



SHERWOOD PARK FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

President's Message August 2013

Pat Harris

I still find it odd writing a report a month or two in advance of when the newsletter gets out to the membership. As I write it is raining yet again this nearly longest day of the year. What a long winter and cool spring we have had. Let's hope for a warm summer and a pleasant and long fall.

I'm writing extra early as I am off to Haida Gwaii (formerly The Queen Charlotte Islands) with my wife and dogs for a month of fishing.

Others of you are camping, fishing, hiking, or just plain relaxing in our great outdoors -- or planning on doing so in the near future. Have fun at it but be safe.

We've had lots happening with the club since I last wrote and I'll try to fill you in as succinctly as possible in chronological order.

The latest update on the possible development of the quarter section directly downrange of us is positive news to all of us who like to use the various rifle ranges and handgun range. Dr. Carey, who presently owns the land, was denied an appeal on the county's

decision rejecting his proposal of acreage development. This then means that he will not be allowed to develop that land nor change the status of the land use from agricultural to country residential. We're safe for now unless something unforeseen comes up. Speaking of which, the range officers and I saw "divots" in the ground 20 to 30 meters in front of the firing lines on the big bore and overflow range. Obviously those bullets then ricocheted and might have left our property. Someone did this on purpose and the results could be that our range would be closed as was Edmonton Fish and Game's range a few years ago. If any of you see this happening please talk to the individual and point out the stupidity of their actions and the possible consequences and then contact me with that member's card number.

June 1st was a beautiful spring day and a record breaker for the club! We had the work party that day and had the most participation by members that we have ever had. 80 people were

out that day. Way to go!! You volunteers rock!!

Everything that Ken Sobkiw and Jim Clarke had planned to be done was done by about 2p.m. and then there were lots of people looking for extra jobs. Thanks Ken and Jim, you made the work details really coordinated and run efficiently.

Really good to see that a lot of us help the club rather than just use it -- we can't run the club without the volunteers. Thanks again to all of you!!

The club youth shoot was on June 15th from 10:30 to 3:00 on a miserable day but that didn't deter Daniel Verhoeff, the volunteers, or most importantly the youth themselves from having a whole bunch of fun and shooting. Read more and see pictures in the newsletter. Thanks again Daniel for a job well done.

After the youth shoot was over it was time for the 50th anniversary BBQ and what a delight that was! The day was still full of rain but the tent from Big Top Rentals did exactly what it was supposed to do and that was to keep us all dry as we

ate and enjoyed each others' company. After Frank Lee gave a great history of the last 50 years -- memberships started at \$2 a year -- and reiterated how far sighted the starting Fish and Gamers were we proceeded to absolutely destroy a truly wonderful meal planned and prepared by Elaine Xenos, Tassi Xenos, and helped by Ron and Liz Simpson as well as a handful of others. Thanks to all that helped in the setting up, meal serving, and taking down of chairs, tables, and clean up. I find it amazing that anyone can put

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President's Message cont'd

amazing that anyone can put in as many volunteer hours that Elaine must put in to produce these outstanding meals for the large gatherings the club has. Elaine also provided all the food at the work party as well. Every comment I heard at both events was how unbelievable a great cook she is! We're privileged to have Elaine as a member and even more so that she so willingly volunteers. THANKS again Elaine!!!

As most of you are aware our membership cap was reached and exceeded by early March. The club membership now stands at nearly 4,000 members and the property is very active. The executive will be assessing the numbers and how everyone is doing on the ranges and if there are any complaints about waits for shooting benches or shooting positions. We will be looking at usage from last year at 3,400 and compare to this year at 4,000 and see if we can stay at a larger number or drop back to fewer members. This will be achieved by having a first come, first served, cap. Membership renewals will be started October 1st and continue until Dec. 31st whereupon new memberships will be sold if we have room. Membership applications will be at the usual distributor stores and on the website but all memberships will be sold only through the club. So renew early to make sure you have a place to shoot.

