



Presidents' Report



Once again we are in December. The Annual General Meeting has taken place; most of the salmon have returned to spawn and we are fast approaching the Holiday Season.

On behalf of the Club Directors I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

I would also like to thank the Club Directors and all the volunteers who have contributed to the successful operation of the Club over the past year. It takes a considerable effort to maintain the club facilities; operate the hatchery and manage Club activities. In addition, we have continued our efforts to upgrade and renovate many of our operations especially those associated with the hatchery. I have always been impressed by the skills and dedication of our volunteers. Once again, thank you.

2018 Directors Elected

The Directors for 2018 were selected at the Club Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday evening, December 12th. Virtually all the 2017 Executive Directors have returned with some changing roles to help improve the Club's operation. Two club members have also joined the Executive for the first time. The Directors for this year are:

<i>President</i>	<i>Bob Donnelly</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Ron Meadley</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Jude Grass</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Fred Koch</i>
<i>Membership</i>	<i>John Zawada</i>
<i>Publicity</i>	<i>Bob Donnelly</i>
<i>Hatchery</i>	<i>Ron Meadley (Acting)</i>
<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Paul Van Tassel</i>
<i>Fishing</i>	<i>Ian Murray</i>
<i>Hunting</i>	<i>Jim Wilkins</i>
<i>Hall Bookings</i>	<i>Phillip Milligan</i>
<i>Newsletter</i>	<i>Cheryl Zawada</i>
<i>Grounds</i>	<i>Don Pitcairn</i>
<i>Archery</i>	<i>Stan Jones</i>
<i>Range</i>	<i>Allan Johanson</i>
<i>Buildings</i>	<i>(open)</i>
<i>Director's at Large</i>	<i>Dan Zehr</i>
	<i>Norm Taylor</i>
	<i>Robert Reynolds</i>
	<i>Jim Helsdon</i>
	<i>Bill Ridge</i>

Club Vice President, Ron Meadley, has agreed to take on responsibility for overseeing the operation of the hatchery on an interim basis. Ron has kindly stepped up to take on this added responsibility after the unfortunate passing of long term Club volunteer, Derek Uren, who held the position of Hatchery Director last year. If you would like to help Ron and learn the responsibilities of the Hatchery Director, please contact Ron at his email address included in the last page of this newsletter or drop by the hatchery on Saturday mornings and introduce yourself.

This year we have combined the two executive positions of "Outside Building" and "Inside Building" into a single position called "Buildings". The outside buildings and renovation activity undertaken over the past few years has eliminated much of the need for a dedicated "Outside Building" position. However, you will notice above, the Club has yet to identify someone prepared to take on this new combined position. If you have some free time and would like to become the Club's Building Director please contact me at bobdonnelly@telus.net or on the Club office phone 604 535-8366. This role is best served by someone who is retired or partially retired. I can assure you you will have extensive assistance and guidance in taking on this role. Your main task will be looking after the hall.

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Emergency Hatchery Repairs Continue

In the November Newsletter I spoke on the unexpected failure of a major component of the hatchery infrastructure. The "head trough" is the main channel for the distribution of water to the salmon raising tanks in the hatchery. When the 33 year old aluminum unit was found to have serious leaks, the hatchery volunteers were under considerable pressure to identify a solution. A workable remedy had to be in place since the first salmon "fry" would be ready to move from the incubation room to the hatchery tanks in February.

Our Department of Fisheries and Oceans Community Advisor, Bob Schaefer, was able to locate a used and surplus head trough at another hatchery that could be donated to our Club. From that point our hatchery volunteers needed to retrieve the trough and cut and weld the two units to match the old units. Before they could be mounted on the rear wall of the hatchery it was necessary to replace the wall paneling and build new platforms.

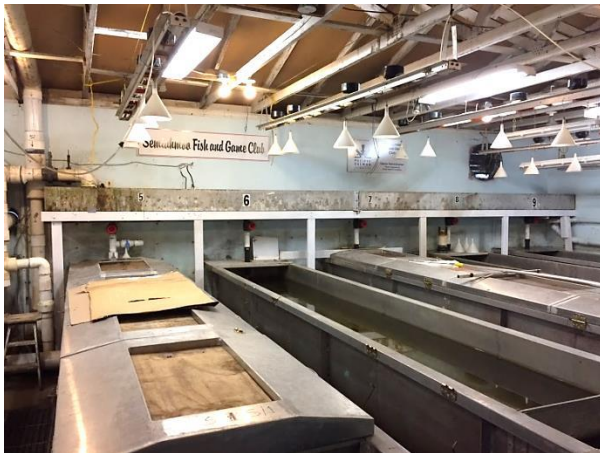
Having these units custom built and installed by a contractor would have cost the Club several thousands of dollars. So, a great thank you is due our DFO advisor and our skilled volunteers who took on the arduous task which is still underway at the time of the publication of this newsletter.



Left to right, Lloyd McKay, Peter Reid and Bill Ridge mount new panels



Lloyd McKay and Sue MacRae removing west side platform supports closely watched by Roy Thomson



East side head trough now complete - before (above) and after



Lloyd McKay and Ron Meadley inspecting the west side in preparation for the installation of the new panelling, supports and new head trough

Christmas Volunteer Luncheon

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On Saturday afternoon, December 16, the Club hosted a traditional Christmas lunch for the hatchery and grounds volunteers, as well as the Junior Archery crew who were instructing in the basement range. Though the Club provides lunch for the Saturday volunteers it was thought we should do something special at this time of year.

