

RED DEER FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION



SEPTEMBER 2011

**ADVOCATING THE COMMON INTERESTS
OF ETHICAL HUNTERS, ANGLERS &
OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS**

NEXT RDFGA

MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 19,
2011**

7:00 PM

MEETINGS

ARE THE

THIRD MONDAY OF

THE MONTH AT

7:00 PM

UNLESS IT IS A

HOLIDAY

MEETINGS ARE

OPEN TO ALL

MEMBERS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Kevin Wingert

Thanks to all who volunteered to help out the kids at the Cenalta Conservation Youth camp and the Zone 3 Youth Camp. We had a lot of rain and some spectacular lightning, thunder and wind. Three big trees came down at Poffianga and one volunteer's new Dodge truck was hit. Only a small dent in the hood as it was just far enough away. A total of 56 kids were graduates and they really enjoyed the clay bird shooting and the handgun shooting--- in one case during a downpour. I shot just slightly better than most of these youths. I blamed the rain----- spoiling my aim!

AFGA had another volunteer fencing project near Medicine Hat to allow the natural migration of Antelope on the One Four Ranch near Medicine Hat. They can get through the fences a little easier with smooth wire instead of barbed wire. My apron and fencing pliers stayed home due to lack of fuel funds. It would have cost this retired volunteer \$175.00 to go there and back. I would have liked to drag a boat down to fish a few of the reservoirs down there for afterwards though----- maybe next year.

A reminder to all members to get those Hunting and Fishing resolutions in to our September meeting so we can get them approved for submission to the Zone meeting October 4th, We meet on September 19th. Our Bird Game resolution from last years Convention has given us way more upland bird hunting opportunities in the Parkland region! This is fantastic that Fish and Wildlife agreed and changed the opening dates. It does work!

We have asked Minister Mel Knight to explain why the Pheasant season opens September 1st, but bird drops are not scheduled to start until the 15th of October? Was this a misprint? We will keep you posted.

We have a new Outdoor Sports store in Cabalas off Terwilliger Drive and the Whitemud in Edmonton. Jason Ofner is a rep and he has supported our Outdoor Adventure and Sportsmans' Show for a few years. Also have heard there is a good possibility of a new indoor shooting facility in Red Deer. See Rob McCoy's report in this Newsletter.

2nd Vp Report

Jacqueline Brown-Risling

Well, what little summer we had is drawing to a close. Maybe we will get lucky and have a beautiful fall. I attended the Cenalta Youth Conservation Camp as a parent volunteer this year. I must commend the other volunteers I had the opportunity to work with, and can tell you that there is no way opportunities for our youths would exist without the dedication and hard work these people give for the benefit of others. My two daughters attended as campers, and while it was a bit of a rocky start as a result of the inclement weather, by the end of camp they didn't want to leave. They also made some new friends. The amount of activities and instruction packed into these five days and nights is incredible, and I wish I had had the chance to participate when I was a youth. Hunter's Ed, Boat Operator's Course, Non Restricted Firearms, a presentation from SRD, Archery, Trap, .22 Long Gun, Black Powder, Canoeing, Fly Tying and Casting, Fire Starting (without cheating), and a few other goodies, along with lots of amazing food (one camper said "I wish my Mom cooked this good!" - not one of mine...), some football, and even a pizza and movie night, this camp was AWESOME! Just so you know, the team that won the firestarting competition consisted of all 7 girls who attended the camp and Nathan. The cabins were especially nice as one evening we got just under 2 inches of rain in 15 minutes.

It was especially great to see the commitment from our own club. It was also nice to meet all the other volunteers from other clubs, and the families who do this every year. Venny mentioned everyone in his article, except for himself of course (he really is too humble sometimes). There was always work to do, but there was always time for visiting and comraderie too. I can't wait to go back and help next year! Of course, the girls will not be attending as they have already attended and passed their courses, but I am sure there will be work for them too. They are very sad they don't get to be campers again, and have expressed their desire for a camp just like it that can take them farther in their education of the great outdoors.

