



Presidents' Report



Thousands of Club volunteers have laboured over the past 60 years to restore and preserve the Little Campbell River and operate our salmon and trout hatchery. It should be noted the stretch of the river at risk includes the primary spawning beds for thousands of Coho, Chinook and Chum salmon returning to the river each fall. Depending on the time of year a construction accident or any other pollution event on the banks of the river could destroy two of the three generations of salmon and trout which depend on the river.

Under City guidelines building would be permitted within 30 meters of the river bank. This would result in the removal of the extensive forested areas along the river which would have a devastating impact on the wildlife that depends on the forests for habitat including over 100 species of birds.

South Campbell Heights Update

There have been some significant developments on the City of Surrey's ongoing efforts to rezone the 630 acre agricultural land adjoining the club property to permit commercial related construction. The Club has opposed the industrialization of this area for a number of years due to the potential impact it will have on the Little Campbell River that flows through the full extent of this designated area.

Any city or municipality in the greater Vancouver area requires the approval of Metro Vancouver to extend services into rural areas similar to South Campbell Heights. The City of Surrey submitted its application seeking approval to proceed with the rezoning of South Campbell Heights to the Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee. The Committee is comprised of 8 mayors and 6 councillors including councilor Barbara Steele from Surrey. On May 4th the Committee met at the Metro Vancouver board rooms in Burnaby to review and to pass judgment on the Surrey application. As part of the process the Committee listens to groups opposed to or in favour of the application. On behalf of the Club, I spoke in opposition to the application as did five other community groups and individuals.

A Metro Vancouver staff report was submitted by the Senior Regional Planner, Parks, Planning and Environment. Though the staff felt some aspects of the application were generally consistent with Metro Vancouver provisions they stated there was "no substantial rationale or demonstrated need" to expand urban development south of 16th Avenue. At the conclusion of the meeting the Committee unanimously agreed to reject the application and return it to the City of Surrey to consider an "alternate amendment".

The related article in The Peace Arch News can be accessed through the link included below:

<https://www.peacearchnews.com/news/no-substantial-rationale-to-amend-land-use-for-south-campbell-heights/>

All Metro Vancouver Committee recommendations must be forwarded to the overall Metro Vancouver Board for review and approval. This meeting was scheduled for May 25th.pg.2



South Campbell Heights
Club grounds at lower left - Langley border on right
16th Avenue in centre running left to right – river in red

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The Metro Vancouver Board consists of 40 members including all the mayors and a number of councillors based on the population of each city or municipality. As the second largest city, Surrey is usually represented by the mayor and five of the city's eight councillors.

It was expected the unanimous decision by the Regional Planning Committee would ensure the Metro Vancouver Board would quickly reject the City of Surrey application and return it to the City to consider an alternative amendment. However, to the Boards surprise, a senior City of Surrey Planning Department staff member presented himself at the meeting and was permitted to make a presentation. He proceeded to provide an overview of the South Campbell Heights plan. This was followed by Surrey Councillor Tom Gill placing a motion on the floor to overturn the Committee decision and allow the City of Surrey to proceed with its plans to rezone South Campbell Heights.

I had attended the meeting, along with a representative from the Friends of the Hazelmere Valley, in case we were allowed to speak. Since the City of Surrey planner was permitted to make a presentation we were allowed to present in opposition to the City's amendment.

At the conclusion of a debate lasting over 90 minutes, much of which focused on the development south of 16th Avenue and was critical of Surrey, a vote was taken on Councillor Gill's motion. It was soundly defeated with only four of the City of Surrey representatives and a councilor from Langley voting in favour of the motion. The City of Surrey's application was rejected with the option to bring forward another option at some point in the future. Below is a link to the article on the meeting that was included in the Vancouver Sun May, 26th edition.

<http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/south-campbell-heights-development-sent-back-to-surrey-for-reconsideration>

We now await the City of Surrey's next move. From the Club's point of view we are very pleased with the Metro Vancouver decision to exclude any development south of 16th Avenue. This would protect the river and the associated forests. Thanks are due to the Club members and the number of community groups who have persisted in their efforts to protect the river in the face of unprecedented development in the watershed. If you are so inclined you can view the meeting at the link below:

[Board Meetings](#)



Above are some views of the area south of 16th Avenue where the City wishes to introduce "commercial" development. This is the last remaining natural heritage site in Surrey. This section of the river includes the primary spawning beds for the thousands of salmon and trout that return to the river each year. The associated forests and farmland provide habitat for over 100 species of birds and a wide range of other wildlife including a large number of deer. An environmental study of the area commissioned by the City found the area included 13 "species at risk" and large Cedar, Fir and Maple trees are rare in the lower mainland.

