



# Sightlines



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## Special points of interest:

- **CONGRATULATIONS** go out to Jeff & Melanie Kraus who are expecting their first little hunter sometime this fall. Congratulations from all of the PSA members.
- Limited Entry Regs are now out. Don't forget to enter your draws before the deadline.
- With the fishing season now upon us, don't forget you can enter your catches in the PSA Trophy competition. All you need do is snap a picture, measure & record the length and girth. Then submit the information to our trophy Chairman Clint Moase or any Executive member.
- Lon time PSA member, Paul Araki and his partner Lynda Bryan are moving to 150 Mile. We wish them all the best in their new adventure.

## FROM THE EDITORS DESK

.....by Gord Wilson

For those of you who have become accustomed to receiving the Sightlines Newsletter, I have to once again apologize for getting this issue out so late. As a matter of fact, if it hadn't been for your Secretary, Judie Vergnano's diplomatic persuasion and persistence, I probably wouldn't have gotten this issue out at all. So, my thanks to Judie who provided much of the material and articles for this issue and, who also helped fold, address and stuff the envelopes for mailing.

Much has happened since our last issue in December. The most significant being the Game Banquet and Ticket Raffle, which were both held in February. This years Banquet proved to be one of the most successful ever, netting the club approximately \$8,500 in profit, while the Ticket Raffle earned a respectable \$750.00. Both events are up



A Clipper Canoe c/w Paddles was the first prize in this years raffle.

over the previous year, which shows we must be doing a good job of staging these important club fundraisers. Kudos goes out to Ray Pike who once again spearheaded the Game Banquet. Ray organized many of our members into a well oiled machine that worked ex-



tremely hard to pull it all together for the annual February event. A huge thanks goes

out to Dan & Martha Jenkins for organizing all of the game meat donated by our members. Thanks to all who helped cook and prepare meat and various other dishes. To name a few others who helped out tremendously, Al & Grace Springer, Dennis & Judie Vergnano, Gordie Schimpf, Jeff & Melanie Kraus, Jack Heynsbergen, Paul Araki, Linda Bryan, Gordon Key, Bill & Ruth Foye, Dave Ellis, Rob Unrau, Ken Mills, Keith & Theresa Brown, Larry Sundstrom, Darren & Melodie Schlamp, Mina Jean Smith, Noel Tarrant, Dave Humes, Susan Boose and William Schoof, just to name a few.



I know I have left out some names. I always do, not intentionally believe me. However, there are so, so many people involved to make it work. So, if you're

name isn't mentioned. Please accept my most humble apology.

In a nutshell, this club can't survive without your help and great ideas. Congratulations on a job well done!

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Spring is well underway and it looks as though we are in for another hot and dry summer season. I would especially like to remind our members to be careful in the back country this year with respect to fire. Also, try and do your part to conserve water. Many of the mountain lakes and reservoirs are not filling to capacity so we are no doubt in for a summer of water restrictions. Do your part not to be wasteful of this precious resource.

Al Springer and myself attended the BCWF Convention, which was held in Nelson. Many very important issues were brought to the table, which I will be discussing at upcoming PSA meetings. Also, I was elected a BCWF Director. I look forward to the challenges ahead and to providing good representation for the PSA over the next two years.

On the home front, we are currently looking at the possibility of doing a major stream enhancement project in Trepanier Creek. More details on this exciting project will be explained at the May 19th general meeting.

I want to say THANKS!.. for the effort put forward by so many to make the PSA a growing club. I challenge our members to think of ideas that better involve our YOUTH. Building on this idea, the recent CORE course saw 7 youths (juniors) pass the test. This is most encouraging for our future sportsmen and women. Keep up the good work.

In closing, I especially want to personally thank the PSA Executive for letting their names stand for re-election at our AGM, which was held in April. Once again, there were no nominations from the floor. I urge our members to get involved with the club. We desperately need to give these folks a break, as some of them have been serving for more than five years running. We could use some new faces and fresh ideas. So please consider putting your name forward to replace one of the executive positions, which include President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. We also need people to Chair various committees and work groups. We would be pleased to hear from you if you have a few hours to volunteer for a committee.

