



SHERWOOD PARK FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Summer 2010



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President's Report

April 2010

Richard Rothwell, SPFGA President

Well, winter seems to be finished and the weather is warming up. Soon we will be raking lawns, taking some time for fishing, shooting at the range, planning draws and enjoying the summer.

A short review of events and activities for the first part of this year include the following:

Eight members attended AFGA's annual meeting in Edmonton. SPFGA received a provincial award for the association with the largest increases in membership for 2009. This was the third year in a row that we have received this award. Membership in 2009 was a little over 2600 members.

Our own annual Trophy Scoring and Awards Banquet

took place on March 27. Attendance was ~ 240 persons and the event went off well. Besides trophies for fish and game, awards were also given to members for volunteer time to the association. Volker Demuth received the Charlie Roberts Award for time spent helping out with improvements to the ranges last year and in previous years. Gaetan Richard received a Life Membership for his long service to the club, serving on the Executive and helping out with improvements at the range. Merit Awards were given to Lloyd Hakes, Walter Domytrak, Deanna Loewen, Frank Lee and Steve Witiuk for their support in 2009. Thanks to Lyall Kortzman and all the others who helped in

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*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

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making these events possible.

We had some interesting speakers at the General Meetings. Topics covered in January, February and March included; wildlife investigations, the status of mountain pine beetle in Alberta, and the Athabaskan rainbow trout. The meetings are interesting and they are on the last Thursday of the month in Sherwood Park.

Plans are underway for the spring and summer which include the following:

Annual Spring Cleanup of the Ranges on May 29. We had a really good turn out last year and hope for a repeat this year. Announcements by email and telephone will be sent out with requests for help in early May.

Completion of the range improvements will be done this summer, with the construction of concrete pads and shooting shelters for the overflow and handgun ranges, and installation of safety screens at the overflow and rim fire ranges. We can use some help with these improvements.

The Clubhouse will receive new windows, a new coat of paint inside and out, and renovations to the kitchen. Thanks to Ken Sobkiw and Gaetan Richard who will be

heading up these improvements.

Installation of the video surveillance started last fall will be completed with operational cameras at the rifle ranges and at the gate. This will let us monitor traffic and range and the shotgun range.

So, it will be a busy summer with a lot of things to do. My best wishes for a happy and enjoyable summer to all members.

General meetings will resume in September with the annual Hunter's Night meeting.

Rich Rothwell



THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE OUT ON AUGUST 1, 2010. IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ARTICLE SUBMITTED FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER PLEASE HAVE IT SENT IN BY JULY 15, 2010

2010 CALENDERS FOR SALE

\$10.00

Please contact Richard at

780-467-6425

richard.rothwell@telus.net

ATTENTION Youth 12 - 17 Years of Age!! 2 SPFGA sponsorships to Narrow Lake Youth Camp

The SPFGA sponsors two young people for one full week of outdoor training at the Narrow Lake Conservations Centre near Athabasca Alberta in July each year.

Due to the demand there will be two separate weeks from July 4 to 10 and July 18 to 24, 2010. Outdoor activities include hunter training, shooting, swimming, boating and other fun events.

Members may apply for an opportunity to have their son or daughter attend the camp by contacting Richard Rothwell at or email

To be eligible the youth must be 12 years of age before the camp to a maximum age of 17 years.

The successful applicants will be selected by draw at the General Meeting held on May 27, 2010. Entries must be submitted and received by Richard on or before May 15, 2010.



Narrow Lake Conservation Centre

We are planning two youth conservation camps again this year. The first one is from July 4-10, 2010 and the second one is from July 18-24, 2010. The ladies program, Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW) will run from July 14-17, 2010. If you would like more information on this program, call Robyn Butler at 780 - 895-7799.

The big bore shooting range has been upgraded and plans are in place to pour the cement for the firing line and build the shooting benches and cover. The 10 cabins hopefully will be completed this spring. The new mattresses have been ordered. The concrete has been completed for the new gazebo picnic shelter and we hope to finish the building by July 2010.

