



Sarcee Fish and Game Association

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Club Overview

Sarcee Fish and Game Association (SFGA) has been in operation since 1958 and is affiliated with Alberta Fish and Game.

Our club's primary goal is to preserve wildlife habitat (thus creating a huntable surplus of wildlife) and to promote its use by hunters, fishers, conservationists and the public.

Our secondary goal is to create a FUN club for the enjoyment of all our members. We host recreational club events and social activities that give back to our members and the public.

Our tertiary goal is to support hunting, fishing, and conservation activities. We do this by promoting activities that increase opportunities for hunting and fishing.



President's Report, Dave McIver

Have you heard about SARCEE'S Fish Pond?

Well, to be honest, it's not our club's pond: it belongs to Prime West Energy Inc. However, we have made arrangements with them to be the official stewards of the

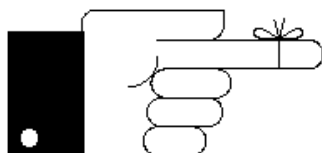
pond. We have fenced it, and locked the gates, and that means that the use of it is reserved for registered guest and the people from Prime West. We have been using it for many years for our annual Fun Fishing Day for Folks with Disabilities, but now, along with its new improvements and fish stocking, it will be available for members for most of the year.

Here is some more good news! To introduce you to the pond, and to help fulfill our promise to make our regular meeting more entertaining, we are going to hold our June 8, 2004 meeting at the pond. However, we want there to be very little meeting and lots of fishing.

Here's the Dip-net (Scoop)! You may start early. We will try to have some one on site at 4:00 PM. You can fish until 6:00 PM and we will then serve a free meal of Smokies on a bun. Following the meal we will have some Fly-Fishing demonstrations, and information. You will then have more opportunity to fish and we will have a brief meeting later in the evening. Bring either your fly-fishing equipment or your spinning gear or both. A few special rules just for this night. Because we will be holding our annual Fun Fishing Day for Folks with Disabilities the following Sunday we need to save the fish. This event only will be a catch and release night and no bait will be allowed. Please bring your family if you wish, and if you don't have a family membership we will upgrade your regular membership for \$5.00 or sell you a new family membership for \$27.00. Regular membership is still \$22.00. For liability reasons, the event will be restricted to members and their families. Each member using the pond has to sign a simple waiver to maintain our good relationship with Prime West Energy, and, sorry guys, no alcohol on site. We sure hope you can make it.

If you are interested in some of the fantastic programs they are doing to increase wildlife habitat out in the irrigation districts to the East, come on out to our May meeting. It will be held in our usual meeting room at Mountain View Memorial Gardens. May 11, 2004 at 7:30 PM

Dave McIver 246-3248



Remember No Meetings for July & August, see you at our special functions or again on Sept. 14,2004



Program Report, Art Beck



May 11th. Rick Martin, wildlife project manager for Eastern Irrigation District will be our guest speaker, on habitat and access in the district and their efforts to improve hunting opportunities. He missed our March meeting due to a blizzard.

June 8th. Our meeting will be held at the Crossfield Fish Pond in order for our angling experts to demonstrate angling skills, particularly fly-fishing for the novice. Dress for the weather of the day and bring your fishing outfit. (See President report for starting early & free smokie for supper)

Art Beck
274-5924

River Cleanup May 16, 2004, Dave McIver

You will get a Free Pancake Breakfast! on Sunday May 16, 2004 if you come out and help Sarcee Fish & Game participate in **The City of Calgary Parks 37th Annual River Bank Clean up.** Breakfast is at 8:30 AM at the Stu Peppard Arena, 5300 - 19th Street SW. This is the second year that Sarcee will be involved in this great Calgary event. Because Sarcee has such a long-time relationship with the Cominco lands on the West Side of the river South of Glenmore Trail, this is the area that we hope to help clean up. This is private land, so the city does not get involved with this area, but we can, and we can still work in conjunction with the City. We can provide some really good benefit to this area and great community service to our City. You may bring your family as long as they are 12 years old or older. (The City's liability insurance will not allow younger people to participate). **Come Join the rest of us.** If you are coming to the breakfast we need to know in advance. Phone Dave McIver at 246-3248 for more information or to volunteer.

The Frank Leffingwell Memorial 5th Annual

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

WHERE: Lethbridge Fish and Game Range WHEN: July 17, 2004 – 9:00 am

WHAT: A simple shooting contest. Shoot 5 rounds from a hunting rifle with hunting calibre 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 + \$500.00 for tightest group by a youth shooter (under age 18).

Results and cheque presentation immediately following all shooting and grouping measurements. This match sponsored by Phil Porteous of Sun Valley Insurance in Calgary – phone 254-9700 for your Insurance needs. Targets donated by Ted Feller of Marksman Guns & Sports – phone: 327-7595.

Rules

- Competitors pay \$25 to enter and shoot five round on one target at each of the three distances.
- The smallest group of each distance wins.
- One competitor can only win the prize at one distance. (Except where the tightest group at 300 yards was fired by a youth.)
- A competitor can only enter once and must use the same firearm for all three targets.
- No sight-in targets allowed the day of the match.
- 10 minute time limit per target to fire your 5 shots.
- Hunter calibre ammunition as per Alberta hunting laws (.24 or greater).
- NO Clamping Devices or devices, which have a solid support between stock and muzzle, allowed.
- Stocks supported with sandbags only.
- Hunter firearms only – no heavy barrels allowed, maximum rifle & scope combined weight of 10 pounds.
- Maximum power of 6 X scope allowed (variable scopes will be taped at 6 X power).
- Our eligibility committee must approve any exceptions to the above in advance.

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

Allan Friesen, Box 1358, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 4K1

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



2004 Southern Alberta Upland Habitat Symposium, Yves Ouellette

The first annual Southern Alberta Upland Habitat Symposium held on March 25 and 26, was a very informative and well-organized event. Pheasants Forever (Calgary Chapter), with assistance from the Partners in Habitat Development Program (Eastern Irrigation District), hosted the two-day event in Brooks. Around 70 people attended the symposium designed to bring awareness to the projects and programs going on to improve Alberta's upland habitat and to bring those involved together to share ideas and knowledge. Speakers included the Mayor of Brooks, an MLA from the area, government agencies, non-government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, irrigation districts and landowners. It was encouraging to hear about the numerous different programs and projects going on to improve upland habitat in the prairie region of Alberta.

Therese Tompkins with Alberta Environment Farm Plan discussed her groups role in trying to improve water, soil and air quality on private land by working with landowners to minimize their footprint on the landscape. They hold workshops with landowners to bring awareness to environmental protection concerns. 44 million dollars will soon be available from the federal government to landowners, on a cost share initiative, to provide incentives for landowners to improve the quality of these three areas on their farm.

Cameron Aldridge from the University of Alberta spoke on his work with sage grouse in southern Alberta. Guesses estimate there are only 400 or so sage grouse left in Alberta. Habitat loss, weather and now West Nile Virus are the factors affecting the dropping numbers of this endangered species. Cameron estimated he lost 1/3 of his radio-collared sage grouse to West Nile Virus last year. This may be a huge concern for the future of all game birds in Alberta, not just sage grouse.

Norine Ambrose with Cows and Fish spoke on their groups work in the province. Cows and Fish began in 1992 and is a non-government program.

James Mallet from the Environmental Law Centre discussed Conservation Easements.

Heinz Plontke was involved in a panel session and spoke about Alberta Fish and Game Association's involvement currently and historically in upland habitat protection and upland game bird introductions. I believe it educated people on AFGA's involvement in conservation programs and projects across Alberta. These are just a few of the highlights of the two day event and I would recommend attending it to anyone interested in upland habitat, when the symposium returns in two years time. The event was well organized, entertaining and very educational. The three things that stood out at the symposium was the importance of habitat, community involvement and partnerships. These seemed to be the keys to success for the programs and projects currently going on in Alberta.

Raffle Winners, Mary Lynn Brown

At the March 9, 2004 meeting the winners of the Raffle were drawn, the **First prize** was won by **Chris Lattion** who picked the Salmon Fishing Trip, the **Second prize** was won by **Michael Lam** who picked the Lazyboy Recliner. Thanks to all the sponsors and all the members who sold raffle tickets.

Mark your Calendar for the Pig Roast & Family Campout on Aug 13- 15, 2004 at Highwood Group Camp, details in July/Aug Newsletter.

Nice to Know, Murray Schultz

The Federation of Alberta Naturalists are going to update the Breeding Bird Atlas of Alberta, which was last printed 1992. Of course to do this many volunteer bird watcher type people are required. The volunteer gets a 6 X 6 mile (Township) area to cover. Just think of how well one would get to know this area. This is to be done on private and government property. Contact Information for this Project

Philip Penner, Assistant Project Coordinator
Alberta Bird Atlas Project

11759 Groat Rd., Edmonton AB T5M 3K6
Phone 780-427-8124 Fax 780-422-2663

Or Phone Murray Schultz 236-4149 and I will give you the Zone person's phone number, there are 10 Zones in Alberta



Sarcee Fish & Game Association's 30th 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 up to 100 folks with disabilities are provided the opportunity to experience the joys of the outdoors and fishing for trout at our club maintained Crossfield Fish Pond. In conjunction with community sponsors, Sarcee Fish and Game Association 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: Crossfield Fish Pond, Near Prime West Gas Plant (Map later in newsletter).

Event Date: **Sunday, June 13th, 2004**

Event Itinerary:

Time	Activity
8:00 – 9:00 am	Participants Picked Up
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Registration and day of fishing at Crossfield Fish 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 the form on the next page 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.




Sargee Fish & Game Association's 30th Annual Fun Fishing Day for Folks with Disabilities



Participant Registration Form

Participant Personal Information

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

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Conference Report: Big Game Hunting, Dave McIver

Any of you who have hunted Big Game for twenty years or more, have no doubt realized, as I have, that we are living and hunting in the Golden years. Hunting is not like it used to be, and generally speaking, thank God for that. Populations for many species are as high as they have ever been in most people's lifetime, and there are more opportunities to hunt. A cursory look at our Big Game record book will immediately show that antlers are getting bigger. Hunting access is not as good as it used to be, hunting because of the draws and different seasons has become more complicated, and the cost is much higher, but there is certainly more opportunity.

The wildlife presentation on Big Game at the AFGA Conference outlined many recommendations, which echoed this theme. Some of the recommendations were:

1. Moving the start of the Moose season in the south to Sept. 17.
2. Opening a new split season for Elk in the Wainwright area.
3. Adding one week at the beginning of the Mule Deer season in WMUs 300-308 to coincide with the Elk season.
4. Adding a lot of extended seasons and tags for Whitetail Deer.
5. New seasons for Sheep hunting in the Cadomin area.
6. Changes to the Cougar licenses to give more opportunity.
7. Create a Youth Partner license.
8. Add Sunday Hunting to WMUs 357-360 and 521-537.
9. Allow OHVs to carry rifles in the AM in WMUs 523-537.

One of the highlights of the conference, in relation to hunting, was the address by the Honorable Mike Cardinal, Minister of Alberta Sustainable Resources. The Minister made much of the great working relationship between his department and the Alberta Fish and Game Assoc. He emphasized the importance of hunting as a Game Management tool, and as most of you know, he supported that view by maintaining a reduced Grizzly bear hunt in spite of much opposition. One of his concerns is the increased urbanization of game species and the consequent need for hunting to aid in having animals keep their distance from humans and their activities, both for the protection of humans and for the animal's welfare. Other reasons for the support for this hunt were given at another time in the conference. One of the interesting pieces of information was that Grizzly populations were stable or increasing in areas where hunting has been allowed and have decreased, because of other human activity, in areas where hunting is not allowed.

The Minister said that we are faced with challenges. These challenges were an over abundance of Wildlife and the urbanization of certain Wildlife species. He explained that his department needs our help with these problems. These are problems that most of us will be overjoyed to help him with. He mentioned that perhaps one of the reasons that people are not encouraged to harvest the overabundance of deer is the high cost of the license. I am sure that most of us would be quite happy to work with him on that problem as well.

Sylvia Burkholz, introduced as "the Queen of the Draw" (she is the person responsible for the hunting draw operation) talked about problems and successes of the draw system, and how they are constantly trying to improve the system. I think you will be pleased with some of the changes that they will make. She also talked about Hunter numbers and it looks like we may have turned the corner on this problem. Big Game hunters have held their own in terms of numbers and may actually be on a slight increase.

With all the positives about hunting opportunity and the need for hunting, we should be able to get the message across to prospects that it is a good time to get involved in this greatest of all recreational pursuits. I hope this report helps you to feel as good as I do about our favorite activity.

Free Fishing's Days

If you missed the free fishing days of Feb. 14 – 16, 2004, then you will not want to miss the free days July 10 & 11 to coincide with National Fishing Week.

FOR SALE: Ruger M77 International with Mannlicher stock in .243 cal. New \$800.00
Call Art Beck 274-5924



Crossfield Fish Pond 2003, The Pond Crew

The pond is ice free and full of water. The air pump was tuned up and the fence around it repaired. The new locks are on the gates, so sign your new wavier and get access and go fishin. See below for the rules at the pond.

Murray Schultz, Rob
MacKenzie & Leo Gagne



CROSSFIELD FISH POND OPERATED AND MANAGED BY SARCEE FISH AND GAME ASSOC. IN PARTNERSHP WITH PRIME WEST ENERGY INC.

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Pond is fenced with locked gates to provide access. A main gate at the road provides vehicle access to the parking area. A "walk-in" gate in the chain link fenced area provides foot access only to the pond. Gates are to remain locked after entry and when leaving at all times.

1. Anyone wishing to use the Pond will be required to register for the season (March 31 to March 31), sign a liability waiver and get a key to gain access.
2. Access is available to Fish & Game members and other authorized personnel only.
3. No fires or alcohol permitted on property.
4. Garbage and refuse is to be placed in barrels provided.
5. Daily possession limit is 2 fish per person, with a maximum limit of 6 per family group.
6. Size limit-- Release fish over 16 in. in length.
7. Barbless hooks are now mandatory.
8. No ice fishing is permitted.
9. Access will be denied to anyone violating these rules or vandalizing the property in any way with possible prosecution to follow.
10. FOR ACCESS: Call Rob , Ph. 948 6359 (PM), or Prime West Energy Inc. office at gas plant Ph. 946 7100, or John 256 5323

These regulations are necessary to maintain a successful fishery and to preserve the pond over the long term from vandalism and misuse. The regulations may be changed from time to time to conform with the needs of users. **Note: Authorized Personnel means any Albertan who complies with the foregoing rules and regulations.**

Stores, Murray Schultz

We have a good selection of all the items that we offer.



Photography 2004, Murray Schultz

A new photo contest has begun, and this year we have made some changes. We are adding more categories to make it more fun and appealing to all of our members.

After looking at the categories and rules of 4 different southern Alberta Clubs, plus AFGA we have decided to go with 6 categories, which are:

- **Alberta Wildlife** – Wildlife taken in Alberta
- **Alberta Scenery** – Scenic/landscape taken in Alberta
- **Alberta Nature (club)** – flora, fauna, insects any nature related subject, taken in Alberta
- **Alberta Open (club)** – anything outdoors related, camping hiking, picnic event, etc.
- **Best at a club function (club)** – pig roast, fish derby, annual banquet, etc.
- **Out of Province (club)** - Your vacation out of Alberta fishing trip, polar bears, etc.

Please note that only Alberta Wildlife and Alberta Scenery are AFGA categories, the other 4 are Sarcee Fish and Game Categories.

The rules of the Sarcee Fish and Game photo contest are as follows:

1. Open to all amateur photographers that are members of Sarcee Fish and Game Assoc.
2. All entries must have been taken in Alberta, with the exception of the Out of province category.
3. Mediums can be black and white or colour
4. Size. No smaller than 4 X 6, all unframed
5. Judging will be done by professional photographers
6. Alberta Wildlife and Alberta Scenery 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be enlarged to 8 X 10 and entered into the AFGA contest
7. The photos will be displayed at club functions
8. All photos should be identified – name, phone number, where taken and the category would be nice also. Note use pencil (editor note there are special all surface pencils that will not damage the photo, as regular lead pencil will damage photo over time) or sticker tabs so not to damage the photo.
9. No previously winning entries can be submitted.
10. PLEASE NOTE Any Sarcee member that has a photo that they think is good enough to go to the AFGA Photo Contest, can enter the photo. This is for people that missed the Sarcee Contest or people that would like another judge's opinion of their photo. Last Year (2003) AFGA had 3 professional photographers doing the judging. For interested persons read the AFGA Rules printed in this newsletter

Alberta Fish And Game Assoc. Photo Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to any member of AFGA and all affiliated clubs.
2. Two Categories Alberta Wildlife and Alberta Scenery
3. Only non professional contestant may enter
4. Preferred Size is 8 X 10, 5 X 7 will be accepted, all unframed.
5. No Previous winning entries can be submitted
6. All Decisions of the AFGA Trophy Committee are final
7. Judging will be done by professional photographers
8. Entry Deadline February 28, 2005
9. Any entry may be used by AFGA as necessary, for promotion and will be returned upon request.

Sarcee has won this contest several time, lets kept up the good shooting

Back to Sarcee for a second, our 4 club categories will have a 1st place engraved red ribbon awarded to the best in each category. Our contest deadline will be in December, around the 3rd week, which gives us enough time to get everything in order for the new years activities.



HABITAT NEWS, Bryce Chase



Bryce
Chase
249-6924

700 Willow slips that I have cut are presently resting in the freezer at Lawrence Swans butcher shop. Hopefully within the next few weeks the frost will be out of the ground on Dan Radomske's farm and the soil moisture conditions will be suitable for planting. Happily, I have some volunteers to help with the planting.

Last year we got a good catch on the trees planted on the Goebel farm. However, that well irrigated area also produced a major crop of weeds. When weed growth conditions are at the right stage I will be looking for some volunteers to do a spraying project to get rid of them.

Habitat Stewards and Heritage Farmsteads We are always looking for an opportunity to recognize landowners who have preserved areas for wildlife habitat. Please be on the lookout for areas whose owners deserve recognition and advise me so that I can arrange for their recognition.

Banquet 2004, Mary Lynn & Ken Brown

Just an update on the winners that are not reported in the Banquet program.

Member of the Year - Art Beck

Lady of the Year – Mary Lynn Brown

To encourage entries in the Humor Award there were 2 prizes, but first the winners are:

S.H. Luck - Dave McIver

Disappearing Whitetail - Art Beck & John Komonoski

Stinker - Dean Dwernychuk

Sarcee Fish and Game Association decided to add some incentives for people to get involved in contributing entries forms for the clubs humor awards given out annually. \$50.00 for first prize and \$25.00 for second prize was decided to be the awards given out to the top two storytellers. **Kraig McIver** won first prize with his story of Dave McIver' SH LUCK two deer with one-shot story. Kraig will receive the **\$50.00**. **Dave McIver** wins second place with his story of Art and John's Disappearing White-tailed Deer hunting tale. He will receive **\$25.00**. I encourage SFAG members to enter their humorous hunting stories to Yves Ouellette any time of year and have the opportunity to win some cash.

For the first time the club also recognized a member who has been quietly working on a project for a long time. The club gave a **Longstanding Commitment & Dedication Award** to **Charles Cowherd** for his efforts at the Firearms Safety courses.

The banquet was a great night for all who attended, there always seems to be more silent auction items & more door prizes each year. There are your favorite games, some with a new twist. This year saw appetizers served before dinner & if you blinked then you miss the line for the food. (Everyone had there first serving in less than 29 min.). There was time for everyone to have second or thirds.

Not for Profit Organizations like Sarcee Fish and Game receives its finances from Donations, these donations come from individuals like you and me and from business run by individuals like you and me. The things that are donated are usually product or labor, and sometimes cash, which is the reason for this paragraph. My wife and I not having product to donate, decided to support SFGA fund raising with a cash donation to the banquet committee for purchase of something to be used in the draws. The talents of George Loades with his wheeling and dealing get some great buys for the club. As anyone who has attended our banquet knows, there are lots of things going on and participation makes the night more fun, so along with the other guests, I bought bucket draw tickets and played the other games. It wasn't until then that Mary Lynn and I knew what George had bought with our donation. Surprise of surprises was when my ticket was drawn on the toolbox bucket draw, a prize bought on our behalf. Some in attendance though I should pass up winning and have another ticket, drawn. But I thought the



toolbox did its job. By being there, there was a worthwhile prize for people to try to win, and without it the club wouldn't benefit by the tickets it caused to be bought. And as some of you know Mary Lynn and I are moving out of Calgary and I can use the new toolbox. Thanks to everyone who participated in the clubs projects and fund raisers and **remember success all starts with your donations.**

Thanks to all the Banquet committee and to chairman Keith Erickson. Please locate the list of donors in this newsletter and tell them THANKS when you visit their business. Thanks to the Meat donors, for without you we all would have to be vegetarians.

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I have been thinking about a brooder **Mandate** along the lines of: Try to Maintain a Hutable Surplus of All Game Bird Species. How? By working with the Habitat Chairman, LAND OWNERS and like minded organizations such as Partners in Habitat Development (PHD), Western Irrigation District (WID), Ducks Unlimited (DU), Pheasant Forever (PF) and Delta Wildlife (DW) to retain and develop habitat. Any Thoughts?

The MIGRATORY birds are back and Lakeview birdwatchers reported about 30 Trumpeter Swans, 2 with red and while collars on Mar 29. There were also 10 tundra swans. I know the geese are nesting in many areas, and the Mallard pairs are in many places that we hike, Looks good.

Exciting news on the PHEASANT front. Dean Loewen and his family report a rooster and at least one hen at his place after not seeing any all winter. Doug Fraser reports "Pheasants all over the place", including the highway just out of Okotoks. The Fraser's over wintered about 50 pheasants, let 2 crates go in other areas, and opened the pen door for the rest. We know we had a good winter survival there! Leroy Huether reports hearing 3 different roosters crowing from his porch – again after not seeing much earlier this spring. He is also seeing hens again. And Greg Feth of Eastern Irrigation District (EID)/PHD reports hearing 25 roosters from 19 stops on his Ardenode transect this morning (Apr 27) Last years he heard 19 rooster from 20 stops. This early morning "crow count" is the scientific way to estimate the number of pheasants in an area. Its looks like we are winning in spite of the many predators. And finally Randy Ernst over wintered 3 hens and 1 rooster and he is going to let them nest and raise broods **IN** his pens. He is willing to raise them instead of getting 6 week old poults.



We are proposing a lower 2004 Pheasant Raise and Release Budget. We are suggesting buying less 6 week old pheasant chicks, going only to Fraser's, Huether's and Millarville. Some of the birds from Fraser's and Huether's will be released in other "huntable" areas. The Millarville Community – Youth Pheasant Raise and Release Project need new netting on the old Campbell pen. We are trying to arrange corporate funding for this \$1200 item. Would you support the Pheasant Raise and Release Program? Make Cheques payable to Sarcee Fish and Game with memo – Donation to Pheasant Raise and Release.

We are again planning to release "proven" Brooder pheasant hens probably in early June at no cost to Sarcee. I already have 2 volunteers to buy bird, but the cost maybe \$10/bird. Are you interest in buying some pheasant hens to release into your favourite spots? Please call me at 249-7245

Two items from the 2004 Southern Alberta Upland Habitat Symposium, that I attended on March 25 & 26 in Brooks.

