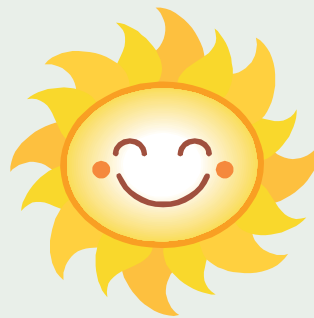


Trevor Anderson 5+ lb trout



Rick Bronson Largest Mule Deer Antlers

Susan Middlemiss



Susan Middlemiss Largest Coho



Ben Vanden Dungen Largest Blacktail Largest Antlers - Blacktail

News Bulletins

Changes in Junior Hunter ages. The Junior Hunter licensing age has changed to 10 - 17 years old in an effort to encourage youth hunters. For more information go to the Ministry of Environment website or [HERE](#)

Initiation Hunters License. Again in effort to encourage new hunter the Ministry of Environment has developed an Initiation License for those who wish to try hunting. This is a one time only license valid for one year and available to those 18 or over that have never held an adult hunting license. As in the case of the Junior License the holder will not have his/her own tags, and must be accompanied by a mentor who is 18 or over and who has held a full license for at least 3 full years prior to the current license year, and who is not prohibited from carrying or possessing firearms. A mentor may accompany up to two initiation licensed hunters at one time. For full information initiation licenses [CLICK HERE](#)

Halibut There are new regulations for recreational halibut fishing. [CLICK HERE](#) For Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Limits and sizes: Effective 00:01 hours March 15 to 23:59 hours March 31, 2013, the daily limit for halibut is one (1) and the possession limit for halibut is two (2), of which only one may be greater than 83cm.

Effective 00:01 hours April 1, 2013 until further notice: -

The maximum length for halibut is 126cm. (49.6063 inches)

The daily limit for halibut is one (1).

The possession limit for halibut is two (2), only one of which may be greater than 83cm in length. (32.6772 inches)

There will be an annual limit of six (6) halibut (per licence holder).

All halibut retained by the licence holder shall be immediately recorded in ink on the Tidal Waters Sport Fishing licence. The area from which each halibut is caught and its length shall immediately be recorded on license.

Kids Kamp The BCWF will once again be putting on a Youth Camp in Courtenay July 22 - 25, 2013 . We are permitted so send 2 participants who are members or grandchildren of members. Children 10-14 are put in age groups and try a wide variety of outdoor activities including rifle, shotgun, archery, animal identification, and water sports. From the reports of children we have sent in the past the weekend is a ton of fun and an opportunity for the kids to meet others from the Island that have similar interests. If you would like to send your child or grandchild please respond quickly as we must have our selections in by May 31, 2013. You can send names to Bob Kopp bobkopp@shaw.ca 250-748-1887 or Tanya twoblade@shaw.ca 250-746-4537.

Work Party @ the Range There will be a work party at the range on Saturday March 30th 9:30ish, during which time the range will be CLOSED. We need hands, so if you can make it out that would be appreciated. Much clean up, new roofs for the sign shelters, work on the ranges. Bring gloves and a hammer if you have one.



Fishing Report - Barry Aldred

Not too much to report, Steelhead fishing has been slow all over the island. It seems to be picking up a little on the Cowichan in the past week. Maybe this little rain event will bring in a few more fish.

Quamichan lake has been producing well this winter and doesn't seem to be slowing down with fish in the 5lb+ range being caught.

I have heard the winter Spring fishing off of Crofton and Tent island has not be too bad as well.

Remember to check the regulations for closures etc. [Freshwater](#) [Saltwater](#) Also on the Links 'n Info page on our website.

Gun Show Schedule and Contacts

March 3 - Duncan	May 12 - Courtenay	May 26 - Nanaimo
June 2 - Parksville	August 18 - Duncan	October 20 - Courtenay
October 26/27 SVI Rangers (Vic)	November 24 - Duncan	
Geoff Maxwell - Duncan 250-746-7812	Doug Millar - Nanaimo 250-758-1303	John Pullen - Victoria 250-474-2512

Handgun Club

Shooting Chapter AGM : 2013 President Gary Sutherland 2013 Vice President Harvey Steeves

Silhouette Competition : WINNER Brenda D. Second Gary S. Third Dave D.

Note: It is a requirement of the Shooting Chapter that new members of the Shooting Chapter receive a hand gun safety and shooting course. Please contact Gary or Harvey if you have not received this yet.

There is still some mindless vandalism to the Range Property (shooting of signs and target stands)



If you witness this please call the Range Watchman or the RCMP.

Horseshoes

To all members and friends....UPCOMING EVENT!

June 22nd is the date for the Annual Brown's Day Pig Roast at the range, put one by the Horseshoe Chapter. Tickets for the great food, raffles and sociability are \$15.00 each or \$30.00 per family (children still in school). Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour BOYD, if you wish, whenever you arrive. Horseshoe members....we will need desserts.

Our Horseshoe wind-up and tournament for 2013 will be on May 4th and 5th. Many of us will be camping at the range from May 2nd to May 6th. We only have official game days left on March 3rd and April 7th. Come early and stay late. Thanks to Gord and crew, we now have four good pitches. Let's show our appreciation and keep all four busy.



We know a lot of teams have many games still to play, so any nice day phone two or three teams and get throwing at your place, their place, the range or wherever. Get your act together and don't wait for the other guy to do the phoning. In January some players even shoveled the snow from the pitches so games could be played. Daylight saving time starts March 10th, so evening games are a possibility. We would like to have all sheets completed and turned in to either of us by April 28th please. We will have our tournament BBQ on Saturday May 4th. You will be phoned about what to bring.

See you all on the pitches.

Freda & Marie

Biathlon: Special report coming after Nationals