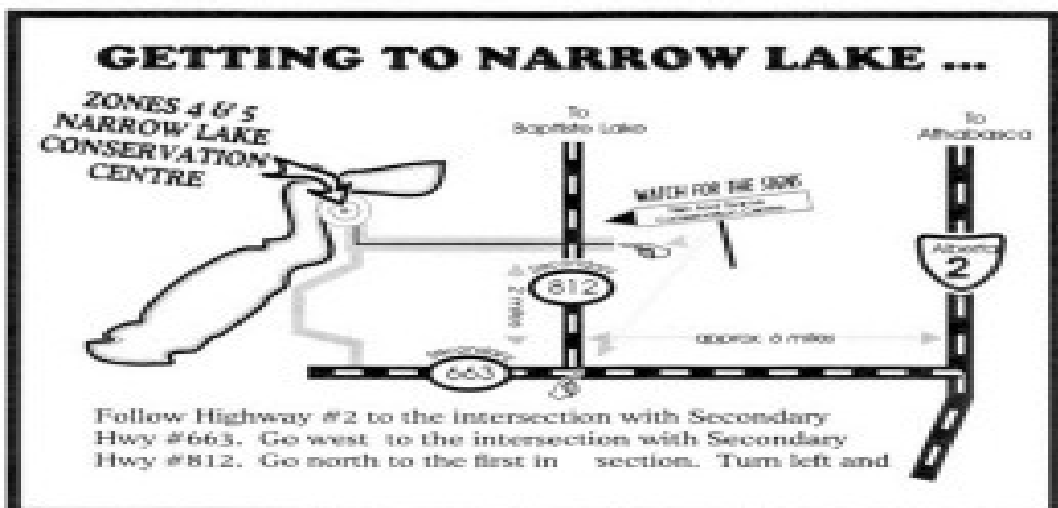
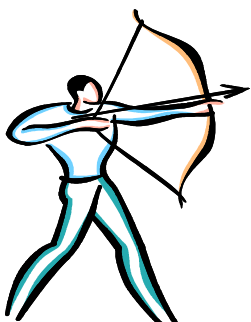
On behalf of the Narrow Lake Conservation Centre, I would like to thank the Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association very much for their donation of \$5,000.00 toward the gazebo picnic shelter. This will probably be one of our biggest years for upgrading and completing projects.

We hope to see you at the Annual General Meeting on May 1, 2010 at the Narrow Lake Conservation Centre. again!

Thanks

Lloyd Hakes

President, Narrow Lakes Conservation Centre



ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association annual awards night was held on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the German Canadian Cultural Centre, 8310 Roper Road, Edmonton.

The evening was preceded by the trophy measuring on January 31, 2010 at the Old Log Cabin, Sherwood Park. Six measurers

were in attendance to assist with the measuring of 70 different species of animals – a record for the club. The scoring team was lead by none other than Jack Graham and also included Dean Bromberger, Wes Voogd, Sheldon Saskiw, Steve Witiuk and Dale Atherley. Our thanks go out to them for doing such an efficient job.

And the WINNERS of the trophies and their sponsors are.....!!!!

