



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
Volume 53 - Issue 3 – May/ June 2003**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I'm pleased to report that I have negotiated a partnership agreement between Prime West Energy Inc., and us whereby we will operate and manage the Crossfield Fish Pond. The fish derby for the handicapped will be held there as in the past, only this year we have a new person by the name of Dean Barysein in charge that has taken over this large task from Jim Herold who has supervised this event for the past six years. Our crew of volunteers have acquired, dismantled and delivered a half-mile of chain link fence, ready to erect on the site. Due to vandalism on the property, it was our decision to secure it with chain link and locks. A system for use by members and others is being developed. This is an excellent pond within reasonable proximity to Calgary, which can be utilized for the handicapped and youth as well as recreational enjoyment for Albertans. It will be stocked with trout. As reported in our last newsletter, our government is attempting a legislated program to provide recreational and exploratory access to public lands in Alberta, namely grazing leases under the Agriculture Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act 2003 (Bill 16). It has become quite controversial and some grazing leaseholders who are well connected to government and some who are MLA's do not want to provide hunters and anglers access to their leases. They have now introduced a Motion for Return (Motion 507) in the legislature which says its purpose is to urge this government to sell or dispose of all public lands which could be better utilized by the private sector. Parcels of grazing leases have top priority. We must express our objections on this one by writing to your MLA with a copy to our Premier. This government favors privatization, so we could lose our public lands if we don't fight for our rights as Albertans. I've already expressed my objections to my MLA and Ralph; how about you. I'm attaching a news release from AFGA on the Motion, which is self-explanatory. (Editor Note: News Release on next page) Do what you can to help.

Art Beck President 274-5924

PROGRAM REPORT

May 13th meeting - We have made a change, and will have **Jim Hinter, President of National Firearms Association (NFA)** as our guest speaker updating us on firearms legislation, current events and details of third party liability insurance available to our membership through NFA.

June 10th meeting - **Winston Johnson, certified instructor for the Canada Coast Guard Accredited Safe Boating** course will be available to accept challenge tests of the course for members and guests at this meeting. There is no cost for the manual or for the test, and those who pass the test may receive Accredited Certification at a cost of \$45.00.

NOTE: Safe Boating manuals will be available at the May 13th meeting. Those wishing to take the test should reserve a manual by calling our secretary, Rob MacKenzie at 948 6359- evenings or krmacken@shaw.ca

As of Sept.15,2002 all operators of a motor powered watercraft under 4 M in length are required to have proof of accredited certification on board at all times. Failure to comply could cost up to \$2000 in fines.

Enjoy your summer on the water..

Art Beck 274-5924

NOTICE OF BYLAW AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment is as follows: Article X- Section 2- signing authority.- 1.All disbursements shall be made by cheques signed by two of the three signing officers of the association, to be amended to read, All disbursements shall be made by cheques signed by two or more of the three signing officers of the association. This is now the second notice to be printed in our newsletter and in accordance with our bylaws will be voted on at the next general meeting.

Definition of Vegetarian: One who doesn't hunt well.

Alberta Fish & Game Association Opposes Government Motion To Sell Public Land

(*Edmonton April 30,2003*)... Alberta's largest conservation group, the Alberta Fish & Game Association(AFGA), expresses its disappointment at the April 14, 2003 motion by Redwater MLA Dave Broda that the Alberta government sell or dispose of public lands that are declared surplus to the needs of the province. Equally disturbing was the fact that several MLA's also spoke in favour of the motion.

The AFGA has had a long-standing policy that firmly believes in the retention of the ownership of public lands (Crown Lands) by the people of Alberta and has always taken the stand that these lands serve as irreplaceable fish and wildlife habitat while at the same time providing enjoyment for all outdoor enthusiasts.

AFGA President, Ray Makowecki said, "The AFGA is extremely concerned about selling public lands as the pressures for use of a finite land base increase. The notion that Alberta has surplus lands is not apparent, especially as increased human populations and demands continue to grow. The value of our public lands can not be measured purely in monetary terms."

He continued saying: "The AFGA currently owns or manages over 30,000 acres of land that provides conservation of fish and wildlife habitats and at the same time provides recreational use opportunities for all Albertans. As our 15,000 member association works towards securing lands for conservation we would be very disappointed at seeing public lands being sold and in so doing working in opposition to the hard work being conducted by our volunteers." In addition the AFGA has voluntary conservation agreements in place with landholders to conserve another 190,000 acres of land.

The AFGA supports multiple and integrated use of public lands and that such uses should be managed to ensure that Albertans are able to share in the enjoyment of these natural treasures.

AFGA urges all users, associations and citizens to express their concerns to the elected officials for contemplating the selling of Alberta's Natural Heritage.

