



# BULKLEY VALLEY ROD & GUN CLUB

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Hello!! My name is Nicole Winterhalder and I have been entrusted with the newsletter and website. A huge thank you to Terri Green before me for all her hard work on both items, I will try to keep it all going!! **Please keep in mind that the newsletter and website are an extension of you the member.** I need and encourage your feedback and input. Let me know of events, ideas, wish lists or even pictures of happenings involving the club or members. You can reach me at 250-846-5113 or email me at [admin@bvrodandgun.ca](mailto:admin@bvrodandgun.ca). I look forward to hearing from you!!!!



*Could it be spring? I actually picked a dandelion on the 14 of April, wow!!!!*

## **Upcoming Events / Help Needed / Interest Items**

(If I have missed anything please contact me I can update on the website):

**24Apr - 25Apr10** - The Kamloops Gun and Antique Show. The biggest show of its kind in BC!!

**29Apr - 01May10** - is the BCWF convention in Prince George. Fay Van Horn and Bill Zememchik are attending as Club Reps. Anyone is welcome, why not stop in and check it out.

**01May - 02May10** - The annual PITA shoot will be in full swing. Why not get that shotgun out and come and join us for lots of fun and perhaps a bit of friendly competition? (or at least a lot of talking!!) Please contact Bob Blackburn at 847-2135 with any questions. There will also be a great steak dinner on the Saturday night, please call ahead to Jim VanHorn to help with the quantity planning. Hope to see you out there!!

Special note we are still missing the CD purchased to help with scoring.

Perhaps you have it?? Please let us know.

**08May10** - The Prince George Gun Show. I can only imagine the wheelings and dealings!! You never know what you'll find or who you'll run into!!!

**15May10** - An exciting day!! We will be holding the Annual Sportsman Garage Sale in conjunction with a fun Pistol shoot.

- **The Garage sale** will start at 8:00 (breakfast is available) and the bargains (and dealing!) are sure to be great. Vendors are welcome and encouraged. Please contact Sonja Lester (250) 847-2878 for details and to register a table.

- **The fun Pistol shoot** registration will be at 9:00. This is all in fun!!! If it's a pistol show up and have some fun. You'll need approx. 200 rounds and a \$20 prize for the table. Again we won't be taking ourselves too seriously!! Enjoy a great day at the range. Contact Lance for all the details (250) 846-5113.

- We are getting a new roof on our shooting shed!! Any roofers and all hard workers are asked to please come forward and give a hand. It will nice to have the drips gone!!!!
- The wood shed always needs filling. If you are down with a truck it perhaps move a small load from the pile up to the shed by the clubhouse. That way it will stay full and we will stay warm when it's cool. (this could be until the end of May!! We never know)

## Hunters

### Limited Entry Hunting Authorizations for 2010

There have been some changes for the year, here are some summaries.  
***PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN MOVED UP***  
***Applications for the 2010/2011 LEH draw MUST be received in Victoria by 4:30 pm May 21, 2010.***

Be sure to pick up your LEH paper and get those draws in on time. There have been increases in Spatsizi and Edziza for Sheep, Caribou and Goat as well as an increase in Spatsizi for Moose. In the Southern Skeena Bull Moose remains the same and there is an increase for areas 6-08 and 6-09. The 7 day general open season will begin October 20<sup>th</sup>, and 3 separate bow hunts will also be open. The hunting guides can be downloaded online at:  
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/>

Good luck and safe hunting!!

~ *There is a passion for hunting something deeply implanted*

*in the human breast. ~ Charles Dickens*

## Anglers

A reminder to hang on to those Freshwater Fishing Regs as MOE will not be printing anymore. Of course they can be accessed online at <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/> but I know I like to have a book. If you do print them from the website be sure to choose the "printer friendly" version to ensure you get everything on the page correctly.

Our club, along with Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Skeena region NFWCA has withdrawn support for the Skeena Fisheries Advisory Committee or SFAC and the process has collapsed. It was agreed that by being involved we were enabling the MOE to further an agenda of taking away opportunities from the average angler.

Sports Fish Advisory Board (SFAB) - there are concerns from "other" user groups about the angling for sockeye. There is no support for a targeted catch and release fishery of sockeye. This will be continued to be monitored.

There are some very interesting statistics from the BCWF Tidal Water Fisheries report for 2010. For example:

- This is a public fishery, it belongs to all Canadians and every Canadian has a Common Law right to fish. This right can only be changed or eliminated by legislation designating such a course. NO such competent legislation has ever been approved by our Federal Government; who have authority over fisheries.
- The National Recreational fisheries Survey carried out every 5 years and last done in 2005 show that the recreational fishery in BC generates economic activity to the tune of \$1.5 billion. That is 50% more than the film industry, which our government extensively subsidizes.

View the full list of items on our website. Very interesting stuff and we encourage you to spread the information. Thank you Terri O'Neill

*The days a man spends fishing should not be deducted from the time that he's on earth. In other words, if I fish today, that should be added to the amount of time I get to live. G.Bush Sr.*

## Archers

At the last meeting (reference the minutes on our website) it was agreed that we purchase 4 new targets for archery. Seems its hard work pulling those arrows out of the old targets!!!

The National Archery in the Schools Program, sponsored by the BCWF, will be taking place at the Smithers Secondary School. Smithers was chosen as one of 10 schools. The program "teaches to teach" archery and can be integrated as part of the physical education program to more students interested. For more information contact Larry Lee.

*"Archery is a simple game; it's the mind that over complicates it." Author Unknown*

Banquet Bucks update: we netted approximately 9000.00 from the banquet. Thank you to everyone for their hard work. As it is our largest single fundraiser the sweat paid off!!! Great job everyone!!

Dan Morrow is working on preparing a CD that will list all the donors so we have a reference list to make the job easier next year. If anyone has ideas for donators or wants to make sure they are on the list please contact Dan at 847-1034. Thanks Dan!!

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear hunting. As he rounded the corner on a perilous twist in the trail, he and a bear collided, sending him and his rifle tumbling down the mountainside.

Before he knew it, his rifle went one way and he went the other, landing on a rock and only breaking both legs. That was the good news. The bad news was the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, and he couldn't move.

"Oh, Lord," the preacher prayed, "I'm so sorry for skipping services today to come out here and hunt. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish: please make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me. Please, Lord!"

That very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its paws together and began to pray aloud right at the preacher's feet. "Dear God, bless this food I am about to receive."