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Hello to all of you once again. If there is something you would like printed in the newsletter whether it be articles, events, recipes, etc, please contact Debbie at 392-2504 or email wlsawebmaster@telus.net. We would also appreciate pictures of your outings for our photo gallery.

Also, a reminder that Dena Gysel is collecting pictures of our member's trophy entries so please forward all of your pictures along with brief descriptions to her so that Dena can put together a Power Point presentation for our next Wild Game Banquet in February 2009. Her email address is: denagysel@hotmail.com

The Argo



We have some exciting news for you. The Rick Hansen Foundation has donated Rick's personal Argo and trailer to the club to be used to assist people with disabilities to access and enjoy the great outdoors and to make wilderness areas more accessible to people with limited mobility.

When the Rick Hansen Foundation initially contacted our club to see what we could offer people with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities, Barry and Judy Jenkins drew up a proposal, submitted it and out of that has sprung the Williams Lake Sportsmen's Outdoor Outreach Program.

The Argo is an amphibious, off-road All Terrain Vehicle and is at home both on land and in the water. For more information on this vehicle, visit the website www.arqoatv.com.

Our club will be receiving the Argo before the Williams Lake Stampede and we will be entering it into the parade this year. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program and an excursion into the great wide open, please contact Barry Jenkins at 392-6750 or email jbarryjenkins@shaw.ca.

Shooting Benches

Gord Mayfield and Lorne Barron worked together to design a new shooting bench for the rifle range. Gord worked on the steel parts and Lorne worked on the wood parts. Together they came up with one fine bench which has a height adjustable seat.

Lorne Barron is in the process of constructing four more benches for the range. Please visit the rifle range to test drive the new bench. Lorne would welcome your feedback so feel free to contact him at 392-2504 or email lbarron1@hotmail.com.



Membership Dues



Many of our members have been requesting to know what their membership dues provide them. Thank you to WLSA Treasurer, Ed Oliver, for providing the facts and figures from the 2007 budget. These figures are approximations.

Last year the WLSA pulled in approximately \$40,000.00. Half of our revenue came from membership dues (\$20,000.00) and half came from fundraisers: the Wild Game Banquet, hall rentals, CORE training and trap shoots.

Here is the approximate breakdown of where your dues went last year and where they are going to go again this year:

- ✚ 40% of your dues went to the BCWF
- ✚ 38% went to cover the cost of building insurance
- ✚ 14% went to repair and maintenance, and
- ✚ 8% went to utility expenses

At the end of 2007, the WLSA netted \$300.00 after all the bills were paid. This year we are hoping to see a net profit of \$3000.00.

Website Updates

There have been several website updates in the past month. A new "Contact Us" page has been added to both the WLSA and Cariboo Archer's pages. In addition, we are now listing range closures on the "Activities" page. We have also added a new link to the RAPP Program (Report all Poachers and Polluters). You can access this link on the "Home" page or on the "Links" page. Web updates are made every week so keep your eye on www.williamslakesportsmen.com.



We are constantly looking to improve our website so that we can provide our

members with the best and most recent information possible. If you have any suggestions on what we can add to or change on this site, please contact Debbie at 392-2504 or email wlsawebmaster@telus.net.

Reloading Course



There were not enough registrants to make the Reloading Course possible. Barry Jenkins is prepared to offer this course again providing there is enough interest so if you know of any interested parties contact Barry at 392-6750 or email ibarryjenkins@shaw.ca. This course covers all aspects of reloading.

WLSA Open House

The WLSA and the Cariboo Archers will be hosting an open house on Sunday, August 24th, 2008 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will be having a lunch time barbecue for all who attend. We have not yet finalized all of the displays and activities so keep your eyes on the “Events” page of the website for more information.

Proposed Changes to Mule Deer Hunting Regulations



We received a copy of a letter that was sent by Tom Ethier, MoE, to the BCWF and to the Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia regarding the Proposed changes to Mule Deer hunting regulations for the 2008/09 season. It seems that there will be no changes to the mule deer hunting regulations for the 2008 hunting season. Here is the letter:

Dear Stakeholders:

Our wildlife staff in the Cariboo Region (Region 5) have conducted composition inventories on Mule Deer within the Region and determined that the buck:doe ratio has fallen below management objectives. In order to maintain quality hunting experiences and ensure that management objectives are met, the Wildlife Program is re-evaluating the mule deer buck harvest strategy in Region 5.

