



# Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JUNIOR OLYMPIC PROGRAM (JOP)

The Junior Archery Club is meeting again on Thursday nights from 6 pm - 8pm. The club has a supply of bows and arrows if anyone would like to come and try it out. Once they have decided if they would like to continue we encourage members to purchase their own gear. Members can be anywhere from 5-18 years of age. Basic instruction is provided. You must be a member of the Sportsmen's Association to be a regular member but there is no additional weekly charge to attend. The club usually does not meet during summer or winter holidays, fall and spring break. If you require any further information, please contact Corky Berkelaar at 250-296-3622 or Mike Chesley at 250-392-3883.

#### TURKEY TRAP SHOOT

The Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association is hosting a Turkey Trap Shoot at the Clubhouse on Bond Lake Road on **Sunday, November 21, 2010**. The shoot starts at 10:00 am. Ten shot events, buddy shoots, Annie Oakleys & other novelty shoots. \$5.00 per event; shoots for all categories, beginner, intermediate & expert. There will be assorted meat prizes. Shells are \$8.00 per box, there will be shotguns to borrow and coaching available. There will be a 2-yard Handicap for each win. Lunch is available.

For more information call Cliff at 250-392-7561 or Barry at 250-392-6750. Check online at [www.williamslakesportsmen.ca](http://www.williamslakesportsmen.ca) to view poster.

#### 2011 WLSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next WLSA Annual General Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Bond Lake Road on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 pm. More information regarding the AGM will be added to the January, 2011 newsletter.

#### 2011 WLSA WILD GAME BANQUET

It has been decided that our next Wild Game Awards Banquet and Fundraiser, which will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2011 at the Elks Hall in Williams Lake in order to accommodate more members. Over the past two years, banquet tickets have sold out very quickly, leaving many members not able to attend.



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### Meat Donations

We are in need of meat donations if we are to have a successful banquet this year. You can take your meat donations to Chilcotin Guns and thank you in advance. We are also looking for prize and auction donations from any of you who can contribute.

### Game Scoring and Award Entries

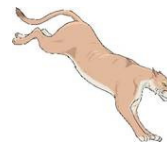
Moe Monita and Gerry Lucas are scoring this year. You can contact Moe by email at [Maurice.Monita@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Maurice.Monita@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) and you can contact Gerry at 250-392-2706. You can check out which award entries are specific to Region 5 and which ones are specific to the Province by going to the WLSA website at [www.williamslakesportsmen.ca](http://www.williamslakesportsmen.ca), clicking on "Trophies" and the selecting the individual trophies listed at the bottom of the page. Entries for Trophy Awards must be submitted by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

### These categories are:

1. Junior Trout
2. Rainbow Trout
3. Trout – Fly7 Fishing only
4. Junior Spring Salmon
5. Lake Trout
6. Spring Salmon
7. Junior Mule Deer
8. Mule Deer Typical
9. Mule Deer Non Typical
10. Mule Deer in Velvet
11. Mule Deer Typical – Archery
12. Mule Deer Typical – Ladies
13. Aggregate Archery
14. Typical Whitetail
15. Moose Junior



16. Moose
17. California Big Horn Sheep
18. Black Bear
19. Black Bear - Junior
20. Black Bear – Archery
21. Mountain Goat
22. Caribou
23. Wolf
24. Cougar
25. Grizzly Bear
26. Elk
27. Canada Goose
28. Open Big Game
29. WLSA Sportsman of the Year
30. Jack MacKill Memorial Conservation Award





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### CLUB SIGNAGE:

A new club sign has been erected at the entrance to the club facilities. This new sign is of the club crest in colour. The brush and old wooden fence has been cleaned up in order to open up the area for visibility. The new Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association sign at the entrance of the clubhouse has been hung along with new signage displayed on the left which specifies open and closed.



New signs have been purchased and placed on the rifle and hand gun range showing when they are closed. In addition, the baffles now have yard signage at the 26, 54, 100 and 200 yard marks.



The 26 yard and 54 yard are on the two ricochet berms and these distances were not selected for the purposes of shooting at targets. The ricochet berms were installed as a consequence of the range inspection. Club members are being allowed to set targets above these burms as long as shots do not hit the berms. These

distances are strictly incidental to the presence of the ricochet berms.



To the right of the handgun range we have opened up the dirt berm and placed a gate. This will allow us to bring in a vehicle, lawnmower and snow plow to service this range throughout the year.

### BIFF'S GUPPY MOOSE AND OTHER STORY – Submitted by *Wayne Biffert*



The names have been changed to protect the innocent.

Friday Nov. 1, 2010. Biff, Pete and Pete's wife head out to set up camp. Late Friday Biff's hunting partner Bill arrives with his daughter. Bill has a SPOT (SPOT Satellite GPS Messenger) and sent a message home to his wife that he was here and everything is fine.

Sat. Nov.2. All out hunting. No moose and very little sign. Today Pete's brother-in law shows up with his son. Also



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another brother-in law, Bob arrives with his wife. Bill sent a message home to his wife that he was here and everything is fine.

