

# WLSA NEWSLETTER

March, 2008

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Hello to all of you and I hope you find this, our second newsletter of the year, informative. Also, if there is something you want printed on these pages, whether it be articles, events, recipes etc, please contact me. We would also appreciate pictures for our web site photo gallery. I can be reached by phone at 392-2504 or by email at [wlsawebmaster@telus.net](mailto:wlsawebmaster@telus.net). Looking forward to hearing from you ~ Debbie.

## WLSA GENERAL MEETING ~ March 17, 2008 ~ 7:30 p.m. Location ~ WLSA Clubhouse on Bond Lake Road



On the agenda for our next general meeting will be a review and discussion of the 2008 BCWF Convention Resolutions followed by a video on Predatory Black Bears. The 2008 BCWF resolutions have been posted on the website at [www.williamslakesportsmen.com](http://www.williamslakesportsmen.com). Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. Note that meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of each month at the WLSA Clubhouse on Bond Lake Road. Start time is 7:30 p.m.

## 2008 WILD GAME BANQUET REVENUES



Thank you to all the volunteers and participants who helped to make our 2008 Wild Game Banquet a huge success this year. Following is a complete list of revenues and expenses.

### BANQUET REVENUES

➤ Tickets	2,825.00
➤ Moose Horn	2,015.00
➤ Bar	977.50
➤ Silent Auction	1,333.00
➤ Donations	565.00
➤ Raffles	733.50
➤ Total Revenue	\$8,449.00

### BANQUET EXPENSES

➤ Catering	1,860.75
➤ Bar	775.38
➤ M. Beets Knife	135.00
➤ Rifle	671.98
➤ Silent Auction	170.00
➤ Raffle	108.64
➤ Trophies	520.30
➤ Misc	176.59
➤ Total Expenses	\$3,746.66

**TOTAL PROFIT FOR THE CLUB: \$4,030.36**





## RIFLE AND SHOTGUN RELOADING COURSE

The Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association would like to host a rifle and shotgun reloading course for club members as well as the general public. If interested and for more information, contact Barry Jenkins at 392-6750.

## UPDATE ON THE MULE DEER SEASONS FOR THE CARIBOO 2008 – 2010



We have received a decision from Roger Stewart, Regional Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division of the Ministry of Environment regarding the proposed regulatory changes to the mule deer seasons for 2008 through to 2010:

- ❖ We will retain a 2 deer limit, with no more than one buck taken in any one of the seasons, and one of which may be antlerless under LEH.
- ❖ All bow seasons will remain as they are.
- ❖ The early 4 point season (September) will remain as is and where is.
- ❖ The general open season for bucks will start on September 10 and will close November 10.
- ❖ There will be a 4 point season from November 21 to 30, but that season will be under a 2 year moratorium to allow monitoring recovery of buck deer as a percentage of the deer population.

Roger Stewart states, "The decision reflects a balance of impacts to all hunter sectors. Hunting opportunity is retained to the extent possible under the circumstances, given that we are striving to maintain a simple, effective regulatory regime that would recover the buck population in a reasonable time frame.

- ❖ Resident hunters will lose the opportunity for hunting large bucks during or after rut. Some opportunity may be recovered after two years given reasonable measures of success in buck recovery.
- ❖ The commercial sector loses the opportunity to guide combination moose and deer hunts for the 5 days between November 10 and 15. The late season opportunity for 4 point bucks may be recovered in two years.
- ❖ Within two years, given that we can discern a reasonable upswing in bucks as a percentage of the deer population, we will be able to confirm lifting of the moratorium on the post-rut 4 point season.
- ❖ A failure of the buck recovery initiative after two years will require implementation of a November LEH rifle season for resident hunters and quotas for the commercial sector, likely for any buck, that would be designed to limit and distribute buck harvest, while attempting to sustain some measure of hunting opportunity during a time period important within deer hunting traditions."

