



THE NEWSLETTER

**SARCEE FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION
HOLDS MEETINGS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST**

**AT 7:30 P.M. @ MOUNTAIN VIEW MEMORIAL GARDENS
17TH AVENUE AND GARDEN ROAD S.E., CALGARY ALBERTA
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President's Report

Since the last newsletter, things have been moving along as expected. I've attended several meetings relating to fish, wildlife & water. Water, because of the shortage of it has become a big issue for agriculture, resulting in all sorts of bright ideas, such as moving it from one area to another by pipeline, canal or maybe a new river. It has become a political issue, so we have to be aware of what is happening to prevent a disaster to the Alberta environment. We have Bob Everett sitting on the Bow River Basin water council, & Dave McIver on the River Valleys committee, & both along with Yves Oulette & John Hunter on the South Sask. River water basin hearings.

We had a satisfactory release of pheasant brood hens in early April, & Ken Brown & I released one hundred hens & four roosters on the Rosebud Creek. We need one or more sponsors to contribute \$300 to pay for some of these birds. We are still short this amount. I also spent a day in miserable weather helping with pen repair at our Junior Pheasant Project for first time hunters.

Chronic wasting disease in game farmed elk & deer has raised its ugly head again, this time in Alberta, which was predicted. According to press reports we have now confirmed a case on a game farm in the Edmonton area. Elk from that farm have been traced to 12 other farms in Alberta which were placed under quarantine. The disease has now been found in elk or deer in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming & Colorado. Some of the States have since banned game farming to prevent the spread of this very contagious disease into the wild. Colorado recently killed 1720 animals suspected of having the disease & last year, Saskatchewan killed several thousand. With approximately 600 game farms in Alberta, it's only a matter of time before the disease becomes rampant in the wild. What, then do we do? Whine?

Chronic wasting destroys the brain, & is related to mad cow disease, the same which destroyed cattle herds & some humans in Britain last year. We are told that it is not proven that the strain of chronic wasting disease found here can spread to cattle or humans as yet.

Game farming in Alberta has to go. It must be phased out & made illegal. We cannot gamble on the future of our wild ungulates & our beef herds for the benefit of a few game farmers who should be raising Alberta Beef. I have written to our Premier, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Sustainable Resources & my MLA. How about you?

On a brighter side, black bear season is open & fishing opens soon, so get out there & enjoy the outdoors.

Art Beck 274-5924

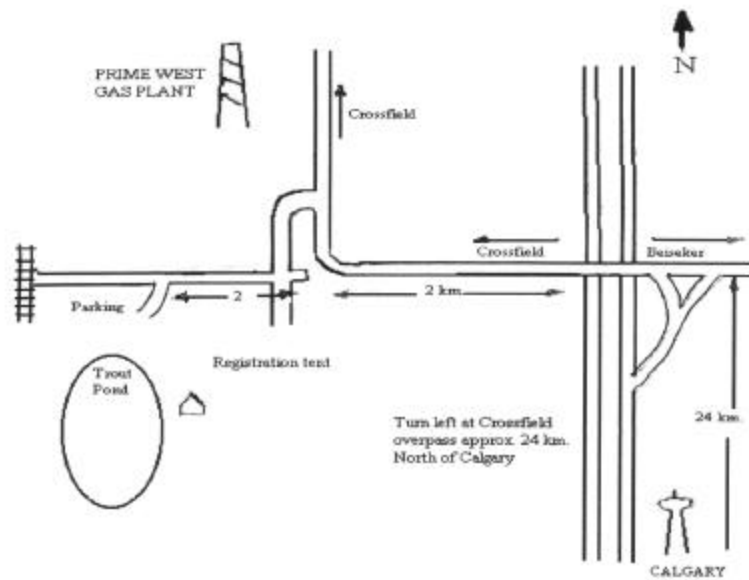
Winners of the Predator Shoot on Feb 2 & 3 were Dean Dwernychuk & Justin Two Good.

YOUTH REPORT

The upcoming event that is almost here is the "Wild Thing 2002" on Saturday May, 11 at the Sam Livingstone Fish Hatchery. The day begins at roughly 9:00 am with a free pancake breakfast from 8:30 - 10:30 am for all volunteers & participants. This event has different outdoor organizations set up booths & stations for kids to participate in & enjoy. Our club will once again have a booth set up & are desperately in need of volunteers for any part of the day. If you would be able to help out at this fun event, please give Tom Matthews a call at 288-8212 or myself at 281-9197.

