



Presidents Report



June has been a very busy time around the club with the Annual Father's Day Salmon BBQ on June 18th and the club's 60th Anniversary celebration on June 24th. Unfortunately, there was a tinge of sadness with the naming of the hall after the late Archie McNair and the untimely passing of long time club member and Director, Marge Radford.

Father's Day Salmon BBQ

This year Father's Day brought cool and wet weather. Despite the poor weather conditions, we were pleased with the turn out with close to 400 people attending the annual event.

The Salmon BBQ is as much a community event as it is a fundraiser for the Club. Last year's BBQ was very profitable with 650 people attending but weather will always be the deciding factor in the success of this traditional club function.

I would like to thank Steve Woods and Phillip Milligan for the considerable job of planning the BBQ. This included the purchasing of supplies and coordinating the volunteers. Thanks is also due to the 30 and more volunteers necessary to host the event. Space does not allow me to name them all here but let me thank all those involved in the following tasks:

- Salmon purchase, preparation and cooking
- Serving staff
- Hatchery salmon fry release
- Hamburger and hot dog crew
- Kitchen staff and runners
- Ticket sellers
- Petting zoo
- Saturday set up and Monday take down crew



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Passing of Marge Radford



Marge Radford 1923 – 2017

We are very sorry to announce the passing of long time club member and Club Director Marge Radford on June 28th.

Marge, a native of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, joined the club over 35 years ago. In the intervening years she was a devoted member of the club and served for many years as Ways and Means Director. In this capacity she had responsibility for raising the funds necessary for the payment of the \$300,000 mortgage incurred by the club in the construction of the hall / range facility. To raise the necessary funds Marge organized, hosted and with the assistance of her volunteer ladies, catered both club and private events. It is a tribute to her hard work the club was able to retire the mortgage in a very short period of time.

As Ways and Means Director, Marge continued to attend Directors and General Meetings up until two years ago when, at the age of 91, ill health forced her to step back from her duties. For many years Marge also contributed a column in the club Newsletter called "Marge's Corner". In these monthly articles Marge focused on keeping members informed on the activities and events in the life of Club members.

Marge's husband, George, also a long time club member, passed away in 2013. Marge, a member of the Canadian Women's Army Corps, and George, a Royal Canadian Navy sailor, were married in Halifax in 1945

A Celebration of Life was held in the Archie McNair Education Centre on Sunday, July 2nd. Marge's daughter Lea and son Don and their families attended as well as many club members and friends. Marge will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing and working with her around the club.

Club's 60th Anniversary

The celebration of the Club's 60th Anniversary was held in the club hall on Saturday, June 24th. Over a hundred current and past members attended the event. Though the founding members have since passed on, it was a pleasure to meet some of the senior club members who joined shortly after the club was incorporated in 1957.

The highlight of the afternoon was the unveiling of the sign above the entrance to the hall and indoor range naming the club's main facility in honour of Archie McNair. Archie was a member for over 30 years and was the driving force behind the planning and construction of the main building between 1989 and 1994. Archie passed away on March 1st of this year. Archie's family were in attendance and his wife Pat unveiled the sign above the hall's entrance.

The naming of the facility as the Archie McNair Education Centre is in keeping with the original designation of the hall as an "environmental education centre". Framed photographs of both Archie and Marge Radford were also displayed. These photographs are now displayed on the wall inside the hall entrance.



Archie McNair 1933 – 2017



New sign above the entrance to the hall

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Salmon in the Classroom

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) issued an unexpected news release in late May. The announcement stated the Salmon Enhancement Program (SEP), first introduced in early 1980's, would be discontinued. This decision would result in the termination of the school Salmon in the Classroom program and the Salmon Habitat River Restoration Unit.

There was widespread outrage from across the Province to this announcement. Over one million elementary school students have participated in the Salmon in the Classroom program since it was first introduced in 1984. In addition, the River Restoration Unit had worked with countless community groups across the Province to restore salmon habitat. Over 100,000 students from Surrey, Delta and Richmond have participated in the Club's Salmon in the Classroom program since 1984. The hatchery was also constructed with the support of SEP.

In response, hundreds of groups and individuals protested the decision. On behalf of the Club, I wrote a letter to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Coast Guard, Dominic LeBlanc objecting to the decision. In addition, I copied all the Members of Parliament from Surrey, Delta and Richmond in the letter. I am pleased to announce under the community pressure the Minister reversed the decision within a few days.



South Campbell Heights Public Meeting

On the evening of Wednesday, June 28th the City of Surrey Planning Department held their second Public Information Meeting on the South Campbell Heights Local Area Plan (LAP) in our Archie McNair Education Centre.