I am still working on getting a Ladies Shooting Night together, where female Club Members can get together and shoot more than the you know what...

Ladies, its coming, and I haven't forgot about you.

I had to take some holidays of course, and my husband and I decided to visit the beautiful Cancun area, where I enjoyed some snorkeling in the Puerto Moreles's Reef National Park, some ecotourism through the jungle and underground cave systems, met some fabulous dolphins, and caught a trophy barracuda deep sea fishing. (My husband might have caught more fish, but I made up for it in size of fish).

I have some information on the Cougar Management Meeting that took place in Rocky Mountain House, as well as I have some information on the new hunting regulations from the AFGA hunting chair. If you are interested, let me know, and I can pass along those emails.

Hopfeully, you all have made better hunting plans for the season than I have, and have enjoyed some fabulous Alberta Fishing, which I still need to get out and do.

Don't be shy, stop into a meeting, head out to the Habitat Land, volunteer at a Bingo, get down to the ranges, meet some of your fellow club members. Our Club is only what its members make it.

2011 CANADIAN HANDGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS Arno Baron, Alberta Provincial Coach

This is the event that chooses the National Team for the coming year to represent Canada in International Olympic style shooting events.

The Red Deer Fish and Game was represented by Emily Caine, Sarah Caine and Ashley Pikkert. Emily and Sarah shot the sport pistol match and all three junior ladies shot air pistol as well.

In the sport pistol event Emily Caine took the gold medal (Canadian Jr. Women's Champion), Sarah was second and took the silver medal.

In the air pistol match all three Red Deer shooters shot in the finals. Only the top 8 shooters compete in this. The shooters shoot two matches and 10 shots in the finals. All scores are then added for the final results. Emily, Sarah and Ashley were 4th, 5th and 6th respectively in Canada.

Sportsman and Outdoor Adventure Show Jeff Choolacek

Holy smokers.... It's already coming up!! The 2012 Sportsman and Outdoor Adventure Show. We have already started some bookings and lined up some guest speakers for the show. We have Cody Robbins with Live 2 Hunt and Adrian LaFauci and crew with Real Canadian Joes. Also we are lining up a couple of others for added interest. We already have several booths booked by previous exhibitors and some new ones. This years show is starting to look promising already. With the help of the club members I'm sure it will be even better than past shows. We did have an unfortunate incident last year which cost several thousand dollars to the club out of show profits. We will have to rectify this so it does not happen again. I will discuss this with the everyone at the next general meeting. Sorry, not a whole pile to report. But it is already coming along. Any new and exciting ideas or worthwhile exhibitors we should be contacting that you know of let us know!

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Did You Know! Venny Choolacek

Club trophies are given annually to Club Members for a categories for Big Game, Fish, Game Birds, and Photography. These are all eligible for the Alberta Fish and Game Provincial Awards.

Resolutions that you would like to see go to the Annual AFGA Conference must be submitted by September 19th so that they can be passed at our meeting and go to the Zone 3 meeting in October. Because the Zone meeting is held before our October meeting, you must have your submission in on time!

The Club needs someone to chair the Trophy Awards and look after the submissions to AFGA – would you be willing to spare a bit of YOUR time?

Cenalta Youth Consvration Academy Venny Choolacek

The 2011 Camp was held July 10-15 with 30 out of 32 youth graduating.

The weather was against us on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, so classes were held inside for three days, which left the fun to start on Wednesday. Canoe safety, 22 shooting, and trap shooting were crammed in, along with fly tying lessons. Thursday saw some Archery basics, and fly casting.

Hopefully they did enjoy their week at Camp, even with the inclement weather.

Thankfully, the four cabins that were built to accomodate them were finished in time for this year's camp. It did take a tremendous amount of time to build them. A big thank you to Joe Herrogodts, Ken Brown, Kevin Wingert, Doug Wood, Jim Allan, Rob McCoy, and Don and Carolyn (Joe's daughter and son in law) for helping to get this job done.

