



Sightlines



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Eneas Lake Project Completed

Months of planning eventually cleared the way, allowing PSA volunteers to complete improvements on the spillway of the dam at Eneas Lake and in the channel of Findlay Creek.

The planning involved hiring Lorne Davies of Geostream Environmental Consulting to develop a proposal, which was submitted to the Provincial Government for approval. Once approved by all levels of government, the project was given the green light to proceed. Funding of the project was provided through a Fisheries Renewal BC Grant along with generous donations from local businesses. The labour was provided by club volunteers, under the direction of Lorne Davies.

Before any work could be done, dump truck loads of gravel and boulders had to be trucked to the job site. This was no easy task considering the remote location and the extremely rough and steep road up to the lake. Hats off to Tom Lewis Trucking of Westbank for not only getting the materials up there but for donating the labour and equipment to do it. The materials were generously donated by Peachland Transfer and Westlake Paving and Aggregates.

With permits in hand and the raw materials now delivered to the site, a work party of PSA volunteers set out on August 25th to complete the project, which consisted of reconstructing the spillway on the dam and raising the level of creek bed just downstream of the spillway. Completion of the project will result in a more consistent water flow through the spillway and creek bed, which will prevent fish from being stranded in the creek allowing them to return to the lake.

Thanks to PSA Volunteers: Dan & Martha Jenkins, Dennis & Judie Vergnano, Jerry Kneller, Murray Johnston, Gord Wilson, Al Springer and Darren Schlamp, for a job well done! Also, a big thank you to Gorman Bros Lumber and Team Construction for supplying the additional tools and equipment needed to do the work and to Martha Jenkins who kept all of the workers so well fed. A detailed report on the project along with a financial job cost report and pictures will be available at the October meeting.



Judie & Al....supervising

Electro-shocking Fish



Installing Gravels



Finished Product

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Special points of interest:

- *Next General Meeting will be held on October 17, 2001 at 7:30 pm at 4th Street Place.*
- *Jerry Kneller reported seeing an excellent run of Kokanee in Powers Creek this Fall.*
- *Did you know...your BCWF membership includes \$1,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance*
- *Did you know...dripping taps can waste as much as 300 litres of water a week!*

Presidents Message...by Darren Schlamp

The 2001 BCWF Convention included a number of resolutions. One that was passed was a brief code of ethics for hunters. I thought it would be worthwhile to reproduce this code in the newsletter, in the hope that all club members will have a chance to review it.

BCWF Code of Ethics for Hunters

condensed version

- ◆ Ethical hunters respect the animals we hunt, and, when we hunt, we do so responsibly.
- ◆ Ethical hunters are students of nature - learning as much as possible about the game pursued, its habitat, habits and life cycle.
- ◆ Ethical hunters support the concept of "fair chase".
- ◆ Ethical hunters are skilled in the use of the tools of hunting. When we shoot, we do so accurately and safely.
- ◆ Ethical hunters are true conservationists who believe in the sustainable use of natural resources.
- ◆ Our interest in wildlife and the environment includes non-game and endangered species.
- ◆ Fair Chase is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any game animal.



It appears simple enough, and is merely what most sportsmen would call common sense. I would ask that all club members review the above code of ethics, and think about each of the six main points. For some of us, it may lead to dusting off that CORE textbook down in the basement. For others, it may mean some extra care in sighting in that rifle you dropped last season, or resisting the temptation to make that near-impossible shot. I

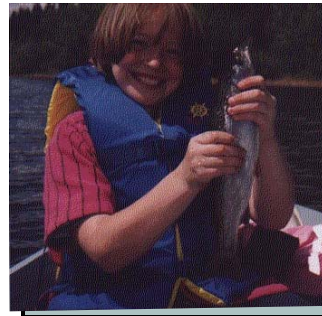
expect that the concepts of fair chase, sustainability, responsibility and respect for both the animals we hunt and the laws governing hunting are already deeply ingrained in all club members. Throughout the upcoming fishing and hunting seasons, it is my hope that the actions of our members in the field and the community bear witness to this Code of Ethics. The best way to educate others about sportsmanship is by example.

