



Presidents' Report



As the New Year begins Club range activities are swinging into full operation and our cadet groups are back into the hall on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Down at the hatchery the volunteers await the emergence of the Chinook "fry" from the incubation process.

Club Facilities and Equipment Upgrades

The start of another year also gives me time to reflect on all the improvements which have taken place at the club over the past few years. The list is extensive and the Club volunteers who have been instrumental in the acquisition of new equipment; participated in the various construction projects and engaging contractors where required should be proud of their efforts.



Photo Lester Lighthouse

The list of improvements includes:

- New tables and chairs for the hall and deck
- New high definition video system in hall
- Office and washroom renovations
- New air intake system for range
- Replacement of main building gutters
- New outside storage containers at back of hall
- New concrete deck and staircase at back of hall
- All weather cover between hall and containers
- New range / grounds under deck storage room
- Outdoor archery range building
- Hatchery class / meeting room renovations
- New incubation room construction and equipment
- New head trough, paneling and rearing tanks
- New custom built fish tanker trailer
- Replacement of the hatchery roof
- New Kubota utility vehicle
- New riding mower
- Bridge repairs and new cedar fencing
- Complete renovation of the trailer home



Without giving consideration to the value of the many hours of volunteer labour the cost of these improvements and others is over \$150,000. All recommendations to upgrade Club facilities, equipment and furnishings are reviewed and approved by the Club Executive and, where necessary, are also approved at a Club General Membership Meeting.

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With Club membership expanding beyond 850, and with an extensive and ageing facility, the Club Executive has made a concerted effort to ensure all our buildings and equipment will serve the membership for many years to come.



Peter Allanson, Norm Taylor and Bob Keith on Club equipment

Emergency Hatchery Repairs Completed

With only a couple of weeks to spare before the first salmon are ready to leave the incubation room, the hatchery volunteers completed the hatchery emergency repairs. In September of last year two round fiberglass rearing tanks were installed in the hatchery. This decision was made in an effort to inform our volunteers on the issues related to the operation of these modern fish rearing containers.

It was only when the new tanks were connected to the hatchery water supply was it discovered the “head trough” that distributes water to all the rearing containers in the hatchery was leaking. In replacing the head trough (see December Newsletter) it was apparent the wall panels behind the head trough, after 33 years of exposure to high humidity, were rotting and in need of replacement. Thank you to the hatchery volunteers who, under very tight time restraints, performed admirably in completing this unanticipated project.



New head troughs and wall paneling

Club Road Sign Replacement

If you have visited the Club grounds in recent weeks you may have noticed a significant improvement in the Club sign at 184th Street. The old two sided sign had deteriorated to the point the paint and the wooden panel itself were beyond repair. It was decided a professional painter should be engaged to copy and repaint the sign on new wooden panels.



A bit of history is needed to understand the desire to restore the sign. The original First Nations salmon design was created and painted by past Club member Rosanne Hirschfeldt, while the lettering was painted by June Larsen. Lorne Halliday designed and built the frame. The other Club signs on our property also have a history.

The original Club logo was designed in the early 1960's by the late Ruth Kendall. Ruth was an early and long-time member of the Club. For many years Ruth served on the Club Executive, including some years as the Club President. The logo was first introduced on the back wall of a Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club booth at a Cloverdale Trade Fair. If you look closely at the two other signs on the Club grounds, installed in the 1990's, you will notice they are made of ceramic tiles. The art work with the ceramic glazes were done by club member June Larson and set by her husband Frank. Lorne Halliday also designed the frame.



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Wedding Reception Supervision Fees

At a recent Directors Meeting a motion was approved to pay a fee to the Club members who volunteer to supervise wedding receptions held in the hall on Saturday evenings. A fee would also be paid to volunteers prepared to supervise the wedding party hall set up and decoration on the Friday afternoon or evening. The motion was agreed at a subsequent General Membership Meeting.

The decision to pay volunteers was driven by the reality that supervision of almost all of the wedding receptions, over the past two years, fell on the shoulders of two Club volunteers. Likewise, the responsibility for supervising the hall set up and decoration was managed by a single volunteer. It is unacceptable the task of assuring the Club's financial stability (see following article) should be borne by three hard pressed Club volunteers.