The Alberta Fish and Game Association is a not-for-profit volunteer organization proud to serve Albertans in the promotion of the wise use of our fish and wildlife resources and the conservation of their habitats. Celebrating its 95th anniversary the AFGA has been active since 1908 in working towards these goals. It has a province-wide membership of more than 15,000 individuals spread among 106 local Clubs.

**CONTACT: Ray Makowecki (780) 818-5527
President**

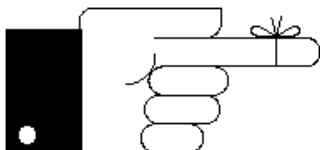
**Martin Sharren (780) 437-2342
Executive Vice President**

Wild Things 2003 Saturday May 10, 2003

Wild thing 2003 is an exciting celebration of Alberta Wildlife. It is a free, family event featuring educational exhibits and hand-on activities. Tours of the Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery. Free pancake breakfast 8:30 am to 10:30 am, visit our booth from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thanks to George Loades we will have 50 Blue Bird nesting boxes for children to assemble. In addition, we will have a few Duck and Bat boxes cut out for assembly as well. I have very recently received calls from landowners wanting these boxes and more requests are always welcome. All the fun takes place at the Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery. Volunteers are always welcome, no birdhouse building experience needed, just a love of the outdoors and knowledge to pass on. Contact Bryce Chase 249-6924

HABITAT NEWS

TREE AND SHRUB PLANTING By the time this goes to print we should be into our planting at the Hawkwoods, McKeages and hopefully the Goebels, provided we don't get any more snow, that is. Happily several members have volunteered to help and with luck planting can be planned to fit their schedules. Bryce Chase 249 - 6924
(Editor Note: a FEW SENIOR MEMBERS will plant thousands of trees and shrub. Many hands make light work and gives a larger pool to call for volunteers. If this is of interest you, please talk to Bryce about giving a helping hand)



**Remember No Meeting for July & August,
see you again Sept. 9,2003**



Sarcee Fish & Game Association's 29th Annual Fun Fishing Day for Folks with Disabilities



Event Information

Event Description: Each year Sarcee Fish and Game Association hosts an Annual Fun Fishing Day for Folks with Disabilities. Every year over 100 Folks with Disabilities are provided the opportunity to experience the joys of the outdoors and fishing for trout at our club maintained PrimeWest Energy Fish Pond. Sarcee Fish and Game Association in conjunction with community sponsors arranges for the transportation to and from the event, fishing gear for each participant (if necessary), and 1-on-1 fishing assistance. Food for the day will be provided for each participant and facilities are wheel chair friendly. All persons with disabilities are welcome.

Event Location: Prime West Energy Pond, Crossfield (Map following page).

Event Date: Sunday, June 8th, 2003

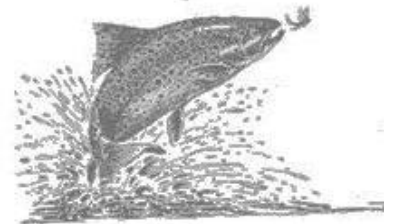
Event Itinerary:

Time	Activity
8:00 – 9:00 am	Participants Picked Up
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Registration and day of fishing at Prime West Energy Pond. Lunch and snacks will be provided throughout the day to all participants.
4:00 – 6:00 pm	Awards Banquet at the Airdrie Legion
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Participants Taken Home

So, if you know someone with a disability that would enjoy a day of fishing and fun, then fill out this form and either fax or mail it to:



Keith Erickson
102 Taravista Gardens NE
Calgary, AB
T3J 4K9
Phone: (403) 710 - 4986
Fax: (403) 202-2561



*** Bus Seats are limited and are reserved on a first come first serve basis.

** In case of emergency, participant will be sent to Hospital by ambulance. All medications are to be clearly labeled with necessary information and sent with attendant accompanying the participant to the event. On-site volunteers cannot administer medications due to liability reasons. There will be a volunteer Registered Nurse on-site during the event.




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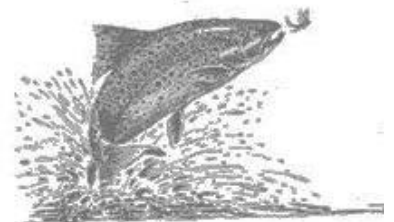
Participant Registration Form

