



# **SHERWOOD PARK FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION**

## **September October—2016**



Hello all and welcome to another fall in Alberta. I am writing this on the 1st of September and fall harvest has just begun with the pea fields being the first to be combined. Waterfowl will soon be pouring into them and you ardent waterfowl hunters will be a happy group. Hopefully all of you that had expectations in the annual draws got the draws you had hoped for and are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of the big game seasons. Archery big game and sheep hunting have already gotten underway and success to those that are their quests.

Spring and summer have been and gone and hopefully your fishing has been good. I managed to fill a bucket wish list with three friends and flew into Michelle Lake and caught some Golden trout. They weren't big (10 inches and under) but they were fairly abundant and cooperative. My other fishing was off the north end of Haida Gwaii for salmon and various other salt water fish. Stayed in the campground with other SPFGA friends and had a great time for a month. Thanks again to Roger from our club who fixed my kicker engine carb.

I was out at the newly improved archery trail and what a delight it was to see all the new 3D targets and people using the trail and the archery range butts. Thanks for all the work you've done Al and Laurie Keeler. The two 3D target shoots in spring and late summer were well attended. Congrats to all that showed up and partook of the events.

Organized trap shooting has wound up and I was at the final evening shoot on August 31. Lots of room for improvement for me to try for next year. Thanks to Keith Lacy for organizing and running the shotgun shooting events and to Percy, Rayna, and Shawn for helping run the Sunday events. Way to go volunteers. Hopefully we will see all the regulars out again next spring as well as lots of new comers.

All the ranges have been well used and rules are being abided by with no major problems which is great to see. Keep up the good attitude everyone!

Membership peaked at the 5,000 level and we had hundreds of people that we had to turn away. Please remember to fill in your renewal forms as soon as you get them and then get them in right away to ensure you get a membership for next year. December 1st will be the cut off date for renewal and the membership chair will then be able to see if we will have any openings for new members. New membership applications were cut off by 7:30 the evening

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Improved campsites and road in the campground have led to more usage of the campground. Lots of weekends it is nearly full. Very peaceful out there when the range is silenced in the evening. We do have a length of stay period which most campers are adhering to which is good -- leaves campsites to be enjoyed by more members. Good to see that people are also following the rules on not leaving units blocking the campsites when they are not in use. Always take your unit home at the end of your stay and don't leave it to reserve a spot.

Lots more has been happening within the club but I will leave them for my next report. Keep enjoying the facilities and may you have tight lines and straight shooting. Pat Harris.

## **2016 Hunting Season**

Copies of 2016 Guide to Hunting Regulations are now available free of charge at retail outlets (Canadian Tire, Cabelas, Wholesale Sports). Be sure to review important changes on page 12. If you are purchasing tags online you will need access to a computer, email address, and a valid credit card (page 10).

Online tags can be obtained in Edmonton at Alberta Professional Outfitters Society, Alberta Hunter Education Alberta Fish and Game Association. In Sherwood Park at Alberta Conservation Association.

Addresses and telephone numbers for most of the above are listed in the 2016 Guide to Hunting Regulations.



# Membership Report Deanna Loewen

## **Membership Renewal Notices for 2017**

In mid-September 2016 a renewal letter and 2017 Membership Application form will be mailed to last known address.

Deadline for 2017 Membership Renewal is December 1, 2016.

Membership applications can be submitted either by email, Canada Post or by Fax.

Memberships will be processed in the SPFGA office.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please call 780-467-0085 and press 1 to speak to the Membership Chair.

Call 780-910-4248 for office hours.

## **New Member Applications for 2017**

Applications from new members will not be accepted until January 1, 2017.

On January 1, 2017 names will be placed on a waiting list until we have determined if there are any range and family range memberships available for 2017.