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Burnaby Fish & Game Club Donation



Club President and Burnaby Fish & Game Club Executive member Arvid Westberg

On June 3rd Arvid Westberg, an Executive member of the Burnaby Fish and Game Club, presented me with a \$20,000 donation to our Club. While the donation is excellent news for the Club, it is tinged with some sadness since the donation was only made possible by the dissolution of the Burnaby club.

Like our Club, the Burnaby Fish & Game Club has a long and successful history including a salmon hatchery operation and an active gun club. A number of years ago they lost access to the property used for their gun range. This led to a significant drop in their membership and an ongoing difficulty in getting club members to take on leadership roles in the club.

In a letter to the Burnaby Fish & Game Club some months ago I assured their membership they should be "comfortable that their funds will be put to good use by the Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club and that we will be preserving the values of your club".

Pacific Salmon Foundation Grant Approved



We are pleased to announce the Pacific Salmon Foundation has approved our application for a \$7,000.00 matching grant. These funds will be allocated to complete the final phase of our new isolated incubation room. Over the past eight years the Pacific Salmon Foundation has been a strong supporter of our hatchery program. The hatchery is currently operating at a high level of efficiency. Without the Foundation's financial support, and the impressive efforts of our volunteers, this would not have been possible.



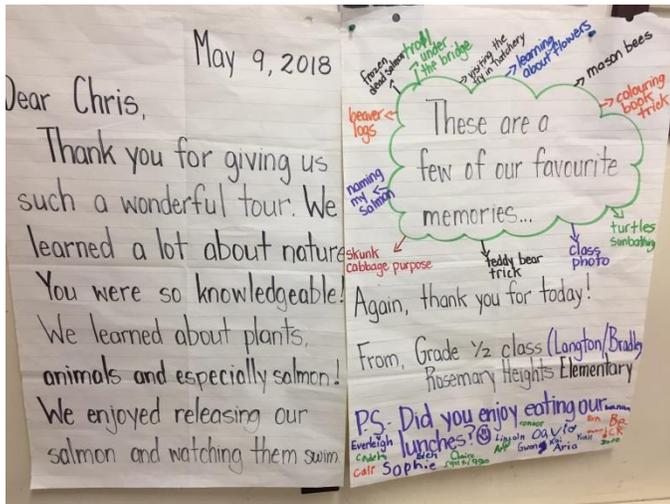
Two New Rearing Tubs Provided by DFO

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has donated two new eight foot diameter salmon rearing tubs to the Club. These units will be installed in the hatchery over the summer months. This will bring the number of tubs in the hatchery to four. The tubs will replace the remaining long rearing tanks that were originally installed in the hatchery in 1984 when it was built.



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School Tours Draw to a Conclusion



Poster sent by school students to Club volunteer tour guides

The school tours are over for the spring season. This year over 90 Elementary School classes from Surrey, Delta and Richmond toured the hatchery and nature trails. The tours also include a slide/video presentation but the highlight of the tour is always the release of the Coho salmon fry the students raised in their classrooms.

This year we also had an increasing number of “special needs” students as well as Secondary School “students at risk”. It is a pleasure to host these students. The teachers are consistent in their feeling the exposure to nature and the tour of the hatchery has a positive impact on the students.

Thank you to the Club volunteers who served as tour guides and supervised the salmon fry release. Phillip and Kate Milligan, Ron Meadley, Bill Ridge, Chris Johnson, Bill Haymond, Randy Hay, Sue MacRae, Roy Thomson and Danuta Malarski. A special thank you is due to Darryl Day for scheduling the tours. It is no small task to coordinate and supervise over 2,500 students and several hundred teachers and parents who participate in the tours.

Steelhead and Cutthroat Trout Release

Early May is the time of year the Club hatchery volunteers release the Steelhead and Cutthroat trout into the Little Campbell River. Under our agreement with the Provincial Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC we raise the trout until they are a year old then release them into the estuary of the river. The intent of releasing the fish close to the river’s mouth in White Rock is an attempt to have the trout bond with that section of the river rather than return to the hatchery area to spawn. The Society does not want hatchery raised Steelhead moving beyond the hatchery fence to spawn. Their desire is to reserve this area for river born trout.

Thank you to the volunteers engaged in the release of the trout and to those who carried out the task of cleaning the trout rearing channels on a weekly basis.



