



## Presidents Report



## Desperate Need for More Volunteers

In observing Club activities over the past year, it is clear the continued operation of the Club is dependent on a small group of dedicated volunteers. Thirty five or so Club members are responsible for managing the archery and gun range activities; operating the hatchery; maintaining the grounds and facilities, as well as supporting the hall rental events. Within this group there is even a smaller number of volunteers who have stepped up to fill the numerous gaps in our volunteer roles. These individuals spend up to, and in some cases over, 80 hours a month to ensure the rest of the 700 Club members can enjoy the benefits of Club membership. This level of effort is unsustainable.

In the past couple of years we have lost a number of long term key volunteers. It is essential that existing Club members step up to help fill the gaps in our volunteer ranks. There are a wide range of roles needed to be filled. Some of these require people who are retired or contemplating retirement, who could be available during week days. However, there are other roles which can be carried out on Saturday mornings or even at home.

Over the past five or six years the Club Executive have worked very hard to improve and expand Club facilities as well as ensure the financial stability of the Club. We have attained these goals but without the required number of volunteers these achievements will be of little value.

So if you can help or if you have family members or friends who may be interested in volunteering around the Club, I appeal to you to leave a message on the Club phone 604 535-8366. We will provide training and support where it is required.

## End of This Year's Wedding Season



Perhaps there is no better example of the dedication of our volunteers than demonstrated by the four Club members who oversee the 25 or so weddings held in the hall on an annual basis. These four individuals are responsible for showing the hall to prospective renters; signing rental agreements; interfacing with the wedding parties; supervising the hall set up and the wedding reception, as well as maintaining the hall.

The revenue from weddings and other hall rental events provide the funds necessary to continue Club operations. This revenue is significantly higher than the combined revenue generated from all other Club income sources, including membership fees and archery and gun range activities.

So thanks to the volunteers who are dedicated to booking the weddings and who give up their Friday or Saturday nights to supervise these functions. Their success is validated by the fact we are nearly fully booked for weddings next year.

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## Congratulations to Elissa Foley



I would like to add my congratulations to Club member Elissa Foley on her performance at the World Archery Youth Championships in Argentina. Elissa was competing against 93 other competitors from around the world. Though she felt she did not do as well as she expected, she enjoyed the experience and made an impression on the Archery Canada coaches.

This is Elissa's first time competing at this level and she is determined to qualify for the next World Archery Youth Championships in two years time. The Club membership should be very proud of the effort Elissa has made over the past few years. She has now raised her skill level to the point that she represented her country on the international stage.

## Continued Bridge Repairs

Thank you to Club volunteers (and Directors) Jim Wilkins and Norm Taylor for replacing the deck and railings of the bridge across Oswald Creek on the upper nature trail. Over the last couple of years Jim and Norm have repaired or replaced all of the pedestrian bridges on the grounds. It is very important the bridges be in good repair when you consider the thousands of school children and general public who walk the nature trails.



Oswald Creek bridge during and after rebuild

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## New Historic Signs on Nature Trail



Club volunteer, Norm Taylor, should be congratulated on his project to select, mount and place a number of historic signs along the nature trails. These signs depict life around the Club property between 1890 and 1900. Take a few minutes and tour the trails to view these historical photos, as well as the 90 signs that identify the flora and fauna in our forest.

## Additional Storage Room

In an effort to increase the storage space for the gun range and gardening equipment it was agreed the remaining space under the hall deck would be an ideal solution. The area is adjacent to both the range and the existing small gardening storage space. An internal wall divides the space with each side having their own access door. In recent years this space became an open storage area for equipment and a wide range of material. By storing gun targets and other range material in the new storage room, it will now be possible to open the small range area in the hall basement for other purposes.

Thank you to Club volunteers John Zawada and Wayne Wright for their efforts to remove the old air intake system and the further preparation of the area.



*New storage area under hall deck before and after construction*

## Club Hosts Youth Leadership Conference Group

On Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, the Club hosted 40 students from the Okanagan area of British Columbia and their teacher hosts from Clayton Heights Secondary School in Surrey. The students, aged between 14 and 17, were selected for their leadership ability to participate in a four day BC Student Leadership Conference at Fleetwood as part of the Canada 150 celebrations. A major focus of the conference was the importance of "volunteering" in today's society. In addition, there was an expectation the students would provide some volunteer services to the community during their stay in the city.

As an excellent example of a volunteer organization and our ability to provide a number of volunteer tasks around our grounds, we were approached to host the students for the afternoon.

