



# Sightlines



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### Special points of interest:

- Don't miss the PSA family fishing weekend at Jackpine Lake on June 14th & 15th
- A wine & cheese social will be planned for the June General Meeting. Be sure to mark this on your calendar & plan to attend.
- Don't forget that you can enter your fish in the trophy competition. All you need to do is submit a photo of the fish along with a measurement of the fishes girth. Bring this to a meeting and give it to the executive or mail it to the club. Your trophy will be entered in next years competition and you could win a beautiful framed picture of your trophy fish. Al Springer is working on a list of all eligible fish species.
- Congratulations to Martin Irwin, winner of the PSA 750.00 Bursary. Story & Picture will follow in next issue of Sightlines

## AGM DRAWS FULL HOUSE

The PSA held it's Annual General Meeting on April 16th and it had to be one of the best attended meetings in a long time. Although I would like to think our membership came out solely for the business of electing a new executive board for the coming year, I think the fantastic pot luck dinner that Dan & Martha Jenkins organized had a lot to do with the record breaking atten-



dance. If I'm not mistaken, we had approximately 70 members turn out. So thanks to all that attended the meeting. Throughout the coming year, we are really going to make an effort to increase our meeting attendance. If you can think of any interesting topics or ideas for meetings, don't be shy, let one of the executive know so we can take action on it.

As usual, Martha had all kinds of door prizes for people to win including special prizes for the kids. Another lucky winner was Paul Araki, who picked up over \$60.00

prize money on the 50/50 draw. Way to go Paul!



Following the pot luck dinner, the annual election of officers and directors was held. The PSA executive was elected as follows:

- President..... Ken Mills
- Vice President .....Bill Schoof
- 2nd. Vice President .... Al Springer
- Secretary.....Judie Vergnano
- Treasurer ..... Gordon Wilson

Past President Darren Schlamp was given the thanks of the membership for his excellent leadership over the past two years, particularly on the Crystal Mtn. Development issue. Thanks Darren for an excellent job!

An excellent slate of committee heads were also confirmed with Jerry Kneller & Dave Ellis looking after wildlife habitat; Al Springer on allocations; Dan Jenkins on forestry & native land claims; Gordie Schimpf on membership; Clint Moase for trophy scoring; Larry Sundstrom for archery; Al Springer,

Keith Brown & Ken Mills doing CORE training; Melanie Krause on banquet prizes; Martha Jenkins & Melanie on special events; Darren Schlamp on Environment & web site; and Martha & Dan Jenkins for the Bursary.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Kathy & Bob Mulvihill on their 25th wedding anniversary. The Mulvihills will be celebrating along with family and close friends at a family reunion on June 7th & 8th. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY from all of your friends in the PSA.

We wish Mina Jean Smith a speedy recovery from a broken hip she suffered after taking a nasty fall. Get well soon Mina.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jack Heynsbergen whose Mother passed away recently. Our thoughts are with you Jack.



## What A Turkey !

Sorry Al, not you.....the bird.

## District of Peachland Awards Night

The District of Peachland held it's annual civic awards ceremony on April 11, 2003 at the Peachland Community Hall. A **VERY BIG CONGRATULATIONS** goes out to two Peachland Sportsmen's Association members that were presented with awards at the ceremony.

Al Wiebe, was recognized as Peachland Citizen of the Year. Al's commitment to community service and his dedication to organizing the Annual Peachland World of Wheels each May long weekend won him top honors in the community. Congratulations Al.

Another person honored at the Civic Awards was Martha Jenkins. Martha was awarded a Community Service Award for all of her good work in the community. If you know Martha, it's always full steam ahead in high gear! Way to go Martha.



Another highlight of the evening was the Peachland Sportsmen's Association, Sportsman of the Year award. Pictured at the left, is Martha Jenkins presenting Larry Sundstrom with the coveted trophy at the Civic Awards.

Larry was also presented with a deluxe float tube at the May PSA General meeting as appreciation for the many years of service he has given the club.

**CONGRATULATIONS LARRY!**



## NEXT MEETING

### Wine & Cheese

The final meeting for the Summer will wrap up with a Wine & Cheese social hour, and not to break with tradition, the meeting will be held at Mina & Noel's place at 6251 Lipset Avenue, Peachland on Wednesday June 18th.

