

SHERWOOD PARK FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The conservation of natural resources is the fundamental problem. Unless we solve that problem, it will avail us little to solve all others.

Theodore Roosevelt.

We cannot change our past, but we can choose our future. That future can be better and wilder, than today. Working together to restore the wild beauty, space, freedom and wildlife that have always shaped our collective dream of Canada, we can heal not just our land but ourselves. Healing, hope, home: in restoring the wild to our native land, we may yet find our way home at last.

Kevin Van Tighem



I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.

Henry David Thoreau

GOVERNMENT CANCELS CWD PROGRAM

The Alberta government has quietly cancelled the deer culls instituted to combat the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), leaving scientists and the AFGA concerned that the disease will spread westward throughout Alberta's ungulate populations.

The culling program, intended to reduce deer densities throughout the affected areas along the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, has been ongoing since 2005 when the first positive cases of CWD—a debilitating and fatal brain pathogen similar to mad cow disease—was detected in a wild mule deer. Since 2005, there have been 61 confirmed cases of CWD in Alberta's wild deer. 40 of these 59 infected deer were identified by the culling program, with the remaining cases identified from hunter-submitted samples.

Despite the efforts of the government to reduce deer density through the culling program and by encouraging increased hunting of deer in the affected areas, CWD-positive deer have been found further West in each year since 2005. In 2008, the special hunt on CFB Wainwright saw its first positive cases when two hunter-killed deer were found to be infected. This steady westward progression of the disease has convinced the AFGA that the aggressive measures undertaken by the government are appropriate.

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NOTE FROM PAST PRESIDENT KEN SOBKIW

After serving as your president for the past three years it is now time for me to step down and let someone new take over.

There are so many people to thank for all the help they have given me, especially the Executives and all the volunteers who gave their time and experience in to help make the Sherwood Park Fish & Game Association one of the finest clubs in the country. Without them this club would not be what it is today.

I am sure you will welcome the new President and Executives and give them all the support they will need over the next few years. As Past President I will continue to do all I can to help the club and all its members so we may continue to enjoy what we have built together.

Yours, Ken.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM SPFGA

PRESIDENT RICHARD ROTHWELL

As the new President of SPFGA I want to say hello to all members of the Association. The election of Executive members at the January General Meeting went well. Almost all vacancies noted in the election announcement were filled. Thanks to all members who responded and to those that volunteered to serve on the Executive for 2009.

We had some members of the 2008 Executive step down or assume new responsibilities. I want to thank them for their contributions and continued support of the Association. In particular Steve Ujvarosy for 20+ years of service in scheduling and conducting shooting meets as the Rifle Chair and Ed Scarlett for his many years as the Newsletter Chair. Deanna Loewen deserves special recognition for her efforts as Membership Chair, especially over the last few years as our numbers increased from about 700 to over 2400 in 2008. Deanna continues to serve on the Executive as the chair for Web Site. Thanks to also Robert Loewen who will continue to provide his valuable services as Treasurer for 2009. Special thanks to Ken Sobkiw who now becomes our Past President. I hope I can do as excellent a job as Ken did for the last three years and look forward to his help and support from the Executive in my efforts for the Association.

The Executive has a number of new members this year. These include: Dawne Knibbs (Membership), Paul Chalcraft (Fish), Mike Johnston (Waterfowl), Darryl Pot (Rifle) Gary Chambers (Handgun), Nicole Salamon (Facilities Coordinator), Tristan Folinsbee (Newsletter) and Daniel Verhoeff (Youth Coordinator). Other changes in the Executive are: Pat Harris from Waterfowl to 1st Vice President, Gaetan Richard from Fish to Special Projects, Frank Lee from Special Project to Conservation. See last page for full details of the Executive.

Projects and activities for the Association in 2009 include the following. A new web site will be launched in early spring. It will be smaller and easier to navigate and kept up to date. Scheduled events will be posted on the site making it easier for members to plan visits to the "ranges". A new format for the Newsletter has been developed and more regular editions are expected. A monument recognizing the services of past Presidents and life members of SPFGA will be erected at the Clubhouse sometime this spring. Plans for expansion and improvement of the handgun range are in the works and applications for grants are being made. More information on this will be available in future newsletters and posted on the web.

Notice to all members of the Sherwood Park Fish & Game Association

The Board of Directors approved an addendum to the Bylaws covering remuneration for a Director or Member of the Association (Bylaw 5.6.1). The addendum proposed will be Bylaw 5.6.4 which is:

The Chairs for Treasurer and Membership can be offered an honorarium of up to \$1,000 for each position.

A vote on the proposed Bylaw 5.6.4 is scheduled for the May 27, 2009 General Meeting at the Old Log Cabin Community Hall, 50 Spruce Avenue, Sherwood Park commencing at 7:30 PM. The proposed Bylaw must receive 75% of the vote of the members in attendance at the May 27th General Meeting in order to become effective.

FRIENDLY RANGE RULES REMINDER

As we start a new year with new and returning members, as well as registered facility users, the importance of reviewing range rules has come to the forefront to ensure a safe and enjoyable range experience for all SPFGA members and registered facility users. Please read and practice the rules posted on the range you are using.

PARTICIPANTS

Only registered SPFGA members or registered facility users can legally shoot at the Ranges. The Association has no provisions for guests to shoot as our insurance does not cover that practice. Members who permit guests to shoot may have their own Range membership suspended. Non-members (friends) can observe but cannot shoot at the ranges.

Members must sign-in and sign-out at the gate each visit. The Association needs to keep track of members on site. It is easy to confirm that sign-ins are members when doing card checks. Insurance requires that we know who is on site and that shooters are members.

Membership cards must be displayed for easy identification either using a string around the neck or attached to clothing.

Range users without a visible membership card may be approached by other members or the range control officer and requested for proof of membership and identification. Please be courteous and comply with requests for membership cards.

TARGETS

Acceptable targets include bull eye targets, animal silhouettes and similar inoffensive targets attached to the backstops.

Unacceptable targets on the rifle ranges include human silhouettes, balloons, clays or fruit. Shattered clays make unsightly litter and can be dangerous to grass mowing operators. Fruit rots and smells and is unpleasant to clean and remove. Balloons stapled to the backboards are difficult to remove.

Exceptions to use of human silhouettes is granted by the SPFGA Executive to police officers, conservation officers and sheriffs as part of their training and certification programs. Officers participating in such activities are asked to wear their uniform and drive official vehicles to identify them as law enforcement agents.

Do not put targets on the ground. Ranges are designed to minimize the danger of ricochets escaping the bermed areas. The only time hard silhouette targets can be placed on the ground is at club sanctioned competitions supervised by an Association appointed Range Officer. Note: Downward deflecting pinners can be placed 1 metre in front of the 50 metre backstop on the right side of the target board on the 22/Handgun Range.

Do not use slugs on the Shotgun Range. The shotgun range is not bermed and slugs could be a danger to workers at the gas well site to the east. Also the metal pattern board is not slug resistant.

Please remove targets from backstops and place them in the trash when finished shooting. Sweep up brass on concrete surfaces at the rifle ranges and pick up spent shells on the shotgun range and dispose of them in trash cans.

Range Rules Reminder Continued:

SHOOTING HOURS

Shooting hours are 8 am to 8 pm to reduce the “noise factor” to our neighbors in adjacent acreages and residences. Members should be aware there are neighbors who “monitor” when shooting starts and ends, and complain when shots are fired outside of posted times. We are committed to being “good neighbors”.

FIREARMS

Suitable firearms for use at the Big-bore Range include any rifle cartridge in the template groups, 22 Long Rifle, .223 Remington, .308 Winchester and .338 Lapua Magnum. The use of .50 BMG is not authorized on this range.

Suitable firearms for use at the 22 Rimfire/Handgun Range include any handgun cartridges in the template groups 22 Long Rifle, 9mm Parabellum and .357 Magnum. Black powder firearms are also permitted on this range.

Suitable firearms for use at the Shotgun Range include any shotgun using a shot size of #9, 8 and #7 1/2.

Suitable firearms for use on the Black Powder Trail include firearms which are long guns with either flint-lock or cap lock, charged with black powder (or equivalent Pyrodex), lead round ball bullets or similarly charged shot guns with lead shot, and like esign pistols. Modern in-line firearms or sabot bullets are not allowed on the Trail.

Suitable bows for use at the Archery Range include Long Bows, Compound Bows and

MESSAGE FROM SHOTGUN CHAIR LES BERRY

Thanks to all who participated on the trap shooting range; we had a great summer of shooting. Special thanks to Ken Smith, Pat Harris, Roy Sylyski and Richard Buchko for their help in operating the trap range. We had shooters from as young as twelve years old to shooters who were more than seventy years old use the range – it was good to see these young shooters out there.

Now on to more serious matters: the steel plate used for patterning shotguns has been shot full of holes with shotgun slugs and centre fire bullets. This plate is for patterning lead & steel shot ONLY. Although we are responsible shooters, there are some who choose to ruin it for others. We will have to replace the steel plate at a cost of \$500.00. Perhaps the installation of security cameras will show who is responsible for the damage.

The new trap season will start in the middle of May 2009, again on Wednesday evenings and Sundays beginning at 12 noon.

FOR SALE: Old Winchester Trap Machine. Offers accepted. Call Les Berry at

NEW CONSERVATION PROPERTY AT SHERWOOD PARK F & G RANGE

By Gordon Kerr

You will no doubt recall that the Alberta Fish & Game Association (AF&GA) together with our Northeastern Zone, the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA), Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC), and our own Sherwood Park Association (as well as some individual members of our club) pooled their resources and purchased the ¼ section of land (NE sec 21-R 50-Twp 20-W of 4th) lying north of our gun range and conservation area.

Recently the AF&GA implemented a Volunteer Stewardship Program under the Wildlife Trust Fund. On behalf of the Sherwood Park Association, six members (Ken Sobkiw, Dave Hollingshead, Frank Lee, Chris Weintz, Walter Domytrak and Gordon Kerr) last spring signed up to serve as property stewards.

This habitat conservation property now becomes the Sherwood Park Clubs responsibility to over see, with costs to be shared by the collection of owners. The stewards conducted their first property inspection on July 21, 2008. All was found to be in good order but none the less there is a lot of work needing to be done.

The property to the west is grazed by livestock so the fence has to be maintained with that neighbour. The south side adjoins our range so we have the sole responsibility to maintain that fence. Fences on the east and north a side are non-existent or in very poor repair but since no grazing occurs there we will have to decide what to do with them.

Pasture and hay lands of the previous owner are fast being regenerated with the native forest and small shrubs. How best to manage that is being considered.

The property is open to public use for recreation, bird watching, hiking, etc. but closed to all forms of motor vehicle use. More signage to that effect will be posted in 2009.

Plant and animal species lists are being developed, with 43 plant species and 15 animal species noted on the first two hour walk through the property. These lists will continue to be expanded as more time is spent there. We may ask some experienced bird watchers and botanists to help us with this and will welcome club members who are interested to join us in this effort. Tracking the biodiversity of the property will become valuable to the future. Knowing what there is on our properties will also be used to gauge the impact of various land uses in the area in general.

Purchase of land for nature and recreation is vital in some areas and sometimes the only means by which to protect from abuse or loss of habitat. It is expensive however and then after that money has been laid out it is necessary and costly to manage the lands acquired. Fortunately other means are also being pursued through conservation easements, rentals etc. As we move forward no doubt other forms of incentives and the "hiring" of landowners to provide stable watersheds, wildlife habitat and other ecological goods and services will likely prove to be the primary solution.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TABLES PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL TO REFORM GUN LAWS IN CANADA

BY GARY CHAMBERS, HANDGUN CHAIR

Dear SPFGA Members:

For over 10 years, those of us who own firearms have been required to register them with the federal government. The universal registration of firearms has been an expensive and ineffective program, one which puts a great burden on law-abiding Canadian citizens and compromises our privacy and our rights.

On Monday, February 9, 2009, Conservative Party Member of Parliament Garry Breitkreuz tabled a private member's bill that, if passed, will enact several changes to our current firearms laws, including scrapping the registry. It is known as Bill C-301.

A summary of the changes that could be implemented under Bill C-301:

- Eliminate the requirement to register non-restricted firearms, including most rifles and shotguns
- Extend the valid period of a firearms license to ten years from the current five.
- Convert all outstanding POLs (Possession-Only Licenses) to PALs (Possession-Acquisition Licenses). Anyone who holds a valid firearms license will be able to buy firearms.
- For those of us who use restricted firearms, the ATT system would be eliminated. A firearms license would serve as your permission to transport any firearm you are permitted to own, for any legal purpose. Note that all regulations concerning where you are allowed to shoot, and how guns are to be secured and transported, will remain in effect.
- The Auditor General would be required to review all firearms laws every five years to determine if Canadian taxpayers are getting good value for the money spent on firearms regulation.

The full text of the law is available on Breitkreuz's website, www.garrybreitkreuz.com. For those of you who are members, the online firearms forum www.canadiangunnutz.com has full commentary on the bill and frequent updates in their Politics section. Thus far there has been very little coverage of this in the regular media.

Our affiliate, the Alberta Fish and Game Association, expects to have issued a press release expressing their support for Bill C-301 by the time you read this. The Ontario Federation of Angler and Hunters and the British Columbia Wildlife Federation have already issued press releases in support of the bill.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, as a private member's bill, this bill is not guaranteed to pass. Every MP will be allowed to vote as he or she chooses. For this reason, we urge you to contact your Member of Parliament within the next few days to express your support for the bill. Please call, fax or e-mail your MP and tell them you want this bill to pass without changes, just as it was tabled. This is especially important if you live in Edmonton-Strathcona, as the MP there (Linda Duncan) is an NDP Member and will likely vote against the bill unless she hears from many constituents who remind her that she is their representative and they want Bill C-301 to pass as-is!

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AFGA WANTS CULL REINSTATED

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Maurice Nadeau, President of the AFGA, was quoted in the *Edmonton Journal* as saying that "[the government was] doing the right thing [with the cull] and they had us convinced they were doing the right thing. Why are we backing away from it now? We definitely don't want this spreading across the province if we can control it."

While supported by the AFGA and an expert panel brought in to assess the government's CWD control strategies, the cull has not been popular with outfitters and local hunters from the affected areas who were not happy with the stated goal of reducing deer density in those areas. The culling program received more bad publicity when pictures of the waste pits—the pits in which the remainders of those culled animals which could not be salvaged for the food bank were disposed—were spread among Alberta's hunting community on the Internet.

Despite that opposition, however, scientists who research CWD agree that an aggressive cull is the best way to prevent the further spread of the disease. David Coltman, a researcher from the University of Alberta who has researched CWD, argued in the *Edmonton Journal* that the government's culling program was appropriate given the scale of the problem.

"So that policy of trying to reduce deer densities around a positive case is probably the right policy... If you take [the culling program] away from management, then we have no way of controlling the disease now," said Coltman in the *Edmonton Journal* of January 30.

The AFGA agrees. It is the position of the AFGA that there are simply not enough hunters willing to shoot enough deer in the affected areas to reduce deer densities sufficiently to prevent further spread of CWD. SPFGA members are encouraged to contact their MLAs and voice their support for re-instituting the culling program, and to encourage the government to continue to fund the hunter-submitted head sampling program. SPFGA members can also contribute to the protection of Alberta's wild ungulate populations by taking advantage of the additional hunting opportunities offered in the CWD zones in the Eastern part of the province.

HORN SCORING AT THE OLD LOG CABIN, FEBRUARY 1

Sherwood Park Fish and Game Members showed up at the Old Log Cabin on Sunday, February 1, to show off their successes of the season, reminisce, share stories--and to have their trophies scored by official Boone and Crockett measurers from the Alberta Fish & Game Association.

Judging from the horns we saw and scored, many SPFGA members had a great season--one member showed up with his first bighorn ram, another brought in a mule deer that will make the record book, a young hunter brought in a fantastic buck, and everyone had a great time admiring each others' trophies and recounting how they'd managed to connect with them.

Here's a small sampling of some of the successful hunters with their trophies; hopefully next years trophy scoring day will be even more successful.





SPFG&A SWAP MEET

Need more room in the gun safe? Looking for a rod tip to replace the one you broke in the car door? We're considering a swap meet between members. Stay tuned...



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ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

Lyall Kortzman

The Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association encourages its members to participate in an Annual Awards Night where trophies for the largest animal or fish are awarded to winners each year. In addition, trophies are awarded to the best photos in Scenic and Wildlife categories. In total, 23 trophies are available each year. The following trophies were awarded at the March 28, 2009 Annual Awards Night.

Big Game Winners 2008

<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Sheep	160-3/8	Brad Fenson	Chad Maloney
Elk	315-5/8"	Craig Temple	W & R Foundation Specialists Ltd.
Typical Whitetail Deer	172-6/8"	Lenn Wispinski	Sum Samay Ltd.
Non-Typical Whitetail Deer	158-5/8"	Lawrence Kocil	Widynowski's S ausage House
Typical Mule Deer	187"	Kerny Bird	Ferrous Fabricators Ltd.
Non-Typical Mule Deer	182 6/8"	Matthew Kratzmann	Canuck Industrial Sales (1982) Ltd.
Moose	177"	Greg Speitelsbach	Southtown Auto & Industrial Supply
Antelope	80"	Derrick Tabaka	Butcher Block & Smoke House
Black Bear	18-11/16"	Greg Sakulich	D Valves Ltd.
Strathcona County Big Game	142-6/8" Whitetail Deer	Stephane Titley	Alberta Field & Stream
Black Powder	126-5/8" Mule Deer	Simon Landhauser	Lock & Load
Archery	160-3/8" Sheep	Brad Fenson	Sherwood Park Archery Lanes
Junior Big Game	182-6/8" Mule Deer	Matthew Kratzmann	Edmonton House Brigade
Master Trophy Sheep	160-3/8"	Brad Fenson	D Valves

Bird Winners 2008

Duck	3.29 lbs.	Dennis Ewanyk	Milarm Co. Ltd.
Goose	14 lbs., .71 oz.	Walter Kercher	A1 Tire & Battery Service
Pheasant	2 lbs. 7 oz.	Dwayne Zuzak	Guardian

Fish Winners 2008

Warm Water Fish	2 lbs., 3 oz. Walleye	Christopher Kerr	Retained Holdings
Junior Fish under 18 years	2 lbs., 3 oz. Walleye	Christopher Kerr	Kerr & Associates
Junior Fish under 12 years	2 lbs., 3 oz. Walleye	Christopher Kerr	Kerr & Associates
Cold Water Fish	5 lbs. 15 oz. Brown Trout	Uldis Silins	The Fish'n Hole

Photography Winners 2008

Scenic Photo	Fisherman	Simon Landhauser	SPFGA
Wildlife Photo	Snails	Karen Smith	McBain Camera

Honour Awards 2008

Charlie Roberts Reg Gray Robert & Deanna Loewen

Life Membership, SPFGA: Les Berry

Certificate of Merit, SPFGA: Ed Tremblay

Certificate of Merit, SPFGA: Tassi Xenos

Certificate of Merit, SPFGA: Vern McIntosh

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

Membership fees for 2009 have increased and prices are as follows:

Range	\$90
Family Range	\$130
Regular	\$50
Family Regular	\$70
Youth	\$20

So far, our 2008 membership is 2,453.

Renew early so you continue to get your subscriptions to THE OUTDOOR EDGE and the Club Newsletter.

This is my last year as Membership Chair and I would like to extend Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year to all members and their families.

Memberships are available at General Meetings or you can mail an Application Form to Sherwood Park Fish & Game Association, PO Box 3098, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 2T1.

SPFGA Memberships may be purchased directly from:

MilArm Co. Ltd.

10769 – 99 Street, Edmonton 424-5281

Wholesale Sports

12610 St. Albert Trail, Edmonton 477-3737

P & D Enterprises

10552 – 115 Street, Edmonton 420-6419

Alberta Fish & Game Association

6924 – 104 Street, Edmonton 437-2342

Sherwood Park Archery Lanes Inc.

429 Sioux Road, Sherwood Park 464-0017

Sabre Sports & Cycle

52 Brentwood Boulevard, Sherwood Park 464-3100

Alberta Field and Stream

4932 – 51 Avenue, Tofield 662-0077

Reg Perras

662-4430

If you change your address, please send an email to: membership@spfga.org or call Deanna Loewen at

NOTICES

WORK PARTY – RANGE

The work party / spring cleanup will be held on May 30th and 31st, 2009, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Volunteers are needed and whatever time you can donate is greatly appreciated. Coffee & donuts are provided. Lunch & dinner provided.

If you can volunteer your time, please contact Ken Sobkiw at

FUN SHOOT

A fun shoot for members and their families has been scheduled for July 25, 2009. Details will be forthcoming via telephone or e-mail.

BLACK POWDER TRAIL PARTY

A party has been organized for the cleanup and maintenance of the Black Powder Trail.

This has been scheduled for April 25 and 26 (Saturday and Sunday) beginning at 10:00 am each day. Removal of the log which fell over the winter, mowing the trails and some brush cutting is required in advance of the May 22 – 24 Edmonton House Brigade Shoot.

We will also be constructing replacement board walks for the wet areas and getting targets in shape.

Everyone is welcome to help out, all help will be appreciated. Bring any tools you think may be useful, although some power tools will be provided. Remember too that any SPFGA club member with a range membership is welcome to the May shoot. For more information contact Gordon Kerr at

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NARROW LAKE YOUTH CAMP ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

Over the years the Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association has sponsored two youths between the ages of 12 to 16 for a full week of outdoor education at the Narrow Lake Youth Camp located near the town of Athabasca.

The Club is continuing this program in 2009 and is encouraging its members to put forward names of family members that would like to experience a full week of outdoor education at Sherwood Park Fish & Game's expense. Because of the popularity of the camp there will be two separate camps held this year. Youths sponsored must be members of SPFGA. The dates are July 5-11 Inclusive and July 19-25 Inclusive.

Names may be mailed to Lyall Kortzman at _____, or Lyall can be reached by phone at _____. Applications will be received up to May 15th, 2009.

Candidates must provide preference of the week they wish to attend. Names of the two winners will be drawn at the General Meeting at the Old Log Cabin on Wednesday May 27th, 2009.

Last year's three successful applicants had a great time. Read thank you letters from two of them below.

THANKS, SPFGA MEMBERS

Dear Sherwood Park Fish and Game
Members,

Thank you for sending me to Narrows
Lakes Camp.

This was my second year and it was
awesome especially because there was a
bear walking around. My friends thought
a 9mm handgun was big but I shot a 45
CAL handgun. That was scary but so fun. I
was bragging all month that I can legally
shoot it.

The cooks were amazing. It seemed I was
always called up last, ha ha.. I didn't really
mind because I sat with some friends from
last year and some great councilors.

All around it was great and I will tell my
friends they should go next year.
Tavis Cameron

Dear Sherwood Park Fish &
Game Members:

Thanks! I really appreciate
getting the opportunity to go to
the Conservation Camp. I will
definitely attend next year as an
advanced camper and hopefully
return as a Counsellor.

THANKS AGAIN!
Justin Bonogofski

RANDOM NOTES:

- Anyone interested in participating
in a competitive shoot using hand-
loaded ammunition is invited to
contact Rifle Chair Darryl Pot at
- Have an announcement, event, or
picture you'd like to see in the
newsletter? Send it to

EDMONTON HOUSE BRIGADE
PRIMITIVE BLACK POWDER SHOOT
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

MAY 23 & 24, 2009

AT THE SHERWOOD PARK FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION RANGE

- RIFLE - SMOOTHBORE - KNIFE & HAWK -
- PISTOL- PRIMITIVE ARCHERY -
- COSTUME COMPETITION -
- PRIMITIVE AND MODERN CAMPS-

SATURDAY: TRAIL WALK (RIFLE AND PISTOL)

- PRIMITIVE ARCHERY COMPETITION
- HAWK AND KNIFE EVENTS
- POT-LUCK SUPPER
- MEMORIAL EVENT (PRIMITIVE SKILLS)

SUNDAY: -BREAKFAST (SUPPLIED BY E.H.B. CLUB)

- RIFLE AND PISTOL EVENT (NO PAPER)

BLANKET PRIZES AND DONATED PRIZES AWARDED FOR SUM TOTAL OF SATURDAY
AND SUNDAY'S RIFLE, PISTOL, MEMORIAL AND SMOOTHBORE EVENTS

BRING EYE AND EAR PROTECTION AND YOUR OWN DRINKING WATER!

FEE: SINGLE \$20.00 PLUS A BLANKET PRIZE OF \$15.00 IN VALUE

FAMILY \$30.00 PLUS BLANKET PRIZES OF \$15.00 EACH IN VALUE

CONTACT: RANDY CHAPPEL,

SMOOTHBORE: MUST BE A FLINTLOCK AND HAVE NO REAR SIGHT

SMOOTHBORE PARTICIPANTS MUST BE IN FULL COSTUME.

THIS IS A SEPARATE EVENT.

BLANKET PRIZES: HAND MADE ITEMS OR BLACK POWDER RELATED
ARE PREFERRED.

PLEASE MAKE JUNIOR PRIZES AGE-APPROPRIATE

SATURDAY 9:00 AM START

*THE MEMORIAL EVENT: WILL BE A PRIMITIVE SKILL TYPE EVENT

*RIFLES & MUZZLELOADERS: OPEN SIGHTS ONLY – PATCHED ROUND BALL

-NO IN-LINES-

NO PRE-LUBED SHOOTING PATCHES (EG WONDERLUBE) AS THEY ARE

FIRE-HAZARDS – SPIT PATCH AND MOOSE MILK OK

**ARCHERY- BOW MUST BE MADE OF ALL NATURAL MATERIALS WITH EXCEPTION
TO THE BOWSTRING, PLASTIC NOCKS, FLETCHING AND FIELD POINTS.

NEW THIS YEAR

ALL SHOOTERS MUST HAVE INSURANCE THROUGH AN AF&GA CLUB,

EQUIVALENT, OR SIGN A LIABILITY WAIVER AT REGISTRATION.

BRING YOUR AF&GA MEMBERSHIP CARD OR POLICY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event
	APRIL
	Executive Meeting, Strathcona county Chamber of Commerce (CoC), 7:00 PM
April 25-26	Black Powder Trail Clean-up— Trail closed— Contact Gordon Kerr,
April 29	General Meeting, Old Log Cabin (OLC), 7:30 PM
	MAY
May 1-3rd	Royal Canadian Air Cadets – Using the clubhouse and trails
May 4 th and 5 th	Our Lady of Angels School Fort Saskatchewan - Field Day using shotgun, big bore, .22, archery ranges and clubhouse for lunch. Contact Shelia Wright
May 9 th	Varmint Shoot – Big Bore Rifle Range and Clubhouse – Noon to 2 PM \$15 Registration
May 12 th	Executive meeting - CoC
May 15 th	Trap shooting begins: every Wednesday evening, every Sunday at noon Contact Les Berry for more information,
May 22 nd to 24 th	Black Powder Spring Shoot— EXCLUSIVE use of shot gun range, rimfire/pistol range, and black powder trail. Non-exclusive use of clubhouse Contact Gordon Kerr,
May 27 th	General Meeting: OLC
May 30 and 31 st	Spring clean up – Range closed, volunteers needed. Contact Ken Sobkiw,
	JUNE
	NO EXECUTIVE MEETINGS— June to September
June 5 th to 7 th	Narrow Lake clean-up, Contact Steve Witiuk,
June 27 th	Executive BBQ, Clubhouse.
	JULY
	NO EXECUTIVE MEETINGS, NO GENERAL MEETINGS, JUNE TO AUGUST
July 25 th -26 th	Black powder trail CLOSED for summer clean-up. Contact Gordon Kerr

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS CONTINUED

July 31 st -August 2 nd	Provincial Black Powder Championship Shoot. Shot gun range CLOSED for camping use—North range CLOSED. Black powder trail reserved for black powder shoot. Club house and camp ground scheduled for the 3 day event. Contact Gordon Kerr,
	AUGUST
August 1 st -2 nd	Casino Fund-raiser for zone 5 at Casino Edmonton. Volunteers needed, contact Steve Witiuk
August 15 th - 16 th	Casino Fund-raiser for APFGA - Camrose Resort Casino. Volunteers needed, contact Steve Witiuk,
	SEPTEMBER
September 8 th	Executive Meeting: CoC
September 9 th	Hunter's Night: Aquatic and Recreation Centre Boardroom, Rundle Park – , Edmonton. Contact Dave Hollingshead,
	OCTOBER
October 13 th	Executive Meeting, CoC
October 29 th	General Meeting OLC
	NOVEMBER
	No general meeting
November 10 th	Executive meeting, CoC
	DECEMBER
December 3 rd	General Meeting – Election Night: OLC