Thanks! Matt Cuning, Assistant Youth Coordinator

FUN FISHING DAY FOR THE
PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED



HANDICAPPED FISHING DERBY

Registration forms are now available for the 28th Annual Fun Fishing Day for the Physically Challenged. Forms must be completed in full & received no later than June 1st. The fishing derby will be held Sunday June 9th 2002 (editor note: this year the second Sunday in June) at the PrimeWest Energy site near Crossfield everyone is welcome. Lots of volunteers are needed at the pond. Please try to bring a fishing rod, folding chairs, or anything else you & your disabled fisher person may require. Fishing is from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. & a hot lunch & refreshments will be provided for everyone. Please try to arrive early, & make sure you check in at the registration tent. After the fishing

everyone is invited to the Royal Canadian Legion in Airdrie for supper & a trophy banquet. As always I'm looking forward to a great fishing derby & I hope to see you all there.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT **JIM HEROLD AT 256-0538 OR BY FAX AT: 256-0021**

PROGRAM REPORT

May 14, 2002 **Kerry Brewin with Trout Unlimited** will be our guest speaker.

June 11, 2002 **We will have Winston Johnson with the ASM Safe Boating Program, talking on boating regulations, course requirements & material, & accreditation as required by Canada Coast Guard**
Art Beck 274-5924

Stores

We still have some Hats remaining. They are available at the monthly meetings, 2nd Tuesday of month, except July & August.

Murray Schultz 236-4140

Congratulations!

All of you who participated in the 2002 Wild Game Banquet & Fund-raiser & the 2002 Raffle, you helped raise over **\$14,000** for club activities.

What a success!

Of course, the key to this success is the continued support of our many donors. We are including here a list of all of our donors. Please post this list & support these businesses as you can throughout the year. Let them know that you appreciate their contribution to the ongoing maintenance & enjoyment of wildlife in Alberta. Thank you again to the hardworking banquet committee & to those volunteers who helped distribute & sell raffle tickets. The first place winner for the raffle was Roxane Suteu who chose the chair from Lazy-Boy Furniture & the second place winner was Rick Gunter who chose the Salmon Fishing Trip with Viking Charters, Congratulations to our winners. We are already working on next year's event & are hoping to make some changes in order to ensure that it continues to be an enjoyable event for all. If you wish to make suggestions or volunteer to help with the planning, please contact Lara Peters (Banquet Chairman) at 249-6766.

Sarcee Fish and Game Assoc. Thanks Donors to Banquet 2002

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Lands & Environment Committee Report

Just a brief report to let you know that Bob Everett & I try to accomplish something on this committee. I am SF&GA's representative on the Calgary Parks Foundation's River Valleys' Committee. The focus of this committee is to protect the river valleys of the city with respect to development, environmental damage, wildlife habitat & public use. The development of the Cominco lands is very much a part of the RVC's scope & concern (SF&GA is the nominal steward of this property). The RVC meets once a month. Bob Everett is a board member of the Bow River Advisory Committee & sits on one of the RVC's standing sub-committees. Bob, John Hunter & I attended the South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Management Plan invitational discussion forums. The Provincial Government is finally getting the picture about the cost effectiveness of River dams, & has consequently decided to not go ahead with the Meridian Dam Project. As You can see from the nature of these committees & recent news items, the big issue currently is **WATER**. Different kinds of solutions to solve the shortage of water in the Southern part of the Province are going to arise. We are going to have to be outspoken & vigilant to protect our water heritage & to keep it clean, accessible & public. If you have concerns or suggestions give Bob (286-6321) or myself a call.

Dave McIver 246-3248

Photography

Once again Sarcee was honored, in Edmonton as our Club won the Provincial Wildlife category of the photo contest, thanks to Ken Spotswood & his entry of the Swainsons Hawk & gopher. Congratulations Ken!

Some new ideas for this year contest have been suggested. So far the list has:

Alberta Wildlife - this is a trophy category

Alberta Scenery - This is a trophy category

Club Activities - Ribbons only

Most Unusual - 1 Ribbon only

Most Difficult - 1 Ribbon only

The top two are eligible for the AF&GA provincial trophy, the others would be Sarcee club ribbons only. What do you think? I need some feed back.

Murray Schultz 236-4140 or 936-5821

Bird Chairman's Report for May & June 2002

What a cold late spring! But the migrating birds are back in big numbers. There are many swans, ducks, geese & sea gulls on Glenmore Reservoir which is an excellent in town bird watching area, nearly as good as the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Apparently there is also an official bird watching setup at Lac des Arc.

THE SPRING BROODER HEN RELEASE project was a great success but mercifully was delayed to mid-April due to severe winter weather in March. In total we released over 500 hen pheasants & 14 roosters in 45 different locations.