Loading trout into the Club’s trailer tanker at the rearing channels. Note oxygen bottle at front of trailer. This is necessary to maintain oxygen levels in the water during the trip to the river estuary.



Preparing for release of the trout on Marine Drive in White Rock. Several trips were necessary to release the Steelhead and Cutthroat



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Clipping of Coho Fry Completed



Thank you to the volunteers who stepped up to clip the adipose fin of the 40,000 Coho fry raised in the hatchery this year. This is an arduous task requiring precision in wielding the scissors with clipping the very small fin on the back of the fish by the tail.

There are two reasons for clipping the fin. The first is the sports fishing regulation which only allows hatchery born Coho salmon to be retained. If the fin has not been clipped the fish must be released. The second reason is the hatchery volunteers can identify hatchery born Coho when they return to the river to spawn. By counting the number of clipped Coho released with the number returning to spawn two years later provides researchers with vital information on the survival rate at sea during that period. It is also very encouraging for the hatchery volunteers to see their fish they raised return to spawn.

Club Hosts the Earl Marriott Junior Prom



In early May, for the second year running, the Club had the honour of hosting the Earl Marriott Junior Prom. Close to 200 students and teachers enjoyed the evening and the school has booked the hall again for next year.

Successful 3D Shoot

The archery volunteers hosted another successful 3D shoot on the Club nature trails and grounds on May 5th and 6th. Over 200 archers enjoyed fine weather and a high level of competition. As has been the tradition in recent years significant funds were raised for charity. Thank you to the volunteers who spent considerable time setting up the 3D targets and supervised the event.



Grounds Fencing Upgrade Continues



Split cedar fencing has now been added to the east side of the hall parking lot. This replaces the original barbed wire cattle fence

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ARCHERY

Due to the sunny weather during the summer, many archers are using the outdoor range resulting in low attendance at the indoor range. Therefore, **starting June 18th, Monday night indoor archery will be suspended until after Labour**

Day, resuming September 10th. Thursday night archery will continue as normal. If you have any questions, please contact Johnny Zawada at johnnyz2012@gmail.com

Since the weather has turned nice outdoor range keys are in high demand. If you need a key, a good time to purchase one is Monday and Thursday nights or Saturdays, 10:00am to 2:00pm. It's \$60 for a new key and \$40 if you return your old key. Please remember to bring your membership card, **keys are available to current members only.** If your membership has expired, you can renew it when you pick up the key.

JUNIOR OLYMPIC PROGRAM

April Class Award Winners

Congratulations to all of our award winners from class this month, especially to Paige Bedard and Ethan Kennedy who graduated from the Owl team to the Hawk team.

Paige Bedard: *Graduated to Hawk Team.* Owl 6m and 18m
Ethan Kennedy *Graduated to Hawk Team.* Owl 18m
Madelyn Batic-Woloschuk. Owl 15m
James Scott. Owl 8m, 10m
Dane Jansen Owl 8m
Noah McNulty Hawk 12m, 18m
Ethan Lemire: Eagle 250
Andrew Cook BCAA Olympian 275

Junior Archery Class Year-End

May marks the end of a very busy school year for the junior archery classes. In just a few short years we have been able to grow our program to be one of the largest in the lower mainland and this year we were able to include more than 60 students in our classes.

This year, a group of students from our classes competed at events ranging from local club shoots all the way to international events with our students winning *nine Provincial awards* and *three National awards*. All of the instructors are very proud of the progress all of our students have shown throughout the year and we look forward to classes resuming again in September. If you are interested in getting more information about the junior archery program please email jop.sfgc@gmail.com.



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2018 High Performance Archer Funding Program: DEADLINE REMINDER

Just a reminder the deadline to declare your intention for Archer Funding Applications is July 1st. Funding for 2018 will only apply to out-of-town travel events necessary or required for participation in either a provincial or national team. Local or "fun" events will not qualify for funding. Please contact Paul Van Tassel (pvantassel@gmail.com) to declare your intentions to apply for 2018 High Performance Funding.

Outdoor Archery League

On May 9th, the club started an outdoor archery league in the outdoor range. The league is shot on 2D animal paper targets setup at distances ranging from 5 yards to 50 yards and is great practice for our club 3D events. The league is handicapped to try to even the playing field as much as possible. Participants can compete in one of three different categories: Compound Unlimited (target setup), Compound Fixed Pins (hunting setup) and Traditional.