Everyone should take a look at the new archery shooting shelter on the archery range. It has just been completed as I write this and will certainly keep the sun and rain off the archers just as do the

firearms range shelters. We now have a superb outdoor archery range and shooting trail -- we hope it gets as much use as the firearms ranges currently get.

Well, I've managed to have written lots but hopefully you're now more up to date. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact the executive chair for the area you want or contact me directly and I will try to be as helpful as possible. Until next time, as always, tight lines and straight shooting.

Pat Harris

President

Sherwood Park Fish and Game
Association

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& Game
Association
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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE OUT IN
NOVEMBER 2013. IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ARTICLE
INCLUDED IN THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER PLEASE
HAVE IT SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 15, 2013.

Summer Time Pics

EXECUTIVE

Shotgun
Tony Maydonik

Merchandising/Shows
Dion Park

Newsletter
TBA

Political Action/Environment
Andy Boyd

Rifle—Big Bore
Pete Beauvais

Service Awards—Club & Prov
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Youth Coordinator
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Range Supervisor
Jim Clarke



SPFGA CLUB EVENTS

Rich Rothwell

SPFGA 50TH ANNIVERSARY BARBEQUE

The 50th Anniversary of the Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association (1962-2012) was celebrated June 15th at our Ketchamoot Creek Recreation Facility. Attendance was good more than 100 people. Pat Harris welcomed all in attendance and Frank Lee gave a short history of SPFGA and those responsible for its creation. A good time was enjoyed by all with the opportunity to meet and converse with old and new friends. The barbeque was held in the club house and outside in a large tent because of numbers and periodic rainfall.

Thanks are in order for those involved in the planning and execution of this event. A big thank you is in order to Elaine and Tassi Xenos and their helpers for planning and preparing all the good food and deserts. We should do this again.



SPFGA SPRING WORK PARTY

The spring work party was held May 1st with a turnout of 50+ persons to help. Ken Sobkiw again orchestrated the activities with tasks of cleaning up the ranges, hauling wood to the clubhouse for splitting and stacking in the wood shed and in the campground. Lunch and dinner were provided and prepared to keep energy levels up for the volunteers. Elaine and her helpers again did an excellent, outstanding job of preparing lunch and dinner. Thanks to her and all of the other volunteers for coming out to help.



Memberships

Deanna Loewen, Membership Chair



Range, Single Regular and Youth memberships can be purchased at the following retailers:

Milarm Co. Ltd.
10769 - 99 Street, Edmonton
Tel: 780 -424 -5281

Sabre Sports & Cycle
52 Brentwood Boulevard, Sherwood Park
Tel: 780 -464 -3100

P & D Enterprises
10552 - 115 Street, Edmonton
Tel: 780 -420 -6419

Sherwood Park Archery Lanes
429 Sioux Road, Sherwood Park
Tel: 780 -464 -0017

Wholesale Sports – North
12610 St. Albert Trail, Edmonton
Tel: 780 -477 -3737

Wholesale Sports – South
2033 - 98 Street, Edmonton
Tel: 780 -461 -2001

Alberta Fish & Game Association
6924 - 104 Street, Edmonton
Tel: 780 -437 -2342

- 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.

Range Orientation Sessions

10:00 AM Last Sunday of each month Contact Pat Harris to confirm attendance.



Thank You Jordan Sharpe

Advertisements are not normally carried in our newsletter. This ad is an exception, to acknowledge the support of club member Jordan Sharpe and his company AAA-Signs Inc. Jordan's company has provided SPFGA with professional designed signage at the Shooting Ranges, Campground and at the Entrance. Jordan's generous contributions have saved us thousands of dollars. Thank you very much Jordan your help is very appreciated.

SHERWOOD PARK FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION PO BOX 3098, SHERWOOD PARK, AB T8H 2T1 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

2013 Membership Fees

- ☐ Regular \$ 55 Member benefits for one person, Does not include range privileges
- ☐ Family Regular \$ 75 Member benefits include spouse/partner, dependent children under 18 years of age. Does not include range privileges.
- ☐ Youth \$ 20 Open to any young person under 18 years of age. Children Under 18 years of age must be supervised by a Range Member.