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PO BOX 3098, SHERWOOD PARK, AB T8H 2T1

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### 2017 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.
- ☐ Range \$ 130 Member benefits for one person. Includes all privileges and use of shooting ranges.
- ☐ Family Range \$ 170 Member benefits include range member, spouse/partner, their dependent children under 18 years of age. Includes all privileges and use of shooting ranges. Children under 18 years of age must be supervised by a Range Member.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Access Card \$10 (one time charge)
- ☐ Lost Membership Cards Replacement fee is \$20 per individual membership and \$50 for an entire family.

- ☐ NEW
- ☐ RENEWAL
- ☐ MALE
- ☐ FEMALE

BIRTH YEAR

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Email address is used only for emailing Club information such as notices of Meetings. NO SPAM advertising will result.

Do you wish to continue receiving emails from the Club about notices of Meetings, etc.? Yes ☐ No ☐

### PAYMENT METHOD

☐ CHEQUE, MONEY ORDER OR BANK DRAFT

☐ VISA Name On Card \_\_\_\_\_

☐ MASTERCARD Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ AMEX Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY REGULAR AND FAMILY RANGE MEMBERSHIPS: PLEASE PRINT NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH AND RELATIONSHIP

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

Name	Birth Year	Relationship
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

# 2016 Hunter's night

The Annual Hunters Night meeting was held September 1, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Old Log Cabin in Sherwood Park. Planning for this annual event is a joint effort between Sherwood Park Fish and Game and the Edmonton Fish and Game Associations. It provides members of both organizations an opportunity to meet with provincial Fish and Wildlife personnel about any changes in the 2016 hunting regulations and wildlife management issues of concern.



**Invitees for 2016 Hunter's Night: Left to right: Dennis Henderson, Delaney, Dave Hollingshead SPFGA, Jack Graham, Mat Besco, Todd Zimmerly ACA. Dave Hollingshead (SPFGA) and Jim Shewfelt (EFGA) were moderators for the evening.**

The first item of business was a vote to approve the resolution submitted by SPFGA at the 2016 AFGA Annual General Meeting, ``Alberta Environment and Parks increase resident waterfowl hunting opportunity by restricting the number of days, or the timing of the hunting season, or other means, that an outfitter may operate and in so doing, reduce the conflict and competition for receiving access to hunt on private lands``. If approved at the 2017 AGM it will be a AFGA policy statement.

Questions and discussion for the rest of the evening covered a wide range of issues : pheasant release sites and habitats for releases, recovery of deer populations, how draws and quotas for wildlife management units are reached, caribou populations, hunting ethics, legality of drones in hunting, issues of hunters versus anti-hunters.

The meeting ended at 10:30 pm with draws for door prizes and the 50-50. Attendance at the evening was 56.



# 2016 Fun Shoot Results

The Annual Fun Shoot was held in August. This event is a test of shooting skills with shotgun, pistol, rifle and archery. The event consists of a round of trap, pistol shooting for speed and accuracy, rifle fire at paper targets at 100 meters and silhouettes at 300 meters and archery at ?? meters. Participants can shoot all 4 events or any combination of the 4 events. Entry fee for each event is \$5 which includes lunch.

Winner for trap shooting was Lloyd Lacey shooting 24 out of 25 clay pigeons. Kevin was top shooter in the pistol competition with Tony Puhan coming in second. Paul Beauvais was first in the rifle competition for paper targets and silhouettes.

TRAP		
1st	2nd	3rd
Lloyd Lacey	Tony Puhan	Steve Dunnett
Pistol		
1st	2nd	3rd
Kevin Henry	Tassi Xenos	Paul Beauvais
RIFLE		
1st	2nd	3rd
Paul Beauvais	Niko Milic	Karoly Balint
Archery		
1st	2nd	3rd
Pete Beauvais	Niko Milic	
OVERAL WINNERS		
Adult	Tony Puhan	
Youth	Onn Qazilbash	



**Silhouettes.**



**Pistol Shooting**



**Trap**

# FIREARMS DISCHARGE PERMITS

If you are planning to hunt on a Provincial Recreation Area this fall you will need to obtain a Firearms Discharge permit. Firearms discharge permits are required to hunt in the following recreational areas.

