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Newsletter

Our Mission: To promote the conservation of fish and wildlife and to protect and enhance the habitat they depend on.

Check out our Website: www.sfga.ca

Regular Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at:
Mountain View Auditorium - 17th Ave SE and Garden Road
(unless otherwise announced)

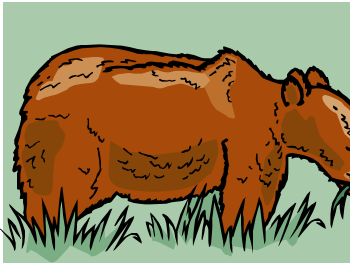
Reloading Seminar

March 10, 2009 at 7:30 pm



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Bear Hunting Seminar

April 14, 2009 at 7:30 pm



Annual Wild Game Banquet and Awards Night

March 14, 2009

Sarcee's Biggest and most Exciting Event

We are still in need of wild game donations. Donations accepted until March 10. Call Lawrence Swann at 403-293-0551 or drop your donation off at Horizon Meats (403-291-0595) at 1-3610 29th Street NE

For tickets, phone Dave McMaster 403-240-1493

Youth First Trophy Awards

Do you know of a youth who in 2008 caught their first fish or bagged their first bird or big game? If so then Sarcee would like to give them an award to celebrate their achievement! The following categories exist: fish; migratory bird; game bird; turkey; big game.

Send an email to newsletter@sfga.ca with the following information: name of youth; age; category. Please also include a digital picture if you have one. Contact Chris Holmes 403-242-7001 if you have any questions.



Predator Shoot Results

1. Ryan & John Hanley (2 fox; 1 coyote; 1 magpie): won \$80
2. Carmelo Silvestro (4 coyotes): won \$56
3. Wes Sprule & AJ (1 coyote; 1 magpie): won \$24

Sarcee Stores Update

With the opening of Bass Pro Shops, we are planning a different method of operating.

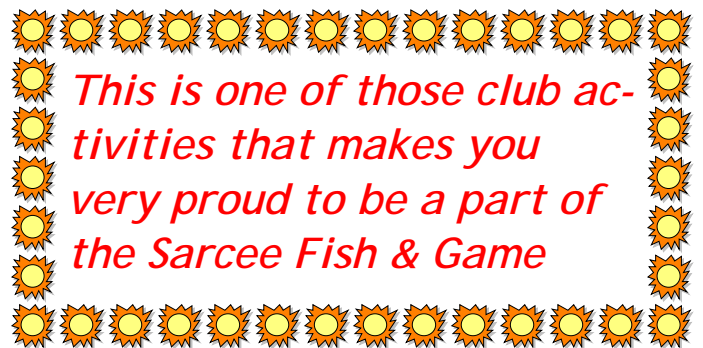
More to follow,
Murray Schultz

Fun Fishing Day For Persons With Handicaps

This years fun fishing day will be held on Sunday June 14, 2009. Please call Dean Barysien to sign up 403-281-5920.

Did you know that this will be the 34th year that Sarcee has held this event?

Be sure to sign up to come out and help with this great annual event!



Boat and Sportsmen's Show 2009

A huge "thank-you" to all our volunteers who helped in making this year's show very successful! We utilized almost 50 volunteers at this year's show! People were very willing to help out in any way they could. Thanks to:

Dave McIver	John Komomoski	Lawrence Swann	Isabell Henri
Mark Chalmers	Cory Chibry	Bill Sotham	Rob MacKenzie
Kristie Chalmers	Ken Itterman	Chris Shewchuk	Scott MacKenzie
John Ursulak	Jim Clarke	Brian Rivard	Jordan MacKenzie
El Peterson	Jeff Deitz	Nick Saraceni	Alex Jordison
Dan Wise	Theresa Deitz	Daniel Saraceni	Chantel Beach
Will Wise	Hannah Deitz	Guido Saraceni	Edwin Taylor
Bryce Chase	Patrick Quinn	Darren Thomson	Art Yeske
Trevor Decoste	George Loades	John Kapjek	Wayne Nibogie
Jeff Leighton	Sara Leighton	Bob Rivard	Julius Huszar
Carmelo Silvestro	Wade Pollock	Eirik Eirikson	Mark Boote
Murray Schultz	Tom Kelter	Ted Kelter	Dan Radomski

Our first time volunteers are listed above in bold type. Thanks for stepping up to help! Special thanks go out to; Rob MacKenzie for his generosity in lending us mounts for the display; Murray for the help transporting the backdrop; George and Julius for building 215 bird houses; Art for his perseverance in organizing things for the AJPP; Dan Radomski for bringing in the pheasants; Everybody who helped with set-up and take down; Jeff, Theresa and Hannah for keeping the family volunteering tradition alive and to Jeff Leighton for convincing Pat to throw away the bolts and just screw the darn display boards together!

Remember to bring any parking receipts that you still need to claim to the March 10th general meeting to get reimbursed from Pat Quinn.

The Club should gain a profit of approximately \$4000.00, even after our expenses are deducted.

As always we are very open to suggestions on how to improve the show. Please give Art (247-7245) or Pat (730-2082) a call if you have any info you would like to share with us to make the show even better for next year.

A Report From Your Fish Chairman

Hi all, as your reading this; we are all probably thinking the same thing! Spring and OPEN WATER fishing!! I wish everyone good luck in the upcoming year and I hope we all catch the one we're after!