- Art Beck & Ken Brown released 102 hens & 4 roosters in 6 locations
- Dan Radomske released 120 hens in 9 locations & reports wild roosters in all 9 spots
- Otto Nagy bought & released 50 hens & 5 roosters in 5 areas
- Kevin Wilson bought & released 50 hens & 5 roosters in his area
- Jim Holden, Ken Brown & I released 189 hens & 3 roosters into 20 different places. We had the good fortune of having a school class of 30 students on a farm tour at Than Dyck's to show off our pheasant hen release & show them a pheasant egg.
- It was great to get back into the field, meet friendly people, see pheasants & hear roosters crowing. Awesome!
- A sincere thanks to the following for donations to make this project free to SF&GA:

Ted Cooke	Dave Macfie of	John Sheldon
Connie Foster	(Westward Ho Resources)	Randy Smith
Dean Loewen	Otto Nagy	Kevin Wilson
- Thank you to Calgary Fish & Game for letting us use their crates from Brooks to distribute our pheasants & return their crates to Calgary. (A win-win situation)
- This year we have done a better job of spreading out hen pheasants in better shape & at a better time. Go forth & multiply!

Our RAISE & RELEASE pheasant project will now get attention. At this time, there are only three established southern raisers, but we will be talking to several people about building pens, work bees, old pens, etc. We will be getting our 6-week poults around July 1, so we have little time. Thanks to the people who volunteered to help, I hope to use more of you this year.

Did you know that the Chinese ring-necked pheasant was introduced in Alberta in 1908 - the same year the Alberta Fish & Game Association was formed? Both AF&GA & pheasants have had their ups & downs, but both are doing reasonably well today. The Chinese ring-necked pheasant is the only one that has stood the test of time & done well in the wild.

One of our members reported that his boys raised & released pheasants as a 4-H project "about 20 years ago". There are still pheasants from then at his farm because he has: 1) habitat, 2) winter feed (in with his horses), 3) some predator control, & 4) the wildlife i.e. pheasants. What an inspiration to keep up our optimism.

At this time, the situation with the Canadian Pheasant Company is unchanged so they still seem to have the mandate to "release about 15,000 pheasants into the wild for hunting & viewing opportunities."

If you have any questions or concerns, please call John Komonoski (256-5323) or me Art Yeske (249-7245). Have a great Spring!

Art Yeske

CALGARY BOAT & SPORTSMEN SHOW 2002

- We had our wrap up meeting on April 11 at Pat Quinn's & concluded that it was a pretty good show in spite of the low attendance. The people who "pay the freight" made sales & were happy.
- Sarcee F&G and Calgary F&G each received \$3,250 (\$3,300 in 2001).
- Both clubs had good publicity & reasonable membership sales.
- David Sharp, the manager, would like to see the show become more "interactive" for children, somewhat similar to the AHEIA booth.
- How to "liven up" the Kid's Fishing Pond was discussed. (702 kids in 2002, 851 in 2001)
- Sarcee F&G has formed a committee to try & make our booth more "attractive".
- Special thanks to Rob Hume for using your truck to bring THE SF&G booth to & from the show. Much appreciated, Rob.
- Arnold Bader does not want to remain on this committee, so we need a third person from Sarcee. We would like someone new who is not overworked in other areas for SF&GA. If you are interested, phone Pat Quinn (730-2082) or Art Yeske (249-7245).
- Thanks to all the volunteers who made the show such a success for Sarcee Fish & Game.

Respectfully submitted, Art Yeske 249-7245

2002 AF&GA CONFERENCE

It was a privilege to be a delegate to the 73 RD Annual a F&GA Conference in Edmonton & again meet people from all over the province who have a "passion" for Fish & Game. My points illustrate my perspective as a long time fish & gamer & are intended to compliment the earlier reports.

- AF&GA had a rough year in 2001 but I strongly believe Rod Dyck & the other executive have things back on track.
- Martin Sharren, the new Executive Vice President, seems to be an excellent find. He wants an auditor who will give ideas for improving, & he did not think any fee increase could be justified. His budget for 2002 was simple but inclusive & seems attainable.
- AF&GA has a new approach to try to get corporate funding.
- Over 50% of AF&GA members are rural. Maybe it is us city slicker minority who have trouble staying in touch with the land.