Thanks also to Ken Brown for his Black Powder demonstration and for allowing the students to have a shot with his rifle. Also thanks to Doug Wood for his time to teach the fly tying and fly casting.

Next year's Camp will be held about the same time in July.

Thanks also to the hands that fed us... Doreen, Maryann, Debbie, Gerri and Jackie, and especially to our "Chief Griller" Joe.

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Newsletter Submissions

Please Submit Your Next Newsletter Sumissions By **October 15, 2011.**

Please send all digital sumissions formatted only in **MSWord .doc** extentions or **submit directly on your email.** Thank You.

**Indoor Range Report
Wayne Brown**

The winter schedule for the Indoor Range is starting in September with handguns on Wednesday, September 7th.

John LeVann has again offered to open the Indoor Range from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on Wednesdays prior to the regular time of 7:00 pm. This should reduce some of the pressure on the busy nights.

Arno Baron also has the Indoor Range open on Thursdays from 10:00 am until noon to give the members another opportunity to shoot.

New this winter there will be a Ladies Night on Sunday evenings. For further information contact Jacqui Brown-Risling.

The Range Safety Officers will be supervising the shooting activities closely to ensure the range is being operated safely. We are concerned about the number of shooters who seem to have difficulty keeping the shots on the targets. New members will have to show their proficiency particularly with more powerful handguns. It is advisable that people new to shooting handguns start with a .22 LR handgun before moving up to a larger caliber.

We are still looking for hand gun shooters who are interested in becoming Range Safety Officers to assist with supervision of the Indoor Range. If we had more Range Safety Officers willing to supervise it would enable the Indoor Range to operate more frequently with the possibility of some afternoon shooting times being scheduled. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Range Safety Officer and assist with supervision can contact me at 403-347-3401 or by e-mail at wayneabrown@shaw.ca. Once we have some names we will schedule a Range Safety Officer training course.

Sunday	Ladies Night	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Jacqui Brown-Risling		
Monday	Hand Guns	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Tuesday	Junior Air Pistol	4:00 - 8:00 pm
Arno Baron		
Wednesday	Hand Guns	5:30 - 7:00 pm
John Le Vann		
Wednesday	Hand Guns	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Wayne Brown		
Thursday	Junior Shooters	7:00 - 9:00
Aaron Dingman, Steve Meticraft, Derek Budd		
Friday	Drop Inn / Family	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Casey den Biese		
Friday	Small Rifle & Hand Guns	
Saturday	Nothing Scheduled	

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- Jacqui Brown-Risling 403-358-3728

**Outdoor Range Report for 2011
Rob McCoy, Co-chair**

Well the range has been very busy and incidents have been practically nill. We now have over 575 people registered for the ranges both indoor and outdoor.

Dave Mann has been doing his usual excellent job out there along with his trusty sidekick Gene Chambers and the place looks like a park. Thanks also to all of you that helped to keep it that way.

<p>ELECTIONS</p> <p>Elections for Executives positions will be taking place during November's general meeting. Come prepared to vote. This is a meeting you do not want to miss!</p>
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Range Report . . .continued

We had a little curfuffal when some idiot took one of our firefighting pails and shot holes in it. Fire is our worst enemy out there as we have to way of fighting it and with the hill it can take right off and go.

Someone apparently objected to David leaving a note that said who ever did this is stupid and I really don't know what else we would call him other than moron. We are fighting hard to keep this range viable and safe and this kind of thing is just fuel for our enemies to use if the time ever came that we had to defend ourselves. How could we possibly say we are good guys when we have things like that going on. One of the things they used against us in the past was the fact that we have shot up the roof and one of our poles and that obviously not all shots were going down range safely, that's hard to defend when the evidence is right there for all to see.

