

CHRISTMAS 2011 CRIB TOURNAMENT

On December 16th, the Club held its annual Crib Tournament at Pioneer House. This year, there were 28 members in attendance. The event was very festively decorated, with Santa hats in tow. This year, we changed it up a bit and did just a pot luck. We have a good variety – not too many fat pills, though that’s a good thing. But, hey, where was all the wild pepperoni? We were sure there were some successful hunters out there. During the evening, there were two raffle prize draws for a ham (won by Wes Gates) and a turkey (won by Chris Moeller). There were many smiles and frowns, but after many rounds of grueling crib, there were four winning teams: on side B were Chris Moeller and John Appleton, with runners-up Pat Hlushak and Howard Johnson. The winners of the A pool were Robyn Butler and George Hargesheimer, with runners-up Lorne Knudslie and Dennis Hlushak. Thanks to all who were able to come out and enjoy the evening. We look forward to seeing you next year!



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Fort Saskatchewan Fish & Game Association
Newsletter, Spring 2012
P.O. Box 3038, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta T8L 2T1
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<u>2012 Calendar of Events</u>	
Apr 14	Zone 5 Spring Meeting, Willingdon
Apr 18	Club General Meeting, Kinsmen Room, Railway Station, 7 pm
Apr 21	Tri-Club Jerrit Zayac Memorial Trap Shoot, Mundare Range
Apr 20-22	Fort Trade Fair, Dow Centennial Centre
May 6	Inspection of WTF habitat land, Athabasca 7
May 16	Club Executive Meeting, Proctor Room, Railway Station, 7 pm
May 27	Disabled Fishing Derby, Isle Lake (Camp He Ho Ha)
June 2	Legacy Park, Birdhouse Building, Ft. Saskatchewan
June 6	President's BBQ, Club Cabin, 5 pm
June 15-17	Family Fishing Derby, Fawcett Lake
June 20	Club Executive Meeting, Kinsmen Room, Railway Station, 7 pm
July 8-14	Youth Conservation Camp, Narrow Lake
July 18-21	BOW (Become An Outdoor Woman), Narrow Lake
July 22-28	Youth Conservation Camp, Narrow Lake
Aug 10-14	Women's Outdoor Seminar, Alford Lake
Sept 9	Andrew Young Junior Trap Shoot, Mundare Range
Sept 13	Hunters' Night, ACT Rec Centre, Edmonton
Sept 19	Club General Meeting, Kinsmen Room, Railway Station, 7 pm (Guest Speaker)
Oct 17	Club Executive Meeting, Kinsmen Room, Railway Station, 7 pm
Oct 20	Zone 5 Fall Meeting, Location TBA
Nov 21	Club Executive Meeting, Kinsmen Room, Railway Station, 7 pm
Dec 12	Annual General Meeting, Kinsmen Room, Railway Station, 7 pm
Dec 20	Christmas Social, Pioneer House, 7 pm

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EXECUTIVE, 2012

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Past President	Doug Butler	895-7799
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Treasurer	James Paterson	982-5875
Co-Chair	Howard Johnson	998-2661

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Co-Chair	Robyn Butler	895-7799
Outdoor Rec/Training	Doug Butler	895-7799
Newsletter	Gord Blize	998-0062
Co-Chair	Tella Findlay	998-1509
Fishing	Graham Morin	720-2669
Co-Chairs	Roger Gamache	998-7556
	Lorne & Betty Knudslie	467-7716
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Land/Cabin	Dan Roth	436-3419
Co-Chairs	Roger Gamache	998-7556
	Andre Radtke	940-5962
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Co-Chairs	Allen Moeller	464-1981
	Jergen Bech	998-4414
Social	Val Blize	998-0062
Co-Chair	VACANT	
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Co-Chairs	Robyn Butler (Interim)	895-7799
	Chris Moeller	464-1981
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Co-Chairs	Brady Johnson	936-6180
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John Homeniuk	764-2422
Ingrid & Doug Horner	414-1477
Lorne & Betty Knudslie	467-7716
Howard Johnson	998-2661
George & Lynn Lord	464-1341
Ada McLean	923-2261
Eric Mickailyk	998-7202
Allan Moeller	464-1981
Adrienne Paterson	982-5875
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John Appleton	998-4594
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George Shipka	998-4063

Special Committees – Game Dinner

Gord & Val Blize	998-0062
Doug & Robyn Butler	895-7799
Roger Gamache	998-7556
Dennis & Pat Hlushak	998-9877
Dan Roth	436-3419
Chris Moeller	464-1981
Graham Morin	720-2669
James & Adrienne Paterson	982-5875

CODE OF ETHICS

1. Will know and strictly obey all Fish and Game laws and all other laws governing conduct of the outdoors activity or recreational activity pursued.
2. Will support and actively support the organizations concerned with the welfare of the resources upon which the reactions depend.
3. Will consider and respect the rights and concerns of the public generally and practice their recreations with strict observance of the rules of safety, i.e. firearms safety in hunting
4. Will respect, preserve and protect private property, particularly the land, property and rights of private landowners.
5. Will engage in recreations only with ethical participants and will treat those other participants with courtesy and respect, unless and until the individuals demonstrate they are unworthy of such consideration.
6. Will strive always, individually and through organizations, to pass onto the next generation the knowledge, skills and ethical traditions of various outdoor recreations.

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote, through education, lobbying and programs, the conservation and utilization of fish and wildlife, and to protect and enhance the habitat they depend upon.

Do you know your way around a boat? Can you tie a Bowline and a Clove Hitch? Are you a competent sailor or a willing student? Why not book a one week vacation on a 2007 Beneteau 343 in the summer of 2012? Give *Desolation Sound Yacht Charters* in Comox on Vancouver Island a toll-free call at 1-877-647-3815 and ask to set sail on the **Brandy Lee** owned by Gord and Val Blize. For more info, phone Gord or Val at 780-998-0062.



