



Presidents Report



I trust all our Club members were able to enjoy the pleasant weather over the summer. Club volunteers, however, were kept busy with a number of maintenance issues that needed to be completed in advance of the return of the spawning salmon in late October. I would like to thank our dedicated volunteers who carried out these tasks; maintained the grounds and supervised the many events in the hall. Not to be forgotten are the volunteers who managed the Archery 3D event, the Club Beef BBQ and the Power Pioneer Salmon BBQ in August.

There has been a growing concern with the condition of the hatchery building and the associated infrastructure originally constructed in 1983. Though there has been some expansion of the main building, for the most part, we are dealing with a 35 year old frame facility. Over the past years our volunteers have carried out maintenance and replaced underground pipes and valves as required. This year has been no exception.

Hatchery Roof Replacement

One of our major concerns has been the deterioration of the ceiling of the main hatchery area. The plywood has been exposed to high moisture levels for 35 years. This has resulted in sections of the plywood ceiling rotting and bringing with it the potential for the spread of mold. The Pacific Salmon Foundation, under this years' grant, agreed to cover half the cost of replacing the ceiling.

To accomplish this task the Club engaged the contractor who had constructed the outdoors archery range building. The project was completed in a week and involved removing the metal external panels; removing the underlying shingles; replacing the plywood and restoring the metal panels.



This photo highlights the deterioration condition of the ceiling on the north side of the hatchery building. This is the area most exposed to the moisture produced by the hundreds of gallons of open water that flow through the building on a daily basis over the past 35 years. The first layer of new plywood can be seen in the lower portion of the photo.



Fortunately, the good weather this summer allowed the construction crew to complete the project on schedule. The only unexpected issue was the layer of old shingles found between the metal panels and the plywood ceiling.

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The completed ceiling will provide a better environment for both our volunteers and the salmon raised inside the hatchery building

New Fish Tanks

As a component of the long term upgrade of the hatchery infrastructure, the hatchery volunteers are experimenting with the use of circular tanks. These two 8 foot circumference tanks have been maneuvered into the the hatchery and will be used to hold Chinook and Coho brood stock this fall. They will also be used as rearing containers for salmon fry.

The project is being supported by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) through our DFO Community Advisor. It is planned the required plumbing will be completed by the end of September. Two of the existing long rectangular tanks were removed to make space for the new fiberglass containers.



New tanks at the western end of the hatchery with the original rectangular tanks in the foreground

Other Summer Maintenance Activity



Club Vice President, Ron Meadly, and hatchery volunteer, Dan Kelly, are shown trying to identify the cause of a water leak in the underground pipe between the Coho Pond and the river. To resolve the problem it was necessary to replace a large portion of the pipe. A local construction company had a suitable replacement and I am pleased to advise they donated it to the Club.

Incubation Room

The final phase of the new incubation room construction have been completed in anticipation of the return of the spawning Chinook and Coho salmon. Thank you to the Club volunteers and our DFO Community Advisor who have devoted so much time over the summer to the completion of this project.



Incubation room with dual water filters, new egg handling station and incubation jars

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River Bank Protection

Work continued over the summer to protect the river bank trees from erosion. This process involved driving posts into the river bed beside the trees at risk and weaving cedar branches through the posts. We took advantage of having the equipment on site to clear the overflow ditch that directs water around the hatchery during high water.



River Gravel Removal

Every two years it is necessary to remove the gravel build up behind the fish counting fence. Under high water conditions during the winter months gravel naturally moves downstream. Our fish counting fence acts as a barrier and as a result, the gravel accumulates on the upstream side of the fence. If the gravel is not removed it interferes with the operation of the fence.

This year over 25 dump truck loads of gravel were removed. We are not permitted to dispose of the gravel and we usually store the gravel on Club grounds for later introduction to the river downstream from the hatchery. This year DFO allowed us to use the gravel to fill a low swampy area beside the road up to the hall. Thank you to DFO for covering the cost of this work.

Bob Donnelly, President

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ARCHERY

Summer is now over and with the kids back in school, everyone is returning to their routine, including Archery. Monday night shoots/practice will resume from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Saturday mornings is reserved practice time for R.O.'s and those who are getting ready for tournaments.