- ☐ NEW
- ☐ RENEWAL

BIRTH YEAR

THE 2013 MEMBERSHIP CAP ON RANGE AND FAMILY RANGE MEMBERSHIPS HAS BEEN REACHED. 2013 RANGE AND FAMILY RANGE MEMBERSHIPS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEAR.

REGULAR, FAMILY REGULAR, YOUTH MEMBERSHIPS AND UPGRADES OF RANGE MEMBERSHIPS TO FAMILY RANGE MEMBERSHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

SEND APPLICATIONS FOR THE ABOVE BY CANADA POST OR EMAIL (membership@spfga.org) TO THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

A replacement fee for lost cards is \$20.00 per individual memberships and up to \$50 for an entire family.

Name

Mailing Address

Town/City Province Postal Code

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Phone(.....) Email

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Amount Enclosed

\$

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

PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ CHEQUE Please make cheques payable to *Sherwood Park Fish & Game Association*
- ☐ VISA Name On Card
- ☐ MASTERCARD Card No.
- ☐ AMEX Expiry Date Signature

Name	Birth Year	Relationship
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Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association Membership

Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association (SPFGA) consists of a variety of age groups, special interest groups, target shooters, hunters, fishermen/women, bird watchers, conservationists, etc. Members can enjoy the facilities and nature, can assist with conservation effort and can share their interests with other members. Members can hike, camp, participate in archery, and use firearms (rifles, handguns, shotguns, black powder guns). Youth under 18 years of age can learn how to fish in the stocked fish pond.

The Club WILL NOT tolerate any behavior that compromises the safety of our members, neighbors or the general public. Members must adhere to general rules regarding firearms and ammunition. Range rules are posted at shooting ranges and on the website (www.spfga.org). Members must observe posted shooting times.

SPFGA is affiliated with the Alberta Fish and Game Association (AFGA). Part of your membership fees are paid to AFGA. These fees provide members with insurance (while using the range and facilities), the Outdoor Edge Magazine, discounts at various businesses, and a combined voice on matters of common interest to government and other groups.

Membership Classifications

Regular Membership - No access to Shooting ranges.

Range Membership - Full access to all facilities including shooting ranges.

Youth Membership is open to all young people under 18 years of age.

Dependent includes a spouse/partner and their sons/daughters under 18 years of age.

Retailers do not sell Family Range or Family Regular memberships.

Note: All youth under 18 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

Family Regular Membership : one regular member, a spouse/partner and their dependent children under 18 years of age with no access to shooting ranges.

Family Range Membership : one range member, a spouse/partner and their dependent children under 18 years of age with access to shooting ranges.

Family Range Memberships and Family Regular Memberships DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and in-law relations.

Children who live at home but are over 18 years of age Family Range or Family Regular classifications.

Other family members e.g. siblings /parents who reside with a member.

All Family Range Members and Family Regular Members must purchase their memberships as follows through the Membership Chair.

Mail a completed application with appropriate payment to the Club. Mailing address is: SPFGA, PO Box 3098, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 3T1

-Call the Membership Chair

-Email the Membership Chair at:

-At General Meetings

2013 Membership Fees are as follows:

Range	\$110
Family Range	\$150
Regular	\$55
Family Regular	\$75
Youth	\$20

Youth Shoot

Daniel Verhoeff

On June 15th our club hosted a Youth Shoot. The weather tried its hardest to force us off the range but did not succeed! We had a great turn out and the event was a huge success. The day started off with a short range orientation followed by a firearms safety discussion. The group then had some time to work on their marksmanship before the official silhouette shoot. It was so nice to see such great shooting and giant smiles. By the end of the event shooters were quite capable of knocking down rams at 100 yards! From there we enjoyed a short hotdog lunch and headed off to the shotgun range. The youths had the opportunity to shoot both 12 and 20 gauge shotguns. Thanks to everyone for coming out and making this day a success, we look forward to seeing you again next year and hope to have a few new faces join us.