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A Blonde Cook's Diary

MONDAY - It's fun to cook for Tom. Today I made angel food cake. The recipe said beat 12 eggs separately. The neighbors were nice enough to loan me some extra bowls.

TUESDAY - Tom wanted fruit salad for supper. The recipe said to serve without dressing. So I didn't dress. What a surprise when Tom brought a friend home for supper.

WEDNESDAY - A good day for rice. The recipe said wash thoroughly before steaming the rice. It seemed kind of silly but I took a bath anyway. I can't say it improved the rice any.

THURSDAY - Today Tom asked for salad again. I tried a new recipe. It said to lay on a bed of lettuce one hour before serving. Tom asked me why I was rolling around in the garden.

FRIDAY - I found an easy recipe for cookies. It said put the ingredients in a bowl and beat it. There must be something wrong with the recipe; when I got back, everything was the same as when I left.

SATURDAY - Tom did the shopping today and brought home a chicken. He asked me to dress it for Sunday. I don't have any clothes that fit it, and for some reason, Tom keeps counting to ten.

SUNDAY - Tom's folks came to dinner. I wanted to serve roast but all I had was hamburger. Suddenly I had a flash of genius. I put the hamburger in the oven and set the controls for roast. It still came out hamburger ... much to my disappointment.

GOOD NIGHT DEAR DIARY. This has been a very exciting week! I am eager for tomorrow to come so I can try out a new recipe on Tom. If I can talk Tom into buying a bigger oven, I would like to surprise him with a chocolate moose!!

FORT SASKATCHEWAN FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION TROPHY CATEGORIES

Junior Perch	Largest Spruce Grouse
Junior Walleye	Largest Ruffed Grouse
Junior Northern Pike	Ring-necked Pheasant
Junior Trout	Largest Whitetail Antlers
Junior Master Fisherman	Heaviest Whitetail
Junior Deer	Largest Mule Deer Antlers
Junior Master Big Game Hunter	Heaviest Mule Deer
Andrew Young Memorial Junior Trapshoot	Largest Moose Antlers
Rocky Mountain Whitefish	Heaviest Moose
Trout	Largest Elk Antlers
Perch	Largest Black Bear
Walleye	Non-Current Big Game*
Northern Pike	Largest Big Game With Black Powder
Lake Whitefish	Master Big Game Hunter
Burbot	Master Archer
Master Fisherman	Female Sportsperson of the Year
Best Out-of-Province Fish	Annual Achievement
Catch and Release	Photography: Scenery
Largest Mallard Duck	Photography: Wildlife
Largest Goose	Photography: Trophy
	Photography: Trail Camera

Guidelines:

- Junior Awards are eligible to members who are under the age of 16 at the time of entering.
- Photographs must be 8"x10" if you want them entered in the Provincial competition
- Entries must be weighed on a scale which has been government tested within the past twelve (12) months, and weight slips must be signed and dated. A metal tape must be used for all measurements. All entries must have been taken by sporting and legal methods in the Province of Alberta or appropriate Province or State, and must not be frozen when weighed.
- A separate form must be filled out for each entry (eg. heaviest whitetail and whitetail antlers are two separate categories).
- You may enter a fish or bird that we do not have a trophy for, as it is still eligible for Master Fisherman or a Provincial category (eg. grayling, pheasant, turkey, etc.).
- For Big Game categories, weight is the eviscerated carcass, with no head, no hide, no legs, no heart and no liver or other internal organs.
- You may enter a Big Game category that we do not have a trophy for, as it is still eligible for Master Hunter or a Provincial category (eg. antelope, bighorn sheep, etc.).
- All entries must have your **VALID** and **UP-TO-DATE** Membership Number, otherwise entries will **NOT** be accepted. The Membership must be purchased **PRIOR** to obtaining the species you would like to enter.
- All winners will be decided upon by the Trophy Committee, and all decisions will be final.
- Please refer to Club Rules and Regulations.
- * Non-Current Big Game: big game species that have never been entered before or recorded.

Good Luck, and Enjoy the Great Outdoors!!!

ALBERTA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION PROVINCIAL CATEGORIES

Sheep	Northern Pike
NT Elk	Walleye
Typical Elk	Perch
NT Mule Deer	Lake Whitefish
Mule Deer	Mountain Whitefish
NT Whitetail Deer	Arctic Grayling
Whitetail Deer	Goldeneye
Moose	Lake Trout
Black Bear	Brook Trout
Grizzly Bear (Suspended)	Rainbow Trout
Antelope	Brown Trout
Cougar	Cutthroat Trout
Wolf	Sauger
Largest Big Game (Bow and Arrow)	Burbot
Largest Big Game (Black Powder)	Provincial Derby for the Physically Disabled
Non-Current	Largest Trout (Fly Fishing)
Master Trophy	Master Fish Trophy

Birds

Canada Goose
Snow Goose
White Front Goose
Mallard Duck
Pheasant
Merriam's Turkey

Catch and Release
All species named, plus Bull Trout

Photography
Wildlife
Scenery

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GORD BLIZE

Well, winter is over and what a winter it was, or was it even a winter? There has to be something about Global Warming, like "Bring it On". It must have been boring for some, because thanks to several hours of time by James Paterson, our WEBSITE is now back up and running. Awesome job, James, and thanks a bunch. Check us out online at www.fsfga.org. And, if you have anything to contribute, give James a call. Our new Phone Committee Chair has executed a system to get our information out, but I don't think its working. We put it into action the other day notifying you all about the four events this month that we need people to help with and we only got one reply. We will have to try something else, I guess!



The Bill Kostaniuk Memorial Ice Fishing Day up at North Buck Lake on February 19th went over really well – see Graham Morin's report in this Newsletter.

