




BULKLEY VALLEY ROD & GUN CLUB

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Newsletter Fall 2009

Fall is well upon us and one thing about my delay in getting this out to you is we have somewhat optimistic news to report to you about the long gun registry. A bill to abolish this registry after over a ten year battle and loads of wasted money happened in Parliament on Wednesday November 4. Canada moves toward scrapping long-gun registry. To quote from Reuters:

“:Nov 5, 2009

 OTTAWA (Reuters) - Canada took a step on Wednesday to scrapping a controversial gun registry, though rules will still remain much tougher than in the United States.

The House of Commons approved in principle a bill that would eliminate a decade-old registry of long guns such as hunting rifles and shotguns.

Gun owners would still require licenses for themselves as individuals, and a registry of handguns would remain, but if the bill finally passes it would be a major defeat for the gun-control lobby.

Measure was approved 164 to 137.”

There are a couple of maybe not too minor hurdles to overcome i.e. the Senate and a possible election call soon (in which case it would be scrapped) so keep your fingers crossed. Our own Nathan Cullen is to be commended for listening to his constituents and voting for this bill.

Looking for donations and/or pledges of meat for Feb. 20 Annual BV Rod & Gun Club Banquet - call Dan 250 847 2549

Looking for photos for Fred/Judy Hoffsink Banquet drop at Smithers Lumber attn: Fred or email them to sunnysidehill@bulkley.net

Coming events:

TURKEY SHOOT

Rifle Shoot

November 21 Saturday – 11:00 am

Assorted Events \$3 per event

Rifle Gun Shoot

November 22nd Sunday

Shotgun events

Assorted Events \$3 per event

Prize = one turkey per event

Lunch Provided in Clubhouse

Open to the General Public

Invite friends and family to join in!

To Register Call

Dan Pearlman 846-5131 or

Bob Blackburn at 847-2135

Dec. 3rd 7:00 clubhouse
Regular Club meeting

Skeena Hunter's Advisory Committee Mtg: Sat. Dec. 12
public is welcome

Dec. 13. (Sunday) 9:00am
AGM NFWCA Northwest Fish & Wildlife Conservation Association (Umbrella Organization for the area Rod & Gun Clubs) Everyone is welcome, Clubhouse, lunch provided.



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Pleasure Craft Operator Card – How to Obtain

As of September 15, 2009 all recreational boaters are required to have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card, a new partnership between BC Wildlife Federation and BoaterExam.com. Anyone who logs in to www.BCWF.bc.ca and follows the links to Boater Exam should be able to access their exam and self-study material. BC Wildlife has worked a deal whereby every applicant automatically generates a \$15.00 donation to BC Wildlife Federation. Conversely the Boating Safety Challenge Exam and Self Study Guides are available at NWCC campuses at your convenience. For those more comfortable learning in a classroom setting with some hands-on NWCC in Terrace is offering a 8 hour course Fri. Nov. 13 and Sat. Nov. 14. If this is not convenient. you might like to check with them (Smithers NWCC Campus number is 250 847-4461) to see about possible upcoming courses, (hopefully in Smithers) next semester.

CORE FIREARMS COURSES

Frank MacDonald is the instructor; his next scheduled courses in Smithers are available thru NWCC. To book call NWCC at 250 847-4461 is if the dates and times are not convenient for you he is sometimes able to add extra courses depending on demand so if this is the case call him at 250 845 7330 or leave your name and details at Outdoor Essentials. Upcoming courses at NWCC:

Possession Acquisition License (PAL) Course (You need this course in order to own a firearm and this is a pre-requisite for PAL restricted weapons Course. Minimum age 12

Smithers Dec. 4,5,& 6 Friday nite – Sat. and Sunday. 16 hours \$169.

CORE Hunter Training

In order to apply for a hunting license you need this course. It Provides information about outdoor survival, hunter safety, wildlife, gun handling and first aid.

