



Sightlines



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Special points of interest:

- Get your Raffle Tickets at the Pot Luck Dinner meeting and secure your chance to win a new Canoe and more!
- Game Banquet tickets will be available on a first come first served basis at the Pot Luck Dinner on December 10th. Tickets don't last long, so make sure you come to the Pot Luck Dinner. See you there.
- Don't forget to submit your big game and fish trophies in to Clint Moase for scoring. The deadline is December 31st. The winning entries will be awarded at the PSA Game Banquet & Dance held on Feb. 7th. Call Clint at 769-1103 and make arrangements to have yours scored today.
- Congratulations to Martin Irwin, winner of the PSA 750.00 Bursary. Story & Picture will follow in next issue of Sightlines

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

.....by Gord Wilson

It seems like ages since I published the last newsletter in June. Summer seemed to blast past, even though it had to be one of the hotter, dryer and longest summers I can remember. The incredible firestorms of late summer will be something I don't think any of us will ever forget. The hot dry summer seemed to end like you had turned off a switch bringing autumns cooler temperatures and welcoming rains. Although, in some parts of the province the rainy season came too much all at once causing massive flooding that destroyed homes and washed out roads and bridges. I can't wait to see what winter has in store for us. Personally, lets pray for snow.... and lots of it. Particularly in the hills. All that snow melt in the spring will top up our reservoirs and the big lake and regenerate low ground water aquifers. We need the water!



On top of all Mother Nature has thrown at us since June, this has to be one of the busiest years we have had in business. So, I apologize for not getting out a newsletter sooner. I always planned to get one out in September but it never really came together. Although, one good thing about leaving it this long, there is

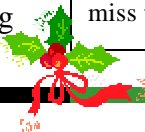
lots to report on. Inside this issue of Sightlines you will find all kinds of interesting stories and articles allowing you to catch up on what your club has been active in as well as upcoming events, projects and all the latest news.

Last but not least I want to wish all of our members and their loved ones a safe and wonderful Christmas season and to remind all of us not to forget those that are less fortunate than us. During this Christmas and throughout the year make the effort to give to those in need. Make a donation of your time or resources to your favorite charity. Remember, the best way to receive is to give.

Pot Luck Dinner

There's no better way to wind up the year and wish all of you a Merry Christmas, than to hold a Pot Luck Dinner Meeting. Our last meeting of 2003 will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at the Peachland Community Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM sharp.

Bring the whole family and enjoy a delicious meal with your fellow members. Martha & Dan Jenkins are organizing this once again, so if Martha hasn't yet been in touch with you, give her a call and ask what you can bring. Her telephone number is 767-9461. Martha also has lots of prizes to give away, so don't miss this fun filled evening.



Classifieds

For Sale: Winchester Model 70 Win Mag
C/W Muzzle Break (BOSS System)
Synthetic Stock, Only 25 rounds thru
the gun since purchased 3 years ago.

ASKING: \$700.00 firm.
Call Ken Mills at 250-767-0136



Outstanding Volunteer



Well known Peachland volunteer and PSA member Mina Jean Smith received a Regional Volunteer Award from the Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General. Mina Jean was honoured for her commitment to volunteering during

the past 33 years with organizations such as the Peachland Citizens Patrol, the Peachland Community Policing Office, Neighbourhood Watch and Speed watch. Receiving the award at the Grand Hotel in Kelowna during the 25th anniversary of B.C. Crime Prevention ceremonies, Mina Jean received accolades for her commitment to protecting wildlife and promoting social and recreational opportunities for seniors. Mina Jean is the Coordinator of the Citizens on patrol and the Community Policing Office and was the Peachland Citizen of the Year for 2002. Mina Jean is also a Past president of the Peachland Sportsmen's Association and was also named Sportsperson of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS Mina Jean!



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Jacket—Standard Options

- ⇒ Two-way full zipper
- ⇒ Two cargo pockets
- ⇒ Inside pocket to hold license



Pants—Standard Options

- ⇒ Cargo pocket on each leg
- ⇒ Fly zip
- ⇒ Elastic waist c/w drawstring



Cost per standard two-piece outfit

Adult Sizing\$80.00 including tax
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Contact Carrie Roslinsky at 250-767-9252

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

On behalf of the PSA executive, I would like to wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas. As you can feel and see, FALL is upon us, and winter is fast coming. The PSA has great things planned for the upcoming season, and we are still raffling pellet rifles at the general meetings. I hope all are encouraged to turn out for these meetings, as this is an opportunity for the membership to bring new ideas and thoughts forward. I encourage EVERYONE to tell a friend about the PSA, and hopefully our membership will increase. I hope ALL had a successful hunting season, and if you can spare a little game meat, please donate to the banquet.

