



THE NEWSLETTER

**SARCEE FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION
HOLDS MEETINGS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH
MONTH
EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST**

**AT 7:30 P.M. @ MOUNTAIN VIEW MEMORIAL GARDENS
17TH AVENUE AND GARDEN ROAD S.E., CALGARY ALBERTA
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President's Report

It has been a busy spring, with meetings and organizing volunteers for our numerous projects. I did manage to put my priorities in perspective and took a very successful fishing trip to northern Manitoba. It's as dry there as it is in Alberta and the ice on my favorite lake didn't go out till June 9 th.

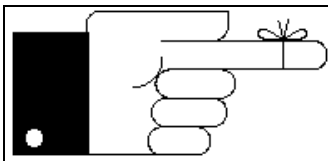
I'd like to compliment and express my gratitude to those many members of our association who volunteer their time and energy to the many projects which we continually have ongoing. A few examples are: (a) the handicapped fishing derby which had 53 participants and 80 volunteers, plus pumping and raising the water level in the pond. (b) the Alberta junior pheasant program with hundreds of man-hours by many volunteers building a new pheasant pen. (c) releasing approximately 500 pheasant brood hens into the wild, and raising birds from chicks all by volunteers. (d) approximately 2000 trees planted already this year for habitat replacement by a few volunteers. (e) wildlife surveys, fish recovery, campouts, water resource and environment meetings, and the list goes on, all by volunteers. Without these dedicated people we would not exist, because only with accomplishment is there a need to exist.

We plan on having a fishing derby at Bennet Pond, east of Innisfail on September 29 th. For more info., contact our fishing chairman or see the details in the September newsletter.

We also plan to conduct a firearms training course at the Junior Forest Wardens Sundog camp on July 14 to 20.

We have received a letter of thanks from AFGA for our contribution to the annual conference in the form of a donation to the conference and to the fund raising auction. Good luck on your big game draws and good shooting.

Art Beck 274-5924



Remember No Meeting for July & August, see you again Sept. 10, 2002

Family Campout & Pig Roast

To get to Highwood group camp: Head to Okotoks, through Okotoks and on to Black Diamond, then on to Longview, turn west just in the town of Longview onto Highway 541, follow 541 for 33 km, watch for the Kananaskis gates (sign), Highwood Group Campsite is on your left. The Campout is Aug. 16-18, 2002 and the club will pay the camp fees, Saturday is a fun day



with a Potluck Supper. We will again be Roasting a Pig, Jonn Kapjek is obtaining a letter of permission from Alberta Forest regarding fire to roast the pig. As your contribution to the potluck dinner, please bring a Salad &/or Dessert for 8 people, your dishes and your favorite drink. Dinner is usually planned for between 4 PM & 6 PM depending on the cooking of the pig. There is a horseshoe pit, fishing near by and if you have never seen Jonn roast a pig, it is an interesting and fun experience.

We have access to the Group campsite after 2 PM on Friday; Social time is spent before turning in. Saturday builds up to the Potluck/Pig Roast Supper, with games and socializing after. Sunday the campers will share any leftovers for a potluck Lunch and then back to the city.

Hopefully you can come and join us for the weekend camping, but if time is short, then just come out for the potluck/pig roast on Saturday. It is a great time to meet club members and exchange stories

about your time in the great outdoors.

Bird Chairman's Report

Since the death of our son Dave, I have had lots of problems. However, they say we should continue to talk about him and it will get easier. So please continue to talk to us even if you don't know what to say. Anyone who has lost a child knows It Sucks.

The great news on pheasants came on May 24 when Marge Fraiser reported "a mother pheasant and 5 chicks in the bull pen". This is a very early hatch, and almost a miracle when you consider the 2 or 3 deep dumps of snow in that area just before they hatched.

Dan has reported 4 Turkey chicks and 3 infertile eggs in one nest at his place. The hen pheasants have become very scarce, so he thinks they are setting and he hopes to see young pheasants soon. He reported more pheasants than anytime since the late 80's. It appears our past raising and release program is working.

The Raise and Release Project for 2002 did not expand as much as I had hoped. Two candidates are building homes (rather than pheasant pens). Another ran into water in the purposed area. And a fourth want to raise cattle and get some money off his land. But that gives us hope for next year.

John Komonoski and I plan to pick up the 6 week old pheasant chicks from Brooks on July 2 nd for the three southern pheasant raisers. Dan Ramonske will get the 2 northern raisers birds a week or two later along with the birds for the Alberta Junior Pheasant Project (A.J.P.P). I thank Dan for arranging for the feed and grit to be sent down to Calgary. So while we take the summer off, 5 Pheasant Raisers will be watering, feeding and caring for the young pheasants EVERY DAY. Thank you very much.

At this time, Dan Radomske needs manpower to help finish the big pen for the A.J.P.P. If you can help, please call Dan @ 1-403-227-2105. It is an awesome project.

On the Migratory Bird front, Delta Waterfowl Foundation has a draw on July 12, 2002 where for \$30.00 U.S., you could win an all expense paid trip for two to Northern Manitoba to observe and participate in a 3-day goose-banding project along the Hudson Bay coast. Call them toll free @ 1-888-987-3695 to enroll by phone or get more information. With each ticket, you get authentic Canada Goose neck collar with your draw number. Have a Great summer

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please call John Komonoski @ 256-5323, or Art Yeske @. We would be happy to talk to you. Thanks Art Yeske 249-7245



Spring Pheasant Release With Audience of School Children

Alberta Junior Pheasant Project

The project has moved on to yet another level with the building of a 308' x 48' flight pen 16' high. We are well under way and scrambling towards the arrival of ten-week-old chicks around July 10. Thanks to Gene Kulsky, Dave Beeman, Phil Miner, Don Schroederus and of course Peggy Bayne.

Thanks to Bryce Chase and Dave McIver as well as Bob Tarney, Ken and Clayton Raven and children, Don Schroederus all for their help on the Habitat Improvement project of cutting and planting over 1000 willow cuttings both wild and from Indian head. Pheasants Forever Red Deer has donated an electric fence to protect the planted area from livestock in the winter.

Sponsors have been very generous after seeing how successful the project is. Wayne Price's paperwork has secured us tremendous sponsorship on the new pen.

Dave McIver is turning into a barrel maker (no rifling) to produce feeders for the birds. Thanks Dave.

Recently added sponsors are:

Pheasants Forever Calgary
Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn, Red Deer
Red Deer UFA Farmstore
J.A. Cissel Netting-New Jersey
Ell-Six Enterprises, Olds
Canadian National Sportsmans Shows, Toronto

Northwest Pipe, Blackfalds
Murray and Edna Stringer, Innisfail (bobcat)
Innisfail Kinsmen
Rocky Mountain House Fish and Game
Quinlan Excavating, Penhold

Heritage Farmstead Program Funded

The Alberta Conservation Association has also provided funds to support the Heritage Farmstead Program. Funds are available for the purchasing of recognition road signs given to participants of the program and for volunteer mileage for signing up new landowners. Alberta is rich in its farming heritage and many original homesteads have remained in the family, to be passed on from generation to generation. Their value as wildlife habitat is often overlooked. Shelterbelts, large coniferous and deciduous trees, as well as other shrubs and grasses, are often found on these sites and provide thermal and escape cover, forage and nesting areas for many species of wildlife. Abandoned farmsteads are particularly important in the prairie region of the province where these pockets of habitat are quite often the only areas of refuge for wildlife for miles. I encourage AFGA clubs and individuals across the province to get involved in this program and recognize some of the landowners who maintain old farmsteads for their habitat and cultural values. It's as simple as filling out an application form, available from your local Fish and Game club or arrangements can be made to have an application sent to you. For more information contact Yves Ouellette at (403) 851-2084.

HABITAT NEWS

SHRUB PLANTING

Early May saw Ross St. John, Dale Lucas, Julius Hussar and I plant 1800 Caraganas on the Greg Hawkwood ranch approximately 12 miles North East of Cochrane. Although the land was well tilled it was forecast that problems would occur with grass growth. This did in fact turn out to be correct and in early June Ross St John and Rob Hume returned to Hawkwoods to spray the grass around the shrubs with Round Up to kill the grass.

In late march while checking duck boxes and installing some new ones around the Ghost Reservoir Julius Hussar and I cut 150 12 to 15 inch slips from Willows on the shoreline to be planted on the Dan Radomske farm East of Innisfail. I cut another 225 and all were soaked in tubs and some also "healed " into my garden in preparation for planting. In late May, Dave McIver and I with help from Dan and Peggy, planted them along an old water course on their farm. It is hoped that this will restore cover long since destroyed by cows. Dan plans to protect them from cattle by installing an electric fence. If this project proves to be successful we will plant many more next year.

DUCK NESTING BOXES

Since last Newsletter Murray Shultz has not only checked a large number of our boxes along the Lower Bow but he has also installed four more. He got a bit of a start while checking one when a squirrel, upset by his intrusion, jumped out of the box and landed on his head. We hope that his subsequent destruction of the nest will discourage further use of the box by that squirrel. Dan Radomske placed two of our boxes in trees near a pond not far from his farm. However, I still have 19 new boxes looking for homes in suitable locations for Wood Ducks, Goldeneyes and Buffelheads should members be aware of suitable areas to place them. Just call me at 249-6924
Bryce Chase 249-6924

Membership

DON'T STOP NOW! Renewals have almost stopped and we still have 118 (2001) members who have not yet renewed for 2002. The Quota Buster Program is back for 2002 and we are 190 members away from qualifying. Here are the current membership totals for 2002:

Regular	269	Top Sellers 2002	
Associate	0	Bryce Chase	174
Family	99	Art Yeske	121
Dependants	239		
Youth	5		
Other Club	10		

Total 622

Kraig McIver 938-4604

HANDICAPPED FISHING DERBY

The derby took place on Sunday June 9 at the Amoco/Primewest pond South West of Crossfield. Despite the rainy and windy weather 50 fisherpersons showed up and caught approximately that number of fish. The staff of the Airdrie Legion, as usual, treated us to great hospitality and a sumptuous meal. Once again we owe Jim Herold, his family and his team a sincere vote of thanks for rounding up prizes and again organizing a first class event. The "Goody Bags" which they provided to our guests, the door prizes for them and the trophies presented made this 27th annual event a great success. The Afghans created by the Peace family were again very special for those who received them. Thanks go to our volunteers who manned and refuelled the pump that raised the water level in the pond to restore it to its normal level. And thanks go to those faithful volunteers who turn up year after year to help our handicapped guests. If you have never helped with this event you've missed a great opportunity.

Bryce Chase 249-6924

Photography

Summer is here, its time to go and get all the good shots. Once again the Categories are Alberta scenery, Alberta wildlife, most difficult, most unusual and club activities. This should offer something for all of our members to work at. Have a great summer.

Murray Schultz 236-4140

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is published January, March, May, July, September & November. To aid in the timely delivery of the newsletter to members, the deadline for the newsletter is the executive meeting the MONTH BEFORE PUBLISHED. This means the next newsletter is published in Sept. & the deadline for entries is AUGUST. EXEC meeting (August 27). If there is room, a members classified will be included.

We have now more than 80 members receiving their newsletter by email. Each newsletter brings more email & increases the computer expertise of the executive. The more articles that I received electronically either on disk or email, the easier the newsletter can be assembled & sent out. If you have a computer & would like your newsletter emailed out, please email me a note at sfga@cadvision.com.

As I am with Cadvision as my Internet Provider, I will have to change my email shortly. ` So if you get an error message when emailing me, please phone to find out my new email.

Ken & Mary Lynn Brown 252-0606

Zone 2 Report

Next Zone 2 meeting – Drumheller October 2, 2002 10 AM

Director – Bev Chipchase – 1920 43 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB, T2T 2M9 – Phone 287-1375

Treasurer – Jill Dyck – Box 704 Drumheller, AB, T0J 0Y0 – Phone 823-8871, Fax 823-9470

Secretary – Sharon Whittaker – 304 Sackville Dr. SW, Calgary, AB, T2W 0W9 –

Phone 255-0659

Following is the list of clubs, contact & the projects that they are involved in.

Calgary Fish & Game contact Bev Chipchase 287-1375

Drumheller contact Cliff Deilz

Firearms, Environment & Wildlife contact Darwin Cronkhite 280-4874, sucker derby at Barrier Lake July 1&2, 2002.

High River contact Lyle McPherson 248-3126 Fishing Derby at McGregor Lake Aug. 10, 11 & 12

Rocky Mountain Versatile Hunting Dog Club Call them at 547-1436

Sarcee Fish and Game contact Dale Lucas 271- 5486, Family Campout and Pig Roast, Highwood Group Camp – Aug. 16-18, 2002, Family Barbecue – Sept 2002

Wheatland Fish and Game contact Larry Olson 934 –4388, Rob Rebeyka Memorial Fishing Derby for Children and Seniors – Aug. 24, 2002 – 10Am to 3 PM Town Lake.

