

Sightlines

Peachland Sportsmen's Association

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Merry Christmas

Presidents Message...by Ray Pike



Another year is winding down and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of our members a happy safe holiday season and a prosperous New Year! The new year has some exciting things shaping up. The

BCWF provincial convention is being held in Kelowna on April 18th—21st. This should be an exciting event with lots happening. Our club will be working in conjunction with the Oceola & Kelowna Clubs to host the convention, so we'll be calling on some of you to lend a hand. If you would like to volunteer, please give me or one of the directors a call.

PSA has committed to a habitat enhancement project at Eneas Lake and it looks as though we will be investing some funds and volunteer labour into stream enhancement in Powers and Trepanier Creeks.

Just around the corner in

February is our annual game banquet. This annual event is the PSA's major fund raiser, which provides the lions share of funds for our operations each year. Revenues from the ticket raffle and game banquet fund the PSA Bursary, convention & meetings and our wildlife/habitat improvement projects.

I urge all of our members to become active in the club. There are many projects and fun events to get involved in. We will strive throughout the coming year to organize programs that will benefit our membership and to keep you informed on issues that affect all of us as custodians of our wildlife heritage.

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Special points of interest:

- *First General Meeting in the New Year will be held on January 17, 2001 at 7:30 pm*
- *Our meeting location will always be at 4th Street Place...4475 4th Street, Peachland.*
- *Membership dues for the coming year are now payable. The deadline is January 1, 2001*
- *We desperately need meat donations for the game banquet. Call Dan Jenkins at 767-9461 to donate...No amount is too small*

Eneas Lake Project Underway...by Darren Schlamp

The Peachland Sportsmen's Association recently applied for funding to complete a habitat improvement study at Eneas Lake. A problem with low water flows combined with a poorly designed dam structure led to trout being trapped below

the dam after spawning. The obvious solution would be to fix the dam in a manner which allows fish to pass even with low flows. However, because it is in a park, a large quantity of paper must first be generated under current

regulations. We are starting with a report by Lorne Davies of Geostream Consulting which reviews the current conditions, and makes some recommendations to fix the problem. We have obtained a
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Membership Chairman's Report...by Gordon Schimpf

I am just in the midst of updating the membership roster, so we have a correct mailing list and membership count. Please note, that your membership dues for the coming year are due and payable by January 1st, 2001. You can drop a cheque off at my shop (Valley Glass, Main Street, Westbank) or I have enclosed a new membership form with the newsletter. I would really appreciate all members taking the time to complete the membership form and remit this along with your dues. As you know, many of you (Peachland) have new mailing addresses and postal codes. We need to update our records and forward these changes to the BCWF. We would also like to update

our membership database with other info such as e-mail addresses, fax numbers, childrens names etc. So, please send in the completed membership form if you haven't yet completed one.

Membership dues for this year are:
Family \$30.00; Single \$25.00; Senior (65 years & up) \$20.00

As I am a new member, please bear with me while I learn the ropes. I'll look forward to meeting each and everyone of you in coming year.

Raffle 2001

Tickets are on sale now for the 2001 PSA Raffle. We really need our members support on this years Raffle. The



proceeds go a long way in financing club wildlife projects. We have inserted one book of ten tickets with this newsletter in the hope that you can sell or purchase the tickets. Ticket prices are \$2.00 each or three tickets for \$5.00 or buy the whole book of ten tickets for only \$17.00. They make excellent Xmas gifts. Unsold tickets or money can be mailed or dropped off or mailed to me at Valley Glass, 2562-A Main Street, Wesbank V4T 2N5 or to the PSA. or come to the January meeting. We haven't mailed tickets to members who have books checked out already.

BCWF Alert...Grizzly Bear Hunting

There are strong rumours coming out of Victoria that our Minister of Environment, Land and Parks, Ian Waddell, is seriously talking about closing the grizzly bear season in British Columbia. We don't know if it is his personal philosophy, or whether the NDP government thinks by doing so they can bring the environmental community back on side in time for a provincial election. There is no question that they are taking a lot of pressure on the issue and the international animal rights organizations are putting a lot of dollars into the campaign. It would be a big feather in their cap if they could browbeat the government into closing this hunt.

It makes no difference that the government's own biologists and scientists have told them that the grizzly bear hunt is biologically sustainable and that a complete closure may actually do more harm than good. We are not looking at biology here, we are looking at politics, pure and simple.