Handicapped Participant Personal Information

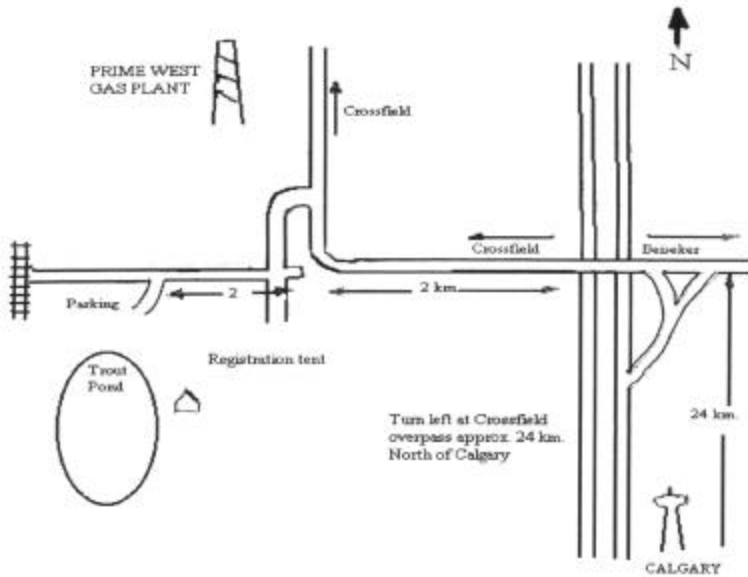
	Full Name	
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	Address	
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	Organization	
	Disability Type	
	Medications & Dosage	
	Mobility Devices	
	Emergency Contact	
	Emergency Phone	
Transportation Required?		
HandiBus Required?		
Accompanying Attendant Full Name		

Please Mail or
Fax Form To:

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FUN FISHING DAY FOR THE
PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED



Sarcee Junior Forest Warden

The Sarcee Junior Forest Warden club is the oldest continually running JFW club in the Calgary district and one of the oldest in the province of Alberta. Next year in 2004, the Sarcee JFW club celebrates its 40th anniversary. We are now making plans to commemorate this event and are seeking past Sarcee JFWs, Leaders and adults who were involved with our club. This includes long-time members of Sarcee Fish and Game who helped to start the Sarcee JFW club. If you know anyone who has been involved with Sarcee JFW in the past, would you please put him or her in touch with me.

We also recognize the importance of Sarcee Fish and Game to the start-up and running of our club for so many years. We therefore invite and welcome the participation of Sarcee Fish and Game in this event.

Thank-you for your assistance with this I look forward to speaking to you and other members

of your organization.

Sincerely,

Nic Martini Sarcee JFW
phone: 403.249.9867

email: nicmartini@shaw.ca
mail: 3316 - 44 Street SW
Calgary T3E 3R8

Calgary Boat and Sportsmen's Show 2003

Thank-you, thank-you and thank-you to all the club volunteers who gave of their time to help make the Sarcee Fish and Game Booth and fish pond such a success!!

Art Yeske
Fred Coleman
Al Morandi
Con Papanikolaou
Aimie Duriez
Art Beck
Rob Hume
Mary Lynn Brown
Dave Beeman
Kerry Millar
Donna Beach
Dale Lucas
Ray Gusul

Daphne Yeske
Murray Schultz
Jonn Kapjek
George Loades
Herb Ziesman
John Komonoski
Patrick Hume
Gene Kulsky
Bill Sotham
Mel Carson
Robin Denroche
Mike Lerner
Dave Beeman

Leo Gagn
Arnold Bader
Wayne Price
Julius Huszar
Bryce Chase
Dan Radomske
Ken Brown
Jack Nielson
Hank Kriaski
Jamie Beach
Dave McIver
Matt Cunning

We appreciate all that you people did to help out!! If I missed anyone please let me know and I will get you the recognition that you deserve for supporting the club in this very worthwhile project.

Not only do we promote our club and boost memberships but we also earned \$3250.00!! For anyone keeping track that is the same amount as last year. Fishing pond numbers were down a little this year - 587 kids (702 kids in 2002 and 851 kids in 2001). This trend is a bit concerning but many improvements were made to the Fishing Pond and we always welcome any suggestions, on any aspect of the show.

We think that a few more people could be at the booth during the busy times. Also, those people involved in the setup had a little setback, as the area was not organized and things didn't start getting setup until much later than planned. Thanks for your patience guys. Respectfully Submitted Pat Quinn (730-2082) and Art Yeske (249- 7245)

BIRD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Sarcee Fish and Game Pheasant Project:

It appears that we had to do a much better job of communicating to the membership what we are trying to accomplish with their (our) money., Our committee of John Komoski, Dean Loewen Gene Kulsky and I met and formalized our goals and plans:

VISION - To enhance the pheasant population to the point where it sustains itself for **greater viewing and hunting opportunities.**

ACTIONS -

- Assist volunteer landowners in Raising and Releasing Pheasants.
- Release Brooder pheasant hens into good habitat with resident rooster populations.
- Encourage habitat retention by recognizing landowners with Habitat Steward and Heritage Homestead Signs.
- Involve Youth and Communities

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Are listed, but since 1999 we have Raised and Released 1700 pheasants and Released 1850 brooder pheasant hens.
- There have been pheasant chick hatches in nearly all raise and release areas the following spring.
- We were a major factor in starting the Alberta Junior Pheasant Project for youth.