It is very encouraging there was a full house for the event. This sends a message to the City that there is still a high level of interest and concern within the community regarding the City's plans for this 660 acre area adjacent to the Club's grounds. While there was general satisfaction with the plans presented at the meeting (especially with the proposed zoning of the old "truck park" property) there were still concerns with other aspects of the plan. The club's desire to protect an 18 acre mature forest on the banks of the Little Campbell River upstream from our property received strong support from many in attendance. Meetings will continue.

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Activity Around the Club

June and early July has been very busy around the club. While we await the arrival of the Steelhead and Cutthroat trout, volunteers were busy replacing most of the original piping in the trout rearing channels. In addition, an unusually low water flow from our deep well resulted in the need to engage our well contractor. A leak in the well shaft was identified as the problem and some pipes in the well shaft were replaced.

Elsewhere, other work was underway around the club property. This included painting and an extensive effort to enhance the hall and hatchery gardens. Thank you to Phillip Milligan and Norm Taylor for the excellent job in cultivating and planting the gardens at the hall and Barrie Richardson and his wife Valerie for looking after the hatchery garden. A big thank you is also due to Bob Kent for his tireless efforts in cutting our lawns and maintaining the trails.

The grass in our pastures has also been cut and bailed.



Lloyd McKay, Sue MacRae and Ron Meadley replacing piping



Dan Zehr scraping and painting deck railings

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Club Fund Raiser

A local resident who values the work our members do in protecting the Little Campbell Watershed has donated a canoe to be sold to the highest bidder as a fundraiser for the club. The Canoe is a 17.5 fiberglass Western Canoeing Inc. Clipper complete with three paddles. The unit is virtually in new condition.

The canoe will be sold to the highest bidder and all proceeds will be donated to the club. If you are interested please contact me at the following email address: bobdonnelly@telus.net



Cultivated and replanted hall garden



Bailing of the hay in the club pastures – a local dairy farmer cut and bailed the hay in exchange for the hay to feed his dairy herd



Hatchery volunteers releasing Coho salmon fry into Carlson Creek at the site of the "Dawson's Creek" condominium development in June



Note: marks on the hull of the canoe are a reflection. There are no scrapes or marks on the hull.

This will be the last Newsletter until September. As a regular contributor I wish you and your family a pleasant summer

Bob Donnelly

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ARCHERY

Due to the good weather during the summer, many archers are using the outdoor range, resulting in low attendance at the indoor range. Therefore, starting June 19th, Monday night indoor archery will be suspended until Labour Day, September 4th. Thursday night archery will continue as normal. If you have any questions, please contact Johnny Zawada at johnnyz2012@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

July 16, 2017 3D Shoot Club Grounds

BCAA 3D Provincial Championships

The BCAA 3D Championships took place in Prince George from June 24-25 and Semiahmoo was well represented at the event with 6 club members making the long trip. Congratulations to all the club members who made the trip up to compete in the event.

Launa Cooper: Gold Medal Compound Fixed Pin Female (629 points)

Steve Flaming: Silver Medal: Compound Fixed Pin Male (758 points)

Tom Cooper: 10th Place Compound Fixed Pin Male (659 points)

Cecilia Flaming: Silver Medal: Compound Unlimited Female (626 Points)

Paul Van Tassel: 4th Place Compound Unlimited Male (773 points)

Andrew Cook: Silver Medal Compound Cub Male (689 points)



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Sorry for the delay in sending out June's newsletter but as you can see, it was a very busy month. Thank you everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. **This will be the last newsletter until September.** If you have a story or photo you'd like to share, please send them to me and I will keep them on file until September. Until then, everyone enjoy the summer and stay safe!

Important Member Notice

Though the club maintains volunteer liability insurance club members are reminded that volunteer activities are undertaken at their own risk. Members are also reminded to:

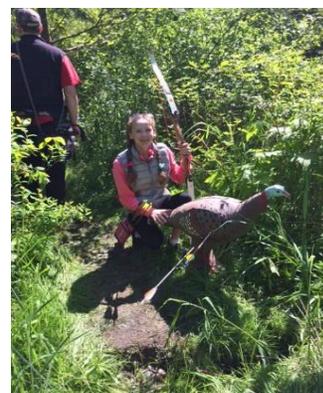
- Not to undertake tasks for which they are not physically fit or are not qualified to do.
- To observe all safety codes and procedures
- Not to operate machinery or equipment without proper training

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JUNIOR OLYMPIC PROGRAM

June marks the beginning of our summer break for the Junior Archery program. Normally, we would run classes until the end of June but due to an extremely busy tournament schedule for the instructors, summer break will start early this year. Since we are finishing classes for the summer break earlier this year, we are considering the option of running a "Summer School" in July but in order for us to run the class, we will need sufficient registration numbers for the class. If the class goes ahead, it will run from 12:00-2:00 on July 8, 15, 22, and 29th. If you are interested in the July "Summer School" please contact jop.sfgc@gmail.com for more details.