This year there will be close to twenty five weddings scheduled for the hall, plus there will be some additional events which require supervision. The wedding receptions are by far the most time consuming. The supervisor is required to be on-site around 6:00pm and must ensure the hall is locked up by 1:00am. While most of the evening is spent in the Club lounge, it is expected the supervisor checks the hall, washrooms and kitchen on an hourly basis. The supervisor also needs to be available to respond to issues during the evening.

Supervision of the hall set up and decoration generally takes between four or five hours either on a Friday afternoon or evening. The prime responsibility is to provide guidance to the wedding party or their professional decorators on the best layout of the tables and chairs. In addition, it is essential to monitor the decoration of the hall to ensure there is no damage to the hall. Like the reception supervision, training will be provided to Club members interested in carrying out this task.

The fee to be paid will be \$150.00 for supervision of a wedding reception and \$75.00 for the hall set-up.

If you are interested in participating please contact me through email at bobdonnelly@telus.net



Financial Summary for 2017



Photo Lester Lightstone

For those Club members who were not able to attend the Annual General Meeting in December outlined below are some of the 2017 financial highlights presented by Fred Koch, Club Treasurer. It should be noted the Club carries funds in our bank account and in a contingency fund to offsets any year-to-year deficits.

- Gross Revenue \$180,294
- Gross Expenses \$183,311

Of particular interest to Club members is the contribution each aspect of the Club's activities funds the ongoing operation of the Club. The numbers below represent the contribution after expenses have been deducted:

- Hall Rental \$69,969 71%
- Membership \$12,760 13%
- Archery \$10,080 10%
- Range \$ 4,595 4%
- Other activities \$ 1,500 1%

Due to government funding, school tours, donations and grants from the Pacific Salmon Foundation hatchery operations, though administered by the Club, have a separate funding model.

Senior Directors Community Engagement

Club Vice President, Ron Meadley, and I continue to spend much of our time in meeting with local politicians, City of Surrey staff and other groups of interest. This activity is focused on two major issues. The first is the need to find ways to fund the planned hatchery infrastructure upgrade and the second is the ongoing necessity to protect the Little Campbell watershed from encroaching development. Recent consultations have included meetings with a City Council member; the newly elected Member of Parliament and the Semiahmoo First Nations. Meetings are scheduled with the Pacific Salmon Foundation and senior staff from the Provincial Fresh Water Fisheries Society.

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Change in General Meeting Schedule

At a recent Club Directors Meeting it was decided to change the frequency of the General Membership from monthly to quarterly. Going forward, the General Management Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month in March, June and September with the Annual General Meeting in December. The time and location of these meetings will remain the same – 7:30pm in the hall. Traditionally, no General Meetings were scheduled in June and July.

Under the Club by-laws the Club Executive is empowered to set the frequency of the General Meetings. The only General Membership Meeting that must be scheduled under the by-laws is the Annual General Meeting in December.

There are a number of reasons behind the decision to reduce the number of meetings. First among them is the low turnout for the meetings. Frequently, the number of Club members who attend the meeting is less than the number of Club Directors in attendance. The Club Directors are all very busy people and it can be frustrating to give up another evening that is virtually a repeat of the agenda from the previous Directors Meeting. This is not a reflection on the Club members who take the time to attend – we just wish there were more of them.

It should also be noted it is always necessary for the Club Executive to obtain approval from the general membership if the cost of a planned project exceeds a certain amount. This practice will continue. The general membership vote on these projects will be scheduled for one of the quarterly meetings or if there is some urgency, a Special General Meeting will be scheduled.

The Club Newsletter is always a good source of information on what is happening around the Club, including issues being discussed and reviewed by the executive. In addition, if you, as a Club member wish to gain further insight into the thoughts and direction of the Club Executive, please speak to one of the directors. Club director contact information is included in the monthly newsletter and there is at least one director engaged in all Club activities including the hatchery, archery, grounds and gun range.