Trophy	Score	Winner	Sponsor
Sheep	No Entry		Home Hardware Sherwood Park
Elk	281-5/8"	Cam Morrison	W & R Foundation Specialists Ltd.
Typical Whitetail Deer	156-6/8"	Dale Atherley	Sum Samay Ltd.
Non-Typical Whitetail Deer	166-5/8"	Michael Bossio	Widynowski's Sausage House
Typical Mule Deer	162-6/8"	Chad Courchene	Ferrous Fabricators Ltd.
Non-Typical Mule Deer	208-3/8"	Craig Temple	Canuck Industrial Sales (1982) Ltd.
Moose	144-3/8"	Kyle Doege	Southtown Auto & Industrial Supply
Antelope	75-3/8"	Pat Harris	Butcher Block & Smoke House
Black Bear	19-12/16"	Rick Bell	D Valves Ltd.
Strathcona County Big Game	147-7/8" Whitetail Deer	Chris Weintz	Alberta Field & Stream Inc.
Black Powder	156-2/8" Mule Deer	Uldis Silins	Lock & Load
Archery	208-3/8" Mule Deer	Craig Temple	Sherwood Park Archery Lanes
Junior Big Game	122-2/8" Whitetail Deer	Tavis Cameron	Edmonton House Brigade
Duck	2.42 lbs.	Dennis Ewanyk	Milarm Co. Ltd.
Goose	12.5 lbs.	Pat Harris	A1 Tire & Battery Service Ltd.
Pheasant	35" Beak to Tail	Dwayne Zuzak	Guardian
Warm Water Fish	20 lbs., 1.4 oz. N. Pike	Tristan Bromberger	Retained Holdings
Cold Water Fish	7 lbs. 1 oz. Brown Trout	Uldis Silins	The Fishin' Hole
Junior Fish under 18 years	70 cm. Walleye	Ryan Derksen	Kerr & Associates
Junior Fish under 12 years	20 lbs., 1.4 oz. N. Pike	Tristan Bromberger	Kerr & Associates
Scenic Photo	Lake Sunset	Tony Maydonik	Johanna Tremblay
Wildlife Photo	Canada Goose	Karen Smith	McBain Camera
Master Trophy Sheep	208-3/8" Mule Deer	Craig Temple	D Valves Ltd.

A total of 212 members and guests attended the awards presentation under the direction of Master of Ceremonies, Ray Makowecki, former President of the Alberta Fish & Game Association and current Zone 5 Fish Chairman.



Following the presentation of the awards to the trophy winners, President Richard Rothwell made special honour awards to:

Volker Demuth
Gaetan Richard
Frank Lee
Lloyd Hakes
Walter Domytrak
Deanna Loewen
Steve Witiuk

Charlie Roberts Outstanding Contributions Award
Life Membership
Certificate of Merit
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Other winners during the evening were:

Jack Graham
Janice Makowecki
Owen Carter
Jacques Richard
Craig Temple
Paul McNally
Haeli Carter

Trail Camera Raffle
Health Spa Raffle
Decoy Dart Contest
Trail Camera Photo Contest
Elk Horn Scoring Contest
Non-Trophy Winner Draw
50/50 Coin Toss Contest

Thank you to our sponsors for your generous contributions for this event. Our members are encouraged to support our sponsors when requiring products or services they provide. Thanks also to the volunteer committee that worked so hard in making the evening and event such a great success.



Richard Rothwell
Ken & Flo Sobkiw
Robert & Deanna Loewen
Ian & Karen Smith
Chris & Hildegaard Weintz
Gaetan Richard
Barry Derksen
Larry & Jeff Hurrell
Frances Kortzman

The food for the event, provided by the kitchen staff of the Cultural Centre, was first rate and from most reports everyone in attendance had a good time. Next year's annual awards night is already planned and will be held on March 26, 2011 at the same venue.

Lyall Kortzman
Trophy Chair



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Sherwood Park Fish & Game Association Monument



A monument consisting of a brief Club history, names of Past Presidents and names of Life Members was completed on September 10, 2009.

Thank you to Gaetan Richard, Jim Clarke and Walter Demuth who volunteered their time in construction of the monument.

On May 15, 2010, the Executive is hosting a dedication ceremony for Past Presidents and Life Members.

Pictured are two Past Presidents: Don Chapman (1971–1972) and Ken Sobkiw (2006–2008).

In Memoriam

Allen Dale Baker

December 2, 1945 - April 11, 2010



Allen Baker, a long time member of the Sherwood Park Fish & Game Association, passed away on April 11, 2010. Al was a father, grandfather, friend, hunter, fisherman, outdoor enthusiast and a mentor to hundreds of sportsmen.

An anchor in the retail firearms and sporting industry, his tenure was vast from Wholesale Sports, Phoenix Gun Range, Klondike Arms and Edmonton Sporting Goods. It is impossible to sum up the qualities of one man who touched so many lives, from ensuring you received your Alberta Hunters Education

Course, Firearms License and then helping you with your first firearm purchase. With his wealth of knowledge and eagerness to give advice, he was a true teacher and mentor. His ability to guide, teach and mentor his fellow sportsman was much appreciated by all.