Alberta Provincial Recreation Areas :

Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area

North Bruderheim Provincial Recreation Area

Redwater Provincial Recreation Area

Sulphur Gates Provincial Recreation Area

(<http://www.albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/visit-our-parks/activities/hunting/firearms-discharge-permits/>)

Prior to obtaining a firearms discharge permit, hunters may be required to attend an orientation session. If you have not attended an orientation in the past 5 years or are a first time hunter on the Blackfoot you will be required to attend an orientation session. Phone ahead to register for an orientation session. ( )

You will need to provide the following information for a permit: photo id, home address, postal code, telephone contact number, date of birth, WIN number and listing of firearms to be used and game to be hunted.

Orientations at the Blackfoot are held at the office located at the west entrance

**Orientations Dates for the Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Recreation Area are:**

Friday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 22 at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 29 at 2:30 p.m.

# 2016 SPRING CLEAN UP

## Spring Range Cleanup

I truly have to thank everyone that showed up. When I got to the range at 7am the morning of the cleanup, the first conversation we had was about the best method to preserve the food that was purchased. The rain was coming down hard and it was cold.

When 8am rolled around I could not believe how many people with trucks, trailers, quads and chainsaws all showed up. I am still trying to determine if this was due to an extremely hearty membership or if there was a certain amount of sympathy driving people to show up.

When lunch time rolled around there was a total of 57 volunteers which is on par with other year's attendance. By early afternoon all of the projects that could have been completed without complications from the rain had been done.

- The fencing crews went around the property and mended the barbwire that was broken (moose seem to ignore fences),
- All the trails were cleared and the wood was harvested, standing deadfall that may breach the road was dropped,
- The ranges were painted and cleaned up, target board uprights were changed out, and
- an enormous amount of wood was split and filled the clubhouse and campground supply.

Without this amount of volunteer support the club would not be able to operate with such low yearly membership costs. Finally I would like to single out two individuals, first the backbone of the club Jim Clarke for special thanks as he is instrumental to the operation and maintenance nuances of the club, and Elaine Xenos for her culinary delights. I hope everyone had fun at the cleanup and will come back next year. Let's hope for better weather!