Youth Shoot

Daniel Verhoeff



SPFGA GROUP ACTIVITIES

SPFGA Group Activities

New to SPFGA? Join Pat Harris the last Sunday of the month January through October at 10am for an orientation to our ranges. Free. Contact Pat at 780-662-4738 or patnicola@yahoo.com.

Fun Shoot

Bring the family out to try your hand at the club trophy for best overall. Also, awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place adult and youth for each event.

Saturday August 10th 9am to 5pm.

Events include:

Big Bore Rifle: 300m freestanding rifle, 200m prone, sitting or kneeling with rest, and 100m prone, sitting or kneeling without rest.

Handgun: .22 handgun event (50 rounds). Loaner handguns may available.

Shotgun: Round of trap (25 shots).

\$5/event. Prizes. Family friendly. BBQ. Bring your own ammo.

Meet at the Shotgun Range at 9am for registration.

Contact Pete Beauvais at 780-923-3831 or Richard Rothwell at 780-467-6425 or richard.rothwell@shaw.ca to register.

Trap Shooting

Join Tony Maydonik and his crew for trap shooting at the shotgun range from mid-May to mid-October. We challenge you to score a 25.

Sunday afternoon noon to 3pm. The rabbit or teal machine may be used for an extra challenge after trap.

Wednesday evening 6pm to 8pm as long as there is light.

\$5/round covers clays and scoring. Bring your own shotgun and ammo.

Contact Tony Maydonik at 780-465-5853.



Handgun Events

Come out to shoot handguns with Gary Chambers at the handgun range second Sunday of the month May through September (except June – first Sunday).

August 11th 10am to noon Silhouette

September 8th 10am to noon Rimfire Fun Event

October 6th 10am to noon Action Pistol

Free. Bring ammo. Loaner handguns may be available for some events.

Contact Gary Chambers at 780-468-9595 or

handgun@spfga.org to register.

For more information on club events please visit our website calendar at www.spfga.org/calendar.html. Also, Bill Missen will send out a phone call and email from time to time announcing these special events.

Black Powder Shoot

Sept 7 & 8

Shoot Rules

Non SPF&G members are welcome to this Black Powder Shoot.

All shooters must have their own liability insurance coverage.

Alberta Fish & Game members have liability insurance. The National Firearms Association has inexpensive liability insurance available. Both these organizations are worthy of our support.

\$5 entry fee per person, per event. No blanket prize needed.



All rifles must be muzzle-loaders, with iron sights. This includes inline rifles.

Trade gun are flint lock smoothbore, with no back sights.

Pistols can be cap & ball revolvers or muzzle loaders.

The uses of sabots or maxi type bullets are NOT permitted. They destroy our gongs.

Use only patched round balls. Please, no greased lube patches, as they can start grass fires.

Inline rifles with scopes can be used, but can not win 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes. They are eligible for all other prizes.

Some shooters will be asked to help manage an event.

Fire prevention / 5 second patch lube test

A small propane torch (the type used to solder copper pipe) is needed for this test.

Lube a patch & hold it at the tip of the flame for 5 seconds. If the patch does not start to smoulder, this patch lube lube combo can be used on trail walk.

Please do this test. Check your patch lube before coming to our shoot. We will be testing all patch lubes at the shoot.

Shoot

Saturday morning Rifle.

Saturday afternoon: Pistol.

Sunday morning: Trade Gun

Sunday afternoon: Knife & Hawk.

Morning events; registration 8:30 to 9:30, shooting 9 to 12, prizes given out at 1 pm

Afternoon events; registration 1 to 2, shooting 1 to 4, prizes given out at 5.

We are easy & flexible. For example, if there is enough shooters who want use trade guns on Saturday morning, we will add another event.