During their stay the students were engaged in a presentation on the Club's sixty years of volunteer work in restoring the Little Campbell River. Despite the inclement weather, the students were split into several groups to carry out a number of jobs around the grounds. Thanks is due to Club Director, Phillip Milligan, for assigning and supervising the students while they were on the grounds. The students and teachers enjoyed their visit and thanked the Club for assisting the conference.



**Bob Donnelly, President**

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## JUNIOR OLYMPIC PROGRAM

September was a very busy month for the Junior Archery Program with our students returning to class after a summer break. Our first event of the year was a welcome back BBQ on September 9<sup>th</sup> which was very well attended despite the rainy weather. In the weeks since the welcome, a new group of students have joined the program, along with a large number of returning students. Everyone has been working extremely hard trying to accomplish their Score I. Congratulations to all of our award recipients. In particular, we want to congratulate Ethan Lemire for his graduation from the Owl team to the Hawk team.

### Owl Awards:

Aahan Agarwal: 10m  
Paige Bedard: 10m  
Jasmine DeBosch Kemper: 8m, 10m  
Kaden Ewing: 6m  
Ryan Gao: 6m, 8m  
Koi Grenade: 6m  
Scarlet Hayes: 6m, 8m  
Ethan Kennedy: 6m, 8m  
Daniel Kim: 10m, 12m  
Madeleine Kim: 8m, 10m  
Rob Kim: 6m  
Rhys Lee: 6m  
Emily Lemire: 15m  
Ethan Lemire: 6m 18m *Graduated to Hawk Team*  
Noah McNulty: 8m, 10m, 12m  
James Morrow: 12m  
Georgina Neilson: 6m  
Logan Rix: 6m, 8m  
Reedho Shahazad: 6m, 8m

**Eagle Awards:** Andrew Cook: 250 Level

## MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder for members to please fill out the original membership start date on the Membership Application Form. If you are a long time member and can't remember the exact date, please take your best guess. The date will be used to assign Membership numbers. For more information, please contact Johnny Zawada at [johnnyz2012@gmail.com](mailto:johnnyz2012@gmail.com)

## 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

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## HATCHERY SCHOOL TOUR GUIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional volunteers to host the elementary school classes that tour the hatchery and grounds during March, April and May. Over 70 school classes will visit the hatchery as part of the "Salmon in the Classroom" program. The classes are from schools in Richmond, Delta and Surrey.

These classes receive fertilized Coho salmon eggs from the hatchery during December. The eggs are placed in aquariums in their classrooms that have been provided by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. When these eggs hatch into "fry" in March the school teachers schedule their classes to visit the hatchery.

We usually have two classes scheduled in the morning and two in the afternoon during school hours. Depending on the proximity of the school to the Club grounds the students will arrive by bus or by car pool. Aside from the teachers and their aides a number of parents may also attend.

The visit usually takes about 2 ½ hours and is made up of four parts:

- A video of the life cycle of the salmon & information on what can be found on our nature trails
- View of the salmon fry in the hatchery
- Release of the salmon that they have raised in their classroom into the river
- Walk around the nature trails

The tour guides present the video; show the students through the hatchery and walks the nature trails. The release of the salmon into the river is handled by hatchery volunteers Sue MacRae and Roy Thomson. It is not a very challenging chore and it is a very enjoyable experience. Any volunteers will receive instruction and will be walked through the process until they are comfortable. They can also join the experienced guides during the early March tours. As many students, teachers and parents have commented – "it is the best field trip ever".

If you would like to assist our existing four volunteer guides, please contact Darryl Day at [Dalyday@telus.net](mailto:Dalyday@telus.net) or 604-866-511.

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Thanks again for everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. If you are interested in sharing a story or photos with members, I'd love to hear from you! The deadline for submissions is the **first Tuesday of the month**.

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## 2107 BC SENIOR GAMES

Over 3500 athletes, officials and supporters, and over 1200 volunteers and fans attended the 2017 BC Senior Games in Vernon from September 12 to 16, including Club members. Participants are 55+ and compete in twenty-seven different sports and activities.

Congratulations to Aaltje Stiegelmar (Silver-Archery), Kenneth Bucholtz (Gold-Archery), Peter Stiegelmar (Bronze-Archery). Well done! Photos courtesy of Lester Lightstone.





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### Indoor Archery

Monday & Thursday Evenings  
7:00pm – 9:00pm  
Novice Training, Monday  
7:00pm – 8:30pm



### .22 Rifle

Tuesday Evenings  
7:00pm – 9:00pm



### Hand Gun

Wednesday Evenings  
7:00pm – 9:00pm



### Hatchery & Grounds Volunteers

Hatchery Building  
Saturdays (Lunch Served)  
9:00am – 2:00pm