We will start up regular weekly classes again in September. For those who are already in the program, we will send out registration information regarding class times sometime in July. If you are not currently in contact with us about classes and would like more information. or would like to sign your child up for classes, please contact us at jop.sfgc@gmail.com.



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Marking of Hatchery Fish

We would like to thank all the volunteers who came out this year to help us clip fins of our Coho. This is necessary as it is required by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and is the reason recreational fishermen are able to distinguish Hatchery fish from Wild fish in the ocean. Recreational fishermen are allowed to keep a regulated number of Hatchery salmon and release the Wild salmon so they are able to reproduce and sustain the runs of wild salmon.

This year we marked 30,112 Coho Fry by clipping the small adipose fin which is on their back just in front of the tail. We clip this fin when our fry are about 3-4 grams or about 5-7 cm long. The fry are put in anesthetic for a minute or two to quiet them, then the adipose fin is removed with small scissors and the fish is placed into a trough and passes through an electronic counter.

This year volunteers put in 88 hours to clip the 30,000 fish at an average speed of 340 fish/hour/volunteer. Our volunteers consisted of members of the Club, the Sea Cadets and high school students. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. It is a great way for club members or the general public to help out, as many hands truly make light work and it can be a fun way to find out about the club and the business of keeping salmon running in our river.



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RANGE REPORT

Greetings members; welcome to June! The nice weather is finally here, and I hope you can make the most of it. For those members who can come out to our range nights, if you ever have any questions about how to improve your shooting, please ask one of our range officers. We can give you a hand. We're all still learning too. 😊 A few club members have been competing in different types of pistol competitions, and it's a fun way to explore more aspects of sports shooting. Drop by and ask questions if you're curious about it.

Allan Johanson, Range Director



HUNTING

I attended the BCWF convention this past month and found it very informative. Sport shooters are now 200,000 strong as a joint task force has been created from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario. Money now collected from licensing goes directly to conservation.

BCWF will now lobby the government on behalf of the 112,000 hunters and 280,000 fishermen in matters of conservation. Regarding insurance, a seminar reported all ATV riders must carry their BC Driver's License while riding, as well as insurance papers.

Many hunters are waiting on pins and needles for the results of the LEH draw which should be out soon. Good luck to everyone!

The SFGC Annual Volunteers BBQ will be coming up soon, where annual hunting and fishing awards are presented. If you harvested an animal or caught a fish, please send me a photo, brief description of where, when, size, and weight so winners can be determined. Please pass this on to all your SFGC buddies so everyone can have a chance to win.

James Wilkins

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AIR CADETS

2017 Cadet Provincial Marksmanship Competition

Our squadron attended the Cadet Provincial Competition April 8th and 9th in Vernon, B.C. with two teams. The "A" Team placed 2nd of the 14 teams, and the "B" Team placed 5th. "A" Team members Teresa Liao tied for 2nd place overall of the 82 shooters and Morgan Dyke placed 2nd place of the 31 Junior shooters at the competition.

The "A" team took second place in the Province for all teams entering the Zone shoots, and the "B" Team won 7th place. The "B" Team improved their position by two spots. As a result of the competition, the "A" Team has been allowed to attend the Cadet National Competition in Gimli, Manitoba from the 7th to the 12th of May.

The photos below are of both teams with coaches Verne Brown and Tim Dyke. The three top shooters in the competition with Teresa Liao, and the 2nd place team with awards and the two coaches. The A Team consisted of three seniors: Teresa Liao, Katharine Burnard, and Mark Lin, along with two Juniors: Morgan Dyke, and Alyssa Chan. The B Team shooters are Seniors John Calbick, Catharine CUI, Sofia Antoniou, and Juniors Sunny Hou, and Alex Deschamps.

Verne Brown

908 Black Knights Squadron
Range Officer



From May 7 to 12 we took our "A" team to the National Cadet Marksmanship Competition in Gimli, Manitoba. These are the five shooters we took to the Provincials in April. On the team photo in order from left to right, Alyssa Chan, Kathrin Burnard, Teresa Liao, Morgan Dyke, and Mark Lin.

2017 907 Air Cadets National Results

We placed 4th in the Prone Portion of the competition, and were in the top three until the last day. We placed 5th in the Standing portion of the Competition. Morgan Dyke won a Bronze medal in the Junior Standing class. We placed 4th overall in relation to the 22 teams competing. A bad relay on Tuesday morning was the cause of the lower than 3rd ranking.

Overall Teresa Liao placed 11th, and Morgan Dyke 4th overall of the Junior Category. Morgan shot an Elimination Match on Thursday afternoon because she was in the top ten Juniors and placed 6th of the 10 shooters.

They made a great effort in regards to the shoot overall. Below are the team photo prior to shooting standing, Morgan Dyke preparing to shoot Elimination Match, Morgan with her medal.