Thanks to Gene Kulsky, Murray Schultz and Daphne Yeske we now have this clearly illustrated on a 4 ' X 4 ' panel along with 18 large photos (8"X10"). We can take this panel to meetings, schools, shows, etc. to proudly "Show and Tell"

We hope this helps clarify SFGA pheasant projects. Our 2003 Raise and Release Pheasant Project will see us buy 305 6-week old unsexed pheasant chick at the end of June to be raised in 5 locations and released at the end of August or early September. Thank your to Marge & Doug Fraser, Leroy Huether, Tom Byer, Don & Debbie Ralf and Beth & Randy Ernest for volunteering to daily water, feed and tend these pheasants, We couldn't do it without you!

The exciting Millarville Community – Youth Pheasant Raise and Release Project may give us another 100 pheasants. Dean Loewen will report on this.

The 2003 Brooder Pheasant Hens Release Project will only release slightly over 100 hens this year. The cost of these Brooder Hens has skyrocketed to \$7/bird from \$3/bird last year. We are doing this Brooder Pheasant Hen Release with private donations – "at no cost to the Club" If you wish to donate and have hens released in an area of your choosing, please phone me ASPA. Our release is delayed to May.

(Otto Nagy released 84 Brooder Hens and 16 Roosters on March 31, 2003. Otto is also going to raise 200 day old pheasants chicks(hens) this summer. Way to go Otto! Keep up the good work)

Sorry about the length of this report, but we are doing or planning a lots of things. Other birds next time.

If you want more details or have any comments or suggestions, Please Call me Art Yeske, @ 249-7245 or John Komonoski @ 256-5323 or Dean Loewen @ 931-4830.

Millarville Community-Youth Pheasant Raise and Release Project

It was about 5 years ago at the Calgary Sportsmen's Show, my son Tyler and I spotted the Sarcee Fish and Game Booth. We approached the booth with enthusiasm, which was attended, by Art Yeske and a couple of pheasants in a cage. After talking to Art for a while, I quickly signed up on the sheet that was available for people interested in the raise and release program.

Since then Art has used our home site in Millarville as a release site every year in September, and in the last year we have been considering building a pen on the property. Very encouraging, enough we and others in the Millarville area have been spotting the birds also last spring a hen complete with 5 chicks.

After a few discussions with Art we decided to try to implement a program in Millarville area and involve the community and emphasizing on youth. After discussions with the principal at Millarville school, we inserted an expression of interest bulletin in the school newsletter and the Truck Watch, which is the local Millarville paper. To date we have had excellent response with 6 families wanting to be apart of the program all with kids that are very excited. The intent is that when the program is implemented Millarville school would then consider some sort of involvement with the students.

My all time dream/goal is to have kids be apart of the program from raise to release and actually the kids releasing the birds.

Dean Loewen 931-4830

(Reprinted from Millarville school paper or Truck Watch) MILLARVILLE COMMUNITY-YOUTH PHEASANT RAISE AND RELEASE PROGRAM - The intent of this newsletter item is to invite families and individuals to be part of a new and exciting program in our area. In collaboration with the Sarcee Fish and Game Association, funding has been approved for the supply of most materials to construct a pheasant pen to house 100, 6-week old pheasants for the release in the Millarville area. The intent of the program is to encourage and involve youth, family, school, clubs, etc. in this worthwhile environmental endeavor.

The vision of the program is to enhance the local pheasant population to the point where it sustains itself. Our goal for this year is to involve community and youth together with myself (Dean Loewen and family) and form a group of families, individuals to start the program.

In brief the start-up group would organize the construction of the pen, the location of the pen and when we would introduce the first raising. We would then implement a feeding and watering schedule that would need to be maintained. Finally, a release schedule would be created with decisions about where in the Millarville area (and in what numbers) would the birds be released. The birds are introduced into the pen around July 1 and are released in mid-September. There could also be a consideration of raising day-old chicks starting in mid-May if the group decides this would be feasible.

Currently the Sarcee Fish and Game Assoc. is raising and releasing 305-birds in 5 locations. By increasing this to 6 locations, Millarville would then be included as a release area, and there would be a new total of 405 birds released.

For all people interested or who have further questions, I ask you call myself Dean Loewen 931-4830 to then be invited to an informative meeting that we would have in the near future to discuss and start planning.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Spring is here and a new photo contest year has begun. It is open to all Sarcee members. The 2 main categories are Alberta Wildlife and Alberta scenery along with 3 club categories, Most Difficult, Most Unusual and Best Club Activity. There is something for all our members. Congratulations to Sarcee Fish and Game member, Mary Lynn Brown for winning 1st place in the Alberta Fish and Game Association photo contest, Alberta Scenery category, with her END OF DAY entry. Sarcee is proud again this year.