As an avid sportsman he was keen to partake in all of nature's bounties whether stalking that trophy whitetail with his trusty 270 to exterminating gophers at 1,000 yards.

Al won't track the big one on the trusty trail, pull the trophy walleye from the hike to the lake or tell tales around the campfire but there one thing that is certain. Al will be with each and every sportsman to whom he told stories, gave advice or simply just listened to someone.

Al, you will be sorely missed but not forgotten. At Al's request there will be no service. Anyone wishing to make a donation in Al's name may do so to the Alberta Fish and Game Association – Wildlife Trust Fund.

Memberships

Daryl II Murri, Membership Chair

Membership fees for 2010 are as follows:

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



- Family Range Membership includes the Range Member, the spouse/partner and their children under 18 years of age.
- Family Range Membership does not include brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews.
- Family Range Membership does not include students over 18 years of age even though they are living at home.

As of April 13, 2010 we have ~1800 members. In 2009, we had a total 2,639 members.

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 (780) 424-5281	Sherwood Park Archery Lanes Inc. 429 Sioux Road, Sherwood Park (780) 464-0017
Wholesale Sports - North 12610 St. Albert Trail, Edmonton (780) 477-3737	Sabre Sports & Cycle 52 Brentwood Boulevard, Sherwood Park (780) 464-3100
Wholesale Sports – South Common 2033 – 98 Street NW, Edmonton (780) 461-2001	Alberta Field and Stream 4932 – 51 Avenue, Tofield (780) 662-0077
P & D Enterprises 10552 – 115 Street, Edmonton (780) 420-6419	Reg Perras (780) 662-4430
Alberta Fish & Game Association 6924 – 104 Street, Edmonton (780) 437-2342	Philip Lagrandeur (780) 986-2202

If you change your address, please:

- send an email to: membership@spfga.org
- or call Daryl II Murri at

Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular | \$50 | Member benefits for one person without range privileges | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NEW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Family Regular | \$70 | Member benefits include spouse/partner, dependent children under 18 years of age, without range privileges | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Range | \$90 | All privileges for one person including range privileges | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> MALE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Family Range | \$130 | Member benefits include spouse/partner, dependent children under 18 years of age with all privileges | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | \$20 | Open to any young person under 18 years of age, who is supervised by a Range Member | <div>BIRTH YEAR</div> |

Name

Mailing Address

Town/City.....Province.....Postal Code.....

Phone (.....).....Email.....

To be used only for emailing Club information such as notices of Meetings. NO SPAM advertising will result.

PAYMENT METHOD

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> CHEQUE | Please make cheques payable to <i>Sherwood Park Fish & Game Association</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> VISA | Name On Card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD | Card No. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> AMEX | Expiry Date.....Signature |

Amount Enclosed
\$

NAMES AND INFORMATION ABOUT ALL DEPENDANTS LISTED UNDER FAMILY REGULAR AND FAMILY RANGE MEMBERSHIPS

This information is essential for dependant members under Family Memberships to qualify for Club Insurance.

Name	Birth Year	Relationship



Range Safety Sessions for New Members

1. Safety at the ranges is something all members want. Last year we had 2 safety issues where persons discharged firearms when the safety screen was in the down position. One event involved a member, who lost his membership. The second event was by persons unknown (assumed to be non-members in trespass). This behavior is unacceptable. Please take some time and read the posted rules at the ranges, and speak to others if you observe unsafe behavior.

Because of these incidents and the increased SPFGA membership, the Executive decided that all new members will be required to attend a Range Orientation session, These sessions will be at the ranges at 9:00 AM on the last

Sunday of each month. Pat Harris who is a certified range safety officer and is also First Vice President will conduct the orientation sessions. Members who plan to attend MUST _____ contact Pat by email or telephone to confirm their attendance.

New members are defined as first time members of SPFGA or, _____ past members whose membership was not renewed for two years.

2. This is a reminder to members that the option of buying a membership in the fall at a reduced price plus a full membership for the following year (2 for 1) is no longer available. This option was discontinued to reduce extra bookkeeping caused by our large membership.

Range Orientation Sessions

9:00 AM Last Sunday of each month
Contact Pat Harris
or email:
to confirm attendance.



YOUTH SHOOT!!

Attention all youth! On June 13th the Sherwood Park Fish and Game Club will be hosting a youth shoot (ages 12-17). Please come out and join us for the afternoon we will be having a blast! At eleven o'clock am registration will begin in front of the rim fire range at the shooting range. We will be starting the day with a lecture on firearm safety and range rules, followed by thirty to forty minutes of practice. We will break for lunch at noon and begin the competition after lunch. All ammunition, firearms and safety equipment will be provided. If the youth is not currently a member of the club they must bring \$20.00 and this will get them a youth membership that will last until December 31st 2010. All hotd ogs and snack will be provided. Anyone interested in coming to this event should please contact Daniel Verhoeff at or by email at

Hope to see you out there!

BLACK POWDER RULE CHANGE

Again the SPFGA is holding a black powder shoot in conjunction with the Edmonton House Brigade (fur trade era and Fort Edmonton reenactment group). The actual shoot will be on May 22 and 23, with the afternoon of May 21 used for set up of materials and participants setting up camp on the shotgun range. Monday will be partly occupied with take down and cleanup.

All SPFGA range members are welcome to participate. Guns are restricted to use black powder or equivalent, soft lead round balls and open sights. There will also be other events as of the fur trade era. Please see the full notice elsewhere in this newsletter .

We all recognize that the fire hazard this year is extreme. In light of that

and high hazards the past few years a new black powder shoot rule has been implemented. ALL OIL OR GREASE PATCHES, AS OF NOW _____, ARE PROHIBITED FROM USE ON THE BLACK POWDER TRAIL, AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN THERE IS 2.5 CM's OR MORE OF SNOW ON THE GROUND.

The use of dry, spit patches or "moose milk" patches is acceptable. Oil and grease patches smolder and readily start fires whereas the other patches are very much safer.

Hey members! If you have a traditional muzzle loader come on out for some fun. Review the full ad in this letter or call Gordon at if you want more details.

Range Improvement

Gaetan Richard

2010 PROJECTS

Our range improvements went really smooth last year. Thanks to all the volunteers and a special thanks to Norm Honish and Jim Clarke for spending a couple of weeks building the new berm around the handgun and the overflow areas. It is people like this and their dedication that make our range look good.

Volunteers are a vital part of our club and are in high demand. Don't be shy, come out and meet other members. It's a great way to meet people who share your passion for the great outdoors.

- Upgrade signs on main gate, amend hours of operation
- Dispose of surplus buildings
- Construct portable wooden silhouette boxes for rimfire range
- Complete rimfire shed bracing
- Paint clubhouse floor and stain exterior
- Replace bird feeder barrel
- Construct shooting shed on overflow and handgun ranges
- Install safety curtains on rimfire and overflow range
- Clubhouse upgrade, windows, doors, counters
- Complete surveillance system
- Improvements to archery range
- Well improvements
- Build more martin birdhouses



ATTENTION!! VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

WORK PARTY – SPFGA RANGE
May 29, 2010
9:00 AM

Volunteers are needed
for range cleanup & repair.

Lunch and supper
will be served.

Quads & trailers and chainsaw
operators are needed.

For more information, contact:
Ken Sobkiw:

Rich Rothwell:

Pat Harris:

After some basic instruction on gun operation and safety from my Dad, I started out shooting as a small lad with a single shot .22 rifle as I am sure many of you did. I consider myself fortunate that I was raised on a farm which allowed me to shoot almost daily throughout the spring, summer and fall, if not at gophers, rabbits, crows, magpies, cans, then at targets. I would spend hours walking the fields of our farm looking for the next unlucky recipient of my newly acquired shooting skills. Although I no longer live on the farm, I take numerous trips there and still enjoy walking the fields around home every spring, looking for gophers. However, the equipment, rifles, and ammunition that are available today have changed "just a bit" over the past 40 years.