Sun. Nov. 3. All out hunting. No moose and very little sign. Bill takes daughter back to town and arrives back at camp late at night. Bill sent a message home to his wife that he was here and everything is fine.

Monday Nov. 4, 2010. The true story starts to evolve. Biff and Bill go hunting in a new meadow. Bill gives out a love sick cow call. Biff moves 100 ft away to get a different view of the meadow. We can hear a plane going by overhead above the clouds. The time now is 10:45 am. Biff lights a cigarette and fumbles around opening a new package of cigarettes as it was the last one in the old package. Biff looks up and sees a cow moose and a huge (really small) bull moving toward Bill. Biff can see the animals are right in front of Bill but no shot.

That asshole is after horns and not young tender meat. Low and behold the cow and BIG BULL walk back in front of Biff. Bill is wondering when he is going to hear the shot. Biff did'er right smart like. One shot took out the top of the heart. Time now is 11:00 am. About this time we can hear an airplane flying above the clouds and it sounds like it is flying transects. Pete and Bob hear the shot and contact us on the FSR radios. Do we have a moose down and do we need help? Yes, moose down and help requested.

Bill uses SPOT to send a message home we are here in this meadow (as opposed to camp) to indicate to his family that we have a moose down. Bill, with Biff's assistance (well I held a leg out of the way didn't I) starts to gut the HUGE moose. The clouds have now lifted and we can see the airplane is a Search & Rescue Buffalo circling overhead. Pete and Bob call on the radio and ask if by chance we have set off SPOT with an emergency signal. No. SPOT is off and not sending any signal.



The Buffalo continues to circle overhead. It does 3 circles about 2 kilometres south of us and then 1 circle big enough to go by us. This continues for about an hour. Bill is getting nervous and every 3 mins. is saying he wished the bloody plane would bugger off. Biff is getting tired of his whining so says "If it's bothering you that much just bloody well shoot the damn thing down". Time now is 12:00 noon and a helicopter is flying around and it sounds like it landed near our vehicle and then took off again.

Bill and Biff now have the moose quartered and hanging off downed trees so the hide can be taken off and game bags put on the quarters. Time is 1:15 pm. The Buffalo and helicopter have now left. All the other guys show up at 3:00 pm with the game bags and back packs.

Now the story is finally told that Bob was packing an old Personal Emergency Locator around with him. When they got back to their vehicle, to come help us, the search & rescue people



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were waiting in the helicopter. They said they received an emergency signal at 9:30 am that mourning. Bob had checked it but the seal was still intact and not activated so it couldn't possibly be him. However it was his equipment but because he had not turned it on and the seal had not been broken the Search & rescue would NOT charge him anything for their time and trouble. Nice to know these things work as it only took them an hour and a half to get into the Chilcotin from Comox.

Out of the 2 pictures you can guess the moose Biff shot and the one his partner Bill got a week later.

### **EDITORIAL:**

**Bruce Montague** – Submitted by ***Debbie Powers-Barron***

Why is it that a decent law abiding citizen is sent to jail? I am referring to Bruce Montague who has sacrificed his personal liberty after taking a stand on behalf of all Canadians, against Bill C-68 which was proclaimed into law in 1995.

At this time Bruce became very politically active, criticizing the parliamentary process and the unconstitutionality of Bill C-68 and publically declaring that the firearms he owned were not registered. He was eventually charged and convicted. He is now incarcerated after losing his Supreme Court of Canada appeal however, he is still fighting.

In addition, the Canadian Government is now in the process of seizing the family home as proceeds of crime. The persecution does not yet end.

Bruce is a family man, married to his childhood sweetheart, Donna. He and Donna have three children, Steven who was born in 1984, Michael born in 1987 and Katey born in 1991.

Michael and Stephen are in the medical stream and Katey is pursuing an education in fine arts. Katey has done numerous You Tube videos regarding our current gun registration legislation.

This close family is very active and well respected in both church and community. They are well adjusted normal everyday people. They are not criminals yet they are being treated as such by a government that is focused on prohibiting the rights of honest and law abiding gun owners in order to "get tough on crime". Logic does not prevail here.

It stands to reason that in spite of Bill C-68, the actual criminal element in our society will continue to obtain unregistered and illegal weapons to continue to ply their trade. This is the group of people that our government and law enforcement agencies need to focus on and when we catch one of them, lock them up and throw away the key. Establish a Canada wide registry of violent offenders; we need to focus on those who are actually a threat.



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Our justice system is far too lenient in prosecuting and sentencing people who prey on others for their own gain.

When I think about Bruce and his family, I think also about the past president of South Africa, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and the past President of Poland, Lec Walesa. Both of these individuals spent years in incarceration rather than to sacrifice their beliefs and both of these individuals eventually helped to bring democracy to their countries.

What else can I say other than Bruce Montague for Prime Minister!

If you are interested, Bruce can use your financial support for his legal defence fund. You can learn far more about Bruce and his family by visiting his website at [www.bruceontague.ca](http://www.bruceontague.ca). While you are at it check out his daughter Katey's videos on You Tube.

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