For hunting to survive and thrive in this province, we must change the public image of hunting from one of Joe Sixpak running around in camouflage annihilating fluffy forest creatures, to a more realistic and accurate picture - one that demonstrates our commitment to conservation, sustainability, adherence to the law, and respect for the animals we pursue.

I also urge our members to visit the PSA web site. There is all kinds of information on club business and issues such as the Crystal Mountain Development. *Darren*

PICTURE OF THE MONTH

Chantel Sheets shows off one of the fine Rainbows they caught while fishing at Howard Lake in the Cariboo.



Chantel was chromomid fishing using one of her dad's "Burgundamid" secret patterns. If you need to know the details, you're gonna have to ask Chantel.

Brian Sheets, his wife Charmaine and their children David and Chantel annually fish at Howard lake during the Summer. The fishing is GREAT!

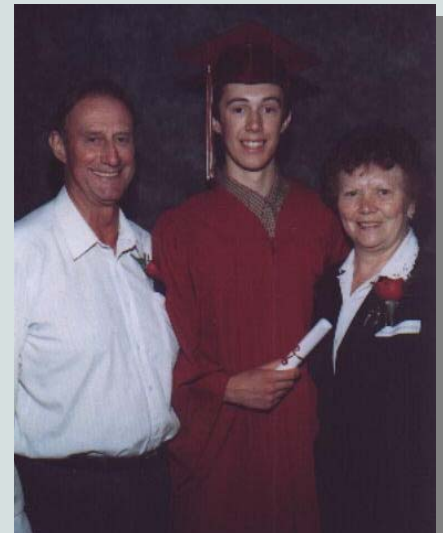
PSA BURSARY

Pictured at the right are Martha and Dan Jenkins presenting George Pringle Graduate, Andrew Irwin with a \$500.00 Bursary. Each year, the PSA provides a \$500.00 Bursary through the Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society, which is awarded to a graduating student wanting to continue post secondary education in the Environmental/Biology fields.

Money raised throughout the year at PSA fundraisers such as the Wild Game Banquet are set aside for the Bursary. The Bursary is awarded to a qualifying student each year by Martha & Dan during the school's graduation ceremonies.

On behalf of the entire membership of the Peachland Sportsmen's Association, we congratulate Andrew and wish him all the best in his future career pursuits.

Congratulations.....Andrew Irwin





Two hunters went moose hunting every winter without success. Finally they came up with a foolproof plan. They got a very authentic cow moose costume and learned the mating call of a cow moose.

The plan was to hide in the costume, lure the bull, then come out of the costume and shoot the bull. They set themselves up on the edge of a clearing, donned their costume and began to give the moose love call.

Before long their call was answered as a bull came crashing out of the forest and into the clearing. When the bull was close enough, the guy in front said, "OK, lets get out and get him."

After a moment that seemed like an eternity, the guy in the back shouted, "The zipper is stuck! What are we going to do!?"

The guy in the front says, "Well, I'm going to start nibbling grass, but you'd better brace yourself."

Archery Report...by Larry Sundstrom



With hunting season upon us, it's time to make sure your equipment is tuned up and ready for that one time opportunity. The archery range will be open every Thursday evening from 7:00 PM. Come on down to shoot your bow. There's no better way practice than indoors on a twenty yard range and the cost is only \$2.00 per person. You won't find a better deal than that anywhere. For those novice archers, come on down and learn from those who really know lots about handling and shooting a bow. So come on out on Thursday evenings. The coffee is on and the range is open!