Right after that weekend, the AFGA 83rd Annual Conference was held in Calgary, to which we sent six voting delegates, three ladies to the Companion program and one youth to the Youth program. Andrea went to the Canada Olympic Park where they all went for a Luge Run. I believe it was pretty thrilling.

The 84th Annual Wild Game Banquet and Trophy Ball was a big hit. We changed things up a little bit by throwing in a Roast Pig and changing the seating to round tables. Unfortunately, the dance didn't get started until late, and we do apologize for this – see my speech from this function in this Newsletter. Thanks to all the companies who donated to the silent auction, and to Old Country Sausage, Ltd., who donated all the processed meats for appetizers, as well as doing the roast pig – thanks Andrea and Rolf. And a big thank you to Adrienne for organizing this awesome event. We are in need of someone to undertake this event for 2013, so if you are interested, please get hold of Adrienne. And we need someone to step forward as Secretary as well.

In March, we were set up at the Edmonton Boat & Sportsman Show where we could have used more help. At \$12 to get in, to get in free to spend a couple hours helping your Club seems like a pretty good bargain.

Our new Raffle Tickets are out. Please take a couple books to sell for your Club (see James Paterson). The draw date is December 20th, 2012, at our Christmas Social at the Pioneer House. First prize is a Weekend Getaway for four (including four Spa Services) at the Village at Pigeon Lake (\$750), second prize is a Westjet Travel Voucher for \$500, third prize is a 120 Liter YETI Cooler, Waterproof and "Bear Proof" (\$499.99), fourth prize is an Infra-Red Cooker (\$159.99), and fifth Prize is Celestron Binoculars 10 x 50 (\$94.99). So, please help us sell these. They are \$5 per ticket with 2000 tickets printed. A special thanks to the local businesses that have them as well. If you get a chance, get in and patronize Roland's Jewelry, Crystal Glass, Husky Mohawk Down Town, Drayden Insurance and Lubex across the Highway. It is the money that we make from these fundraisers that enables us to send your kids to Narrow Lake Camp. If you have a youth who would like to go to camp in July, the May meeting is the cutoff date for handing in the 200 word essay. Once again, Narrow Lake is running two camps this summer, July 8th to 14th and July 22nd to 28th. I have two essays in now, and we will always sponsor two youth, but sometimes we have been able to send four, so let's get those essays in. And while we are talking about camps, Narrow Lake has been doing a Winter Survival Camp that is usually between Christmas and New Year, and this camp shows the kids that there is a lot to do in the winter months. But the 2011 camp was only attended by four youth (two from us), and some activities were not carried out (snowshoeing) due to lack of snow.

And by the time you read, this we should be shooting out Bows in the Bruderheim School Gym. This is because of a lot of leg work by our Archery Chair, Justin Kaban, and Karl Hauch. These two fine gentlemen made arrangements with the School Board, did a presentation to them, and low and behold, we are flinging arrows. Now, if we could just get someone to step forward to fill the Range Chair with as much enthusiasm as Justin has with the Archery Chair position.

The BOW Program runs July 18th to 21st and there is such a demand for this that it fills up fast. This summer we are sponsoring two ladies to it: both Valerie Blize and Pat Hlushak will be attending.

I don't think that this Newsletter will be out in time for this, but we will be at the Fort Trade Fair on April 20th to 22nd, where once again we need some time slots filled. This just happens to be on the same weekend that the Jerrit Zayac Tri Club Junior Shoot is happening, so it is a busy weekend. On April 14th, John H. and I will have attended the Zone 5 Spring Meeting in Willingdon, and coming up on April 29th is the Narrow Lake AGM, which Doug Horner and I will be attending.

We are getting geared up for the Legacy Park Bird House Building on June 2nd, so if you would like to help, please call me. It is quite fun to help the little ones smash your finger with a hammer. Actually, this hasn't happened but it is neat to see their SMILES when they take the Bird House home. This is quickly followed by the Presidents BBQ at the Cabin on June 6th at 5 PM.

As youth Chairman, I will try to keep the 8th Annual Gopher Tail Contest going again this summer, but I need YOUR Participation. I need at least five registered participants to make it worthwhile, so if you will be taking your little shooters out, then cough up \$10 and get them registered for this.

And hopefully we will see you at the Family Fun Fishing Weekend on June 15th-17th at Fawcett Lake.

PRESIDENT'S GAME DINNER REPORT – GORD BLIZE

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished Guests. Welcome to the Fort Saskatchewan Fish and Game's 48th Annual Wild Game Banquet and Trophy Ball. I hope you enjoy this evening. Since 2002, 158 Canadian soldiers have lost their lives in Afghanistan, so at this time I would like you to rise for a moment of silence.

Several of your Executive just got back from the AFGA 84th Annual Conference in Calgary where the theme was "Hunting, Fishing, and Conservation, a Family Affair". And catch the name of the caterers as well, eh! And for last year, AFGA started "First Annual Provincial Youth Big Game Awards" from across the Province, and we are delighted to have as a member of our Club, the first winner of the Junior Non-Typical Mule Deer award. Congratulations go to Brett Kampjes, and if you check your program, you will see what else he won with our Club. Thanks again, Brett, for your awesome entry. If you take a look at the Calendar of Events, you will see a lot of Family events: the Kids' Ice Fishing Derby on the Family Day Weekend in February, Legacy Park Bird House Building in early June, the Family Fishing Weekend in June, so YOUR Club definitely fits into this theme. Take a look at the picture display at the back as to what your Club did last year. Looks pretty Family Orientated, doesn't it! And speaking of youth, Justin, our archery Chair, and Karl Hauch are pretty close to getting us the gym at Bruderheim School to shoot our Bows in, so if you have a youth who is interested, please put their name and phone number down on the list in the back corner, and we will keep you posted. The Gopher Tail contest will go again this summer, but I need at least 5 entrees to make that happen. Please see me. But if our Club is so family involved, why was there only one youth who entered any fish. Is his Dad the only one that knows how to fill out an entry form? And we also have here with us tonight, our youngest F&G Club Member, Tanner Oleksyn, who is 8 weeks old.