- The amount of time & effort spent by the AF&GA executive on many issues on OUR behalf continues to boggle my mind. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their passion, dedication, optimism & enthusiasm.
- There seemed to be less resolutions this year which is good because resolutions sometimes divide AF&GA very strongly.
- The most contentious resolutions was about the ACA. The resolution was that the checkoffs (licence fees) from Alberta hunters & anglers NOT go to ACA but rather into a new trust fund. The resolution did NOT say that AF&GA should withdraw from ACA. Basically we wanted more say in where OUR hunting & fishing licence monies are going, The resolution was defeated, but I think ACA got the message that we are not happy.
- The new Hunting For Tomorrow Foundation (HFTF) was there distributing shiny paper with their Vision, Mission & Goals. I hope, now that they have their elaborate structure, they can actually “do something”.
- It was interesting talking to members from the Edmonton area who thought the main reason for the decline of pheasants in their area was the one year hunting season that allowed shooting one hen pheasant.
- I was proud to be a member of Sarcee Fish & Game & be recognized by our provincial peers as the best in three awards: G.M. Spargo (Youth); Dennis Hindbo (Predator Control); & Darwin Cronbite (Bird Rejuvenation).
- It was another very good conference. Thanks, Art Yeske 249-7245

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is published January, March, May, July, September & November. To aid in the timely delivery of the newsletter to members, the deadline for the newsletter is the executive meeting the MONTH BEFORE PUBLISHED. This means the next newsletter published in July & the deadline for entries is JUNE EXEC meeting (probably June 25). Because there might not be an executive meeting the end of JUNE the deadline for the July newsletter is JUNE 25. The same happens in DEC, as the executive does not normally meet between Christmas & New Year. The deadline for the Sept. Newsletter is the executive meeting in August. If there is room, a members classified will be included.

We have now more than 80 members receiving there newsletter by email. Each newsletter brings more email & increases the computer expertise of the executive. This newsletter received two emails from executive which were beginners to the email process. The more articles that I received electronically either on disk or email, the easier the newsletter can be assembled & sent out. If you have a computer & would like your newsletter emailed out, please email me a note at sfga@cadvision.com.

Ken & Mary Lynn Brown 252-0606

HABITAT NEWS

Shrub Planting Projects

We have two shrub planting projects to complete shortly . The first will see the planting of 1800 Caraganas on the ranch of Greg Hawkwood about 15 miles North East of Cochrane. These shrubs should arrive in early May & hopefully in spite of the late Spring, Greg will have been able to till the land to receive them. The second involves the planting of “Willow Slips ” on the farm of Dan Radomske. Dan has 300 & I have an additional 320 cut by Julius Huzzar & I, in buckets of water in my basement. Hopefully they will be developing some roots so that they will be ready for planting in early May.

Duck & Goose Nesting Structures

On April 5th Julius Huzzar & I checked 15 Large duck nesting boxes in trees around the Ghost Reservoir . We found that there had been very good usage by nesting Goldeneyes. Unfortunately, two of the boxes held 9 & 6 unhatched eggs containing partially developed ducklings. We added two boxes on the

ghost, another box & a goose nest were placed in a pond near the Blue Sky riding arena & a goose nest on the Gordon Phillips ranch, just off the forestry road a few miles North of the intersection with Highway 1A.

On April 18, at the land owners request 2 goose nests & 4 nesting boxes were placed on the Highwood & Sheep rivers.

Murry Schulz who has been checking a number of our duck boxes on the Lower Bow has discovered that squirrels have taken a liking to them. He reports that one irate mother squirrel jumped on his head as he opened the box to check its' contents. Next question, how do we squirrel-proof our boxes? Has anyone got a supply of tin sheeting for us to nail on the trees below the nests?

WILDLIFE TRUST SHED ANTLER PROJECT

Now is the time to be outlooking for shed antlers. We collected 93 last year & 5 prizes were collected by those who contributed them. Be on the lookout for sheds, perhaps you have some in your garage or shop that you could contribute to the program. Money earned through the sale of sheds goes to the purchase of wildlife habitat.

BRYCE CHASE 249-6924

We contributed \$5000.00 to the purchase of land on the Sheep River in 2001, which is being fenced by the High River club on May 25, 2002. They need some volunteer labor. Contact Lyle at 248-3126 for more info.

Outdoors project wins top provincial award

By Johnnie Bachusky Staff writer (reprinted with permission from Central Alberta Adviser & Red Deer Inquirer)

An Innisfail outdoors enthusiast is on the hunt once more, & this time his game is more volunteers & children to fill vital spots with this year's award-winning Alberta Junior Pheasant Project.

"We need to have a program that can teach children how to safely handle firearms, & to appreciate wildlife," said project chairman Dan Radomske.

Last February, the project, which has been endorsed by most fish & game associations across Central Alberta, was honoured by the Alberta Fish & Game Association as the 2001 winner of the G.M. Spargo Memorial Award for Best Junior Program. The 2001 program was the first year for the project.