Remember your camera and film. Murray Schultz 236-4149

STORES

We have Alberta Big Game Record Books for sale at \$42.40, also Sarcee Fish and Game pins. I have checked out the prices on Hats & Caps, Travel Mugs, Pen Knife & case, Water Bottles & case and small travel clocks, More news to follow.

AFGA has a web site for various things, also a merchandise page with several items, go to www.afga.org and click on the link. Large orders get better prices. Murray Schultz 236-4149

Prime West/ Sarcee Fish Pond

Spring is a busy time of the year.

Two meetings were held with Prime West and several things confirmed, from fish to fencing.

Thanks to George Loades we were able to obtain 2000 plus feet of used chain link fencing, for the trout pond. May thanks to Leo Gagne, Dale Lucas, Ken Brown, Jonn Kapjek, Julius Huszars, Dave, Gene Kulsy, Pat and Murray Schultz for taking it down and transporting it to Crossfield.

The site was tape measured and fencing quotes obtained. The Railway Ties were pulled out of the pond, counted, and a plan for securing them down decided upon. A parking area was discussed. New tables and trash barrels arranged for. A guardrail and property signs are in the works,

Things are taking shape Leo Gagne, Dale Lucas, Dave and Murray Schultz

274-2732, 271-5486, 236-4149

Conservation Officials

A full slate of directors has been acclaimed for the Southern Alberta Conservation Association board for 2003-04. Successful nominees include Doug Clemens of Mossleigh, Doug Wright of Nobleford, Orville Yanke of Dunmore, Richard Fritzler of Etzikom, Ken Biemans of Seven Persons and Bryan Noble of Nobleford. The Director will elect SACA executive at their first meeting. President Fritzler was re-elected.

Does any member have information about When was Voting; Was there public input into who was picked? If you can answer, please pass along information to Dale Lucas 271-5486. Thanks

Ideas to Keep Number of Hunters from Decreasing

Now is the time to start considering ideas to keep seniors hunting. These could include allowing use of cross bow or ATV's to pack out harvested big game. What ideas are needed to encourage and keep young hunters? More tags for new hunters, longer seasons or just a great mentor program. Does Alberta need to stop Non resident hunter from taking spots from resident, by implementing use of Health Care Number rather than Address as proof of Resident?

Thank You to 2003 Banquet Donors

We urge you to use this list and support Donors when you can to show your appreciation for the donations they made to the Wild Game and Award Banquet

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Avenida Art Gallery	Gregg Martineau Projects	Royal Bank of Canada – Canyon Meadows
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BK Liquor Store	Iron Age Canada	Sims Overhead Door Ltd
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Calgary Co-Op, Deer Valley	Leroy's Firearm Repair	Sunshine Village
Calgary Exhibition & Stampede	Liquidation World	Super Drug Mart (18 St SE)
Calgary Real Estate Board	Liquor World	Taratone Mfg.
Canada Safeway - Glenmore Landing	Maltais Geomatics	Target Knives & Survival
Canada Safeway - Ogden	Marklan Bottle Depot	The Calgary Sun
Canada Safeway - Shawnessy	McIlveen Lumber Company	The Camera Store
Canada Safeway – Southland Crossing	McIver, Dave	The Home Vintner
Canadian Freightways	McMaster, Dave	The Lab
Canadian Leisure R V	MCS Industrial Inc.	The Real Canadian Superstore
Canadian Pheasant Company	Milley, John	Totem Building Supplies – Edmonton Tr.
Canadian Tire - Dalton Dr.	Molson Breweries	Totem Building Supplies, 52 ST
Canadian Tire - Macleod Tr.	Monarch Siding Centre	Totem Building Supplies, Bannister Rd
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Ducks Unlimited Canada	R.G.O. Office Furnature	
	Race City Speedway Motorsport Park	

Banquet Meat Donors

Alberta Junior Pheasant Project
(Dan Radomske)
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Alberta Junior Pheasant Program

Thanks to Leroy Siki for his donation by buying the auctioned hunt at the banquet for \$410.

We are receiving 600 day old pheasant soon to be raised to 8 weeks of age at Keith Barker's near Bragg Creek. Supposedly 90% hens...we will see. 35 Rio Grande turkeys are in the incubator at Mike and Edie Murray's. 400 Chuckars spoken for at Five Flocking Acres, Coronation.

The April 29 snow storm destroyed the netting on the new pen and broke off one wall post. It's hard to imagine how heavy the snow was to do that The 2" net top will be replaced with 3" of a higher tensile strength and possibly capable of being cut loose if necessary. Product available from Redden Net in Vancouver at a **cost of \$1750-\$2000. A work crew will be needed to cut off the old net and put up the new one.**

Thank you to the Calgary Chapter of Pheasants Forever for their strong commitment to our project

Sept 6 will be orientation for our guides and dog handlers. This is important for everyone as any issues are dealt with then. We will have a falconer speaking that day. 10:30 am Kneehill Valley Community Center.