As well, at Conference, we have the "Parade of Donations" where over \$140,000 was donated by the various clubs to the AFGA, some money for the WTF, Narrow Lake Conservation Camp, etc. You donated \$5,000 to the WTF again, just like you did last year, so we have to thank you for your continued support, such as seeing you at this banquet. And another way to help raise funds is to buy gas, not that we need gasoline. Actually Shell Fuels is running a contest and the AFGA has entered their Antelope Re-Fencing Project. If we can get enough votes, we will receive \$100,000. So, get on-line and place your vote for the AFGA Project. Just go to the **AFGA.org** webpage and at the lower left side of the web page click here. Looks like we are in about 5th place now. We have until the end of April to do this. And don't forget our memberships, the AFGA has their Membership Top Gun Award, where in each zone, the person who sells the most memberships gets \$500 and his/her Club also gets \$500. And get your name in for a draw for this awesome print.

We sponsored two youth to Narrow Lake last summer, as well as several women to the BOW camp, as well as two more youth to the Winter Survival Camp at Narrow Lake. This all takes money, so don't be afraid to bid on these items tonight, so we can keep on doing these projects of ours.

Conference is a time that we vote on our Resolutions and the ones that pass get put forward to government. That is how we finally allowed 12 year olds to hunt with rifles, and why your WMU include a Sunday Hunt. These things take time, sometime years, but you have to start. We are proud of ourselves for getting these things done, but it reminds me of the blond that was proud of herself for putting the puzzle together in 3 months. The box said 2 to 5 years. Things do take time!

The Third Edition of the Alberta Wildlife Records book is now out. In it is everything from pictures to stories and all the Alberta records from 1963 to 2010. We have some for sale at \$30, plus there should be a copy in the silent auction items, somewhere.

WTF now owns over 80 properties for around 37,000 acres that all Albertans can access. AFGA Memberships are at 21,386. CWD is still around but the government is not backing any plans to get rid of it. Last year there were 32 positive cases out of 3,200 head submitted for a 1% ration. This is unacceptable in our eyes.

Communications for our Club is a big thing and I am tired of hearing "Oh, I didn't know YOU GUYS did that." So let's change the "You Guys" into "We" and start getting involved. James has just reinstated the web page, so go check out **FSFGA.org**. Thanks, James, spending time on that project. We have just started using a Computerized Phoning system, so you should be getting monthly phone calls from Valerie. If not, please see her and let's find out why. We are still without a Range Chair, but a couple of our Directors are seeking out alternatives, and I wish to thank them for their efforts.

In closing, I would like to thank Adrienne for all her hard work organizing the banquet, her capable volunteers who assisted her and Tella for formatting the program. And remember, it is not what your Club can do for you, but what can you do for your Club. Enjoy yourselves and have a good night!

Over the next several months, the Club will be sponsoring several women and children to attend conservation camps. If you, your spouse, or your child is a member in good standing, apply via an executive member to attend. Camp information is available on both the AFGA (Alberta Fish and Game) and AHEIA (Alberta Hunter Education Instructors Association) websites.



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Official Entry Form

A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH ENTRY. Please check ALL appropriate boxes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Scoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun | <input type="checkbox"/> Catch & Release | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Big Game | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Powder | <input type="checkbox"/> Out of Province | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography <input type="checkbox"/> Archery |

Location taken: _____

CONTESTANT (Please print)

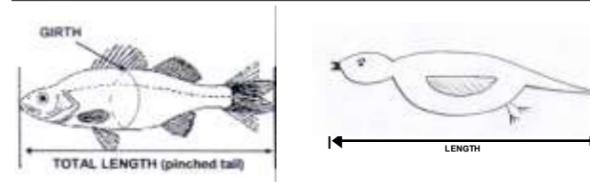
Name: _____ Age: _____ Membership #: _____ Date Taken: _____
Surname / First Name

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone #: _____
Street / City / Province

I do hereby swear that the above was LAWFULLY taken in the Province of Alberta/Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

BIRDS OR FISH (Please print)



Species: _____

Weight: _____ lb _____ oz OR _____ kg _____ gm (Attach weight

Length: _____ ft _____ in OR _____ cm

Girth: _____ ft _____ in OR _____ cm

Name of Lake or Nearest Town/City: _____ Place Weighed: _____

Witness Weighing Fish/Bird: _____
Name Address Phone #

Date Weighed: _____ Signature: _____

BIG GAME (Please print)

Species: _____ Scored/Weighed By: _____ Or to be scored by Club: _____

Total Points Scored (if applicable, attach Score Sheet): _____ Or Weight (attach Weight Slip): _____

Signature of Scorer: _____ I.D. #: _____ Date _____

WITNESS (Please print)

I, the undersigned, witnessed the taking of the above species and certify that it was LAWFULLY taken in the Province of Alberta or, if outside the Province of Alberta, where taken:

Witness Name (Print): _____ Address: _____ Phone #: _____
Surname / First Name

Signature: _____

Please see reverse for Guidelines

Youth Group of Fort Saskatchewan Fish and Game Association – Maintenance of Duck Nest Tunnels (Hen Houses)

On a gorgeous sunny Saturday, March 10th, five Junior Members of the Fort Saskatchewan Fish and Game Association met at the Youth Chair's (also President) residence in the County of Strathcona to execute the maintenance of the 55 Duck Nesting Tunnels. With four adults and five youth, the parties split up. Tom Orom and his son, Michael, along with Jason Hinken covered the Southern tunnels, and Ron Rogiers with his daughter, Rebecca, and Rachael Hinken covering the North tunnels, Dan Sturgess singly did the far West ones, and Val, Gord and Andrea Blize picked up the remainder (Southwest direction). In about two hours, they were complete and the group met back at the Blize's place for a wiener roast and refreshments supplied by ACA (Alberta Conservation Association). Snowshoes were used which, on some occasions (as water had run onto the ice and under the snow) made normal walking more difficult. Several of the volunteers had quads and a snowmobile, which made access a lot easier. We were all in Cell Phone Contact at all times.