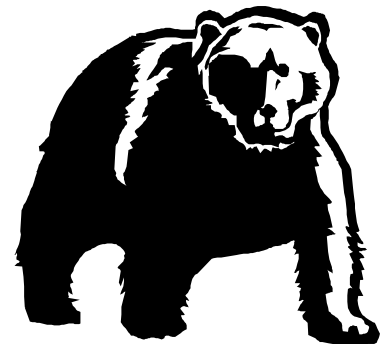
I usually don't send along attachments, as many people have problems downloading them. But in this

case I am sending along a copy of the grizzly bear advertisement that was a full page antihunting ad from the Victoria paper, part of the continuing campaign.

The ad shows the kind of dollars that the animal rights groups are willing to put into this campaign and the kind of pressure that they

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are willing to apply to the government, knowing that a provincial election is very close. You will need Adobe Acrobat to download it. The file takes a minute or more to come up so be patient. For those of you who cannot download a file this large, the print section of the ad says:



His rainforest is being clearcut. His wild salmon stocks are collapsingAND THE NDP WANTS HIM DEAD.

Grizzly bears have been eradicated from most of North America. According to a Ministry of Environment biologist, "The species is presently declining and listed as vulnerable in B.C. This fact by itself ought to be sufficient reason to stop all sport hunting of grizzly bears continuing the grizzly bear hunt is biologically irresponsible".

68 professional biologists have submitted a strongly worded petition to the NDP government calling for a

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grant to help with the study from the Okanagan-Similkameen-Boundary Fisheries Partnership, which gets funding from Fisheries Renewal. The PSA is also putting in some of the money we raised for habitat improvement.

We have completed the site visit, and are awaiting completion of the final report. Once the report is finished, we will hopefully be able to complete the improvements during the in-creek work window in summer 2001. The most likely option will involve channeling the existing flows within the current structure in order to enable fish passage after freshet is over, which could reduce the number of large rainbows eaten by predators while trying to cross the existing dam.

If anyone has their eye on another area that could use a habitat improvement project, and the time to help out on setting it up, let the PSA executive know at the next monthly meeting.



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long term moratorium on all grizzly bear hunting pending completion of comprehensive population studies throughout the province.

IT'S TIME TO END THE SPORT HUNTING OF GRIZZLY BEARS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

(They are then told to contact Premier Ujjal Dosanjh).

It is important that B.C. residents contact their local MLAs and tell them to pass the message to Mr.

Waddell that this is not the time to start managing our wildlife resources through political expediency. There aren't too many grizzlies in Victoria, but there are a lot of bears out in the interior. And regardless what the animal rights advertisements say, the grizzly bear population is not declining in B.C. The inventory studies don't show that nor do the field observations made by anyone accessing the backcountry.

Don't sit on your hands for this one. This is only the start.

BCWF ALERT

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Old Fishin' Gear Needed

How many of you have old fishing gear kickin around in that garage that never sees the light of day or rarely drops into a lake or stream. Well....heres your chance to do something really useful with it and help out some kids at the same time.

Al Springer runs a few youth fishing camps during the summer months. He has lots of interest from the young people who want to learn how to fish, however, he can't find enough gear to outfit them all. So...if you want to clean out the garage or basement of that old gear you never use, give Al Springer a call and donate it. He'd really appreciate it!



Just think how many more kids could come fishin' if we had more gear to use!

**Call Al Springer
767-2287**

"If you want to feel rich, just count all of the things you have that money can't buy."

Treasurers Report...by Gordon Wilson



Just in case we haven't yet met, my name is Gord Wilson and I'm the PSA's Treasurer. I officially took over the position from Deb Schramm last Spring. I'm pleased to

report the club's finances are in excellent shape, with cash assets of approximately

\$16,700.00 and no current liabilities. As you know, one of our club's mandates is to enhance fish & wildlife habitat and, we will be earmarking some of our capital for these types of projects throughout the coming year.

Club revenues are derived mostly from membership dues, ticket raffles and our annual game banquet. The latter being our main source of revenue. I

encourage all of our members to attend the monthly meetings. The club's accounting records are always updated prior to meetings and are available for any of our members to browse through. If you have any questions concerning the clubs finances, I will be in attendance and would be happy to address any of your questions.

I hope to meet you at the next meeting.

