



Sightlines

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19TH ANNUAL GAME BANQUET A HUGE SUCCESS

Can you believe our club has done this 19 times? You bet....and every year it just gets better. Actually, unless we were to hold the banquet at a different venue, we simply could not make the event any larger than it already is. "We are max'd out as far as the hall's capacity" says Ray Pike, the Banquet's coordinator "every year we manage to sell out, leaving a number of people who wished they had bought their tickets earlier."

The Game Banquet is the PSA's main fundraiser from which the proceeds help finance many of the clubs activities throughout the year. Projects such as Eneas Lake and Powers Creek enhancement simply would not be possible without funding, some of which comes from the success of the Banquet. Proceeds are also used to provide an annual Bursary to a student, support for the BC Wildlife Federation and many other club activities and projects.

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Ray Pike, who took over the reins from former banquet chairperson Mina Jean Smith, commented "I couldn't have pulled this off, if it hadn't been for the excellent records kept by Mina Jean and previous chairman Dan & Martha Jenkins. I'd like to thank them for the support they have given me, in my first year organizing the banquet and also for the overall successes of previous years' banquets."

Pike also would like to thank the volunteers who donated so much of their spare time contacting the local businesses that donated over \$5,000.00 in prizes that were raffled off throughout the evening. Thanks to Geoff & Dorothy Coleman, Melanie Kraus, Al Springer, Mary Schmidt & Dave Humes for a job well done.

"The help I received from our membership was simply overwhelming," claimed Pike, who stated that an event as large as the Banquet would not be possible without delegating a number of tasks to willing volunteers. Al & Grace Springer, Gordie Schimpf, Dennis & Judie Vergnano, Mary Schmidt, Jim Kosarczuk, Sue Hurell, Chris Hannah, Susan Boose, Dan & Martha Jenkins, Bob & Cathy Mulvihill, Larry Sundstrom, Jack Heynsbergen, Darren & Melodie Schlamp, Paul Araki, and the many volunteers who helped set up tables and chairs. "Thank -You all so very much. I know I'll probably have left out some people, so please forgive me if I have."

This years Banquet raised slightly over \$7,000.00 through ticket sales & donations, the floor raffle, silent auction, loonie toss and bar sales. Oddly enough, this compares almost to the penny what we made last year. The biggest thanks of all goes out to the many local businesses and individuals who donated the over \$5,000.00 in services or prizes for the floor raffle. Gorman Brothers Lumber for donating the evening's door prize, Platts Printing for donating the printing of the banquet tickets, Judie Vergnano for processing and printing the program and Valley Glass & Mirror for donating all of the glass for every art print in the silent auction. Thanks a million to the floor runners Dalton & Erin Polyvas, Adam Russo and Kelly Farwell from Fruitvale.

The real success of the banquet will be proven through our members dedication to the enhancement of our fish and wildlife habitat and to the protection of our environment. This can only be possible through the efforts of you the volunteer and the generosity of our community and local business. We thank you for your continued support.

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Special points of interest:

- April 17th Annual General Meeting will be a Pot Luck Dinner held at 6:00 pm at the Community Hall.
- Congratulations to Jack Heynsbergen on winning the Loonie Toss at the Banquet.
- If you have not received your membership cards, please attend the next meeting, where they will be available for pick-up from Gordie
- We need volunteers to help with brush cutting in Antlers Saddle. Call Jerry Kneller or Al Springer for more details.

Presidents Message...by Darren Schlamp



I can't believe almost a year has gone by since I was elected President of the PSA. It's been a busy and challenging year. The Eneas Lake project was extremely successful and we assisted the Summerland Sportsmans Club with improvements to the shooting range. In keeping with our club constitution we are actively voicing our concerns over the loss of critical mule deer winter range on the proposed Crystal Mountain Development and we have aligned with other groups that have concerns with the obvious environmental impact of this development. In April, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. I hope all of our members will take the time to attend. We desperately require input and support from our members in order to facilitate the many programs and projects we have planned for the coming year.

We are currently planning a stream enhancement project in Powers Creek. The Ministry Fish Biologist, Steve Mathews will attend our March meeting to discuss this and the Okanagan Lake Strategy Plan.

Also, very soon, we will initiate a brush cutting work party in Antlers Saddle. We actively need to get more youth involved in outdoor programs. What better way than through the PSA.

We need to continually grow our membership numbers. This not only helps our club but provides a stronger voice through the BC Wildlife Federation.

Our club needs your support, not just your membership. Please attend the meetings and give us all the great ideas we know you have. Also, if you can spare a little time.....volunteer some.

Sportsperson Of The Year

Judie Vergnano was presented with the prestigious PSA Sportsperson of the Year Award at the 19th Annual Wild Game Banquet and Awards Ceremony held on February 9th, 2002.

The award, which is not an annual event, but rather one that is presented when merited, was awarded to Judie for her commitment to the club and it's programs. Judie, also well know for her Trail Mix column in the Capital News newspaper, has been an outspoken advocate of outdoors issues as an individual and as a member of the PSA.

Her involvement on the Executive Board as Secretary and the many hours she volunteers on behalf of the club attending meetings and club projects made her the natural choice to receive the award.