When these Tunnels were installed in 2006, the criterion was that they were 20 feet out from the shore. With the severe draught that Alberta has been in for the last couple years, ten of these are 20 feet up on the land (high and dry) and showed no signs of having even been landed in. The ducks know that being surrounded by water is their protection and it is as if they just fly right by the ones on shore. I am no Biologist, but this is what I think is happening. Dan and I have been talking about coming out in late Fall when there are a couple inches of ice and moving several of these tunnels back into the water.

So the results are as follows: 29 Not Used, 4 Nesting Bowls but no Shells, 2 Physically Not There (Sunk in the Mud?), and 20 Tunnels with Bowl and Shells or were being used at this time which gives us a 36% success rate.



From Left to Right, Ron Rogiers, Andrea Blize, Rebecca Rogiers, Jason Hinken, Rebecca Hinken, Michael Orom and Gord Blize.

TREASURER'S REPORT, JAMES PATERSON

Since November, the Club has provided donations and sponsorship to BOW (Becoming an Outdoor Woman), the Wildlife Habitat Trust Fund, Camp He Ho Ha for the disabled, as well as sponsored the annual Christmas Crib social and Trophy scoring nights. A large thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors for making this possible. After all of the bills came in, the annual Wild Game Dinner and Awards night resulted in significant fundraising for the Club, allowing us to continue to send women and children to conservation camps. For those who attended the banquet, you will know that we leased a Visa/Mastercard/Debit machine for the event. The machine also allows the Club to take card information over the phone for such items as membership sales, merchandise sales, or donations. It has allowed the Club to catch up with modern times where many folks no longer carry cash or cheques.



WEBSITE REPORT – JAMES PATERSON

After a long hiatus, the Club website (www.fsfga.org) has been revived. Check us out online for up-coming events, photos, Club history, and other tidbits. I hope to get a forum going soon, but due to current workload, it may not be until the summer. If you have questions, comments, etc., send us an email at fortfishngame@hotmail.com. Do you have photos? Send them to sendmepotos@hotmail.com. Do you have a Facebook account? Why not become a member of the Fort Saskatchewan Fish and Game Association Facebook Group for status updates, upcoming events, and more photos. Look for us online!

PHONE COMMITTEE – VAL BLIZE



Well it was time to try something different due to lack of volunteers! We checked out a new system with "Voice Shot", which is an online telephone automated system. Initially we had it sent from the 1-800 #. However, we changed it to have our home number appear on call display, as some people and machines reject the 1-800#s, which is understandable. It did take a bit to get set up, but once up and running it is a breeze to do every month. We send out 360 calls, of which about one-third are live answered, half are answering machines. The rest are unsuccessful?! That could mean no answer, or these could be call display phones only which would not get the message. We still aren't sure of the success on the other end of the phone due to only a very few people responding to the context of the messages sent (as in, who is coming to the Jr. Tri Club trap shoot, help needed at trade fair etc.). On our end, this seems to be a very efficient way of communicating with a lot of members, using very little man power and time. At approximately \$50 a month, this seems to be a reasonable and efficient way to get our messages out. Please let us know how this system is working for you and if you are

getting the calls. **Please do your part and respond by volunteering to help your Club.**

Two hunters went moose hunting every winter without success. Finally, they came up with a foolproof plan. They got a very authentic female moose costume and learned the mating call of a female moose. The plan was to hide in the costume, lure the bull, then come out of the costume and shoot it. They set themselves up on the edge of a clearing, donned their costume, and began to give the moose love call. Before long, their call was answered as a bull came crashing out of the forest and into the clearing. When the bull was close enough, the guy in front said, "Okay, let's get out and get him." After a moment that seemed like an eternity, the guy in the back shouted, "The zipper is stuck! What are we going to do?" The guy in the front said, "Well, I'm going to start nibbling grass, but you'd better brace yourself."

LAND AND CABIN REPORT – DAN ROTH

The cabin property is open year round and always a pleasant place to get away from it all!! Please feel free to utilize the facility as it's there for all members to enjoy. Contact any member of the Executive to gain access and have a good time!!

We're hoping to have a work party during the latter part of May to open the property for the summer season. We're again happy to see the pond water level is up a fair amount from all the snowmelt, but still not near what we've seen for water in previous years. We stained the cabin windows and door frames and later this summer plan to sand and stain the decks and railings surrounding the cabin. This will complete the refinishing of the cabin and it's looking great!!

There will be no fish stocking in the pond again this season as a result of too high a nutrient content in the pond water. By late spring and into early summer this starves the trout of oxygen and they have not been able to survive.

We're still working on getting a re-zoning application into the county before our lease expires in the Spring of 2014. The county will not allow any future development under our existing "FARM" zoning; they insist we get "RECREATION" zoning for the property; at a cost of \$6,000 to \$10,000. This seems to be a very steep price to pay! Our outdoor archery range proposal was put on hold as a result of this recent requirement from the County of Strathcona (our leaseholder).

When out at the property, be aware of any existing fire bans the County may have imposed and DO NOT light the woodstove or the outdoor fire pit when there is a fire ban in effect. The early Spring conditions in the area are very, very dry in the woodlot around the cabin. Call the county Fire Ban hot line to find out what the current conditions are before you light any fires: 780-467-5216 and hit option #1 for the fire ban status.