**Once more Thanks to all of the volunteers who showed up.**

Lee Simkin



# RESULTS

## 2016 SPRING BLACK POWSER SHOOT

### Primitive Camp Terrance Kraus



### Smoothbore Winners 1- Randy Chappel 2- Colby Robison 3- Rob McCoy



### Rifle Winners 1- Ken Steinhauer 2- Pete Beauvais 3- Addison MacGregor



### Knife and Hawk Winners 1 - Paul Christiansen 2- Roger Murray 3 - Pete Beauvais



### Pistol Winners

1- Ken Steinhaurer 2- Tassi Xenos  
3- Pete Beauvais

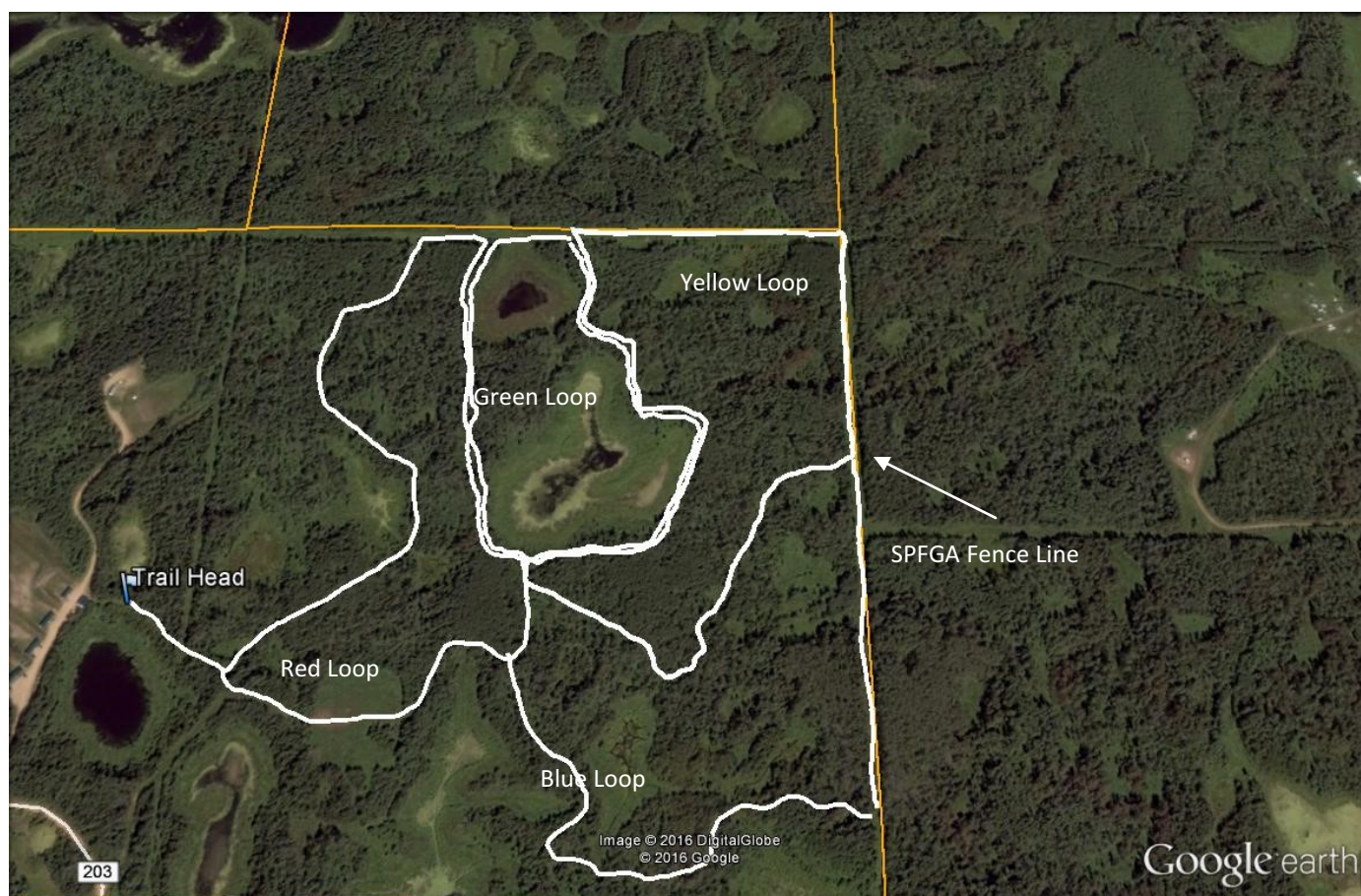


### Primitive Archery Winner Ray Ryan



# KETCHAMOOT HIKING TRAILS

The existence of a network of hiking trails at Ketchamoot may be a surprise to some members. In the past it was used as a training ground for biathlon athletes. To make it more user friendly for members “map and arrow signs” and will posted at all trail junctions this fall. The network consists of four loops (red, green, yellow and blue) that are 1.2 to 1.99 km in length. The trailhead for the network (starting point) is at the north end of the garage across from the handgun ranges. Handouts showing the trail and distances will be available at the clubhouse, the trail head and posted on the SPFGA web page (<http://www.spfga.org/>). The trails wind through forest cover and along wetland areas. If you are walk quietly you may see a moose or deer and water fowl on the sloughs. The trails should also be good for cross country skiing.





# Sherwood Park Fish and Game Archery Report



We held two 3D archery shoots this year, the first on May 15 and the second on August 21. There were 19 members at the first and 24 at the second. The course was set up with 21 targets arranged in various hunting situations and appeared to provide a challenge for all. Each shoot consisted of two rounds. There were a variety of targets to shoot at including a mosquito, wolverine, fish, baboon, deer, bear, boar, turkey, snake, antelope, elk and bison. Distances ranged up to forty yards. Our youngest shooter was Brianna at the age of 4 and we will not say how old the oldest was! Those that attended seemed to enjoy the course, the visiting between rounds and the concession. We had a number of different classes and the winners of the May and August shoot are listed below.