Unwelcome Visitor at Fish Fence

Seals have been sighted at the hatchery fish counting fence on two occasions in the past few weeks. This is unprecedented! A check of our records and in conversations with long time Club members, there has been no record of this happening in the past. Our grounds are over nine kilometers upstream from the ocean.

Over the past couple of years we have been aware of an increased number of seals appearing at the mouth of the river in Boundary Bay on the Semiahmoo First Nations land. More recently there have also been an increased number of sightings of seals in the river downstream from the Club grounds. Anglers had been reporting seeing seals at the Peace Portal Golf Club and at other locations.

So why are they unwelcome?

There is a growing concern that seals are having a dramatic impact on the salmon and trout in the Little Campbell River.

During the last spawning season our hatchery volunteers were noticing injured salmon being counted at the fish fence. The bite marks on these fish were somewhat larger than we would come to expect from River Otter – the primary marine predator in the river. Also, we are seeing a significant decrease in the number of Cutthroat trout in the river. The Cutthroat trout we raise in the hatchery and those born in the river spend most of their life in the river estuary.

The fact they are now moving further upstream may signify a disturbing trend. With the salmon spawning season finished in November, have the seals now consumed the Cutthroat trout stock in the river estuary? Are they now moving upstream in search of other sources of food? It should be noted that as of the third week of January we have yet to see a single Steelhead Trout arriving at the fish fence as they pass the hatchery on the way to their spawning grounds. Between late December and March we usually count between 200 and 400 of these threatened species at the fence. Not seeing a single fish so late in the season is also unprecedented.

While the Harbour seal sighted at the fish counting fence (see photo below) would appear to be a juvenile, an adult seal will grow to 300 lbs. and will consume from 12 to 18 lbs. of fish daily. Dependent on the number of seals in the river, they will consume a large quantity of salmon and trout.



Photo at fish fence by Sue MacRae

The extraordinary reduction in Cutthroat trout is already having an impact on the hatchery operation. With only one male and one female Cutthroat being gathered for brood stock the number of Cutthroat Trout to be raised in the hatchery next year will be dramatically reduced.

Hatchery volunteers have raised the concern with the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and will do the same with the Provincial Freshwater Fisheries Society in a meeting at the end of the month.

Bob Donnelly

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ARCHERY

January has been a quiet month for Archery. The mail-in match has begun and is held on Saturday mornings at 9:30am but you should try to be there by 9:00am.

Several members are attending the 2018 Vegas Shoot in Las Vegas. It is known as the largest and most prestigious indoor archery tournament in the world. The event attracts over 3,500 novice to Olympic archers from around the world and includes three intense days of no error competition. Good luck and great shooting!

Don't forget the Valentine Day Shoot!



Semiamhoo Archers
INDOOR 3D FUN SHOOT
February 17th & 18th 2018
Cloverdale Agriplex
62 ave. & 176th street, Surrey
Start time 8:00am Awards 4:00pm
CONCESSION AVAILABLE
9:00am to 3:00pm
Adults \$9:00 Per Round
Youth \$6:00 Per Round
Cubs \$3:00 Per Round
PeeWee Free



For more information Contact Stan griz660@shaw.ca



JUNIOR OLYMPIC PROGRAM

2018 has marked some changes for the Junior Archery Program. Starting with our classes in January, we have changed Saturday class times and added a third class so we can focus on instruction with the students who attend class. Our goal for the Winter/Spring semester is to deliver the best possible instruction to our students, while accommodating as many students as we can handle in our classes.

We continue to have a significant wait list for classes and continue to work to try to find a spot for everyone. For parents who have students who are currently in class, please keep in mind if you cannot make it to class on a regular basis, we ask

you to consider giving your spot up to another student who is on the wait list.

Congratulations to all of our recent award winners, especially Noah McNulty and James Morrow for their graduation from the Owl team to the Hawk team!

Owl Awards:

- Logan Rix: 12m 15m
- Scarlet Hayes: 12m
- Ethan Kennedy: 12m
- Jasmine DBK: 12m
- Ryan Gao: 8m, 10m
- Georgina Collias 10m
- Koi Granade: 10m
- Madelyn Batic-Woloschuk: 8m
- Rhys Lee 8m
- Isabelle Bergen 6m, 8m
- Emma Bergen: 6m

Hawk Level

- Ethan Lemire: 6m, 8m, 10m
- Noah McNulty: 6m
- James Morrow: 6m



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2018 BCWF CONSERVATION LOTTERY



RANGE REPORT

Greetings members! We decided to start 2018 off with refreshing the range backstop. The old header board had taken a few hits in the 20-odd years since it was installed, so it needed some attention. Also, our use of longer mats instead of 21 individual mats, had led to issues with mats buckling and curling. These mats are expensive to buy, so we decided to try a new system of hanging the mats to get more use out of these ones. Just doing our bit to save the club some money. ☺

With help from club members Lloyd, Randy, Allen and his wife Joye, we pulled down the mats, repaired one trap, reinforced the header board and skinned it with new 2x4s, and set up vertical 2x4s to help carry the weight of the mats. Now the mats can be attached at more points, so they can do their job better. The kicker? We did the bulk of this in about 3 hours. What an awesome crew! ☺

Now all that remains to be seen, is how long these vertical 2x4 supports will last, before they need to be replaced. I think I'll spend extra time teaching people how to shoot straight. Haha!

Allan Johanson, Range Director



It is once again time for the Annual BCWF Conservation Lottery. This time the top prize should appeal to all anglers as it is a very nice boat complete with motor and trailer. There are also eleven other very valuable prizes.

I will have tickets until May 30th but, to qualify for the Early Bird prize, you need to buy your tickets by February 15th. Just mail a cheque or money order for \$10.00 per ticket payable to BC Wildlife Federation to Jim Helsdon, 23446 - 32 Avenue, Langley BC V2Z 2J1, e-mail jhelsdon@shaw.ca, or phone (604)533-7922.

Jim Helsdon, BCWF Liaison

BCWF
BC WILDLIFE FEDERATION
CONSERVATION Lottery
Grand Prize
2018 Gator Tough 1652 WOF Boat & Trailer and Yamaha F40 Jet Drive Motor
Grand Prize valued at over **\$17,000!**
\$10 per ticket

Early Bird Prize (Draw Feb. 28th)
Redhead 40-Gun Safe

2nd Prize
GunWerks MountainX Precision Hunting Rifle Package

3rd Prize
WestJet Gift of Flight Voucher Valued at \$2,900

4th Prize
Vortex Viper HD 10x42 Binocular and Ranger 1500 Rangefinder

5th Prize
Icon Pro 7200 Backpack Full Kit & Mountain Star 2P Tent

6th Prize
EF200is Generator

7th Prize
4 Person/ 8 Hour Sturgeon Fishing Excursion

8th Prize
Round-trip for 2 from Vancouver to Victoria (except seaplane routes)

9th Prize
\$500 Gift Card

10th Prize
\$350 Storm Tech Jacket & \$150 Gift Card

11th Prize
Husky Plush & \$250 Gas Card

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1-888-881-BCWF (2293)
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A minimum of FIVE tickets must be purchased by telephone if tickets are required to be mailed. Otherwise, tickets can be picked up at the BCWF office. Ticket Sales Cut-Off: May 30, 2018. Ticket purchasers must be 19 years of age or older. Winner second prize must have proof of a valid P.A.L. If a winning ticket bears a minor's name, the prize will be levitably delivered on behalf of the minor to the minor's parent, legal guardian or trustee. For a complete list of prizes and rules of play, visit www.bcwf.bc.ca

Chances are 1 in 20,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize B.C. Gaming Event License # 99585

Problem Gambling Help Line: 1-888-795-6111
www.bccrpsontsibegambling.ca **Know your limit, play within it.** **19+ to play**

Important Member Notice

Though the club maintains volunteer liability insurance club members are reminded that volunteer activities are undertaken at their own risk. Members are also reminded to:

- Not to undertake tasks for which they are not physically fit or are not qualified to do.
- To observe all safety codes and procedures
- Not to operate machinery or equipment without proper training