Judie, on behalf of the Executive and all of the members of the Peachland Sportsmen's Association, Thank You and Congratulations!



Congratulations!

B & J Blower Wins Early-Bird Draw

"We had an excellent response to the Early-Bird Membership Contest" says Gordie Schimpf, membership chairman. Schimpf explained the PSA remits its dues to the BC Wildlife Federation on January 1st of each year based on the clubs membership roster ending on Dec. 31st. "We start our membership drive early in November in an effort to have most of our members renew before the end of the year. The Early-Bird Contest provides some incentive for our members to renew before Dec. 31st."

That certainly paid off for the Blowers. Their name was drawn from a total of 35 eligible names to win a beautiful framed art print. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who paid their PSA dues early.

There are still 32 outstanding memberships to date. If you have not yet paid your 2002 PSA dues, please mail them in today.

2002 TICKET RAFFLE



Congratulations to Ruth & Bill Foye, grand prize winners of a Douglas Lake Ranch Adventure, valued at \$1,000.00. Ruth, who couldn't believe her good fortune, was at the Banquet when her lucky ticket number was drawn. The Douglas Lake first prize is a popular Eco-Tourism resort located in the Southern Interior. While still a working cattle ranch, guests are invited to stay at the ranch and enjoy fine cuisine and lodging, fishing, hiking, horseback riding and good'ol relaxation in a country setting.

Tanya Herlemann was also attending the Banquet when her ticket was drawn for the second prize of a 20" float tube and waders. The third prize was won by Mark Quaedvlieg of Keremeos, BC who claimed the Magellin GPS. Mark is a rancher who lives in Keremeos.

This years ticket raffle was tremendously successful, netting the club slightly over \$900.00 in profit. Thanks to all who supported the 2002 Ticket raffle and *Congratulations* to all of this years lucky Winners!

Fish Biologist To Speak At March Meeting

Make plans to attend the March 20 general meeting to hear fish biologist Steve Mathews discuss the Okanagan Lake Action Plan, a 20-year strategy to uncover the mystery of why kokanee populations have crashed, and solve the problems.

Steve works in the district office of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection in Penticton, in the fish and wildlife science and allocation section, and has worked here for many years. He's also interested in any questions members have about the Okanagan Lake fishery, or its tributaries.

In fact, we plan to discuss with him our proposal to do some enhancement work in Powers Creek which would be a little more long-lasting than our annual replacement of spawning gravel in its lower reaches.

So, bring your questions and comments and hear what he has to say about a topic that's dear to all our hearts.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Street Place, Peachland.

Let's Get Young Members More Involved

Put on your thinking caps to come up with activities the Peachland Sportsman's Association could organize in the coming year which would involve our younger members.

Last year we only had a three or four family events: the spring potluck supper, the fishing weekend at Grizzly Lake; the working and fishing weekend at Eneas Lake; and the Christmas potluck supper.

We need your ideas...let's get our young members more involved!

Annual General Meeting

The PSA will hold its AGM on April 17th, 2002 at the Peachland Community Hall. The AGM will also host a Pot Luck Supper. Please plan to attend and discuss important club business and issues. A new executive will also be elected at this meeting.

We actively need to recruit more of the general membership to assist the club with special projects and/or programs. Many of the projects involve only a small investment of time. If you can spare some and want to help out, please attend the AGM and volunteer for a committee.

Our club cannot continue to operate year after year with the same executive. These people freely give their time to serve the club, but eventually need to take a break. Please step up at the next meeting and let the current executive know if you would run for the PSA Executive. All positions are available: President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer.

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Trophy Scoring ----- Keith Brown, Jack Heynsbergen
Wilderness Watch--- Tim Van Dyke
BCWF/Allocations-- Al Springer, Dan Jenkins
Newsletter ----- Gord Wilson
Special Events ----- Kathy Mulvihill
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 \$35.00 for a Family; \$30.00 for a Single ; and \$25.00 for a Senior membership. All include a membership in the BC Wildlife Federation.

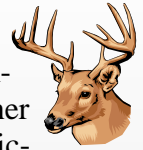
The Peachland Sportsmen's Association is a registered Society. Our mandate is to promote and encourage responsible sport hunting and fishing. To enhance and protect the environment and all fish & wildlife habitat.

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@shaw.ca or snail mail them to Gordon Wilson, 916 Ethel Street, Kelowna, BC V1Y 2W2

Trophy & Photo Competition

Congratulations to this years winners of the Trophy and Photo Competition. Judie Vergnano won for her entry of a sunrise over Okanagan Lake. Pic-

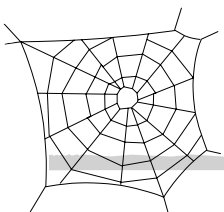


tured below is Master of Ceremony Jim Kosarczuk presenting Judy with a framed and matted enlargement of the picture.

Other winners in this years Trophy Competition were Marvin Olson for Best Moose; Clint Moase for Best Black Bear; Jim Kosarczuk for Best Mule Deer and Tyler Clifford for Best Mule Deer (Junior Category)



Pictured below is John Brownbridge accepting the door prize, of a framed and matted wildlife print donated by Gorman Brothers Lumber Company.



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www.psa-net.xoasis.com