	May 15 Shoot		August 21 Shoot
Male Bow Hunters	First	Kris Skelly	Kris Skelly
	Second	Norm Devaleriola	Jordy Cox
	Third	Jordy Cox	Kurt Tox
Female Bow Hunters	First	Dallas Varoney	Veronica Yen-Klissner
	Second	Veronica Yen-Klissner	-----
Youth Male Bow Hunter	First	Liam Skelly	-----
Youth Female Bow Hunter	First	Kaitlyn Amon	Kaitlyn Amon
Pee WW Bow Hunter		-----	Brianna Bilodeau

Proceeds from the May 15 shoot were donated to the Red Cross Ft. McMurray Recovery Fund. You can view pictures of both events on the SPFGA Website.

We would like to thank Elaine Xenos for the cooking and great cookies for our May shoot; Lori Keeler and her mom, Joan, for cooking and running the concession for the second shoot. Pat Harris is responsible for most of the pictures taken and we would like to thank him also.

The 3D course has been reduced to twelve targets for the fall for your enjoyment and all targets will be taken in by mid-October or the first snow.

Please remember, there are to be NO broadheads used on the target butts or the 3D targets at any time but you are more than welcome to bring out your own broadhead target. You may also use the sand pit with the old 3D target or the tar paper to sight in.

The archery hunting season is starting shortly and here are some tips that may help make your hunting season successful. Make sure you sight in your broadheads as their point of impact may be different than your field points. You want to have your broadheads razor sharp so you get a quick kill. Dull broadheads make a jagged cut which will quickly clot and make tracking the animal very difficult.

### **Tips for Bow Hunting**

- A range finder is a great piece of equipment and strongly recommended. Even with a range finder, it is recommended to practice estimating distances as when that big buck steps out in front of you, he make not stay around long enough for you to check the distance with your range finder. You can prepare for him if you ranging various points in your shooting lanes once you are in your blind or tree stand. A good point to remember is not to be too close to the trail as deer can detect you drawing your bow very easily. It is best to be about 20 yards from the trail whether you are in a ground blind or using a tree stand.
- It is a good idea to mask your hands and face in some wy as their color is out of place in the bush. They act as a beacon and can cause an animal to spook. Wear a face mask or use face paint and wear gloves all of which are good ideas to overcome this difficulty.
- When you are practicing, wear the same clothes you would use when you are hunting. By doing this, you will know if the string hits your sleeve or your face mask gets in the way. If you use a tree stand, you should practice shooting from it as the point of impact may change when you are shooting down. You may also find the bow contacts the tree or parts of your body especially if the animal is almost right under you. Once you are in your blind or tree stand, practice drawing your bow and lining up on the various shooting lanes you have. This will identify any interference you may not have noticed previously. Remember even a small branch will deflect an arrow enough to cause a miss.
- One should set some rules for shooting distances. Arrows only travel about 300 feet per second and an animal can do a lot in the time it takes for the arrow to reach it. My wife and I have a rule that if the animal is more than 30 yards away well, we will see it tomorrow! For shots beyond this distance one runs a high risk of only wounding the animal.
- For those using a tree stand, be safe and use a safety harness when going up or down and while up there waiting for your animal to show. It only takes one slip, you could fall and it may be a long time before someone comes to help you.
- For those that have caught the 3D bug, here are some equipment tips. One should get a set of binoculars and I have found a set of 10x42 works really well. I prefer a belt quiver for carrying my arrows as opposed to a bow quiver. This way I can carry other things like ivory soap for lubricating my arrows, a big screw driver for getting arrows out of trees and my release when I have finished shooting. One may want to consider a bow pod so the bow is not left lying on the ground for someone to step on while you are retrieving arrows. 3D is pretty much over until January and Christmas is between now and then should anyone need any Christmas gift ideas for the archer in the house! Hope you have a great hunting season and above all, be safe and enjoy the outdoors. **Al Keeler**