The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 PM and will be held outdoors, so don't forget to bring a lawn chair to sit on. Following the business portion of the meeting, we will be serving wine, pop & coffee along with some meat & cheese trays. Please try to attend this meeting, as it will be our final meeting before we take a break through the summer months. Although the club will still have projects ongoing throughout July and August, we won't officially meet again until September.

So, we hope to see you out at Mina & Noel's on June 18th at 7:30 PM.



## CORE & BOAT COURSES

Ken Mills reports that he only received two calls from people wanting to take the Boat Safety Course. Ken needs a minimum of 10 people to make it worth the time so he plans hold another closer to Summer. The CORE course was extremely successful with 19 people passing the exam. Another will be set-up soon.



## Black Bear Attacks

**A** recent black bear attack last Thursday in the area of St. Andrews by the Lake, drives home the point on how unpredictable bears really can be, particularly when you confront a sow with cubs. In this particular case the person was hospitalized and his dog was killed. CO's reported that the sow attacked the man who was out for a walk in the bush behind St. Andrews by the Lake. The attack was described as predatory by CO Jim Corbett who also found a deer which had been killed by the bear.

We urge our members to take special caution, particularly this time of year when cubs are still quite small. If you're planning a trip into the bush, be Bear Aware.



## Brush Cutting Work Party



Pictured above from left to right is: Warren Stafford, Jerry Kneller, Dave Ellis, Dan Jenkins, Bill Blower and Rob Unrau.

**O**n Saturday May 12th a work party was organized by Jerry Kneller to cut down the willow and saskatoon bushes in an area above the old Peachland dump site a couple of miles up the Brenda Road. The crew spent the better part of the day cutting down the overgrown bushes, which were too high and of large enough calibre that they didn't provide any food for wintering deer and moose. "I can't get over the amount of moose sign in this area" exclaimed Jerry Kneller. "The moose have made an incredible come-back here." Both deer and moose winter on these low



elevation south facing slopes. Cutting down this overgrown bush will allow new tender shoots to sucker up over the spring and summer, which will provide food within reach for deer and moose to feed on throughout the winter months. "It looks as though this area was pruned back some 10 to 15 years ago, most likely by Ministry staff" said Kneller stating that it was long overdue to be cut back again.



A crew of seven worked for most of the day, however Kneller said you could spend all summer up here and still not put a dent into the amount of brush cutting that would be required. Another work party might be scheduled for mid summer, although the best time to do this cutting is in the early spring just before the plants bud-up. Thanks to Martha Jenkins for providing a fantastic lunch to a bunch of hungry workers.





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Here's another great opportunity to take someone you know or love out for a weekend of fishing at pretty much any lake in BC and it won't cost a penny. This is BC's Family Fishing Weekend and you don't need a fishing license on these three days. The PSA has put together a weekend of camping and fishing at Jack Pine Lake. Call Al Springer or Ken Mills for details and plan to join us for a fun filled weekend. For more information you can log onto [www.familyfishingbc.com](http://www.familyfishingbc.com) where you can also enter to win some great prizes.

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**Board of Directors**

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Trophy Scoring ----- Clint Moase  
Prize Patrol----- Melanie Krause  
BCWF/Allocations-- Al Springer, Dan Jenkins  
Newsletter----- Gord Wilson  
Special Events----- Melanie Kraus  
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](mailto: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](http://www.peachlandsportsmens.org)

**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.

**MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Wildlife Biologist Tom Ethier was the guest speaker at the May general meeting. Tom gave some very interesting information and statistics on game populations in the Okanagan Region and hunter success statistics. These figures ultimately assist the biologists in determining the hunting regulations and allocations for limited entry hunting. There was also some discussion on the types of wildlife enhancement projects the PSA can get involved with in the future.



**CANADA DAY PARADE**

**C**anada Day is approaching quickly and the District of Peachland wants the PSA to enter a float in the Canada Day Parade. We need someone to spearhead this and put a team together ASAP to begin working on the float. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please, please, please let us know. It would be just GREAT to enter a float in the parade. Give either Ken Mills, Al Springer or Martha Jenkins a call if this is something that you can help organize for the club.



**Welcome New Members**

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

Gordon Schneider; Dylan Sheppard; Gavin Gibb;  
Fred Reeder; Chris Gilbert; Robin Unrau