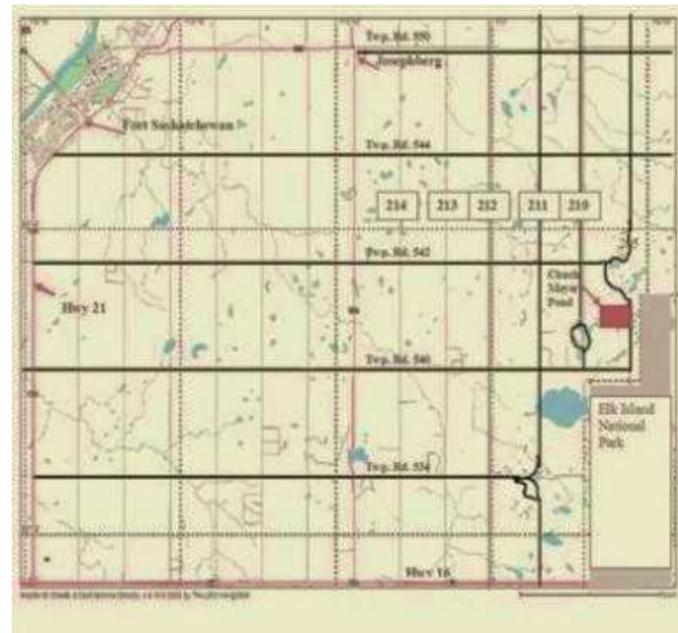
Hope to see everyone out at the cabin at least once this season and enjoy!!! Please sign into the visitor log book and tell us what wildlife you've seen in the area when you visited. There are moose and deer in the area, and a lot of birds and small game can be seen as well.

Fort Saskatchewan Fish and Game Association Cabin Location

From Fort Saskatchewan, there are two ways to the Cabin:

- Head north on HWY 15 and turn east onto TWP 550. Turn south on RR 205 and then onto 205A. The cabin is on your right.
- Head south past the prison on RR 224, then turn left onto TWP 542, then right on RR 205A. The cabin is on your right.

If you wish vehicle access to the property, you will have to sign out a key from one of the Executive (this measure is to stop theft from the property). Please light fires only in the pits provided and leave the area as you found it, with fires **OUT**.



KIDS ICEFISHING DERBY – GRAHAM MORIN

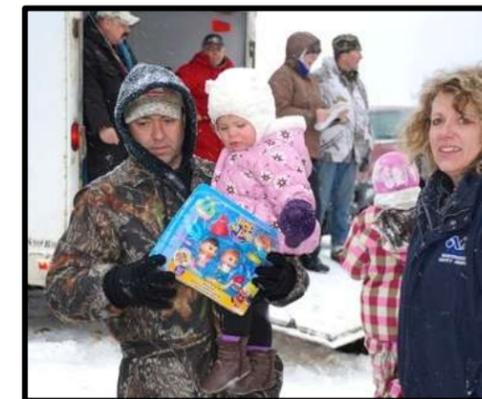
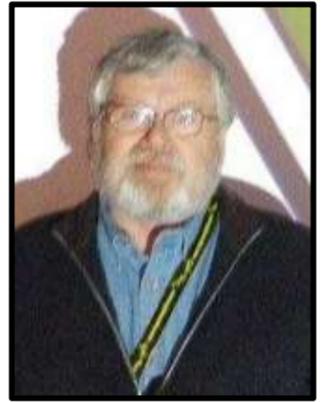
The derby was held on February 19th at North Buck Lake. We had a good turnout, with 43 adults and 24 kids. The weather was a little snowy, but at least it wasn't freezing cold. The fishing was fairly good, and quite a few fish were caught, mainly by the kids. Each child received a prize. Dan Roth even had a couple of entries. Thanks for keeping track of this, Dan. Adults had a 50/50 for the largest fish. Al Brown won, with a pike weighing 2.64 lb, length 58 cm, netting him a healthy \$41. Way to go, Al!

Top 3 Pike for Kids
 Myiesha Smith (2.56 lb, 49 cm)
 Matt Samaroc (3.8 lb)
 Kristian Bose Huclak (1.77 lb)

Top 3 Perch for Kids
 Hunter Inverarity (.85 lb, 30 cm)
 Matt Samaroc (.48 lb)
 Bryton Seirsen (.47 lb)

I would like to thank all who helped with the setup, cooking and prizes. Your help made it a great day! And, special thanks to Kevin Homeniuk for the use of his enclosed trailer as our office and kitchen. Perhaps we should purchase one of these for the Club – it was pretty handy! Also, a big thanks to Sobeys for the wieners and buns, and to Safeway for the condiments. Our summer derby will be on June 15th to 17th (Father's Day weekend). Once again, it will be at Fawcett Lake, and the overflow camping area has already been booked. For campsite reservations, please call Crystal Twa at Anchor Inn Report – 780-829-2211.

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Date _____

**Fort Saskatchewan Fish & Game Association
Eighth Annual Gopher Tail Competition
March 1st to August 31st, 2012
Entry Form**

Surname _____ First Name _____ Age: _____

Address _____ Telephone # _____

Parent or Guardian's Name _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____

Entry Fee Paid: _____

Score Sheet

Rules:

1. The competition is open to all youth 15 years of age and under, members and friends, sons and daughters.
2. The entry fee is \$10.00.
3. Tails can be harvested by any method: Bow & Arrow, rifle, shotgun or snaring.
4. Permission must be granted by the Landowner to avoid Trespassing Violations.
5. Tails should be collected in Ziplock bags of 25, labeled with the entrant's name and phone number, and stored in the freezer until they can be handed in.
6. The Youth Chairperson will keep the records and declare the winner in Early September. Prizes will be awarded at the Andrew Young Memorial Junior Trap Shoot held at the Mundare Gun Range on Sunday, September 9th, 2012.
7. A parent or guardian must sign the Entry Form to show that permission has been given to the youth to participate.