Anyhow we are going to make this range a SLOW FIRE PAPER TARGET RANGE ONLY, UNCONTROLLED RAPID FIRE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. If this does not sit well with you go shoot some place else. Timed repetitive accurate shots are ok if you are on the paper at all times.

We are targeting from the hip cowboy yahoo shooting that can cause ricochets.

We have so many people out there all the time now that we are self regulating which was a surprise to me as I hadn't thought of this happening, but when there's people around all the time that you don't know then your idiot side remains hidden and can't come out and some of the stupid things don't get done.

Anyway over all I'm very pleased with the way the summer has gone so far and hope everyone stays sane and safe out there.

2011 Habitat Land Bookings Harold Drok, Habitat Land Chair Person

September 9, 10 & 11, Booked Functions

Nothing is booked after September 11, 2011

Youth Pheasant Program Doug Wood

Hello Fish and Game members, We have taken delivery of 300 young pheasants and they are doing well under Dan's care. We need more kids to sign up as our list is pretty small at the moment. An e-mail to all the youth camps in Alberta, including Alford Lake, has come up almost dry. Where are all the young hunters?

On another topic, we have just received 10 fly tying kits form Evan Ritchie, slightly used. It was a good thing we had the kits at the Chain Lakes camp as it gave them something to do during the rains. With 30 kids, they had to take turns. My request to you all is to dig out those old vises you don't use and donate them to our club so we can keep more kids busy next year. It may even go over at the Sportsman show. I could not believe how thrilled they were to learn how to tie a wire worm. Then when I showed them how to spin deer hair, it was an even bigger hit. I will even come to pick them up if you phone me. Doug at 403 347 7968. As for the environment, it is still there the last time I checked.

Note: anyone wishing to help as a gun safety instructor for the youth pheasant program should sign up now. Alternating weekends from Sept till the snow is too deep.

Red Deer Fish & Game Habitat Land Harold Drok, Habitat Land Chair Person

This year we have seen the Habitat Land used by more members than we ever have in the past, we have seen 8 or 9 units on all long weekends this year, although busier, the campground is still a very quite place to camp.

The grassy area directly south of the camp kitchen was reseeded almost 2 years ago and has done extremely well and the ground is finally firm enough to drive on with an RV, provided it hasn't been raining hard for a couple of days.

Please leave the Habitat Land cleaner than you found it and pack your garbage home.



RED DEER YOUTH CAMPERS:

Left to Right Levi Patzer, Hailey Brown, Juliana Risling, Jacob Purdie, Jake Barlow, Max Barlow, Nathan Bauer, Austin Clew

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Picture courtesy of K. Wingert, V.P. D. Wood with Spring from Kitamat River - June 2011

2011 Bingo Dates

September 15

October 6

November 17

December 22

All Bingos are on Thursday during the day, We are looking for more volunteers. Please contact Gale McCoy at 403-347-1363.

C L A S S I F I E D S

1. Honda EU1000I Generator for \$500.00
2. CIL FRANCI 12ga Semi Automatic Shotgun complete with soft case & cleaning kit for \$200.00
3. Wooden Box Liner for Ford 150 with checkerboard metal protective rails for \$125.00
4. Large Wooden Tool Box for 1/2 ton for \$125.00

Contact Bob Clark 403-343-3321



Red Deer's first state of the art indoor shooting range and gunshop is coming soon...

Our company is currently in the process of opening this city's first commercial indoor shooting range.

Our facility will feature programmable target retrieval systems, an on-site gunsmith, and a retail gunshop. At this time we're looking to offer (8) 30 yard pistol lanes and (4) 50 yard rifle lanes, both in separate rooms. Each room will feature an industry leading HVAC ventilation system, as well as acoustic sound dampening technology. Our mission is to provide central Alberta with a fun, safe and healthy shooting environment. Please follow us on Facebook for more information and updates, just search Red Deer Shooting Centre. Any question can be directed to, reddeershootingcentre@hotmail.com

New Membership and Membership Renewals

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