**Item of interest: A great website on bears: [www.bear.org/website/](http://www.bear.org/website/)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **March 21 – 23, 2008**
  - Nicola Valley Charcoal Burners are hosting their annual April Fools Shoot in Merritt, BC. For more information visit the WLSA website or contact Tiny (Jim) George at (250) 378-2735 or email Tiny at [bchcc@telus.net](mailto:bchcc@telus.net).
- ❖ **April 5 & 6, 2008**
  - Dawson Creek Sportsman's Club 31<sup>st</sup> Gun Show & Sportsman Show at the DC Curling Rink, 113 – 106 Avenue, Dawson Creek. Start time is 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Brenda at (250) 782-2111.
- ❖ **April 9 – 12, 2008**
  - You are being invited to celebrate 52 years of Conservation Leadership at the BCWF Annual General Meeting and Convention being held at the Prestige Harbourfront Resort in Salmon Arm, BC. Don't forget to register. For more information visit the BCWF website at [www.bcwf.bc.ca](http://www.bcwf.bc.ca) or contact the BCWF office for details at (604) 291-9990 extension 232.
- ❖ **April 19 & 20, 2008**
  - 10th Annual Penticton Gun & Antique Show and Sale at the Penticton Curling Club – 505 Rail Way (Highway 97 Penticton). Showtime starts at 9:00 a.m. For more information call Kevin or Brenda at (250) 494-4356 by email at [collector0003@shaw.ca](mailto:collector0003@shaw.ca) or by fax at (250) 494-4375.
- ❖ **April 20, 2008**
  - Quesnel Rod and Gun Club Spring Swap Meet at the club house on Nazko Road. Start time is 9:00 a.m. Sell or swap all your unwanted hunting, shooting or fishing equipment. Door Prizes will be drawn during the day. To reserve a table or for more information call Rick Logie at (250) 989-8643 or Ric Edberg at (250) 747-2136.
- ❖ **April 26 & 27, 2008**
  - Kamloops Target Sports Association 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gun & Antique Show and Sale at the McArthur Island Sports Centre – 12<sup>th</sup> Street South in Kamloops. Parking is free and there is an ATM on site. For more information call (250) 376-7871, (250) 819-2442 or email [gctech@shaw.ca](mailto:gctech@shaw.ca).
- ❖ **May 30 – June 1, 2008**
  - Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Weekend at Lake Cowichan, Vancouver Island. The workshops are designed for women 19 years of age or older. Courses and registration are posted on the BCWF website at [www.bcwf.bc.ca](http://www.bcwf.bc.ca) or contact Provincial BOW Coordinator, Darlene Clark at (250) 724-4657 or by email at [dclark8@shaw.ca](mailto:dclark8@shaw.ca).

### CARIBOO ARCHERS ASSOCIATION AGM

**March 30, 2008 ~ 9:00 a.m.**



You are invited to attend the Cariboo Archer's AGM and Fun Shoot at the WLSA Clubhouse on Bond Lake Road in Williams Lake. The morning starts off with a Fun Shoot followed by a lunch at noon, followed by a meeting in the afternoon.

For more information contact Kelley Bennett at (250) 392-7770 or Jess Bennett at (250) 989-7801.

## ARCHERY SHOOT SCHEDULE FOR 2008

- ❖ **March 15 & 16, 2008:** Indoor 3D in 100 Mile House. Contact Don at (250) 395-2862
- ❖ **March 15 & 16, 2008:** Indoor 3D in Fort St John. Contact Pat Dressler (250) 789-9159
- ❖ **March 21 – 23, 2008:** BC Indoor FITA Championships in Abbotsford, BC. Contact Billie at (604) 852-1137
- ❖ **April 5 & 6, 2008:** Outdoor 3D Shoot in Merritt, BC. Contact Marilyn at (250) 378-9529
- ❖ **April 12 & 13, 2008:** Shoot in Abbotsford, BC. Contact Wayne at (604) 859-2086
- ❖ **April 20, 2008:** 3D Shoot in Enderby, BC. Contact Wayne at (250) 838-7870
- ❖ **April 26 & 27:** Outdoor 3D Shoot in Abbotsford. Contact Judy Mauer (250) 847-3507
- ❖ **May 3 & 4, 2008:** Outdoor 3D in Williams Lake. Contact Jess Bennett (250) 989-7801
- ❖ **May 10 & 11, 2008:** Outdoor 3D in Terrace, BC. Contact John at (250) 638-1535
- ❖ **May 17 – 19, 2008:** TBBC Championships in Keremoes. Contact Kirk at (250) 338-0119
- ❖ **May 24 & 25, 2008:** Outdoor 3D Shoot in Quesnel. Contact Chris at [masqbc@telus.net](mailto:masqbc@telus.net)
- ❖ **May 31 – June 1, 2008:** Outdoor 3D in Salmon Arm. Contact Bruce at (250) 832-1937
- ❖ **May 31 – June 1, 2008:** Outdoor 3D in Fort St John. Contact Pat at (250) 789-9159
- ❖ **June 7 & 8, 2008:** Outdoor 3D Shoot in 100 Mile House. Contact Don at (250) 395-2862
- ❖ **June 14 & 15, 2008:** Outdoor 3D Shoot in Prince George. Contact Ted at (250) 963-7538
- ❖ **June 14 & 15, 2008:** Outdoor 3D Shoot in Logan Lake. Contact Jim at (250) 523-9583
- ❖ **June 28 & 29, 2008:** BC Outdoor 3D Champ in Fort St John. Contact Pat (250) 789-9159
- ❖ **July 26 & 27, 2008:** Outdoor 3D in Vanderhoof. Contact Rose or Aubrey (250) 567-9461
- ❖ **July 19 & 20, 2008:** Traditional 3D in Timothy Lake. Contact Don at (250) 395-2862
- ❖ **August 3 – 10, 2008:** North America Indigenous Games. Contact Jason (250) 596-4164
- ❖ **August 8 – 10, 2008:** Can. Outdoor 3D in Dauphin, MB. Contact [Information@fca.ca](mailto:Information@fca.ca)
- ❖ **August 17, 2008:** Canadian 1200 in Burnaby BC. Contact Muriel at (604) 521-6819
- ❖ **August 23 & 24, 2008:** BC Outdoor in Prince George. Contact Carrie at (250) 963-9421
- ❖ **September 10 – 13, 2008:** BC Senior Games in P. George. Contact Ted (250) 963-7538