We saw huge turnouts for the two 3D shoots on July 16th and August 27th. The weather was perfect, the course outstanding. If we handed out awards for setup, Doug Poirier would win hands down for his fish in the water shoot (pictured below). He went way beyond expectations and it was a wonder to behold! Thank you Doug. There is a lot of organization and effort in making this event happen, a big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who took time out of their busy summer schedules to help set up.



Rob Reynolds tending to the BBQ

The following photos are courtesy of Cecilia Flaming.



Members enjoying themselves at the August BBQ

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TEAM VLADIMIR LONGBOWS



Left to Right: Jim Murphy, Mike Soth, Eric Soth, Vladimir Samek, Gary Kellins, Allan Jay, Dennis Andrews, Liz Smith, Glen Shaw

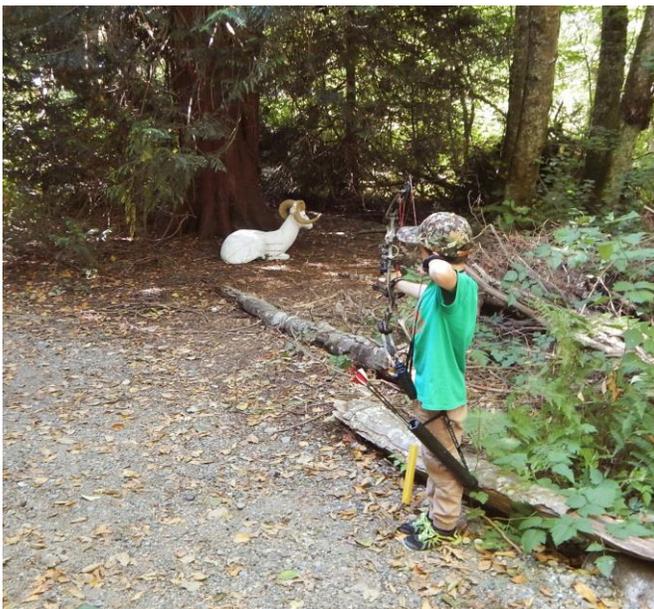
On August 27th at the Semiahmoo 3D Shoot, a number of fellow archers from various clubs across the lower mainland took the opportunity to recognize **Vladimir Samek**, a longtime Semiahmoo Member and friend to all, for his workmanship as a Bower, Archer as well as his dedication to the sport of Traditional Archery by launching "TEAM VLADIMIR LONGBOWS". This was a total surprise to Vladimir but at the same time well deserved! At 87 years young, Vladimir is an inspiration to us all! I am proud and privileged to call him my friend!

Gary Kellins

2017 Nationals' Winners



(left to right, Emerie Watson, Mariessa Pinto, Jacob Bell, Elissa Foley, Brian Maxwell)



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World Archery Youth Championships

Junior member, Elissa Foley had a very busy summer attending meets in the lower mainland, Vancouver Island, as well as tournaments in Florida, Quebec and California. Congratulations Elisa for qualifying for the World Archery Youth Championships in Rosario, Argentina. As you can imagine, the costs associated with going to this event is expensive. If you would like to make a donation to help Elissa attend the Championships, please send it to the club--Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club, c/o Johnny Zawada, 1284-184 Street, Surrey, B.C. V3Z 9R9. All donations will be very much appreciated.



Elissa Foley at the SoCal Showdown in Chula Vista, California

Junior Olympic Program

Junior Archery Classes Resume:

On September 9th, the SFGC Eagles marked the start of the third year of our junior archery classes by holding a Welcome-Back BBQ for our students and parents. Even though it was an uncharacteristically rainy day, the Welcome-Back event was quite popular and we had a great turnout. We set up a variety of novelty targets, balloons, and 3D animals but the most popular target by far was the custom made hit-miss clay target Ken Mason made for class. All of the students had a lot of fun breaking the clays and shooting the other targets that were set up.