We have numerous waivers in and only take 80. So 12-17 year olds get your waiver in and pass your Hunter Training course. All participants must be members of a Fish and Game club with AFGA insurance. Students may only attend once.

Anyone having a dog shock collar please call me as we need to fine tune our heeler pup before the birds get here.

Dan and Peg 403-227-2105

Wanted by various guides: 223 calibre with a wood stock
Ruger 10/22
220 Swift
Any type 270

The Frank Leffingwell Memorial 4th Annual

Hunter & Sportsmen - think you're a good shot? Here is your chance to prove it!

WHERE: Lethbridge Fish and Game Range

WHEN: July 19, 2003 - 9:00am

WHAT: A simple shooting contest. Shoot 5 rounds from a hunting rifle with hunting caliber ammunition off the bench at 3 different targets (100,200, & 300 yard).

The competitor with the smallest group of five hits wins the following prizes;

100 yards- \$ 250.00

200 yards- \$ 500.00

300 yards- \$1,000.00

+ \$ 250.00 for tightest group by a youth shooter (under age 18).

To register, mail your cheque made payable to LFGA for \$25.00 to:

Allan Friesen
Box 1358
Lethbridge, AB
T1J4K1

or more information, call Allan at (403) 320-5860 (home), (403) 382-3593 (work) or email at atcsc@shooter.org

ZONE 2 and other CLUBS NEWS

JUNE 2003						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Handicap Fishing Derby 8	2 9	3 Sarcee Monthly Meeting 10	4 11	5 Wheatland Monthly Meeting 12	6 Okotoks Auto Part Swap 13	7 Okotoks Auto Part Swap 14
15	16	17	18	19 Okotoks Regular Meeting	20	21 Spirit of Okotoks Weekend
22 Spirit of Okotoks Weekend	23	24 Sarcee Executive Meeting and Newsletter Deadline	25	26	27	28
29	30					

JULY 2003						
SUN	MON	TUE	W E D	THU	FRI	SAT
6 Calgary Stampede	7 Calgary Stampede	8 1 Calgary Stampede	9 2 3	10 Calgary Stampede	11 4 Sarcee Casio @ Cash Calgary Stampede	12 5 Sarcee Casio @ Cash Calgary Stampede
13 Calgary Stampede	14	15	16	17	18 Harley Owners Rally Okotoks	19 Harley Owners Rally Okotoks
20	21	22	23	23 Sarcee Campout and Pig Roast	25 Sarcee Campout and Pig Roast	26 Sarcee Campout and Pig Roast Carseland Ag Days
27 Sarcee Campout and Pig Roast	28	29	30	31		

Next Zone2 Meeting: DRUMHELLER, OCTOBER 5, 2003; 10 AM Royal Tyrell Museum

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In 2002 three regular meetings were held in the meeting room of the Station Cultural centre.

A Fun Shoot was held at the Okotoks range, arranged by Ian Keyers and Ralph Lane officiated. 7 members attended .

The summer B.B.Q for members was held in August at Tim Graham Park on the Sheep River south of town.

The final meeting of 2002, held March 20, 2003 was their annual wind up and Pot Luck supper. A very interesting and tasty array of food including game such as Goose and Elk, provided by the members.

OKOTOKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – TRADE SHOW MAY 2&3, ANTIQUE CAR AUCTION – REC. CENTRE MAY 23&24, AUTO PARTS SWAP MEET – REC CENTRE JUNE 6&7, REGULAR MEETING AT MEETING ROOM IN STATION CULTURAL CENTRE JUNE 19, SPIRIT OF OKOTOKS WEEKEND JUNE 21&22, HARLEY OWNERS PROVINCIAL RALLEY – REC CENTRE JULY 18&19 WITH AUGUST B.B.Q., OKOTOKS PRO RODEO – REC CENTRE AUG 29, 30&31, ROTARY CLUB RIB COOK OFF BEEF AND BEER AT THE STATION SEPT. 6, REGULAR MEETING

AT MEETING ROOM IN STATION CULTURAL CENTER SEPT 18 & DEC 4, AN EVENING OF SHOOTING AT THE RANGE TO BE ARRANGED.

Rocky Mountain Versatile Hunting Dog Club: Herb Ten Pierik; Ph. (403) 547-1436

Sarcee Fish and Game Assoc. (Calgary): Dale Lucas; Ph. (403) 271-5486

REGULAR MEETING

Model show pioneer acres of Alberta, Irricana may 24 and 25.