"I never would have got it without these sponsors & adults. You can't do this with-out great help," said Radomske, who is member of the Sarcee Fish & Game Association.

From Sept. 15 until late Nov. 18 last year, each of the 80 children participated for a full day in a 10 - weekend, 20-day project to learn how to safely handle firearms on Radomske's farm about 20 kilometers a southeast of Innisfail.

"The kids come out & do a lot of clay bird shooting. We get them competent with their firearm," said Radomske. "We then go into field with volunteer guides & dog handlers & go into 40 foot wide corn rows, . two miles long."

Children are also offered several related demonstrations & lessons from trained guides on several outdoors activities, including patterning, skeet shooting, eye dominance, dog use, proper dress guidelines for weather conditions, caloric needs, water consumption, pheasant hunting, shooting zones, & gun & bird cleaning techniques.

The program, for kids 12 to 17-years-old, is free. "All they have to have is their hunters training (course) & be a member of a fish & game club for insurance purposes," said Radomske.

Although the 2002 project is still six months away, Radomske is busy putting together a volunteer team & sponsors. He needs people to assist with guiding & dog handling, & sponsors to help mitigate the costs, which he & his partner Peggy Bayne estimated is \$120 per child over the entire program.

"It's expensive. Corn rows alone last year were \$49 an acre just for the seed alone, & that's for 10 acres," said Radomske. "There is a lot of expenses people don't realize. We need donations to make this work."

For more information on the Alberta Junior Pheasant Project call (403) 227-2105.

Alberta Junior Pheasant Project Thank You

SPONSORS CASH OR PRODUCTS	Severtson Land & Cattle	Splash and Dore Safety Ltd, Red Deer
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Innisfail Fish & Game	National Firearms Assoc. Alta	Matt Cunning, Calgary
Dickson Fish & Game	Don's Repairs, Innisfail	Art Beck, Calgary
Red Deer Fish & Game	Pieter Langstraat, Innisfail	Mullen's Trucking, Leduc
Wimborne Fish & Game	Delvin Bossert, Coronation	Dave Penner, Water Valley
Lacombe Fish & Game	Red Deer Walmart, Parkland Mall	Pheasants Forever, Red Deer
Rocky Fish & Game	Murray Abel, Lacombe	Joe Musick, Innisfail
Ponoka Fish & Game	Paul Dziatkewich, Kneehill	John Kennedy, Cochrane
Millet Fish & Game	Conserv. Officer - Greg Kondas	AMA Holdings, Leslieville
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Valley Gelbvieh Farm, Kneehill	Antlerhill Taxidermy, Innisfail	Stewart Supplies, Penhold
Tri-S Fertilizers, Innisfail	Canadian Tire, Red Deer	RKS Enterprises Ltd., Wimborne (rifle barrel maker)
Alberta Hunter Education	Central Alberta Printers	Rick Tams, Innisfail
Canadian Pheasant Company	Innisfail Co-op Agro, Home Centre, & Mall	Gary Stangness, Innisfail
Innisfail Kinsmen	West Wind Blondes, Stavely	Alfonso Morandi, Calgary
Anderson Exploration	Deermart, Red Deer	Parkland Agri Services, Torrington
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Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn, Red Deer	Canzed Holdings, Bragg Creek	Milk River Outfitters Ltd., Glenwood
Unifeed, Olds	Transfeeders Inc., Olds	Devon Canada, Wimborne
Pheasants Forever, Calgary	Acklands Grainger, Innisfail	Conserv. Officer - Jim Mitchell
Allen's Trout Farm, Calgary	Gander Plumbing, Red Deer	Russel's Sporting Goods, Calgary
Alberta Trailers, Innisfail	Red Deer Bottling	Monsanto Canada
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Thanks to Rick Tams on his recent donation of nearly 15,000 Sq. Ft. of used bird netting. Thanks for help taking it down, Ike Teubert, Randy Ernst, Jason Moore, Dave McIver, Ken Brown, Gene Kulsky & Art Beck. Wanted Cash or item sponsors, Volunteer Guides & Dog Handlers, Students 12 - 17 yrs.

Call Dan 403-227-2105 or Wayne Price 403-239-4067

Membership

DON'T STOP NOW! Renewals have almost stopped & we still have 126 (2001) members who have not yet renewed for 2002. Here are the current membership totals for 2002:

Regular	263
Associate	0
Family	94
Dependents	229
Youth	5
Other Club	9
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Total	600

Kraig McIver 938-4604

Big Game Chairman Report

On January 9, 2002, a wildlife management meeting was held at the environmental learning center at Fish Creek Provincial Park. Pat Young & Jon Jorgenson who are the wildlife biologists for the Calgary, Kananaskis, & Canmore areas hosted the meeting. The meeting was attended by representatives from local fish & game clubs including Dean Dwernychuck who represented the Sarcee Fish & Game Association.