ARCHERY REPORT – JUSTIN KABAN

The Fort Saskatchewan and Lamont Fish and Game Archery Program has achieved many mile-stones so far this year. Our latest success has been the development of an indoor archery range at the Bruderheim School Gym. Karl Hauch and I had approached the Elk Island Public School Division about utilizing the gym for an indoor archery range for both our youth and adult members. On April 11th we held a demonstration of the archery program for the school board representatives, and outlined our program objectives and safety precautions. The representatives were extremely impressed with our professional-ism and granted us approval to utilize the gymnasium. The indoor range will be operating every second Thursday starting on April 26th to June 21st from 7-10pm at the Bruderheim School Gym. The indoor range will be shutdown during summer break, but will start back up in mid-September. We are encouraging all archers from either the Fort Saskatchewan or Lamont Fish and Game Associations to come out and enjoy the range. It's a great way to get out and meet new people with the same interests, and who knows you may even meet your next good hunting buddy. If you are not a member, and are interested in shooting at the range anyone of our executive would be willing to get you a membership. Both Associations are partnering together to develop the archery program for our members. We are also pleased to announce that the partnership is also working on developing an outdoor 3D range as part of the program. The outdoor range would be utilized from spring to fall and would also be available to members from either association. We are hoping to have the 3D range in operation this summer, but it requires many volunteer hours to get started, so please don't be shy to come help out. If you are interested in coming out to shoot at our indoor range, or help with the outdoor range please feel free to contact Justin Kaban (kabaner_48@hotmail.com) or Murray Laronde (kmlaronde@telus.net) for information. I would also like to thank Robin Prinak (rpinak@hotmail.com) from Adrenaline Archery in Ardrossan for supplying both associations with archery equipment for the program. If you need any archery equipment for your next adventure send Robin an e-mail.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT – ANDRE RADKE

As of March 29th, we have 260 current and 544 expired memberships, so if you are one of the "Expired", please get your renewal in soon, or you will miss out on *The Outdoor Edge* magazine. Remember, our memberships go from January 1st to December 31st.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Alberta Fish and Game Association is Alberta's oldest and largest conservation organization -- our roots can be traced back to 1908!
- Our membership is more than 20,500 in over 100 clubs throughout Alberta! Being a member increases the strength and voice of the AFGA when it deals with government, industry and other organizations on matters and issues of concern to resident outdoor enthusiasts.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- One-year subscription to *The Outdoor Edge* Magazine (subscription is optional; Regular news stand price \$3.95/issue)
- Up to 33% discount on eye-wear products
- Up to 10% discount from Campers Village on most items
- 10% discount from Marks Work Warehouse
- 10% discount on Scorpion Optics
- Participation in the Annual Wildlife Awards Competition
- Discounts on personal insurance through Allied Insurance Brokers
- Opportunity to participate in youth camps
- Entry in contests with cash and merchandise prizes
- \$8,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberments coverage
- \$5,000,000 Personal Liability insurance
- Opportunity to participate in numerous conservation projects
- Access to over 37,000 acres of prime habitat without having to ask for permission
- Knowledge that you are supporting the largest conservation organization in Alberta

TEN COMMON FISHING TERMS EXPLAINED:

Catch and Release - A conservation motion that happens most often right before the local Fish and Game officer pulls over a boat that has caught over its limit.

Hook - (1) A curved piece of metal used to catch fish. (2) A clever advertisement to entice a fisherman to spend his live savings on a new rod and reel. (3) The punch administered by said fisherman's wife after he spends their life savings (see also, Right Hook, Left Hook).

Line - Something you give your co-workers when they ask on Monday how your fishing went the past weekend.

Lure - An object that is semi-enticing to fish, but will drive an angler into such a frenzy that he will charge his credit card to the limit before exiting the tackle shop.

Reel - A weighted object that causes a rod to sink quickly when dropped overboard.

Rod - An attractively painted length of fiberglass that keeps an angler from ever getting too close to a fish.

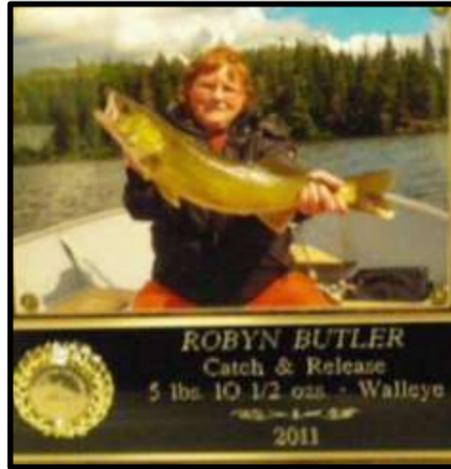
School - A grouping in which fish are taught to avoid your \$29.99 lures and hold out for spam instead.

Tackle - What your last catch did to you as you reeled him in, but just before he wrestled free and jumped back overboard.

Tackle Box - A box shaped alarmingly like your comprehensive first aid kit. Only a tackle box contains many sharp objects, so that when you reach in the wrong box blindly to get a Band Aid, you soon find that you need more than one.

Test - (1) The amount of strength a fishing line affords an angler when fighting fish in a specific weight range. (2) A measure of your creativity in blaming "that darn line" for once again losing the fish.

TROPHY REPORT, ROBYN BUTLER/DAN ROTH



Another trophy season is underway in 2012. Please get all your entries sent in for all Junior and Adult categories. The deadline for entries is our first Club general meeting 3rd Wednesday in January, 2013.

For entries in our Junior and Adult fish, bird, and big game categories, please remember to submit your photo with your trophy in hand and we will enter your name into the Trophy Photography category as well. If you win any of the fish, bird, and big game categories, we can use this photograph and will have it framed inside your take home trophy, which makes for a very nice and memorable wall hanging to show off your award!

For those who did not make it to our Annual Game Dinner and Trophy Ball on March 3rd, see the 2011 trophy winners in this Newsletter. The 2011 Annual Achievement Award went to Dan Roth. We have had a few NEW sponsors come on board for the 2011 season. And thanks to all the other trophy sponsors for their many, many years of continued support. We now have over 40 sponsored trophy categories as listed in this Newsletter. If you are interested or know some individual or business who is interested in a sponsorship please let us know. Please remember to honor these sponsors with thanks and your patronage!