Calendar of Events

- Executive Meeting ----- Wednesday Oct. 10, 20017:30 pm
- General Meeting----- Wednesday Oct. 17, 20017:30 pm
- Archery Shooting----- Every Thursday at.....7:00 pm
- Executive Meeting ----- Wednesday Nov. 14, 20017:30 pm
- General Meeting----- Wednesday Nov. 21, 20017:30 pm

General Meeting News

The next general meeting will be held on October 17th at 4th Street Place. Aside from the usual business, we will be voting on a membership dues increase of \$5.00 per member. The particulars on why the increase is required will be discussed at the meeting.

This is also the time of year that we begin to organize for our annual ticket raffle. As you know, the proceeds from the ticket raffle go towards financing habitat improvement projects our club undertakes. At the October meeting, we will be discussing and deciding on the prizes offered, how many tickets to sell, etc. So, please come out and give your two bits worth. We need your IDEAS!!

See y'all on Oct. 17th... 7:30 PM

NOTICE OF MOTION

All members please note, that a motion will be introduced at the October general meeting. The motion will be to increase the membership dues cost by \$5.00 per membership. This is required to offset the increase in the BC Wildlife Federation dues which will be raised accordingly in January 2002. The treasurer will have a complete breakdown of the membership dues, showing how and where your dues are spent. Please come out to this meeting and vote on this important issue.

We need your input !!

Vote

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School Bursary----- Martha & Dan Jenkins

The Peachland Sportsmen's Association membership is actively engaged in conservation projects throughout the Okanagan. If you would like more information on our club activities, membership or conservation projects, please contact Any one of the Executive listed above.

The Peachland Sportsmen's Association meet on the third Wednesday in every month except for July and August. Our meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at 4th Street Place, 4475 4th Street, Peachland and everyone is welcome.

Membership costs are \$30.00 for a Family; \$25.00 for a Single ; and \$20.00 for a Senior membership. All include a membership in the BC Wildlife Federation.


The Peachland Sportsmen's Association is a registered Society. Our mandate is to promote and encourage responsible sport hunting and fishing. To enhance and protect the environment and all fish & wildlife habitat.

Article Submissions

We would love you to submit an article, news item or classified ad by sending them in to the Editor. You may E-Mail your submission to gordonwilson@home.com or snail mail them to Gordon Wilson, 916 Ethel Street,

Water Conservation is Simple

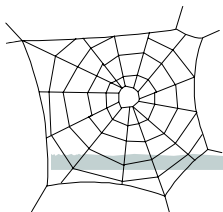
You may not know it, but we are actually in the middle of a very serious water shortage, even though summers over.. Below average snow packs last winter combined with a dry summer has left our water storage in the mountain lakes dangerously low. Increasing demands for our domestic uses of water could lead to low flows in creeks and streams, which ultimately effect the fish. Here are a few simple ways you can reduce your water consumption and conserve this precious resource.

- ✓ Turn off the tap when brushing teeth or shaving.
- ✓ Retrofit your toilet with a water saving device.
- ✓ Take shorter showers. Install a low flow showerhead and save even more water.
- ✓ Do only full loads in dishwashers and washing machines. Each dishwasher load uses up to 190 litres.
- ✓ Keep a jug of water in the fridge to avoid running the tap to get cold water.
- ✓ Replace washers in taps that are drip-  ping.
- ✓ Use mulch and compost to reduce evaporation in your garden. Aerate the lawn to allow better absorption of water.

Water Conservation Starts With You

Salmon Fishing at Rivers Inlet

Coho Heaven is about the only way to describe the fishing a group of us had during a recent trip to Salmon King Lodge at Rivers Inlet, BC. If you're looking for a first rate facility, I highly recommend Salmon King. The facilities, staff, boats, tackle & food were outstanding. The Coho fishing was fabulous. We all limited on Northerns ranging from 14 to 21-1/2 lbs. Although the big Springs were a little scarce, the Coho battles more than wore us out each day along with the excellent Halibut fishing off the bottom of Calvert Island. Check out Salmon King at www.salmonking.com



Get caught in our web....Check out the PSA Web Site at:

www.psa-net.xoasis.com