No ungulate surveys were done in 2000/2001 due to a lack of snow. A Deer & Moose survey is planned for this winter for WMU 310, & Elk surveys are planned for 310, 312, & 314 if snow conditions are good. Sixty supplemental antlerless Elk licences were sold for WMU 212, with harvest goals well below desired levels due to warm weather & access problems. Harvest of antlerless whitetails in WMU 310 & 312 was 22% & 38%, respectively, of desired levels. The rate of compliance for the compulsory registration of Elk has been as low as 50%, so please remember to register your elk this fall. In the Foothills deer season for WMU 212 (primitive weapons), only 157 licences were sold, & approximately 118 deer were killed (39 whitetails & 79 muleys). Pat Young would like to see more deer harvested in WMU 212 due to the high number of road killed deer. In the past five winters, 407 elk have been captured in WMU 212 & relocated to Kananaskis (56), Rocky Mountain House (46), & Cataract Creek (10). There was a limited entry draw for Mountain Goats in WMU 400 for the first time in several years. Three licences were issued to the 3500 applicants, & only one tag was filled for a nanny. For the 2002 hunting season, the use of crossbows is being considered for WMU 212 during the primitive weapons season only. The cougar quota for CMA 6 (WMU's 310 & 312) has been reduced to 12 males and 6 females from the previous number of 17 males & 9 females. This was based on a reduction of complaints & sightings in these areas, although the biologists feel that cougar populations remain high. Elk populations in WMU's 404, 406 & 408 are stable to increasing, partly due to transplanted Elk from WMU 212. Elk in WMU 410 are decreasing due to predation from wolves & cougars, as well as morality from highways & residential & recreational development. Archers harvest 15-20 elk per year in WMU 410. Due to the creation of Spray Lakes Provincial Park, a lot of prime sheep hunting areas have been lost to hunters. There is a proposal to establish a late season hunt in a portion of WMU 408 (may be rifle or bow) to give some opportunity to hunters when rutting sheep start to move out of the provincial park area. Low Mule Deer numbers in the mountain zones (400's) have been a concern, but they are not surveyed due to dense cover. The number of permits has been reduced until populations recover.

On March 26, Dean Dwernychuck also attended a meeting hosted by Ed Hoffman, the senior wildlife Biologist for WMU's 142, 144, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, & 210. Several farmers and ranchers, as well as fish & game club representatives attended the meeting. Dean commented that most of the information provided was of a very general nature, with very little in the way of solid numbers regarding big game populations. He also mentioned that there was a lot of general complaining by the farmers present in regards to crop & tree damage by wildlife, & a call to drastically reduce deer populations. WMU 156 was the only area where ungulate populations were counted by air this year, at a cost of \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00. However, when doing the survey, only 18% of WMU 156 was actually counted by air. Due to the small area covered the margin of error when estimating population levels was quite high, at plus or minus 26%. Mule Deer numbers were estimated at 2893 plus or minus 26%, with 28 bucks per 100 does. Whitetail numbers were estimated at 1000 plus or minus 26%, with 17 bucks per 100 does. While flying, 28 Moose were spotted, & were unofficially estimated at 120-140. Coyote & Fox populations were up; 95 Coyotes were spotted from the air. Winter mortality was estimated at 15% for bucks & does, & 30% for yearlings. These numbers along with the numbers generated by the hunter survey every December are used to determine the number of tags issued. Depending on funding & the weather, aerial wildlife surveys are theoretically done once every five years.

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ALBERTA FISH & GAME WILDLIFE AWARDS BANQUET
APRIL 27, 2002 EDMONTON

I had the pleasure of representing the Sarcee Fish & Game Association along with Dale Lucas at the Annual AFGA Wildlife Awards Banquet in Edmonton on Saturday April 27. I drove to Edmonton at NO COST to the club & arrived with enough time to get a good look at some of the magnificent trophy displays with many of them being this years' winners. After cocktails, a delicious roast beef dinner was served accompanied by a wonderful dessert. The head of the Fish & Wildlife division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development was present for the evening as well as most of the executive of AFGA. Following dinner, the awards were presented & I gladly gave out one of the awards Sarcee sponsored for the largest catch & release Rainbow Trout. The evening wound down with a live band playing in the banquet hall. There were a few silent auction items, door prizes as well as some raffles. If anyone would like a copy of the program from the banquet that lists all the winners for this year please give me a call @ 281-9197. (Editor Addition - Congraulations to Winner of Provincial Trophies from Calgary Robin DeRoche, Chad Gozzola, Norm Peters & Ken Spotswood., see program for full listing)