Thanks are due to Club Director, Phillip Milligan, who took on the task of planning the event, as well as the added role of chef on the day. The elaborate menu included roast turkey with all the trimmings. Phillip was ably assisted in the kitchen by Jim Sharp, Peter Allanson and George Grasdal.

The Club's biggest asset is our volunteers!



Close to 50 volunteers and guests attended the luncheon



Left to right Phillip Milligan, Jim Sharpe and Peter Allanson

Secondary School. The students are part of the school fishing club and their assistance is greatly appreciated.

The Club has a long relationship with Earl Marriott. This year a fundraiser for the school rugby team will be held in the Club hall in February and the school Junior Prom is scheduled for May.



Students assisting in the weekly cleaning of the trout rearing channels

Long time Club Volunteer Honored

Long time Club volunteer George Grasdal was recently named Legionnaire of the Year by the Royal Canadian Legion Crescent Branch 240. For over a decade, leading up to Remembrance Day, George could be found, rain or shine, selling poppies in the Ocean Park Mall.

George has also been a fixture around our Club. For many years he has assisted in the kitchen at dinners catered by Club volunteers and at the Annual Salmon BBQ's.



George (right) at recent Remembrance Day service

Earl Marriott Secondary Volunteers

For the past few months the hatchery Saturday volunteers have been assisted by a number of students from Earl Marriott

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ARCHERY

There will be some changes to Archery in the New Year. Starting in January, Monday Night Archery will move to 6:30 pm to 8:30pm. Thursday night Archery will remain from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

The price of outdoor archery range keys will increase to \$60 for a new key, \$40 if you return your old key. Also, you must show your membership card when using the range. At times the range is too busy and range officers don't have time to look up memberships. In the past we have had some issues of non-members acquiring keys.

In 2018 there will be no birthday party or group shoots during the wedding season from April to October.

A reminder the Mail-In-Match starts in January and the Indoor Valentine Shoot will be held February 18 and 19 in Cloverdale. Be sure to keep these dates in mind!

SEMIHAMOO MEMBERS ONLY TURKEY SHOOT

On December 9th we held our Semiahmo Members Only Turkey Shoot at our outdoor range (see photos below). Over twenty members braved the cold but sunny day and fun was held by all! For one person it was even a greater day and a great way to end the year, as Kimberly Lyons beat her husband George for the first time ever! Well done Kimberly!

Turkey Winners were: Jordan Kellins, Jim Zalusky, John Ryan, Cody Macleod, Marc Doucette

Happy Holidays to all and the very Best in 2018!

Gary Kellins



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RANGE REPORT

Greetings members! I received some information and ideas from some club members after last month's column on my eyesight problems. One of our members, Rob, sent me a very informative link:

<https://www.ssusa.org/articles/2015/10/16/the-right-rx-for-aging-eyes/>

For those of you who don't have computer access, I printed out a copy and put it on the bulletin board in the range. At the December Annual General Meeting, Sue mentioned the idea of using contact lenses, with regular safety glasses. I had a bad experience with contacts many moons ago, so I never really thought about them. But as Sue correctly reminded me, their technology has changed over time. 😊 Contacts might be the best thing for me, and when I get my prescription done, the eye doctors usually have some free samples to try out. Thanks to Rob, Sue and the others who have given me information. I'll be sure to keep all this available in the range for all members to see.

With the end of the year approaching, our club memberships will be expiring. Be sure to renew your membership promptly, especially those of you with Restricted firearms licenses. That way there won't be any delays with license renewals or new purchases.

Please remember regular gun range activities will be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day. Our volunteer range officers need a short break. I've already updated the website. 😊

Big thanks to all of our volunteers, for your help running club activities and for your work around the club. Thanks also to our club members for coming by the range to have some fun. We hope to see you soon!

Allan Johanson, Range Director

MEMBERSHIP

A reminder to all members the 2018 Membership Forms are available. It would be helpful if you could please fill out your membership start date, if you're not sure, give it your best guess. We are also interested in getting to know our members and their activities associated with the club. If you have hunted or fished in the past year, please check the boxes on the form to indicate this. On one last note, and an important one, please **PRINT CLEARLY** on the form, especially your email address. Email is the best way the club has to communicate with its members. If you have any questions, please contact me at johnnyz2012@gmail.com

Johnny Zawada, Membership Director



RCBS Reloading Equipment - Asking price \$500



Equipment includes:

- 2 Rock Chucker Presses
- 1 Manual case trimmer
- 1 uniflow powder measure
- 1 5-10 scale, strip loader
- 1 Hand priming tool
- 1 Caliper case length gauge
- 1 Primer tray
- 1 lube case pad
- 2 loading blocks
- 2 case lube
- 1 Lyman case trimmer
- 1 Lee Universal shell holder set
- 1 Lyman case preparation kit
- 1 Hornady case tumbler and media
- 1 Media sifter
- 5 die sets (.40 S&W, .30/06, 9 mm Luger (2sets), and 7mm)

If interested, please contact Madeline Kerr at 604-946-4016 or 778-888-4016.

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