## August 3D Archery Shoot









# SPFGA Youth Event

**Join us for a presentation on Falcons, Owls and Birds of Prey.**

When: Sunday October 16 2016

Time 1:00pm-3:00pm

Location: 20102 TWP 512, Beaver County AB T0B 4J1

(\*Children will need to be dropped off and picked up from this **location. Parents are welcome to stay for the presentation.**

Dress for the weather as it will be outdoors\*)

What to Expect: We will see and discuss several types of falcons; children will be able to hold one. There will be a Saw Whet owl also and discussions about birds of prey. A simulated hunting situation will take place at the end.

Please RSVP to \_\_\_\_\_ by October 7 2016.

***Note: All participants need to be members of the SPFGA***

## SPFGA CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER

SEPT 1 2016	7:30 pm	HUNTER'S NIGHT	OLD LOG CABIN 50 SPRUCE AVE SHERWOOD PARK
SEPT 6 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	RCMP ERT	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 7 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	LEDUC RCMP	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 8 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	LEDUC RCMP	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 10 2016	ALL DAY	BLACK POWDER SHOOT	BLACK POWDER TRAIL—CAMPGROUND—CLUB HOUSE
SEPT 11 2016	ALL DAY	BLACK POWDER SHOOT	BLACK POWDER TRAIL—CAMPGROUND—CLUB HOUSE
SEPT 13 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	LEDUC RCMP	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 14 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 15 2016	9 AM—4 9M	EDMONTON EPS	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 16 2016	9 AM—4 9M	RCMP ERT	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 19 2016	9 AM—4 9M	RCMP	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 20 2016	9 AM—4 PM	RCMP	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 21 2016	9 AM—4 PM	RCMP	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 22 2016	9 AM—4 PM	RCMP	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 23 2016	9AM—4 PM	RCMP	OVERFLOW RANGE
SEPT 23 2016	ALL DAY	193 VILLAGE LAKE/ SCOUTS	CLUB HOUSE
SEPT 24 2016	ALL DAY	193 VILLAGE LAKE/ SCOUTS	CLUB HOUSE
SEPT 25 2016	ALL DAY	193 VILLAGE LAKE/ SCOUTS	CLUB HOUSE
SEPT 29 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	RCMP ERT	OVERFLOW RANGE
OCT 4 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	RCMP ERT	OVERFLOW RANGE
OCT 5 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	RCMP ERT	OVERFLOW RANGE
OCT 6 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	EPS TACTICAL	OVERFLOW RANGE
OCT 8 2016	ALL DAY	175 SOUTHWOOD BEAVERS	CLUBHOUSE
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OCT 20 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	RCMP ERT	OVERFLOW RANGE
OCT 27 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	E.P.S TRG	OVERFLOW RANGE
OCT 29 2016	ALLDAY	YELLOW BIRD SCOUTS	CLUBHOUSE
NOV 3 2016	ALL DAY	SHERWOOD PARK GIRL GUIDES GUIDES	CLUB HOUSE
NOV 4 2016	ALL DAY	SHERWOOD PARK GIRL GUIDES GUIDES	CLUB HOUSE
NOV 5 2016	ALL DAY	SHERWOOD PARK GIRL GUIDES GUIDES	CLUB HOUSE
NOV 17 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	RCMP ERT	OVERFLOW RANGE
NOV 19 2016	ALL DAY	YELLOW BIRD SCOUTS	CLUB HOUSE
NOV 26 2016	ALL DAY	YELLOW BIRD SCOUTS	CLUB HOUSE
Dec 1 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	E P S TACTICAL	OVERFLOW RANGE
DEC 6 2016	9 AM - 4 PM	RCMP ERT	OVERFLOW RANGE

Return undeliverable addresses to: Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association