Did You Know?? Sarcee Fish and Game runs a year long fish competition that all members can enter?? All you need to do is print off the entry form on the Sarcee website, fill out the info and include a weight tab or label from a certified legal for trade scale (a grocery store or post office label is perfect!) and then send it to me via a club meeting, at the annual measuring day held every January or email it directly to me at jk.clarke@shaw.ca. It's that simple!! We have a catch



and keep category which must also have a picture with your entry clearly showing the measurement. We have separate categories for all sportfish in Alberta as well as "the largest fish caught outside Alberta". In 2008, we had a dismal amount of entries and had you entered just about any legal fish, you would have won!! **Enter all your fish you catch!!** I will process them all and only your largest fish in each category will count. All the largest fish will be passed on to the Alberta Fish and Game Assoc. to compete in the province wide competition. In the next newsletter, I will include a list of all categories.

News: I attended a fisheries meeting here in Calgary recently and have some good news. The Bow river populations of catchable size trout have continued to climb, most likely a result of the flood in 2005. In 2005 there was 338 catchable size (over 150 mm) per km, in 2008 there is now 1403 per km! The annual Elbow river redd counts (spawning nests) last year were also up to 381 redds as compared to just 125 in 1980! Some damage to spawning areas immediately below the dam as the gravel was washed out in '05 and there is the possibility of adding some spawning size pea gravel to the area in the future to hopefully increase spawning success even further. Bad news for walleye as the population counts in Crawling Valley Reservoir show a steep drop in numbers of adult fish. In comparing numbers from 2004 and 2008 on the last test netting, the numbers of adult fish has dropped 40%!! 30814 were sampled in 2004 and just 18070 sampled in 2008! The underlying culprit here is most likely poaching. Expect to see even more enforcement at this lake in the future! I will be attending the Alberta Fish and Game Conference this year and I will be working to represent anglers and to better fisheries in and around our area.



Tight Lines, Screaming Reels, Heavy Nets!

Jim Clarke

2008 Photography Contest Report

Well here it is February 2009 and the many entries for the 2008 contest have been judged. Many thanks to all persons that played in the 2008 contest and for the many great photographs that were entered in all the categories

Thanks again to our Judges, Allen Brooker and Trevor Clark of the Calgary Camera Club, for their time and expertise.

The 2009 contest categories are the same as in 2008.

The rules for 2009 are:

1. Open to all amateur photographers that are members of SFGA.
2. Photos must be taken in Alberta (exception: Out of Province)
3. Mediums: colour or black & white
4. Size: No smaller than 4x6 unframed
5. Judging will be done by professional judges
6. Alberta Wildlife and Alberta Scenery 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be enlarged to 8x10 and entered into the AFGA contest
7. No previous winning photos
8. Identify photos with name, where taken and category. Use care not to damage photos

Alberta Fish and Game Assoc Rules:

1. Eligible to AFGA & affiliated members
2. Categories: Alberta Scenery & Alberta Wildlife
3. Amateur photos only
4. Size: 8x10, 5x7 (unframed)
5. No previous winning photos
6. All decisions are final
7. Judging will be done by professional photographers
8. Entry deadline: February 28, 2009

Any Sarcee member that wants to enter a photo into the AFGA contest can do so.

Murray Schultz

2008 Photography Contest Results

Alberta Scenery

- 1st Murray Schultz
- 2nd Dan Wise
- 3rd Vera Scherban

Alberta Open

- 1st Carmelo Silvestro

Alberta Trophy

- 1st Darren Thomson

Out of Province

- 1st Sarah Quinn

Alberta Wildlife

- 1st Murray Schultz
- 2nd Murray Schultz
- 3rd Murray Schultz

Alberta Nature

- 1st Blair Schultz

Best in Club Activities

- 1st Art Yeske



The Recipe Corner

Guinness Game Chili

Submitted by Chad Dillabough

1. 2 tsp Olive Oil	8. 2 6oz cans Tomato Paste	15. 4 14 oz cans Brown Beans in Tomato Sauce
2. 3-4 Garlic cloves minced	9. 1 can Beef Broth (low sodium)	16. 1 can Chili style Kidney & Pinto Beans (Heinz)
3. 2 med Onions chopped	10. 1 14.5 oz can Diced Tomatoes	17. 4 Jalapeno Peppers chopped small
4. 1lb (min) ground Game	11. 1/2 cup Brown Sugar	18. 3 10 oz cans of sliced mushrooms (drained)
5. 3/4lb (min) Game steak cubed	12. 3 1/2 Tbsp Chili Sauce	
6. 1 can Guinness Beer	13. 1 Tbsp Cumin & Cocoa	
7. 1 cup strong Coffee	14. 1 tsp Oregano, Cayenne, Coriander	

- Cook ingredients 1-5 until meat is browned; add ingredients 6-10 and give a stir;
- Add ingredients 11-18, stir and simmer on low for 1 1/2 hrs until done.

Fish Feathers Game

Do you have a nice picture of any fish or game you have harvested? If so email a picture with some details to newsletter@sfga.ca and we'll try to get it into the newsletter.



Art Beck with a great buck antelope harvested this past fall. Art arrowed this buck one week before his 83rd birthday. Congrats Art!

Sniper School

Once again Sarcee will be holding a two day sniper school course this year. Call Jeff Leighton 403-276-5088 if interested.



Better hurry, this one fills up fast!

Are you viewing this newsletter in Black & White? Would you like to view it in colour? If so, send an email to newsletter@sfga.ca and we'll take care of it.