HANDICAP FISHING DERBY June 8

Calgary Stampede; July 4 – 13

Casino; July 4 and 5

Sarcee Family Camp Out and Pig Roast; July 25 – 27

Carseland agricultural days and lions annual barbecue; July 26-28

Wheatland Conservation and Wildlife (Strathmore): Larry Olson; Ph. (403) 934-4388

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Fishing Licence Fee Going up by \$3.00

The Non Resident (Canadian) pays the same fees as an Albertan resident.

Last year we had 209,783 residents fishing, which was a drop of 8,905 from the year before. The Non Resident Alien Sport fishing was 2,359 a drop of 59. The 5-day Non Resident Alien Sport fishing was 5,103 a drop of 290. That’s a drop of 9,254 paying a fee into the A.C.A. some a large fee. Now with increasing the price, do you think we will recover the lost Revenue?

Here is a breakdown of the new Licence costs.

	Govt.	A.C.A	I.S.M	G.ST.	TOTAL
Resident Sport fishing	\$1.50	\$13.50	\$6.00	\$1.47	\$22.47
Non Resident Canadian Sport fishing	\$1.50	\$13.50	\$6.00	\$1.47	\$22.47
Non Resident Alien Sport fishing	\$9.50	\$44.50	\$6.00	\$4.20	\$64.20
5 Day Non Resident Alien Sport fishing	\$5.85	\$28.15	\$6.00	\$2.80	\$42.80
1 Day Non Resident Sport fishing	\$2.85	\$13.15	\$6.00	\$1.54	\$23.54
Sturgeon	\$1.50	\$0.00	\$3.50	\$.35	\$5.35

The A.C.A. and the G.S.T. got the bulk of the increases, the government and I.S.M. remained the same. Do you really think A.C.A. will put more money into Fishing and Fishing Habitat than they do now? I Think not! For the American the \$64.00 Cdn is significantly less than \$64.00 US.

Fishing Licence Fees Comparison

	Resident	Non Resident Canadian	Non Resident Alien
Alberta Annual Licence	\$22.47	\$22.47	\$64.20
Sask. Annual Licence	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$50.00
B.C. Annual Licence	\$38.52	\$58.85	\$85.60
Alberta Senior Annual Licence	\$0.00	\$22.47	\$64.20
Sask. Senior Annual Licence	\$10.70	\$40.00	\$50.00
B.C. Senior Annual Licence	\$5.35	\$42.80	\$58.85
Alberta One Day Licence	N/A	N/A	\$23.54
B.C. One Day Licence	\$10.70	\$21.40	\$21.40
Sask 3 Day Licence	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
Alberta 5 Day Licence	N/A	N/A	\$42.80
B.C. 8 Day Licence	\$21.40	\$38.52	\$53.50
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Steelhead	\$16.05	\$42.80	\$42.80
Salmon	\$10.60	\$21.75	\$32.10

Tidal Water Sport Fishing Licences Fees	Resident & Non Resident Canadian	Non Resident (Alien)
B.C. Adult Annual Licence	\$22.47	\$108.07
B.C. 5 Day Licence	\$17.12	\$34.17
B.C. 3 Day Licence	\$11.77	\$20.33
B.C. 1 Day Licence	\$5.62	\$7.49
B.C. Senior Annual Licence	\$11.77	\$108.07
Salmon Conservation Stamp	\$6.42	\$6.42

Classified Water Licence	Resident	Non Resident Canadian	Non Resident Alien
Classified Waters Annual Licence	\$16.05	N/A	N/A
Class I Water Licence	N/A	\$42.80/day	\$42.80/day
Class II Water Licence	N/A	\$21.40/day	\$21.40/day

As you can see by this table a Non Resident Canadian pays the same as a Resident to fish in Alberta, where as we pay about twice the amount to fish in Saskatchewan or B.C. and a whopping amount to fish on the ocean.

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The Conservation Centres for Excellence will continually schedule fishing, hunting, firearms and instructor courses. We will also offer special wildlife and fisheries seminars.

Please send a note telling activities in your club or community for the next three or four months from the deadline of the newsletter, Such as horn measuring, dinner, banquets, handicap fishing, fishing competitions, small bore, big bore, black powder competitions, radios and local special events. The deadlines for the newsletter are April 29 – June 24 – August 26 – October 28 and Dec 15, 2003. Please include event, date, place, time and cost.

Please send information of club or community events which you would like published in the newsletter to Zone 2 News, C/O Sarcee Fish and Game Association, Suite 494, 300 – 8120 Beddington Blvd. NW, Calgary Alberta T3K 2A8 Fax 403-274-2247 or email sfgabrown@telus.net

Remember the old slogan – **Use it or lose it** applies to your club and shooting events. Dale Lucas 271- 5486

HABITAT NEWS - HABITAT STEWARDS AND HERITAGE FARMSTEADS

Ross St. John and Rob Hume recently presented a sign and plaque recognizing the Greg Hawkwood family for their interest and efforts in protecting habitat for wildlife. They were most appreciative. You may recall that we have placed nesting structures and planted caraganas on their land North East of Cochrane. More structures and shrubs are scheduled for placement this year. We have plaques and signs for two more families but will not mention their names at this time, as we would like the presentation to be a surprise. Two more landowner families are being recommended as well and I'm always looking for others for our club to recognize so keep your eyes open.