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Please make note of the PSA's new Postal mailing address above

Board of Directors

President: -----Ray Pike
Vice President: ----Darren Schlamp
Secretary: -----Judie Steeves
Treasurer: -----Gordon Wilson

Committees

Membership: -----Gordie Schimpf
Archery: -----Larry Sundstrom
Ticket Raffle-----Gordie Schimpf
Gordon Wilson
Game Banquet-----Mina Jean Smith
Enhancement -----Jerry Kneller
Web Page -----Darren Schlamp
Al Springer
LRMP-----Al Springer
Native Affairs----- Dan Jenkins
Core----- Jim Kosarczuk

Banquet Meat Donations

Please note, the following information must be provided with your wild game meat donation: The date of kill, location, species, and license & tag information. You can simply jot this down on a piece of paper and attach to the meat donation. No meat donation is too small. Please call Dan Jenkins at 767-9461 to make a donation .

Trophy Scoring

Keith Brown wants to remind all of our members that he will once again be looking after trophy scoring for the clubs annual trophy awards which are handed out during the Game Banquet in February.

If you are entering anything in the trophy competition this year please contact Keith Brown at 768-3599 during the evening. Jan. 10 deadline

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Calendar of Events

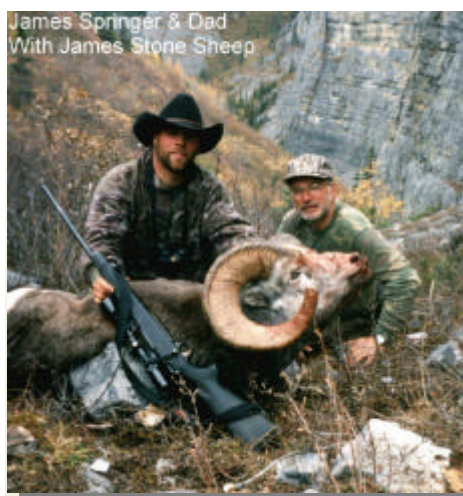
- Executive Meeting ----- Wednesday January 10, 20017:30 pm
- General Meeting ----- Wednesday January 17, 20017:30 pm
- Archery Shooting----- Every Thursday & Sunday at.....7:00 pm
- Game Banquet & Dance---- Saturday Feb. 10, 2001.....6:00 pm
- Ticket Raffle Draw----- Saturday Feb. 10, 2001.....8:00 pm
- Executive Meeting ----- Wednesday Feb. 14, 2001.....7:30 pm
- General Meeting ----- Wednesday Feb. 21, 2001.....7:30 pm
- BCWF Convention ----- April 18th—21st Kelowna

Come out to the January 17th Meeting to meet and socialize with your fellow members. **Lorne Davies of Geostream Consulting** is the guest speaker. Lorne will be discussing the Eneas Lake and Trepanier Habitat Enhancement Projects. These are two projects our club is involved with. Please come out and learn more.

Did You Know!

Were On The WEB....Check out the
PSA Web Site at:

www.psa-net.xoasis.com



Get Well Soon

The Club wishes Mina Jean Smith a speedy recovery from her recent knee operation. Get Well Soon Mina Jean!

Boat Pro Course

A few of our members would like to see the club facilitate the Boat pro Course sometime early in the Spring. Member, Geoff Coleman has put together some information on the course and will answer any questions at the next meeting. This certification is mandatory if you will be operating a boat with a motor that is 9.5 HP & over.



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Date

Membership Form

Family Membership \$30.00
 Single Membership \$25.00
 Senior Membership (65 Years plus) \$20.00

Are you a New member? Yes No
 Is this a Renewal ? Yes No

First Name		Initial	Last Name	
Mailing Address			City	Postal Code
Home Phone	Home Fax	Work Phone	Work Fax	
E-Mail Address		Employer/Company Name		
Spouse's Name		BCWF Direct Member? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Children's Name	Children's Name	Children's Name	Children's Name	

Membership Dues Received

Cash: \$

Cheque: \$

Receipt

Thank you for joining the Peachland Sportsmen's Association. Meetings are held once per month at 4th Street Place, 4475 4th Street, Peachland. Meetings start at 7:30 PM on the third Wednesday of each month except for July and August. Your PSA membership includes an affiliated membership in the B.C.W.F. Each club member will receive: 6 issues per year of the Outdoor Edge magazine delivered to your home address; \$1,000.00 accidental death & dismemberment life insurance; B.C.W.F. Decal and Reduced rates at three major hotels.

Your PSA membership also includes a non-voting affiliated membership in the Summerland Sportsmen's Club. This entitles you to use the club's shooting range and attend meetings & events. As a PSA member, you are also covered under the Association's third party liability insurance, which has coverage per occurrence up to a maximum of \$2,000,000.00 while engaged in Hunting, Fishing or Club activities. Please keep this receipt until you have received your membership card.

Authorized PSA Signature: