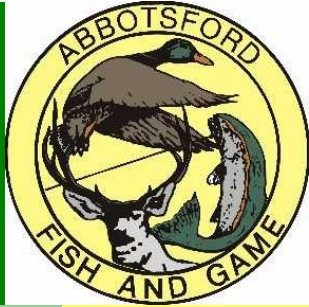


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ABBOTSFORD FISH AND GAME CLUB

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2011 New Board of Directors



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Marco Tahvanainen, Dean Wass, Ron Edward, Silke
Landrath, Russell Sorsdahl—Secretary, Linda Dunn,
Lynda Juliusson, Dave Dunn and Gerry Powers.**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I would like to thank everyone who turned up for the AGM and thank everyone who stepped up and volunteered to be on our Board of Directors. I am honoured to have been nominated and selected for President and look forward to working with our new BOD. We have another big year ahead of us, with continuing improvements being done to the club, a new sub club, International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) and some big changes coming to the website.

I would also like to thank everyone who showed up for the work bee, this has got to be the biggest turnout I've ever seen for a work bee. To the Cadets who picked rocks, garbage and debris all I can say is "WOW!" you guys did an amazing job. Those ranges look phenomenal. The guys building the target backers, again, thank you, you guys did an excellent job pounding those things out. Hopefully they last a bit longer than the corplast ones have. The archery guys got a lot done on their trails, and while I didn't get up there, I'm told they are happy with what they got done. Will Dueck and his cool machine definitely made the job of moving gravel a lot easier! It's really appreciated when a member will volunteer their own time, plus machine time, that is just awesome. We managed to get about 1/3 of the Range 3 backstop covered in belting, so we'll need to get more of that belting before we can put anymore up. A huge "Thanks" to Mainland Sand and Gravel for donating not only the 3/4 Road Mulch and the sand we used, but also for the belting. We'll be needing to get a group together to go up to their pit soon to roll more of that belting up as we need about another 400ft of it to finish the ranges.

A few changes are coming this year, we voted in a new set of rules for the range, which will be going on the website as well as onto the new membership forms, please read them carefully and make sure you understand them. As we grow as a club, new issues pop up that we need to deal with quickly, before they become hazards, hopefully these new rules do that without making things too onerous for people to follow. Also this year you will be able to renew online for the first time ever. Our website will have the option of renewing with a credit card, and you'll get your new sticker in the mail, or in person at the club. As well we will have a credit card/debit machine available at the club for new memberships and renewals, something that people have been asking for years. You will also notice two new areas on the membership form this year, one is the Work Bee Fee area and the other is the "What can you do to help the club" area. The Work Bee Fee (WBF) is \$25 and is to encourage people to come out and help out at Work Bee's. If you make the commitment to come out, you don't pay a fee, but that means we need to see you out for at least 6-8 hrs worth of helping in a year. If you can't commit to that, then you pay \$25 up front to cover us having to hire someone (which we do far too much of) to do jobs our members could do. We will be tracking attendance at our WB's, so please make sure you sign in when you do attend.

If you make the commitment to show up, but don't, come next year's renewal you'll be charged that \$25, plus you'll be expected to pay in advance for the new year. So please, try to come out, Work Bees are normally held on the 2nd Sunday of each month throughout the year, the website will tell you for sure. The "What can you do for the club" section is simply a place to let us know if you have a special skill set that the club could use, electricians, machine owner/operators, carpenters etc. We aren't expecting you to come out for free every time, but any help you can give us would be appreciated. As well we would rather support member's businesses and companies whenever possible too. I'm sure that some of the changes may not please some people, please do not hesitate to send me an email if you have something to say. I'd rather people contact me directly than hear it through the grapevine.

President@abbotsfordfishandgameclub.org Also if you have any ideas or suggestions that you think the club could benefit from, let me know.

Thanks again, Rob Engh

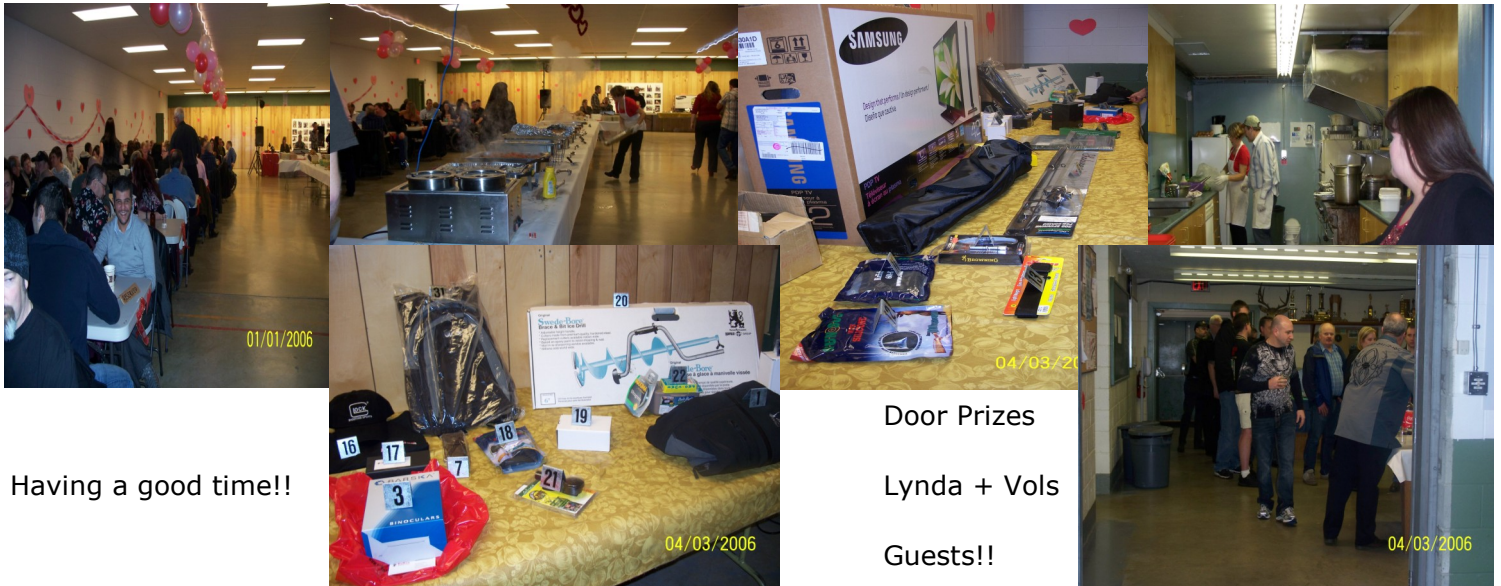
WILD GAME SUPPER

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

Was another huge success with 213 people attending to enjoy another fun-filled and fabulous wild gastronomically delicious supper. Lynda Dunn and her helpers outdid themselves with ensuring that everything ran smoothly and on time. Again the club would like to sincerely Thank the parents of the Sea Cadets that voluntarily helped to clean up the dishes, you were wonderful!!

Lots of door prizes were donated and appreciated by those who won, especially Dave Novotny; a new member whose letter you will read below! Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered!!!!

Plus a HUGE shout-out to **Beastmaster Sturgeon Charters** who helped with the trip for 4 sturgeon fishing trip. Thanks!! Go to BeastmasterCharters.com for more information on what they can do for you!!



Having a good time!!

Door Prizes

Lynda + Vols

Guests!!

Hi there everybody,

I am the guy who won that big TV at the Annual Wild Game Dinner. This is just so you know who's writing you. well, first things first : My wife and I would like to thank you for such a wonderful evening that you, guys, provided for all of us. We really enjoyed the food, the people, the place and how excellently the whole evening was organized.

Now you might think: " Yeah, you're saying this because you'd won that TV set. " Believe me that's not true. For a long time I have been searching for a Club where I could do something about my passion for Sport of Tactical Shooting. I asked around, became a member of other Shooting Ranges....still nothing. And one day I sat down at my computer and (as usual)searched the web when all of a sudden I came across something that caught my attention.. it was advertisement about Abbotsford Fish and Game Club with all the wonderful activities that club offered. And I knew I found home. Within couple of days I took my wife and we went to see for ourselves. We were lucky enough to meet Dave who explained everything to us and we knew we were hooked. In matter of weeks we became members and I got in touch with ATS people. I volunteered to help with preps for a Tactical Shoot Day on Jan 30. Then I got in touch with Rob Engh and started to attend his classes. Then I realized we'd better become more social with our new family so I asked about the Annual Wild Game Dinner - got info - bought tickets and when the time came we showed up. The rest is a common knowledge.

Winning that beautiful TV set was nice but , honestly, not the most important thing. The most important thing IS that we finally found a place full of extraordinary people that are kind and helping. Place where people make dreams come true. Place and people that offer so many activities that it seems "too good to be true". And here and now I would like to thank y'all for "ALL" both people and place they built and provide. For all the friendship and wonderful unity in all that diversity of interests under one roof. And I definitely as much as it is in my power will try to be a good part and addition to it all.

I hope it all makes sense so one more time THANK YOU ALL for everything. Bruce Novotny

MANAGERS REPORT

Well, this must be spring with all of the rain and dreary days—but things are still very busy at Abbotsford Fish and Game Club, with night time shooting on Range #3 & #4 and our many active sub clubs.

We had our AGM for the 2011-12 year and have a very strong dedicated new board who are all working very hard for you. Come to a general meeting and meet some of them and contribute to your club. You will meet new friends with like interests and gain satisfaction in volunteering some of your time.

A great big thanks to all of the many people who showed up for the last work bee- it was the best turn out ever and we got many projects completed and some others started for completion at future work bees. If you want to save yourself the \$25 work bee payment on your new membership come out to 8 hours of work bee and get involved.

Dont forget about our Annual Open House on July 16th --Bring some of your friends and family to try out the different facets of AFGC from fishing in the fish pond, to archery or pistol shooting.

The range rules have been revised by Rob and the Board so take a little time to read them and refresh your memory, then come out and participate and stay safe.

Dave and Linda Dunn



SUB - CLUB REPORTS

ATS REPORT

ATS is excited to host Tactical Response once again. If you are interested in the sport of Tactical shooting these courses are second to none!! Gain a new skill set and and build confidence in those skills. New courses being held on the following dates are open to the public as well as law enforcement.

Fighting Pistol
May 27—28, 2011

Advanced Fighting Pistol
May 29—30, 2011

Fighting Rifle
July 22—23, 2011

Advanced Fighting Rifle
July 24—25, 2011

Fighting Shotgun
August 26—27, 2011

Advanced Fighting Shotgun
August 28—29, 2011

For more information please visit TACTICALRESPONSE.COM or contact Richard Simpson @ fcon1@me.com

Air Cadets

We are a new sub club — **828 Hurricane Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets**, South Delta

Once a month, eight air cadets, one range safety officer/marksmanship coach, and a biathlon/marksmanship coach come out to the Abbotsford Fish and Game Club from 828 Hurricane RCACS (Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron) in Delta.

On January eighth, Cpl Christopher Gaio, Cpl Joren Jackson, FCpl Shelby Raeburn and FSgt Brendan St-Martin competed in the regional cadet biathlon competition at the Callaghan Valley Olympic stadium near Whistler. Jackson and St-Martin did very well, coming in fourth and ninth place. For a first year on skis, Gaio also did very well, coming in second place and moving on to the provincial competition with Raeburn who came in first. Raeburn was also awarded the Nay League Trophy for the female top shot in zones 4 and 5.

The provincial biathlon competition took place on February fifth at Mount Washington near Comox. There, Gaio came in seventh place and Raeburn in third.

This year, the squadron's marksmanship team was made up of five cadets, ages 12-15; LAC Jacob Hoffing, Cpl Joren Jackson, FCpl Kieran Lee, FCpl Carmen Kiltz and FCpl Shelby Raeburn participated in the regional cadet marksmanship competition on March.

On Sunday March 27th, LAC Jacob Hoffing, Cpl Joren Jackson, FCpl Kieran Lee, FCpl Carmen Kiltz and FCpl Shelby Raeburn shot a postal competition shoot. Cpl Christopher Gaio was there to support the team and shoot some biathlon targets.

When the cadets come out to Abbotsford Fish and Game Club, they shoot grouping and competition targets. The biathlon team members get their heart rates up by running before shooting. The cadets enjoy their range experiences at Abbotsford Fish and Game Club very much and would like to thank the club for its support for young people using firearms safely.

FCpl Shelby Raeburn

Sea Cadets

169 RCSCC COLUMBIA

Ahoy Mateys and fellow range members;

I apologize for our absence in the newsletter and the range lately but we have been very busy with other community events. For those of you who may not know COLUMBIA underwent a change of command in September, Derek Bailey stepped down and I, Lynda Juliusson took over. We had a very busy fall and Christmas season. I will quickly digress back to Christmas where the cadets had our Annual Christmas dinner. This was all donated to us by the Aldergrove Legion #265. At the dinner each cadet was asked to bring an item for someone their own age and all of the gifts were then donated to Ishtar, which is a transitional house in Langley. We donated enough gifts for 70 children to have a great Christmas as well as some nice things for the women as well. Since then we have been shooting at the range twice and the second time was such a great success it was hard for me to get the cadets back on the bus and head back to Aldergrove to clean the weapons. They wanted to stay all day. We also participated in the Work Bee in March. We picked many rocks that day and were muddy from head to toe but once they knew there were snacks and lunch they worked very hard to make sure the range was in ship shape. This past month we have had tag days through out Abbotsford and Langley and on the 9 April 2011 we will be having a bottle drive and also a food drive to raise food for the Aldergrove Food bank. I will let you know how that went. We are also helping out on 10 April 2011 with the Reach Gallery Fun Run Fundraiser in Abbotsford. Sooo many early mornings, On 30 April 2011 for any of you who may be in the Langley Area we will be having a bake sale and a hot dog/hamburger sale at Barnes Harley Davidson on 200th Street and the Freeway, we are trying to raise money so some of our cadets can take a diving course. Come by and say hello and get a hot dog and smiles. 7 May 2011 our band will be competing in the Lower Mainland Band Competition in Richmond, always a great day. In June we will be having another Hot Dog Sale and Car wash at the Otter Co-Op in Langley to raise money for our Biathlon team. Our Annual Ceremonial Review will be on Sunday 5 June 2011. Our reviewing Officer will be Commander Kelly Larkin. He is a past sea cadet from COLUMBIA and has been in the Navy ever since he aged out of Cadets. On fathers day we Are hoping to go out and visit and old folk's home and then come back and have a big father's day BBQ at our training quarters. We will be attending the open house on 16 July 2011. The week before about 20 cadets from COLUMBIA will be departing for summer Camp. Most of them will be going over to HMCS QUADRA in Comox, BC. If anyone would ever like to come and visit us we are there on Tuesday evening from 1800 to 2200. Our address is 4315 - 272 Street Aldergrove, BC. Sea Cadets is for boys and girls aged 12 to 19. If you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail me.

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FISHING REPORT



Fishing Report April 2011 A good news story about our environment by Mark Hume from The Globe and Mail.
Wildlife

How the Coho returned to the Tsolum River

To restore the river they first had to go to the top of the mountain. It was a long, exhausting journey that involved countless planning meetings, but in the end the Tsolum River Restoration Society succeeded in winning provincial government support for a \$4.5-million project to seal an old mine on Mount Washington that was generating acid rock drainage. Now the river is springing back to life. The Mt. Washington Copper Mining Co. only operated from 1964 through 1966, excavating copper ore on a small 13 hectare site, near Courtenay, on Vancouver Island. But when the bankrupt company abandoned the mine, it left behind 940,000 tonnes of waste rock – and a toxic legacy that for the next 44 years brewed sulphuric acid, which in turn leached copper and other heavy metals from the slag. The pollution went into Pyrrhotite and Murex Creeks, and from there into the Tsolum River. Salmon runs were already depressed by the mid-1960s because of logging damage. The acid rock drainage kept them from recovering, by impairing the development of young salmon and by forcing adult salmon to turn away from the river when they returned to spawn. “The fish would come into the river but then they would back out . . . they would avoid the system,” says Jack Minard, executive director of the Tsolum River Restoration Society. By 1985, the once productive salmon river had become vacant of life. Instead of 200,000 pink salmon, 11,000 chum and 15,000 Coho, the river was down to a handful of fish. Some years no salmon came at all. And a run of 3,500 steelhead, which had reached sizes of 10 kilograms, became so rare they were thought extinct. “It was this lonely, dead river,” Mr. Minard said. Dead but not forgotten. Starting in the 1980s, local volunteers, led initially by Father Charles Brandt, began to work at restoring the river with the help of the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. At first it was thought hatcheries could restock the system. But the runs never recovered, no matter how many young salmon were introduced. One year 2.5 million pink salmon were released in the river. None came back. In 1985, a study identified the problem of acid rock drainage. The river looked beautiful, but the water was toxic. In an effort to stop the old mine from leaching poison into the river, the waste rock was gathered into a gigantic pile, mixed with lime to neutralize the acid, and covered with gravel and clay. Water quality improved, and salmon did better, but copper concentrations remained too high for fish to flourish. Searching for solutions, the Tsolum River Partnership (a coalition that involved provincial and federal government agencies, TimberWest, the Mining Association of B.C., and the Tsolum River Restoration Society) discussed possibly flooding the mine site to seal the acid-generating ore underwater; capping the mine with concrete; digging trenches to funnel water away from the site; or collecting the runoff and sending it through a pipeline to a treatment plant. But most options offered only partial solutions or weren’t practical. The treatment plant, for example, would have needed to operate for centuries. “Acid mines last a long time,” Mr. Minard said. “The Romans mined on the Thames River and that site is still generating acid rock drainage, 3,000 years later.” In 2008, the provincial government, inspired in part by a personal donation of \$50,000 from Bob Hager, approved a plan to cap the Mt. Washington site with a waterproof seal, made of polyester impregnated with bitumen. The material is rolled out like a giant carpet. It locks out water and oxygen, which generates sulphuric acid when it contacts sulphide bearing ore. The seal went on in 2009-2010 with immediate and stunning results. “We have not exceeded our target of 11 parts per billion for dissolved copper in the river since the membrane was installed,” Mr. Minard said. “We have seen a substantial change. The best way to say it is now water quality is not an issue.” For more than 40 years the Tsolum was toxic. Now clouds of aquatic insects, long vanished from the river, can be seen dancing over the water while schools of salmon fry dart below. Last year 1,000 adult Coho returned to spawn. “That is amazing. We haven’t had those numbers since 1959,” Mr. Minard said. Steelhead, thought to be extinct, are in the river again. Chum and pink salmon runs haven’t rebounded yet, but young fish are thriving. Much work to repair logging damage still needs to be done, and a way to provide adequate flows in summer has to be found, but Mr. Minard is ecstatic. “It’s working,” he said. “The river is coming back.”

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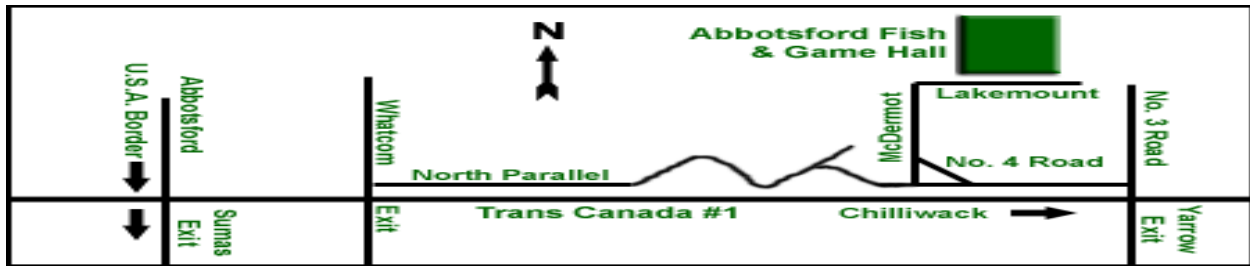
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 Paul Roxburgh



Upcoming Events

Membership Fees

Membership Report

OPEN HOUSE
Saturday July 16th
10—2 p.m.
Trout Fishing for the Kids
Try different weapons
Free Hotdogs, Chips n’Drink

WORK BEE
Sunday May 8th
9—12 p.m.

Regular	\$110.00
Family Spouse and 4 children	\$155.00
Senior (65yrs)	\$75.00
Junior	\$40.00
Associate	\$75.00
Initiation Fee for new members	\$25.00
Members MUST pay dues within 60 days of expiry date OR pay the \$25 initiation fee. again!	
Members with guests -	\$10.00 fee per guest
Memberships HALFPRIce till MAY 1st/11	

January 2011
 Tim Brown—Membership Chair.

Life -	16
Family -	256
Regular -	245
Associate -	12
Junior -	1
Senior -	12
Total -	543

MEMBERS: Please ensure that you **DO NOT** give out your code to people who are **NOT** members of the AFGC. They are not insured! the club would be liable! and **any** member that is found doing so will have their membership to the Abbotsford Fish and Game Club immediately revoked.