Camping

Tin long house camping by the club house and in the camp ground.

A large primitive camp area will be located behind the club house .

Camp set up as early as Thursday afternoon. All campers can stay until Monday morning.

Saturday evening potluck supper.

\$10 shot fee per camp / rig.

Contact / Information

Neil Usher 780-464-6740 or usher.neil@gmail.com

Tassi Xenos 780-479-0075 or xenos3@telus.net

Location

Sherwood Park Fish & Game Range. Check their web site for location. www.spgfa.org



2013 Calendar of Events



AUGUST

Aug 1 12:00 to 5:00pm EPS Sniper Program Overflow Range
Aug 4, 11, 18 & 25 12:00pm to 3:00pm Trap Shooting - \$5 per round Shotgun Range. Sundays mid-May to late September
Aug 7, 14, 21 & 28 6:00pm to 8:00pm Trap Shooting - \$5 per round Shotgun Range. Wednesdays mid-May to late September
Weekend Edmonton House Brigade Black Powder mid-Summer Trail Clean-Up Shotgun Range, Overflow Range, Handgun Range, Black Powder Trail, Clubhouse [Exclusive Use] Black Powder
Aug 11 10:00am to 12:00am Handgun Event - Silhouette Overflow Range. Contact Gary Chambers 780-468-9595 handgun@spfga.org
9:00am to 4:00pm Fun Shoot - \$5 per event Big Bore, Pistol and Shotgun, Big Bore Range, Handgun Range, Shotgun Range, Clubhouse. Contact Pete Beauvais 780-923-3831
Aug 25 10:00am Range Orientation (1 hour) Meet at Big Bore Range. Contact Pat Harris 780-662-4738 patnicola@yahoo.ca

SEPTEMBER

Sep 1, 8 & 15 12:00pm to 3:00pm Trap Shooting - \$5 per round Shotgun Range. Sundays mid-May to late September.
Sep 4, 11 & 18 6:00pm to 8:00pm Trap Shooting - \$5 per round Shotgun Range. Wednesdays mid-May to late September.
Sep 05 7:00pm Hunter's Night At ACT Recreation and Leisure Centre Ballroom, Rundle Park. Attending will be game biologists and Fish and Wildlife officers to bring us up to date on the province's game regulations, and to provide information on additional hunting opportunities. In addition there will be displays of hunting gear including rifles, shotguns and archery tackle. Admission is free. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 draw, and coffee and doughnuts will be served.
Sep 08 10:00am to 12:00am Handgun Event - Rimfire Fun Handgun Range. Contact Gary Chambers 780-468-9595 handgun@spfga.org
Sep 10 7:00pm Executive Meeting Chamber of Commerce (100 Ordze Avenue)
Sep 22 FALL SHOOTING HOURS IN EFFECT 9:00AM TO 6:30PM
Sep 29 10:00am Range Orientation (1 hour) Meet at Big Bore Range. Contact Pat Harris 780-662-4738 patnicola@yahoo.ca

OCTOBER

Oct 06 10:00am to 12:00am Handgun Event - Action Pistol Handgun Range. Contact Gary Chambers 780-468-9595 handgun@spfga.org
Oct 08 7:00pm Executive Meeting Chamber of Commerce (100 Ordze Avenue)
Oct 18-20 Weekend 2733 Royal Canadian Army Cadets

Oct 27 10:00am Range Orientation (1 hour) Meet at Big Bore Range. Contact Pat Harris 780-662-4738 patnicola@yahoo.ca
Oct 31 7:30pm General Meeting Old Log Cabin (50 Spruce Avenue)

NOVEMBER

Nov 01 WINTER SHOOTING HOURS IN EFFECT 9:00AM TO 5:00PM
Nov 12 7:00pm Executive Meeting Chamber of Commerce (100 Ordze Avenue)

DECEMBER

Dec 05 7:00pm Election Night Old Log Cabin (50 Spruce Avenue)

For more events please check our website