Thank you for sending me Sarcee! Matt Cunning

More Numbers by Treasurer

Their are two other articles in this newsletter about pheasants & as in previous years there have been members expressing their displeasure as to the lack of disclosure in where pheasants have been released & as your treasurer I work in numbers & I thought it would be fun to give you some different kind of numbers for a change. But first I want to make it clear that the spring pheasant release is done by club members donating their time & gas & private cash donations coming from both members & NON members alike. And these birds are released on private land, so use respect if you choose to check out these sites. On Apr. 10 I took Art Beck to the pheasant hatchery in Brooks & picked up 102 hens & 4 roosters which we turned loose in small bunches for 20 or so miles along the Rosebud Creek. Both East & West of the town of Rosebud, & along Service Berry creek to Rockyford. On Apr. 16 I did the same trip to brooks with Art Yeske & Jim Holden, now about those numbers I mentioned, first a lesson in using the GPS. If your as new to it as I am, or never had a opportunity, the following paragraph might help (The irony of this is that next week I'm taking a course of How to use a GPS). To use a GPS, the location numbers are on 1:50,000 topographical maps. The 11U xxXXxxx numbers are blue & printed across the top & bottoms of the map. These numbers are Easting (getting bigger from West to East) the 11U refers to the grid zone designation. The UTM xxXXxxx numbers are blue & printed up the sides of the map, these numbers are northing. To match these numbers to the numbers on the map drop the first 2 digits represented by the small xx in my example. The next 2 numbers represented by the large XX are the number in blue, the following 3 numbers xxx are points on the map progressively to the next blue number. Simple enough, but as in the English language, which makes a rule then breaks it, so do the map makers, satellites have allowed the maps of the past to be corrected so if you are using a pre 1983 map, the GPS location numbers need an adjustment. In Alberta subtract 264 from UTM (Northing) & add 35 to 11U (easting) for example on map 82-J/16 11U 0704815 is corrected to 11U 0704850, UTM 5650014 is corrected to UTM 5649750 if you look on this map at this location is my house. Now for the pheasant locations on map 72-L/12 @ 12U 0444174, UTM 5597083 is the Canadian Pheasant Co. On map 82-I/16 we set free 8 hen at each of the following locations 12U 0421817 - UTM 5651457, 12U 0419314 - UTM 5651446, 12U 0418034 - UTM 5644926, 12U 0414653 - UTM 5645491, 6 hens @ 12U 0413193 - UTM 5645822, 7 hens @ 12U 0413070 - UTM 5643352, 12U 0412561 - UTM 5641933, 5 hens @ 12U 0412254 - UTM 5643354, 6 hens @ 12U 0414482 - UTM 5643672, 7 HENS @ 12U 0414028 - UTM 5633045, 12U 0413994 - UTM 5633340, 5 HENS @ 12U 0409235 - UTM 5635406, 13 HENS @ 12U 0404307 UTM 5632284. On map 82-P/6 12 hens 1 rooster 12U 3046762 - UTM 5682512, ON

MAP 82-I/14 13 HENS @ 12U 0344415 - UTM 5647584, 6 HENS @ 12U 0346085 - UTM 5644994, 13 HENS @ 12U 0345529 - UTM 5646796. ON MAP 82-I/13, 29 HENS 1 ROOSTER @ 12U 0320558 - UTM 5631640. On map 82-I/13 - 6 hens @ 12U 0302777 - UTM 5649881. As I said, better disclosure & a different kind of numbers. But the next number is probably of the most interest to the majority of members - **10% off all merchandise in the store** as a show your Sacree Fish & Game membership card benefit at **MAP WORLD @ 215A 6 AVE. SW. PHONE 294-0393**, Thanks to Lawrence O'Murtagh a new member & Map Worlds president, David Pickering.

Ken Brown 252-0606

Annual Conference

Thank you for sending me to the 73rd Annual Alberta Fish & Game Association Conference held in Edmonton Feb. 21 - 23, 2002. My topic is resolution N. G1, so controversial & mystifying the way it was written that a secret ballot was held. It evolved into should AF&GA pull out of A.C.A. It was defeated, 68 for pulling out & 83 against.