The choices available today for a rimfire rifle for gophers and target shooting are much too numerous to mention, so I will concentrate more on calibers than actual models. Although some shooters also use centrefire rifles for gopher shooting, this article will just concentrate on some of the more popular rimfires that are available.

The most popular calibers today are the .17, .17 (M2) the .22 and the .22 mag. The .22, being the most economical to shoot, is still the most popular, but a lot of shooters today will own a .22 and at least one or two other "gopher guns", if not more. The .17 HMR is a necked down version of the .22 WMR, whereas the .17 Mach 2 is a necked down version of the .22 stinger which is only about .01 longer than the 22LR, but with a substantial increase in velocities over the 22LR. Ammo price for both is pretty high - so although plinking with a .17 or .17M2 may be somewhat comparable to a 22WMR in price, it is substantially more than a standard .22.

Not only the most economical to shoot, the .22 offers the most selection in rifle actions (bolt, lever, pump, semi auto) and also the largest selection of ammo as well. Although there are new model rifles coming out every year the .17's at this time are pretty well limited to a bolt action with the exception of a couple of high end semi-automatics, and the .22 mag to either a bolt, and lever with just

a couple of manufacturers offering them in the semi-automatic.

Although most rimfire rifles are fairly accurate right out of the box, scope, ammo, and some minor improvements to triggers, and recoil can be made to increase accuracy. By accurate I am suggesting a 1" group out to 100 yards or even farther with the .17s and .22mag. Target shooters can achieve much tighter groups than that, but for most gopher hunting I believe a 1" group is adequate.

As suggested before there are numerous choices available, I shoot a 10/22 semi automatic with a custom stock and some minor improvements to the trigger and a bolt buffer to reduce noise and a bit of recoil.

If you are considering "tweaking" your semi, the Ruger 10/22 probably offers the most after market paraphernalia of any semi-automatic produced, with literally hundreds of items available. Thumbhole, or pistol style stocks are not for everyone but I find them very comfortable to shoot and have one on my Savage .17 and on my 10/22. By mentioning the manufacturer or style of any of these guns I am not suggesting they are necessarily the "best" out there, these are just the models I choose to shoot because they work well for me.

Savage .17



Ruger 10/22



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The fit of a gun is a personal thing and I suggest that you shoulder a few different styles, to see what you like and what fits you the best.

Selecting what ammunition you are going to shoot can be lots of fun at the range. If you select a .22 semi-automatic by any manufacturer, be sure to try at least 5 or 6 different styles of ammo as a semi-automatic can be finicky on what ammo cycles though them the best. I have found that a rifle by the same manufacturer in exactly the same model can still have different ammo that will work best in each rifle. Cycling and bullet alignment can be slightly different in each model and with just a bit of time at a range you will quickly see what bullet is best for your rifle.

Depending on range and application you may choose to shoot any applicable ammunition for your designated calibre. It has been my experience when shooting the 10/22 that the lighter 36-37 grain bullets with a slightly higher velocity in the 1280fps range cycle better than the heavier 40 grain in the 1100-1250fps range, at least in my rifle they do. My .17 seems to like the Hornady Vmax in .17 grains which is what I shoot. Being a lighter bullet, and the range that these calibers are capable of, accuracy of the .17 can be altered by the wind, especially a strong cross wind. With a bit of practice and/or with the aid of a mil-dot scope you will soon be on the mark even in windy conditions.

All you really need to hunt gophers is a rifle and ammo, but like all hunting situations there are numerous accessories that you can purchase that will aid in accuracy

and some just because they add to the fun. The first item I would suggest is some type of shooting rest, either a hand held shooting (stick) monopod, bipod, tripod or an adjustable bipod that affixes right to your rifle. There are numerous ones on the market, offering different lengths, swivels, etc. I used to shoot with a monopod but have recently picked up a 360 degree swivel chair with a shooting rest. This unit is only 17 lbs, easy to move around and has increased my accuracy substantially shooting my gopher guns as well as my larger centrefire rifles.

With the extended range capability of the .17's and 22mag I have found that there are a lot of gophers I do not even see (getting old), until I spot them first with a small set of 8X40 binoculars. I also carry a small range finder, and will range gophers that I feel are past the 100 yard mark. While shooting the 10/22 I usually use a 25 shot magazine and have picked up a Speedloader for these magazines, which also work on my 10 shot clips. This is not only much faster than loading by hand but it is also much easier on the thumb.

A little tip when using this loader, always push the little green tab on the bottom of the loader, flat, before you insert your clip, it may seem like a small detail but I have found that something does not quite align if you do not, and this will cause you some frustration.

A small fanny pack is also handy for carrying extra clips, loaders, ammo, binos, rangefinders, and a small drink and snack if you are out for all day. Whatever gun you, choose get out there, hone your shooting skills and have some fun!!

Bob Chapman

Shooting chair





EDMONTON HOUSE BRIGADE PRIMITIVE BLACK POWDER SHOOT



May 22 & 23, 2010
at Sherwood Park Fish & Game Association Range

Rifle
Smoothbore
Knife & Hawk
Pistol
Primitive Archery
Costume Competition
Primitive and Modern Camps

Bring eye and ear protection and your own drinking water!

FEE: Single \$20.00 plus a Blanket prize of \$15.00 in value
FEE: Family \$30.00 plus a Blanket prizes of \$15.00 in value each

Saturday
Trail Walk (Rifle and Pistol)
Primitive Archery Competition
Knife and Hawk 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

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.

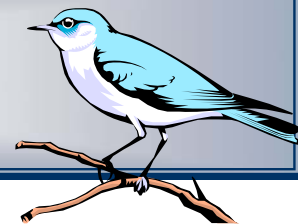
SATURDAY: 9:00 AM Start
*The Memorial Event: will be a Primitive Skill Type Event
*Rifles & Muzzleloaders: Open Sights only—Patched Round Ball
No In-Lines
No Pre-lubed shooting patches (e.g. Wonderlube) as they are fire hazards; Spit Patch and Moose Milk OK
**Archery: Bow must be made of all natural 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.



BIRD WATCHERS AND WANT-TO-BE BIRD WATCHERS HERE IS YOUR CHANCE



Many members will recall that we have begun development of a woodlot management plan (habitat) for the Association's Conservation and Gun Range properties. Part of that plan is to develop a list of plants and animals present now and then monitor changes as habitat is modified over the years.

We have joined with the Wildbird General Store (WBGs), at 4712 - 99 St, to do three surveys from mid-May to mid-June. They will provide up to four naturalists to form two sets of survey team leaders. Up to twelve other people are invited to join them to form two teams of eight. The store will also provide a roaming naturalist to seek out difficult or rare species during that same month. Youth to join the teams are really welcome to participate, but "old foxes" are welcome also. The Fish & Game Insurance policy requires that all participants be a member of an Alberta F&GA club or take out a youth membership (\$20) or sign a liability waiver in order to enter the property. No prior experience with bird identification is required.

The teams will be focusing along the Nature Trails on the ¼ section of land immediately east of the

gun range. The WBGs is looking for young naturalists and Gordon Kerr of our F&G Association is seeking Sherwood Park F&G members and/or related youth to join the teams. Unfortunately we can only accommodate 12 people in addition to the leaders. Some may not want to attend all three surveys so more than the 12 may be accommodated. The surveys will run for one day on three of the six weekends from May 15 to June 19, weather permitting. The plan is to meet at the property gate at 8:00 AM and be done by noon. We will then have lunch, compare notes and head home.

Binoculars, camera, notebooks (and a bird identification book if you have one, but we will have extras) and general outdoor clothing (+ bug spray and sun block, etc.) are recommended. Unless you are set on losing weight bring a lunch and something to drink.

RESERVE YOUR PLACE EARLY. THERE ARE ONLY TWELVE PLACES, IF A PARENT AND YOUTH WANT TO GO TOGETHER, IT WILL FILL QUICKLY.