Bryce Chase 249 – 6924

ALBERTA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION WILDLIFE TRUST HIDE AND SHED ANTLER PROGRAM

This is the season for finding Shed Antlers so keep your eyes open and enter them for our Wild Life Trust fundraiser for the purchase of land for habitat.

BRYCE CHASE - 249-6924

**DRUMHELLER & DISTRICT FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION
10th ANNUAL BLACK POWDER SHOOT MAY 10 & 11, 2003**

Saturday events: - trail walk - 20 to 30 targets for rifle, hawk, and knife
with limited paper targets
- m/l & cartridge trap shoot (weather permitting)
- wild meat supper (moose) & campfire, singing, lying, etc.

Sunday events - pancake breakfast & 2nd trail walk

Saturday events start 12:00 noon - Sunday events start 10:00 a.m.

All rifle events muzzle loading (no in lines) - open sights - patched round ball

Fees:

Saturday trail walk - \$ 20.00 (\$ 25.00 includes Saturday supper and Sunday breakfast)

Sunday trail walk - blanket prize (\$15.00 minimum)

Cartridge & m/l trap - \$ 2.50 each

Extra meal tickets - \$ 3.00 each per meal

Camping space available - bring water. In the past we have endured a wide range of weather conditions including sunshine, rain, hail, snow & wind. Hopefully the weather will be nice however please be prepared for a little bit of everything. For the enjoyment of those that attend we ask that all pets be kept on a leash at all times.

For more information call John @ (403) 823-9875 or Rod @ (403) 823-9470

Bill 16

Bill 16 deals with access. By the time you read this Bill 16 will have had its 3rd reading, if not it will be shortly. Now for the hunter, fishing, berry pickers what they need to do is contact the Lease Holder and ask permission for entrance on to the Lease. If refused you ask Fish and Wildlife for a review. The three parties will meet and a fair conclusion will be reached. The Lease holder cannot claim he has cattle in there as by Hunting season comes all cattle are to be out of the lease.

The second part to Bill 16, the remuneration for access is a much harder sell. Unfortunately Lease Holders are permitted to sell the right to Leases for great profits. Now the people who saw their Lease as a guaranteed living for life from the money from access to lease have large debt and living experiences to consider. Then there is the Lease Holder who pays minimal payment for the use of the land. So you see each case has to be look at individually so that the conclusion is fair.

In the first example money should be reduced slowly until enough is left to pay the debt and enough for a fair living (using the same formula a senior uses to qualify for assistance) Then when the lease holder dies the lease reverts back to the Crown.

Now for the second part all access to lease money be reduced by 10 % a year until all moneys goes to general funds.

Out of the funds in special circumstances lease holder can claim funds for fencing, land reclamation, cleaning, stream fencing, Fish & Wildlife habitat etc. as the A.C.A. is not doing it out of the 6 Million they take from us in our hunting and fishing licences.

Dale Lucas

Protecting our Rights

There are a large number of issues that are threatening to shift the rights of Hunter and Fisherman to Ranchers, Developers or Tree Huggers. If you don't want to wake up and find out the Hunter and Fisherman have gone the way of the Dinosaur. Keep informed, let your Politicians at all level of government know what is important to you. Keep you ear to the ground and speak up to express your opinion.

HELP ALBERTA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION UPDATE THE ARCHIVES!

Wanted information about Sarcee Fish and Game Association President for 1952- 1953. F.W. Mitchell, is he still alive? Can someone supply more information?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 2003 Release Brooder Pheasant Hens
- May 10, 2003 Wildthing at Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery, check out our booth
- May 13 2003 Regular Meeting, Jim Hinter, President of National Firearms Association
- May to Sept. 2003 Raise & Release Pheasants
- June 8, 2003 29th Annual Fun Fishing Day for Folks with Disabilities, Contact Dean Barysien 281-5920
Mail or Fax Registration to Keith Erickson, 102 Taravista Gardens NE, Calgary, AB T3J 4K9 Fax: 202-2561
- June 10 2003 Winston Johnson with ASM Safe Boating Program will be our guest at our June meeting. He will be able to take challenge tests at this time.
- July 4 & 5, 2003 Casino contact George Loades 281-8888
- July 25 – 27, 2003 Pig Roast & Campout at Highwood Group Campsite
- Sept 6 2003 Orientation for Alberta Junior Pheasant Project guides and dog handlers. We will have a falconer speaking that day. 10:30 am Kneehill Valley Community Center.

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