No report for Big Country, Hussar, Okotoks & Big Horns Club of Standard Dale Lucas 271- 5486

Stores

We still have a few hats for sale (23) all 4 styles still available. I am working on getting Travel Mugs like the one I had at the June meeting, unfortunately the company does not carry them any more, but we can get some with a black ink logo instead of the medallion. Could have some for fall if it all works out.

Have a good summer. Murray Schultz 236-4140

Smile from Ken

Since the Banquet our newsletters have been extra full, with little room for extras. A thing that I had a chuckle at happened at the Banquet. With all the Draws and Auctions, it's easy to loose track of real time events across the hall. There was a Woman who came to me and said that she had mistakenly thrown both halves of her draw tickets, into one of the Bucket Draws, was there anything she could do? I told her George Loades was looking after that draw and to see him, after all, when all was said and done. If the prize hadn't been claimed possibly her matching ticket was in the bucket, and it wouldn't take long to sort through them. It was a busy night for me and I didn't give it another thought, until when we were cleaning up getting ready to go. She came to me and said, "The Green Lamp hadn't been claimed and she was sure it was hers. I asked her if she had talked to George and she said she hadn't. At that moment George came by and I told him of the predicament. But he said he had just gathered all the buckets tickets together and thrown them out. The lady left, some what annoyed. Later after the final cleanup, I reached into my pocket for my keys and along with them a handful of bucket draw tickets. I said I guess these are also trash, Mary Lynn asked if I had checked them, and proceed to do so and guess what, I had the winning ticket for the Green Lamp.

Ken Brown 252-0606

Land and Environment

As most Southern Albertans must be aware by now the Provincial Government has launched it's multi-pronged review of pressing water related issues. Among these initiatives have been the Water Strategy as well as the South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Management Plan (of which the Bow, Red Deer, Oldman etc, are all a part). The SSRBMP started last fall with Phase I which laid out the terms and conditions for water transfers (transfer of water allocations and end use, not inter-basin) and has started Phase II which will involve Water Management Policy and Strategy for Protection of the Aquatic Environment.

I currently sit on the Bow Basin Council on behalf of Sarcee Fish and Game Assoc. and have a place at the SSRB Advisory committee as well. These committees have a very wide range of stakeholders who bring a very diverse set of information, knowledge and wisdom to the very pressing questions of how we treat our water resources

I encourage folks with access to the Internet to review the Alberta Government web sites, which relate to this issue and get a perspective of the magnitude and importance of this undertaking for all Albertans. I also encourage everyone who has the opportunity to participate in the public input process whenever possible to take advantage of the chance to have your voice heard. Believe it or not ALL comments are recorded and taken note of.

If you wish more information or wish to express your views or concerns on the above please feel free to give me a call.

Bob Everett 403-286-6321

Enjoy the Outdoors

By this time you should have submitted your Special Draws for the coming hunting season. That process ensures that I will be able to spend lots of time in the great outdoors come fall. I encourage all members to take some time to get out and smell the forest and streams. Whether you are Fishing, Hiking, Camping, Hunting or just daydreaming and making shapes out of the clouds. We have a beautiful country and many great locations just out our door. Remember to preserve the wilderness for our grandchildren, by Harvesting only legal game, taking only Pictures and leaving only footsteps.

Mary Lynn Brown 252-0606

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Archery Shooting, Firearm Shooting, Publicity, Entertainment Vacant

Upcoming events

July & August NO REGULAR MEETINGS
July 20, 2002 The Frank Leffingwell Memorial, 3rd Annual Shooting Competition
Contact Lethbridge Fish and Game, Allan 403-320-5860 or work 403-382-3593
Aug. 10,11, 12 2002 High River Fishing Derby @McGregor Lake Contact Lyle, 248-3126
August 16-18, 2002 Family Campout & Pig Roast, Highwood Group Camp
Sept 8, 2002 Training for Volunteer of Alberta Junior Project at
1 PM Kneehill Community Centre, Contact Dan 403-227-2105
Sept 14 - Nov. 17, 2002 Alberta Junior Pheasant Project Contact Wayne 239-4067or Dan 403-227-2105
Need Volunteers Guides, Dog Handlers, and Students 12-17 (First time Hunters)
Sept. 2002 Family Barbecue