We will return to our regular weekly classes on September 16, Class #1 will run from 11:30am to 1:00pm and Class #2 will run from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. For the fall class schedule, we are also very happy to welcome a new instructor to our team, Emma Chylinski, who will be moving from the role of student to instructor. Emma is a very experienced archer who has traveled all over North America competing in tournaments.

Please note the SFGC Junior Archery classes are in very high demand right now; both Saturday classes are full and we currently have a wait list to get into class. If you are interested in joining class, please contact us at jop.sfgc@gmail.com.

SFGC Eagles Summer

While our classes were on the summer break, our instructors and students were busy attending tournaments and working on instructional training sessions. In early June, I completed the 2017 International Coaching School which was my first step

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towards certification in the NCCP CompDev coaching level. In early August, Steve and Cecilia completed a BCAA coaching instruction weekend which was their first step towards certification in the NCCP Instructional-Intermediate coaching level. SFGC Eagles coaches and students were also very busy throughout the summer travelling to tournaments throughout BC and Canada. Our team was very successful and we look forward to seeing more students from class taking part at some of these events next year!

Awards:

Noah Pekarek: July SFGC 3D. 1st Compound Cub (M)
Andrew Cook: July SFGC 3D: 2nd Compound Cub (M)
Amilya Mason: July SFGC 3D: 1st Compound Cub (F)
Jasmine De Bosch Kemper: July SFGC 3D:1st Recurve Cub (F)
Noah McNulty: July SFGC 3D: 1st Compound Cadet FP (M)
Emma Chylinski: JOP Outdoor Championship: Gold Medal: Cadet (F) Compound
Andrew Cook: Provincial 3D Championship: Silver Medal Cub (M) Compound
Emma Chylinski: National Field Championship: Bronze Medal, Cadet (F) Compound
Emma Chylinski: National Outdoor Target Championships: 5th Place, Cadet (F) Compound
Emma Chylinski: Provincial Outdoor Target Championship: Gold Medal: Cadet (F) Compound

See you at the range!
Paul Van Tassel



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RANGE REPORT

Greetings members! I hope you all had a great summer, enjoying the nice weather and spending time with your family and friends. I also hope the forest fire smoke didn't bother you too much! It has been crazy in our beautiful province this summer.

With our attention diverted to summer activities, I've come across a few cases where people are finding they have a near-expired firearms licence, and are scrambling to renew it in time. For licence holders with restricted firearms, this means you'll need to have a valid range membership before the RCMP will renew your licence. Our membership director has always done his best to help with those rush memberships, but, **PLEASE, check your licence and start the renewal process at least three months prior to the expiry date.** It's a whole lot less stressful that way. ☺

If you use an electronic calendar/reminder three months before your licence expiry date, to start the renewal process. It's a simple way to make sure you don't forget.

Allan Johanson, Range Director

HONOURABLE MENTION

As everyone knows most clubs run on volunteers, Semiahmoo is no different. For the most part volunteers are made up of club members, but non-members also donate their efforts and time to help out. **Larry Welch of L.V. Plumbing and Hydrojetting** did some plumbing work at the hall over the summer and did not charge for his time. A big thank you to Larry for his generosity!

MEMBERSHIP

A reminder to those renewing their membership from now until December that membership fees are now pro-rated and will expire at the end of 2017. You will have to renew again in the new year. Please be advised the pro-rated fees do not include BCWF membership. If you have any questions, please contact Johnny Zawada at johnnyz2012@gmail.com



HUNTING

Fall Hunting Report

Hunting season is once again upon us. I ask everyone to be careful while out hunting in the forests when it comes to campfires. We have all seen the devastation forest fires can produce. Check with the BC Wildlife Service for closures in your hunting areas. Good luck to everyone, be safe and have a great outdoor experience. Remember your tags, insurance, ammunition, first aid kit, food and extra fuel if you are heading deep into the bush. Come back with some big stories, big animals, and big smiles. Cheers and Good Luck.

James Wilkins



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Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I'm sure we're all slowly getting back into the swing of things. I'm always looking for stories or news to put in the newsletter. If you have news, a story or photos you'd like to share, please contact me. The deadline for submissions is the **first Tuesday of the month.**

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