There is currently no conservation concern for Mule Deer in this Region. To the contrary, we are confident that the overall population is very healthy. While the buck:doe ratios are lower than desired, we do not believe the current ratios are low enough to negatively impact breeding success or fawn recruitment. The actions we are considering are only intended to recover the male component of the population to the stated management objective of at least 20 bucks/100 does, and to maintain quality hunting experiences.

An initial regulation proposal was developed that included a moratorium on the late ‘4-point’ buck season (November 21 through to November 30) and shortening

of the any buck season to November 10 from November 20. In addition, while maintaining the 2-buck bag limit, an additional restriction included limiting the buck harvest such that only one buck could be harvested in each of the remaining seasons (ie: if a hunter harvested a buck during the early '4-point' season they would be able to harvest another in the 'any buck' season, but would not be allowed to harvest 2 bucks in the "any buck" season).

We have postponed making these changes, or any changes to the Hunting Regulations, until 2009 so that we can fully evaluate management options for the 2009 mule deer hunting season and consult with stakeholders on these options.

Please feel free to contact our Fish and Wildlife staff with any questions or concerns you may have.

Regards, Tom Either, Director

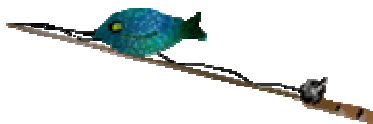
Fundraiser Shindig At Biff's Pond



Wayne Biffert is hosting a WLSA fundraiser at his pond at 2710 Dog Creek Road, on July 5th, 2008. Start time is 10:00 in the morning. All are welcome to spend the night. There is room for 4 – 5 campers or motor homes and approximately 20 tents. There is a fire pit on site. The particulars are:

- The cost for each participant who wants to fish will be \$25.00. Must be a current member and be prepared to show your membership card. All others can attend at no cost.
- All fish will be caught with a single barbless hook
- All fishing participants can retain 1 fish
- If a fish is hooked anywhere except the lips, it must be kept
- Must bring your own grub, goodies, beverages, spirits
- You will have the choice to enter your catch for the record book:
- 50% of the entry fee goes to the heaviest fish and 50% to the club
- Fish will be weighed and measured and entered for the trout fishing year end WLSA trophy
- If you are interested, please contact Wayne at 392-7460 or email him at Wayne.Biffert@telus.net to pre-register, as spaces for campers and motor homes will be limited.

Come one and all, young, not so young and old. This will be a great opportunity for us to socialize, have fun and to get to know each other better. Looking forward to seeing you all there.



Lakes Across Canada Face Being Turned Into Mine Dump Sites

CBC News has learned that 16 Canadian lakes are slated to be officially but quietly “reclassified” as toxic dump sites for mines. The lakes include prime wilderness fishing lakes from B.C. to Newfoundland.

Environmentalists say the process amounts to a “hidden subsidy” to mining companies, allowing them to get around laws against the destruction of fish habitat.

Under the Fisheries Act, it’s illegal to put harmful substances into fish-bearing waters. But, under a little-known subsection known as Schedule Two of the mining effluent regulations, federal bureaucrats can redefine lakes as “tailings impoundment areas.”

That means mining companies don’t need to build containment ponds for toxic mine tailings.

CBC News visited two examples of Schedule Two lakes. In Newfoundland and Labrador, the Vale Inco Company wants to use a prime destination for fishermen known as Sandy Pond to hold tailings from a nickel processing plant.

In northern B.C., Imperial Metals plans to enclose a remote watershed valley to hold tailings from a gold and copper mine. The valley lies in what the native Tahltan people call the “Sacred Headwaters” of three major salmon rivers. It also serves as spawning grounds for the rainbow trout of Klueta Lake, which is downstream from the dump site.

Lakes ‘safest option’: mining association

Vale Inco’s proposal was the subject of a public meeting on June 10 in Long Harbour, N.L. Billed as a “public consultation” on the proposal, the meeting was attended by government officials, mining executives, environmentalists and fishermen.