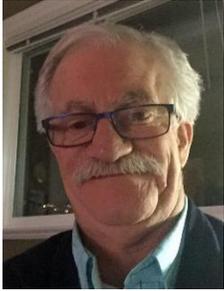
So far there has been a great turnout for the league and we have averaged around 10 people out every week to participate. The league starts at 7:00pm every Wednesday and will run until June 27. If you're interested in testing your skills in archery or coming out to socialize with some other club members, come out on Wednesday and join in the fun!



A frog boat (pictured below) has been generously donated by club member Dave S. The club is selling the boat (New at \$1800). Offers are being accepted now. Send your offer to Philip Milligan at phillipmilligan@telus.net The highest bidder wins!



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HATCHERY UPDATE

Our thanks to the outstanding and dedicated volunteers presenting the tours this year. Bob Donnelly, Randy Hay, Bill Haymond, Chris Johnson, Ron Medley, Kate Milligan, Phillip Milligan and Bill Ridge led the students through the rainy days of April when most of us were happy to stay indoors. At times, some guides were doing four tours a week.

We had 97 schools come through the hatchery this year. Over 2,000 students, mostly elementary school aged participated. The teachers and students sent their thanks in emails, with phone calls and there is a thank you posted in our meeting room you should check out. One comment was the class had the best tour guide ever.

Educating the next generations will help create the awareness to protect the environment.

We are always looking for tour guides for Little Campbell River Fish Hatchery. If you are interested in a part-time volunteer job for March, April, & May 2019, this may be the very enjoyable experience for you. With over 700 members in the Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club, I'm sure there are those who would like to volunteer!

All volunteers receive instruction in guiding elementary school field trips for the Salmon in the Classroom program. The sessions are approximately 2 1/2 hours long. If you would like to assist our eight volunteer guides please contact Darryl Day at dalyday@telus.net or cell 604 866-5111.

Darryl Day



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It's a busy time of year with the beginning of summer holidays and other commitments which is why this month's newsletter includes May and June. I want to once again give a big thank you to all our contributors who take the time and effort to keep club members informed on club activities. **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'll keep them on file until September. Until then, I wish everyone a safe and fun summer!

May/June 2018

Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club 60th Annual Father's Day Salmon BBQ

1284 184th Street – South Surrey
1 to 5pm - Sunday, June 17



Salmon BBQ'd over Alderwood



Children's Petting Zoo



Children's Salmon Release



No Reservations Necessary

Salmon Dinners \$15 (children's portion \$8.00)

Hamburgers \$5.00 Hot Dogs \$3.00 Cold Drinks \$1.00

FATHER'S DAY SALMON BBQ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 60th Annual Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club Father's Day BBQ will be held on Sunday, June 17th. We encourage all Club members and their families to drop by and enjoy the day. Volunteers are also needed to help out with the BBQ. If you are interested in lending a hand, **please contact Ian Murray at hazelmerevalley@gmail.com** Remember, many hands make light work!

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AIR CADETS

The 907 Black Knights Air Cadet Squadron attended the National Shoot in Victoria, B.C. from May 6th to 11th. The competition requires each competitor to shoot 14 Prone targets and seven Standing targets. The targets are shot on the SIUS Electronic scoring System. As each shot occurs there is an immediate reading on a screen beside the shooter that provides them with the score for the target shot. This gives the benefit of where the pellet is in relation to the next higher ring on the target. As a result, the highest score obtained is a 10.9. When we went to Victoria, our Provincial score was 70 points lower than any of the 20 teams attending the shoot.

The first two days of shooting consisted of 14 prone targets. Of the twenty teams competing, our team placed second with a 99.76 average per target. Teresa Liao was the top shooter of the 110 in attendance with a 101.8 percent average. Diana Dai was 6th place with a 100.7 percent average. Teresa shot two perfect 100's and Dianna shot one.

The last two days of shooting involved the 7 Standing Targets. At the end of the second day we placed first, only 2.2 points above the second place team. By combining our Prone scores with the Standing scores we were 1st overall with a total score of 8015. The result of the cumulative scores placed Teresa Liao in third place overall, and Diana Dai in fifth place. Teresa received a plaque for being the Top Air Cadet shooter at the competition.

The top ten Juniors and Open shooters had the added bonus of an elimination match. This involved the ten shooters of each category to compete in Standing Shooting. After a number of shots the lowest shooter was eliminated until only one shooter remained. Teresa Liao, and Diana Dai competed in the open category, and Ruby Liu competed in the Junior Category and all did very well.

Verne Brown, 908 Black Knights Squadron, Range Officer



Coach Verne Brown, Junior Ruby Liu, Teresa Liao, Diana Dai, Catherine CUI, and Junior Vivian MA.



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