Gordon Kerr



2010 Calendar of Events



MAY

May 1-3: Royal Canadian Air Cadets ; using the clubhouse and trails

May 3 (1:00-4:00 PM): Edmonton Police Service; exclusive use of Overflow Range

May 6-8 (Overnight): Concordia High School; Clubhouse and shared use of ranges

May 7 (8:00 AM-2:00 PM): Strathcona County RCMP; exclusive use of Overflow Range

May 8 (11:00 AM-1:00 PM): SPFGA Handgun Event; Bullseye Style Competition; Gary Chambers

May 8-9: Black Powder Trail Cleanup; exclusive use of trail; Gordon Kerr

May 10-13 (8:00 AM-4:00 PM): Leduc RCMP; exclusive use of Overflow and Handgun range; Members wanting to shoot handguns can use the Rimfire Range during this event.

May 11 (7:00 PM): Executive meeting - CoC

May 14 (1:00-4:00 PM): Strathcona County RCMP; Exclusive use of Overflow range

May 15 (10:00 AM): Monument dedication and lunch; Deanna Loewen

May 16-Sept. 30: TRAP SHOOTING BEGINS: Wednesday evenings (6:00-8:00 PM) and Sundays (1:00-3:00 PM) Les Berry

May 17 (1:00-4:00 PM); Edmonton Police Service; exclusive use of Overflow Range

May 22-24: Black Powder Spring Shoot; exclusive use of shot gun range, rimfire/pistol range, and black powder trail; non-exclusive use of clubhouse; Gordon Kerr

May 27 (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM): Edmonton Tactical Unit EPS; exclusive use of Handgun, Overflow and Big Bore Range; Clubhouse

from 8:00 AM-7:00 PM. Members wanting to use the ranges during this event will be accommodated on other ranges.

May 27 (7:30 PM): General Meeting - OLC

May 29-30: Spring Clean Up; Range closed; volunteers needed; Ken Sobkiw,

JUNE

NO EXECUTIVE OR GENERAL MEETINGS
JUNE-SEPTEMBER

June 4-6: Tofield Home Schooled Snow Geese Junior Forest Warden Group; Clubhouse

June 5-7: Narrow Lake Clean-Up, Contact Steve Witiuk,

June 7-8 (2 day/Overnight): Our Lady of Angels School, Shotgun, Bigbore, Rimfire and Archery Ranges, Campsite and Clubhouse 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM the following day.

June 12 (11:00 AM-1:00 PM): SPFGA Handgun Event; Rimfire Fun Event; Gary Chambers

June 15-18 (8:00 AM-4:00 PM): Leduc RCMP; exclusive use of Overflow Range and shared use of Shotgun Range.

June 19-20: Land Stewardship Group; Inspection and work party; gate and parking development; Gordon Kerr

JULY

July 10 (10:00 AM-1:00 PM): SPFGA 2010 Handgun Event; Overflow Range, Action Pistol; Gary Chambers

July 17-18: Black Powder Trail Clean Up; exclusive use of trail; Gordon Kerr

July 31—August 2: 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. Gordon Kerr,

AUGUST

August 1-2: Casino Fund-raiser for zone 5 at Casino Edmonton; Volunteers needed; Steve Witiuk 780-464-1450

August 15-16: Casino Fund-raiser for APFGA - Camrose Resort Casino. Volunteers needed, Steve Witiuk,

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 9 (7:00 PM): Hunter's Night; Aquatic and Recreation Centre Boardroom, Rundle Park – 2909 113 Ave, Edmonton. Dave Hollingshead, 780-922-0581, 3david3@telus.net

Sept. 14 (7:00 PM): Executive Meeting - CoC

OCTOBER

Oct. 9 (11:00 AM-1:00 PM): SPFG Handgun Event TBA: Gary Chambers

Oct. 12 (7:00 PM): Executive Meeting - CoC

Oct. 28 (7:30 PM): General Meeting - OLC; speaker

NOVEMBER

NO GENERAL MEETING

Nov. 2: Last Day to Notify Members for Election

Nov. 9 (7:00 PM): Executive meeting - CoC

DECEMBER

NO EXECUTIVE MEETING

Dec. 3 (7:30 PM): General Meeting - OLC; Election Night

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