1. PHD is making phenomenal strides in habitat development and retention to support **Wildlife** by working in **Partnership** with **Land Owners**, government agencies and conservation minded organizations. (Come and hear their presentation at the May 11 general meeting)
2. Cameron Aldridge, a doctoral candidate from U of A, is doing "A Sage Grouse Case Study" in SE Alberta. They seem to be doing great in 2003 but then the **West Nile Virus** hit and he lost 1/3 of his radio collared birds in the late summer. Frightening.

On the "dickie bird" front, we appear to have a pair of red-breasted nuthatches, a pair of robins and a pair of chickadees nesting in our yard.

Alberta Junior Pheasant Program, Dan Radomske

1. Thanks to Peggy Bayne for her efforts to the program the last 3 seasons.
2. Thanks to Norm Fisher for picking up from Canadian Pheasant Company over 1000 day old sexed pheasants (90%hens)
3. Jason Haffner and Archie Jacobs are building a rearing pen for Alberta Junior Pheasant
4. Sponsors needed after 2 years of drought and 1 year of BSE, agricultural sponsors are very tight to contribute to our program. It costs \$100 per student to run the program and plan for 80 students this year. Alberta Junior Pheasant Program is free to the students, so sponsorship is a must. Make cheques payable to Sarcee Fish and Game with memo Donation to Alberta Junior Pheasant Project

For further information contact Dan Radomske 227-2105.

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Calgary Boat and Sportsmen Show 2004

The show committee has concluded its meetings for this year and will now enjoy a little break before reconvening in September to start planning again for 2005. The total profit for Sarcee Fish and Game was a hefty \$3200.00!! An excellent return for all the hard work donated by our volunteers at the booth and the fishpond. The committee would like to recognize Ray Gusul for using his truck to haul the entire backdrop parts both to and from the show, thanks Ray. We would also like to thank Clio Smeeten, of the Cochrane Ecological Institute, for looking after our blind pheasant throughout the winter. That pheasant is great at attracting people to our booth and we definitely owe Clio for looking after it for us.

The number of kids at the fishpond this year was 571. Which is a pretty good number but it follows the trend of decreasing numbers of kids over the past four years (851 in 2001, 702 in 2002, and 587 in 2003). Does this have anything to do with why the numbers of hunters and fishermen in this province are steadily decreasing? Maybe, maybe not, but if you get the opportunity take a kid out into the outdoors and help them catch a fish or experience a hunt. You and the young person, not to mention the sports that we love, will all benefit!

Remember the committee always welcomes suggestions and new ideas to improve or change what we do at the Calgary Boat and Sportsmen Show.
Respectfully Submitted Pat Quinn (730-2082) and Art Yeske (249-7245)

Give yourself a Pat on the back, if you were one of the volunteers that phoned for the Hunter Surveys. Because of your help Sarcee Fish and Game made the most phone calls. It is expected that we will receive about \$3700 for the Hunter Surveys we completed. Thanks again

Upcoming Events

May 11 Regular meeting - Rick Martin, wildlife project manager for Eastern Irrigation District, on habitat and access in the district and their efforts to improve hunting opportunities.

May 16, River Cleanup, contact Dave McIver

June 8. Our meeting will be held at the Crossfield Fish Pond in order for our angling experts to demonstrate angling skills, particularly fly fishing for the novice. Dress for the weather of the day and bring your fishing outfit. (See President report for starting early time & free smokies for supper)

June 13, 30th Annual Fun Fishing Day for Folks with Disabilities, Participants contact Keith Erickson 710 – 4986 and Volunteers Contact Dean Barysien 281-5920 or John Komonoski 256-5323

July and August No Meeting

July 17, 2004 – The Frank Leffingwell Memorial 5th Annual, 9:00 am, Lethbridge Fish and Game Range call Allan at (403)320-5860 (home), (403)382-3593 (work) or email at ccsc@shooter.org

Aug 13 –15 – Annual Pig Roast & Family Campout, Highwood group camp

Sept. 14, 2004 Regular Meeting



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