The Lanco Well Services Junior Participation Award was introduced in 2006 and will continue to award all juniors who participate in the trophy program. In the past four years, we've had nearly 37 juniors recognized with this award. All children and juniors are encouraged to participate to receive this award with their entries in the junior fish, junior game, and all photography categories.

For all you photographers with cameras, we have four photography categories. Every year we're seeing more and more entries, and in 2011 we received many outstanding entries. Be sure to enter the photography categories with 8"X10" photos, as the judging is then that much easier. These category winners will also then be forwarded to the AFGA Provincial awards. We have a Trophy Competition Photo Album on display at many of our functions throughout the year.

Attached is a blank entry form, and remember that a separate form is needed for each entry. It's a good idea to carry a couple with you whenever you go fishing, hunting or taking wildlife or scenic pictures, so keep a few forms handy in your boat or vehicle glove box! Please fill the form out as completely as possible with all the pertinent information and direct them to Robyn or Dan by mail, or give them to any Executive member. If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns get in touch with us either by phone or e-mail: Robyn (H 780-895-7799, e-mail r.butler@primus.ca) or Dan (H 780-436-3419, e-mail -dwroth@telusplanet.net) If you would like to become a sponsor please let us know.

So, all the best to everyone and remember, take a child outside and introduce them to the great outdoors!



2011 ANNUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Category	Sponsor	Winner
Junior Perch	Crystal Glass	Nicholas Roth 14 oz
Junior Walleye	Tyne Welding	No entry
Junior Northern Pike	Drayden Insurance Ltd.	No entry
Junior Trout	Boston Pizza	Nicholas Roth 1 lb 2 oz Rainbow
Junior Master Fisherman	D&S Concrete Ltd. (Ardrossan)	Nicholas Roth 14 oz Perch
Burbot	Cheyenne Rig Repair (Gibbons)	No entry
Rocky Mountain Whitefish	Bill & Tella Findlay	Paul Gamache.... 2 lb 6 1/2 oz
Lake Whitefish	Fort Saskatchewan Autobody Ltd.	No entry
Trout	Servus Credit Union	Doug Butler 7 lb 7 oz Lake Trout
Perch	Husky	Dennis Hlushak... 1 lb 11 1/4 oz
Walleye	GC Systems (Sherwood Park)	No entry
Northern Pike	Tri-Alta Oilfield Industries (Redwater)	No entry
Catch and Release	Ellen Bablitz & Len Gransch	Robyn Butler..... 5 lb 10 1/2 oz Walleye
Best Out-of-Province Fish	Mel Martin's Transfer	Lori Roth..... 33 lb Chinook Salmon
Master Fisherman	Roland & Son Jewelry & Trophy Den	Dennis Hlushak... 1 lb 11 1/4 oz Perch
Largest Mallard Duck	Pat Alderson	Terry Upright..... 4 lb 2 oz
Largest Goose	RWM Industrial Maintenance Ltd.	Terry Upright..... 12 lb 4 1/2 oz Canada
Largest Spruce Grouse	Sharon & Graham Morin (Gibbons)	No entry
Largest Ruffed Grouse	Denham's Crystal Chrysler	Stan Morin 1 lb 9 oz
Largest Ring-Necked Pheasant	Nordegg Sports	No entry
Largest Whitetail Antlers	Armour Self Storage	Cliff Chopping 186 2/8"
Heaviest Whitetail	Farnese Insurance Brokers Ltd.	Brett Kampjes 185 lb
Largest Mule Deer Antlers	Boston Pizza	Spencer Armstrong 154 7/8"
Heaviest Mule Deer	Ft. Sask. Fish & Game Assoc.	Ken Engman..... 166 lb
Junior Deer	Treebark Cameras	Brett Kampjes 52 1/8" Whitetail Deer NT
G Berlinguette Memorial Award		
-Largest Elk Antlers	Keith Thorne	Matt Hunter..... 275 0/8"
Ernie Thorne Memorial		
-Largest Moose Antlers	Richard Thorne (Vauxhall)	Steve Price 171 0/8"
Heaviest Moose	Cheyenne Rig Repair (Gibbons)	Crystal Morin 642 lb
Largest Black Bear	The Hanes Family	No entry
Largest Non-Current Big Game	Gord Suprovich	Blair Reynolds 70 4/8" Antelope
Largest Big Game Animal		
-Black Powder	Darwin & Dawn Hunter	Ken Engman..... 34 3/8" Mule Deer
Master Archer	Adrenaline Archery & Outdoors (Ardrossan)	Shawn Hanes 127 3/8" Whitetail Deer
Female Sportsperson of the Year	Chris & Ken Engman (Lamont)	Crystal Morin 147 4/8" Moose
Andrew Young Junior Trapshoot	Ft. Sask. Fish & Game Assoc.	Brady Johnson.... 18/25 (73%)
Junior Master Big Game Hunter	City of Fort Saskatchewan	Brett Kampjes 152 1/8" Whitetail Deer NT
Master Big Game Hunter	Gallason Industrial Cleaning Services	Cliff Chopping 186 2/8" Whitetail Deer
Scenery Photography	Lube-X	Gord Blize
Wildlife Photography	George Hargescheimer (Bruderheim)	Crystal Morin
Trail Camera Photography	Tree Bark Cameras	Doug Butler
Trophy Photography	Doug & Robyn Butler (Lamont)	Rob Hanes
Walter Bablitz Memorial		
-Annual Achievement	Ft. Sask. Fish & Game Assoc.	Dan Roth
Lanco Well Services		
-Junior Participation Awards	Lanco Well Services	Nicholas Roth, Max Appleton, Brett Kampjes, Richard MacLean, Michael Orom, Andrea Blize, Joel Brown

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