Ken Mills

CORE & FIREARMS COURSE

Ken Mills is currently taking names of people interested in taking either the CORE or Firearms Safety Courses. He just about has a class filled so if you are interested in either of these you should contact Ken at 250-767-0136.



Archery

The archery range is open at 4th Street Pl. every Tuesday evening. Youngsters from 6 to 7 PM and adults begin at 7:30 PM





Membership News

Gordie Schimpf reports that PSA membership dues will be increased across the board by five dollars this coming year. At the October meeting, members voted to increase dues by \$5.00 to cover the increasing cost of insurance and misc. expenses the club incurs. At best, the club breaks even on membership dues, Schimpf reported. The cost of a Family membership is now \$40, a Single is \$35 and a Senior is now \$30.

Gordie also reminds everyone your membership dues are payable not later than December 31st. To encourage renewal, the EARLYBIRD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE has now begun. The cut-off is December 31st. All those that have paid their membership dues by this date will be entered into a draw to win a framed wildlife print. The print will be drawn and awarded at the Game Banquet held in February.

PSA Donates \$1,000 to S.O.R.C.O.



The PSA recently donated \$1,000 to The Land Conservancy (TLC) to assist in the purchase of property south of Okanagan Falls where the South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls (SORCO) operates. Due to illness, Sherri & Garry Klein are unable to continue to hold onto the property, which would mean the wildlife rehab centre would have to close, so TLC entered into an agreement to buy the property so they could continue to operate the centre. Their fundraising campaign has been hurt by this summers wildfires, but they have now raised more than \$40,000, but they're still \$150,000 from their goal.

The SORCO is extremely important to injured birds of prey and other wildlife. We urge our members to send in a donation today and do your part in helping to save this Centre.



Club members got together at Jack Pine Lake this year for the annual Family Fishing Weekend. Although there wasn't a huge turnout, those that did come enjoyed a terrific time and most everyone brought home fish. The club will plan to hold this outing on a different weekend next year. The Fathers Day weekend is extremely busy at most lakes and

trying to find a large enough camping spot can be a real challenge. Also, we are finding that most of our membership have other events planned for this weekend. We would appreciate any input or suggestions our members could provide to make this annual fishing weekend fun for the entire family.



Pictured Above from left are: Frank McLoskey, Dennis Vergnano, Ruth Campbell, Judie Vergnano, Doug Campbell, Martha & Dan Jenkins. Taking the picture is Joyce McLoskey

WIN A 16'-8" CLIPPER CANOE



Tickets for the PSA 2004 ticket raffle will officially go on sale at our Pot Luck Dinner, which will be held on December 10th. We chose a Clipper Canoe for the first prize in this years raffle because of it's excellent quality and craftsmanship. The canoe will come complete with two Mohawk 54" paddles. The 2nd and 3rd prizes will be the same as in last years draw, which are a 20" float tube c/w waders and this years raffle will be drawn at the Annual Game Banquet and the Peachland Community Center on Saturday, February 7, 2004. We have also included one book of tickets in with each newsletter. We hope all of our members will support this important fundraiser. Proceeds will be used for wildlife initiatives. Call Gordie at Valley Glass (768-7266) for tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00





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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 \$40.00 for a Family; \$35.00 for a Single ; and \$30.00 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



Get caught in our web

Check out the PSA Web Site at:

www.peachlandsportsmens.org

**21st ANNUAL
 GAME BANQUET & DANCE**

Banquet Chairman, Ray Pike promises this years Game Banquet & Dance will be the best ever! According to Pike, his committee, which numbers close to twenty are in full swing making the necessary plans and arrangements to pull off the clubs main fundraiser of the year. This is no small task, considering we feed and keep entertained approximately 250 guests. Preparations for the Banquet begin months in advance, which include organizing thousands of dollars in raffle and door prizes, collecting all of the game meat, booking the caterers, bartenders, security personnel, band and...well you get the picture. Ray explains, he can always use more help. So, if you can, give Ray a call and volunteer an hour or so of your time, it's a whole lot of fun. Rays number is 768-2861.

The Banquet will be held on February 7th and tickets will be available at the Pot Luck Dinner Meeting to members first. The cost this year is \$25 ea for adults and \$12.50 ea for juniors 13 years of age and younger. So, get'em while there hot, they won't last long!

Pellet Rifles Raffled At Club Meetings

To help encourage member turnout to general meetings, President Ken Mills has secured a number of new pellet rifles which will be raffled off at each monthly meeting, should the turnout be sufficient enough. These are excellent pellet rifles and we encourage our membership to attend the meetings and buy a raffle ticket. The net proceeds will be used to fund club activities and special events.



Welcome New Members

The membership of the PSA wishes to welcome the following new members:

Thomas Chivers; Blaine & Terry Penner; John Mezei