### **The Federal government has announced proposed firearms regulatory changes in the Canadian Gazette.**

#### **Proposed Regulations Amending the Firearms Licensing and Fees Regulations**

<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2008/20080301/html/regle4-e.html>

<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2008/20080301/html/regle3-e.html>

<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2008/20080301/html/regle2-e.html>

The preamble in the write-up says:

"these combined regulatory proposals would, for one year, until May 16, 2009, (i) extend the fee waiver associated with renewing or upgrading an existing licence; (ii) renew the amnesty which protects non-restricted owners taking steps as set out in the Amnesty Order, such as obtaining a

licence and/or a registration certificate, from criminal prosecution; and (iii) enable expired POL holders to apply for a new POL.

"Under existing regulations, individual firearms licences are issued for five-year terms, and all licences may be renewed prior to their expiry. POLs, unlike Possession and Acquisition Licences (PALs), may not be renewed following expiry. Holders of expired POLs must successfully complete the Canadian Firearms Safety Course examination, and then apply for a PAL in order to return to compliance with the *Firearms Act*. Of the more than 150 000 expired licensees unlawfully in possession of their firearms, approximately 108 000 are former POL holders."

"With the coming into effect of these Regulations, up to and including May 16, 2009, individuals who previously held a POL and who remain in possession of registered or previously registered non-restricted or restricted firearms may apply for a new POL."

And for those who have had an expired license and have had their registration certificates cancelled:

"If an application for a new POL is successful, certificates for non-restricted and/or restricted firearms that were revoked with the expiry of the previous POL may be re-issued on application to the Firearms Registrar."

**In short:**

- 1. The existing waiver on the fee to renew or upgrade an existing firearms license is extended until May 16, 2009.**
- 2. The amnesty protecting the owners of non-restricted firearms from prosecution for licensing and registration non-compliance is extended until May 16, 2009.**
- 3. If you have had a Possession Only Licence (POL) and it has expired, you will have up until May 16th, 2009 to be able to apply to renew your POL, rather than having to upgrade to a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL). This is a significant change in policy as POLs up until now have not been renewable.**
- 4. If you have had registration certificates revoked because of an expired license and you obtain a new POL you can have those certificates re-issued.**

**Caveat** - These are **proposed** regulations and are intended to come into effect on March 28th, 2008.

**Remember** - even though the amnesty protects you from prosecution if you are caught without a license or with an unregistered firearm, the police can - and will - confiscate your firearms.



**Check out the Hinterland Who's Who site at: [www.hww.ca/index\\_e.asp](http://www.hww.ca/index_e.asp)**

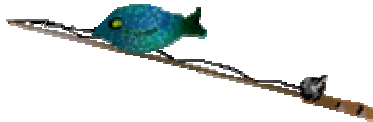
**Following is an excerpt from a letter received from Bruce Montague:**

Dear Supporters:

It's been too long since I last wrote, but I've been taking a little time off since the trial and also coming to grips with the possibility of having to spend a year or more in jail (some of my convictions have a one year minimum sentence). The sentencing hearing is scheduled for March 17 and my family and I are hoping and praying that I won't have to serve any jail time. Regardless of the sentencing outcome I will not be dissuaded from my principled stand against the Firearms Act (Bill C-68).

After sentencing we will have 30 days to launch our appeal to the Supreme Court of Ontario. As promised to you, we will be appealing this lower court decision to the next higher level. As long as you (our supporters) continue to fund this constitutional challenge I am fully committed to putting my time and energy into it as well. We are very happy with our lawyer Doug Christie and will continue to use him during the appeal process.

I've been getting a lot of calls and e-mails since the trial in personal support and also wanting to know where the constitutional challenge stands right now. First of all I'd like to thank those who e-mailed or wrote in support but didn't give me a return address. This has been a very stressful time for our family and we really appreciate all your kind words of support. Without people like you we would be unable to continue in this fight. For more information regarding the fight Bruce is waging on all of our behalf, visit his website at [www.BruceMontague.ca](http://www.BruceMontague.ca). To read the full letter visit [www.williamslakesportsmen.com](http://www.williamslakesportsmen.com) and click on "Letters".



**Lorne Barron's Baked or BBQ Trout ~ #1 Favorite of ours!**

- Fish fillet (skin on)
- Onion (finely chopped)
- Garlic (minced or powdered)
- Lemon Juice
- Dill weed
- Basil
- Salt
- Pepper
- Place fish fillet skin side down on foil
- Sprinkle on lemon juice
- Cover with chopped onion and garlic
- Sprinkle on dill weed, basil, salt and pepper
- Bake at 350 or barbecue with the foil open until the fish flakes
- Can substitute salmon fillets

**ON A FINAL NOTE:**

**If you have an email address, please contact Debbie at 392-2504 or at [wlsawebmaster@telus.net](mailto:wlsawebmaster@telus.net). Email is faster and more cost effective than snail mail!**