Lakes are often the best way for mine tailings to be contained, said Elizabeth

Gardiner, vice-president for technical affairs for the Mining Association of Canada.

“In some cases, particularly in Canada, with this kind of topography and this number of natural lakes and depressions and ponds ... in the end it’s really the safest option for human health and for the environment,” she said.

But Catherine Coumans, spokeswoman for the environmental group Mining Watch, said the federal government is making it too easy. She said federal officials are increasingly using the obscure Schedule Two regulations to quietly reclassify lakes and other waters as tailings dumps.

“Something that used to be a lake — or a river, in fact, they can use rivers — by being put on this section two of this regulation is no longer a river or a lake,” she said. “It’s a tailings impoundment area. It’s a waste disposal site. It’s an industrial waste dump.”

Coumans said the procedure amounts to a subsidy to the industry and enables mines to get around the Fisheries Act....

Jim Bourquin of the Cassiar Watch Society, a conservation group, said Kluela Lake, immediately downstream from the site, is “one of the best trout fishing lakes in northern B.C.”

“This is a precedent-setting decision by the federal government to start using fish-bearing habitat as a waste management area,” Bourquin said. “It’s totally bizarre for the federal government to come here and say that this Y-shaped valley up here is no longer a fish habitat, it’s no longer sacred headwaters, it’s just a waste dump site.”

But Steve Robertson, exploration manager for Imperial Metals, told CBC News the dump site will be sealed and that the economic benefits of the planned Red Chris mine will be enormous.

This article can be viewed at: <http://www.vivelecanada.ca/article/235930185-lakes-across-canada-face-being-turned-into-mine-dump-sites> .

Rhubarb Cheese Cake Pie



It is rhubarb season and that being so, I want to share my best rhubarb pie recipe with you. It is by far our favourite. You can make this pie without sugar and can use reduced fat crème cheese to lower the calorie content.

2 Pyrex deep dish pie plates
Your favourite crust recipe

Rhubarb layer:

1/2 cup cornstarch
3/4 cup sugar, or 3/4 cup Splenda
pinch salt
1 1/2 cup water
9 cups sliced fresh rhubarb
(if using frozen rhubarb reserve the unthawed liquid and do not add the 1 1/2 cup water). You may need to add a little water to obtain the right consistency.

Cheesecake layer:

2 - 8 ounce packages of Philadelphia Crème Cheese (or lite Crème Cheeze)
4 eggs
3/4 cup white sugar or 3/4 cup Splenda

Topping:

Freshly whipped crème or Cool Whip (if counting calories use low fat Cool Whip),
Slivered almonds

In saucepan combine cornstarch, sugar (or Splenda) and salt. Add water (if using frozen rhubarb, add reserved rhubarb juice). Stir until thoroughly combined. Add rhubarb and cook, stirring often until mixture boils and thickens. Pour into unbaked pie shells. Bake at 425 for 10 minutes.

Beat softened crème cheese, eggs and sugar (or sugar substitute) until smooth. Pour on top of rhubarb and put back into the oven at 325. Bake for 35 minutes until set (jiggle it). Cool then chill for several hours or overnight. Top with freshly whipped crème or Cool Whip, and slivered almonds. Enjoy!



Grouse Pot Pie

- 2 cups chopped cooked grouse breast
- 2 hard-boiled eggs, sliced
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 1/2 cup frozen green peas
- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can cream of chicken soup
- Salt and pepper, optional
- 1 1/2 cup instant biscuit mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1 stick melted butter
- 1 cup chicken broth

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a greased 2-quart casserole, layer the grouse, eggs, carrots, and peas. Mix the soup, chicken broth, and season with salt and pepper, if desired. Pour over the layers. Stir together the biscuit mix and milk, and pour this over the casserole. Drizzle butter over the topping. Bake until the topping is golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes.

Yield: 4-6 servings

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 30-45 minutes

ON A FINAL NOTE:

If you have an email address, please contact Debbie at wlsawebmaster@telus.net or at 392-2504. Email is faster and more cost effective than snail mail!