One final thought...you really must attend the May 19th meeting at Fourth Street Place where our guest speaker, Dr. Bob Newbury will give an interesting presentation on Understanding How Rivers Work. Please plan to attend.

Cheers.....Ken Mills

## PSA President Elected to BCWF Board of Directors

Ken Mills, was elected to the Board of Directors at the 48th Annual B.C. Wildlife Federation convention held May 1st. in Nelson, BC.

Ken is joined on the Board by Ian Stacey of Hudson Hope, Terri O'Neil of Smithers and Rod Wiebe of Nanoose Bay All were elected as new directors whose terms expire in 2006.

The new BCWF President is former V-P, Dave White of Canal Flats, while Wilf Pfliederer of Quesnel and Greg Sawchuck of Courtenay will serve as vice-presidents.

The Treasurer is Shaun Hollingsworth of North Vancouver.

The other directors, whose terms expire in 2005 are Herb Stumpf of Cecil Lake, George Wilson of Fernie, Terry Ferron of Pemberton and Gary Mauser of Coquitlam.

**Congratulations Ken, you'll do a great job!**

## 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.

## WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

The annual season wind-up for the Peachland Sportsman's Association is being held June 16 at the home of Mina Jean Smith and Noel Tarrant overlooking Okanagan Lake.

It begins at 7:30 p.m. with a short meeting, and will be followed by a social with wine, pop and coffee and plates of cheese and meats on the lawn. Bring your own chairs and dress for the weather. The address is 6251 Lipsett Ave. in Peachland, off Princeton Ave.

Formal meetings of the club aren't held during the months of July and August, but they will begin again in September, so this is an opportunity to get caught up on all the news.



## PSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Y**our current executive were re-elected to serve another term at April's annual general meeting.

About 50 members, including many families, turned up for a grand banquet of game meat dishes, salads, vegetables and sweets prior to the meeting, and a select few received great door prizes for being there and being lucky.

Martha Jenkins and her many kitchen helpers put out a fabulous spread, complete with Melanie Krause's shotgun-toting moose figures on every table.

Full of delicious food and drink, the executive tried to marshal everyone into some sort of order to hold the annual elections, and eventually elections committee chair Brian Mellis restored enough order that the elections began.

Between calls for nominations, regular business was conducted, including discussions about cleaning up an informal shooting range at the entrance to Spring Lake and possible solutions to the problem of deer being killed on the highways through Peachland.

Long-time member Paul Araki was presented with a framed wildlife print to remember the club when he and his wife move away from the Okanagan to 150 Mile House.



Declared elected were: president Ken Mills, vice-presidents Bill Schooff and Al Springer, secretary Judie Vergnano and treasurer Gordon Wilson.

Committee chairs were not dealt with, but it's assumed all will continue to serve in their current positions. The current committee chairs are listed on the back page of the newsletter.

Anyone with an interest in any committee is asked to speak up to any of the executive members. All volunteers are gratefully put to work.

If you have any ideas of changes or additions which should be made to committees, please speak up at the May 19 meeting.

## Dr. Newbury Speaks at May 19th General Meeting

**C**ome to the regular May 19 Peachland Sportsman's Association meeting for a presentation by Dr. Bob Newbury on understanding how rivers work, their pattern, form and power, with some applications to Trepanier Creek.

Newbury, who now lives with great delight in the small community of Okanagan Centre, is an Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University, the University of Waterloo and Okanagan University College and a fellow of the Canadian Rivers Institute at the University of New Brunswick.

He established Newbury Hydraulics in B.C. in the 1980s and taught part-time at SFU in the school of Resource and Environmental Management until 2001.

Currently, he travels the world instructing workshops and short courses in river restoration and un-

dertakes projects for Atlantic and Pacific salmon habitat from his home in the Okanagan.

Bob is one of the authors of the stream restoration manual used by B.C.'s forest renewal program, called Creating Habitats in Channelized or Uniform Streams Using Riffles and Pools.

The Newbury Riffle created recently to improve fish habitat in Mission Creek is a design of his, and he has been working with the Okanagan Nation Alliance on a project to restore fish passage on the Okanagan River in the South Okanagan.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Street Place in Peachland, Wed., May 19.

Everyone is welcome.