The A.C.A. was formed to distribute the money that is collected from the levy on our hunting & fishing licences. Thus relieving the Government of dealing with all the request that come in. The A.C.A. has only so much money to distribute among all the requests & unfortunately most of the money comes from the hunters & fishermen. In 2001 hunters & fisherman, through the A.C.A. levy on 127 different hunting & fishing licences contributed about 6.4 million dollars, donations 1.8 million, the Government of Canada (which is the Provincial share of the migratory bird licence 57 thousand & 604 thousand which is the interest on what is left of the 17 million of our money that started the A.C.A. A few other miscellaneous item that bring the revenue to about 9 million that the A.C.A. has to distribute. Bob Seammell reasons that we should stay in the A.C.A. for the 400,000 that the AF&GA receives for habitat for the fish & wildlife, which they would likely receive whether they were in A.C.A or not. This 400,000 is only .625% of the 6.4 million that we hunters & fisherman contribute through the levy on our licences. By staying in the A.C.A with our 5 members of the 14 members on the board we will have a vote for what little that amounts to, but at least we will know what is going on in the A.C.A. If we pull out, it will be just like when the Provincial Government controlled our 17 million in the general fund.

Our fight is to have the levy on our hunting & fishing licences reduced so that all partners in the A.C.A. pay their fare share. If they can't raise their fare share that the government put the money in. With money coming from the general fund then it will be fare to everyone who contributes to the government.

Dale Lucas 271- 5486

Zone 2 Report

From meeting held in High River on April 21, 2002. Following is the list of clubs & the projects that they are involved in. Calgary Fish & Game contract Bev Chipchase 287-1375, will be picking up 600 - 700 pheasant poulets. Drumheller contact Cliff Deilz, black powder shoot in May & Handicap Fishing Derby date to be set. Firearms, Environment & Wildlife contact Darwin Cronkhite 280-4874, sucker derby at Barrier Lake July 1&2, 2002. High River contact Lyle McPherson 248-3126, fencing bee at High River land - May 25, 2002 10AM, High River Fishing Derby at McGregor Lake Aug. 10, 11 & 12, see Giant Pheasants with five foot tails at High River pens, phone Lyle. Rocky Mountain Versatile Hunting Dog Club, They raise & train dogs that are versatile in nature. They use the European style of training & use European breeds. They are very involved right now with training. An invitation was extended to other Fish & Game members to their training days. Call them at 547-1436 to arrange a time. They are also working with the High River club raising pheasants. Pens have been fixed up & they have about 200 birds. The club has a good relations with surrounding landowners. A Hunter Safety course was held in Feb. They also have their own web site. They have had some problems with some members with their training techniques. No report for Big Country, Hussar, Okotoks & Big Horns Club of Standard. Next Zone 2 meeting is Drumheller Oct. 6, 2002.

Dale Lucas 271- 5486

Upcoming events

May 11, 2002	Wildthing 2002 at Sam Livingstone Fish Hatchery 8:30 start of FREE pancake breakfast, Need Volunteer to help children build bird boxes Contact Matt Cuning 281-9197 or Tom Matthews 288-8212
May 14, 2002	Regular Meeting, Kerry Brewin with Trout Unlimited will be our guest speaker.
June 9, 2002	Fun Fishing Day for the Physically Disadvantaged contact Jim Herold 256-0538
June 11, 2002	Regular Meeting, Winston Johnson with the ASM Safe Boating Program
July & August	NO REGULAR MEETINGS
July 1&2, 2002	Firearms, Enviroment & Wildlife, Sucker Derby @ Barrier Lake
Aug. 10,11, 12 2002	High River Fishing Derby @McGregor Lake Contact Lyle, 248-3126
August 16-18, 2002	Family Campout & Pig Roast, Highwood Group Camp
Sept. 2002	Family Barbecue
Jan., 2003	Trophy Measuring Night
Oct - Dec 2003	Casino

The club needs your input

In order for the Club to better plan our projects please help by filling out this questionnaire by circling the letter of your choice:

1. Is your primary outdoor activity:
 - A)Angler
 - B)Hunter
 - C)Both equally
 - D)Other (please specify)
2. If you are a shooter do you prefer:
 - A)Rifle
 - B)Shotgun
 - C)Handgun
 - D)Bow
3. What activities/projects do you think the Club should be:
 - A)Doing more of
 - B)Doing less of
 - C)Handling just as we have, i.e. Projects that you really like
4. Are there any specific projects that you think the Club should be undertaking:

Thank you for taking the time to respond & remember the more we undertake the more volunteers we need. You may sign you name if you wish.

You can give us your responses by:

- A)Bringing them to the secretary at the next General meeting.
- B)Email to genek270@shaw.ca
- C)Mail to Attn. Gene Kulsy, c/o Sarcee Fish & Game Association, Suite 494, 300- 8120 Beddington Blvd. NW, Calgary, AB, T3K 2A8

Thanks from your executive.

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