Smithers Nov. 19-Nov. 22 Thurs, Friday evening, Saturday Sunday 24 hours \$219



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Some maintainance

And other News:

We would like to give a big thank you to Fay and Jim VanHorn for painting the stairwell to the meeting room. That wasn't a small task and we got a professional quality.

Arnie Vanderheyden spent the summer fixing actually pretty much totally rebuilding the furnace that has had serious issues over the last few years. It was no small job and it was installed, up and running beautifully before the start of our fall heating season. Thanks Arnie.

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation

What is it? (From their website)

"The Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) is a not for profit charitable foundation established in 2007. The primary purpose of the Foundation is to act as Trustee of the Habitat Conservation Trust, which was created in 2007 by an amendment to the *Wildlife Act*. The HCTF succeeded the Habitat Conservation Fund which operated from 1981 to 2007. Hunters, anglers, trappers and guide-outfitters contribute to the Foundation's enhancement and education projects through licence surcharges. Voluntary contributions, proceeds from the sale of education materials, and court awards provide

additional revenue. The HCTF is a proposal-driven organization, and we invite proposals from anyone who has a good idea that seeks to benefit fish, wildlife and habitat in British Columbia. All proposals are scrutinized by teams of technical experts, and the very best proposals receive funding. Since the inception of our work in 1981, the Foundation and its predecessors have invested over \$120 million in over 2000 projects across BC. Most of this work would never have happened without the funding commitment that the anglers, hunters, trappers and guide-outfitters of BC have made to conservation in this province."

There was a recent meeting of HCTF with invites out to two representatives from the BVR&G Club. Terri and Mike O'Neill attended a dinner meeting on October 17. They were disappointed with the meeting format in that there was no time for discussion, idea sharing and or a question/answer period. We will be writing them a letter to tell them as much.

We will be suggesting that all projects submitted by MOE in specific regions for projects be scrutinized by the regional clubs prior to HCTF granting them (MOE) any funds. After all this money is collected by Hunters, Anglers, Trappers and GO's and we should be able to have input as to whether we feel particular projects are worthwhile. FYI, about 4 years ago our regional association NFWCA requested a collection permit for steelhead of the Bulkley River from our local MOE office and from there we were planning on submitting the proposal to HCTF for the funds. Our MOE office denied us the permit. Interestingly enough that same year MOE submitted their own steelhead project to HCF and were able to get the funding. Hmmm....



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Banquet:

Our annual game banquet is coming up once again for the 32nd consecutive annual year (amazing!). The date this year is Feb. 20th, and like every year we will be looking for volunteers. Ramping up will happen as the date grows closer but for now we are looking for donations or pledges of meat. If you have such call Dan at 847-2549. There is a freezer at his home with lots of room and the big freezer at the club will be empty and awaiting refilling after the turkey shoot.

PHOTOS Remember your photos for the banquet. Fred & Judy Hofsink did a great job last year with the slide show and are doing it again this year. You can drop photos to Fred at Smithers Lumber or email him at sunnysidehill@bulkley.net.

Recipe for Cooking Grouse

Marinate in red wine for a minimum of 24 hours, two days is better. Wrap with a couple of strips of bacon and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour

Or after marinating: Dig out your favorite chicken recipe and substitute

Looking for deer meat pie recipe

I recently came across a recipe called "Humble Pie" which called for deer meat and came with rave reviews. For the life of me I don't know where it got to. If any has a deer meat pie recipe would/could you please forward it to dngreen@bulkley.net or pass it along to him.

WE'RE ONLINE, BV ROD & GUN HAS A WEBSITE:

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This newsletter will be posted on it along with your downloadable renewal/-membership form. In the future we can post pictures. Perhaps information applicable to members, maybe even recipes. Up and coming events will be posted to the main webpage. Future newsletters will continue to be mailed to those members without email, but subsequent newsletters to this will simply be posted to our website with a notice advising of such going out to our members with email.