



Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WILLIAMS LAKE SPORTSMEN'S AGM:

The Williams Lake Sportsmen's Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, **January 17th 2011 at the WLSA clubhouse**. On the agenda will be the election of directors and table officers. Your attendance, support and votes are needed and appreciated.

If anyone is interesting in running for 2011, please contact Barry Jenkins at 250-392-6750.

WLSA AWARDS AND FUNDRAISING BANQUET:

The WLSA Awards and Fundraising Banquet will be held this year at the **ELKS Hall** on Saturday, February 5th, 2011. The decision was made to hold the banquet at the ELKS so that we could accommodate more members and guests. In the past two years tickets sold out so fast, many who planned to attend were not able to do so.



Cocktail hour starts at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00. There will be many door prizes, silent auction items and raffles and this year there will be two moose horn draws.

Tickets are now available at Chilcotin Guns, Barton's Insurance and Surplus Herbies. Executive members and directors will also be selling tickets. We are expecting that they will sell quickly so get yours early.

Prices are:	Singles	\$30.00
	Couples	\$55.00
	Youth (17 and under)	\$15.00

DONATIONS:

Soliciting donations for the banquet is always a work in progress. This fundraiser produces over half of the revenue needed to keep the ranges and clubhouse operating. It is the single most important event of the year in terms of revenue.

Donations of meat are needed as well as donations for door prizes and items for the silent auction. Meat donations can be left at Chilcotin Guns.

If you are able to donate door prize or auction items or if you have time to help solicit businesses for donations, please contact one of the below and, thank you in advance:

Wayne Biffert:	250-392-7460	Corky Berkelaar:	250-296-3622
Ernie Davidson:	250-392-5728	Lorne Barron:	250-392-2504
Jacques Drisdelle:	250-398-0368		



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C.O.R.E. AND FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE:

The next CORE and Firearms safety course will be held from 7:00 – 10:00 pm at the WLSA clubhouse on Bond Lake Road every Tuesday and Thursday starting February 8th, 2011 and will continue for four weeks. Individuals aged 10 years and up are eligible to sign up for CORE. The cost for CORE is \$120.00 which includes the book.

The PAL and Restricted PAL programs will also be offered. For additional information regarding these two programs, please contact Barry Jenkins at 250-392-6750.

YOUTH DELEGATE NEEDED:

British Columbia Wildlife Federation

2011 Annual Convention and Annual General Meeting

Surrey, B.C. April 13 – 16, 2011

Region 5 – Cariboo/Chilcotin/Coast is looking for a Youth Delegate to attend this year's BCWF Convention and Annual General Meeting between the ages of 14 to 18 years. Each Region of the BC Wildlife Federation is entitled to send one (1) voting youth delegate to the AGM, whose registration must be submitted through the region.

The Youth Program involves several activities that will take place concurrently with the main conference. These activities may be at an outside location; appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear is recommended. Transportation and meals will be provided by the BCWF and accommodations are covered by Region 5.

If you know of a youth who would be interested in attending this Convention, please contact Jacques Drisdelle, Region 5 President at 250-398-0368 or by email at treeless@telus.net

HANDLOADING COURSE:

The Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association is considering a hand loading course for rifle, pistol and shotgun. If anyone is interested contact Barry Jenkins at 250-392-6750 with your expression of interest.



CHILCOTIN GUNS – BIG BUCK CONTEST:

Chilcotin Guns have been hosting a Big Buck Contest for 8 years now and I spoke with Al Bush of Chilcotin Guns to see how the contest is run and how successful it has been. Al reported that they had from 55 to 60 entries this year and each year the contest gets bigger and better. The contest isn't about just shooting a big buck said Al Bush, it's about getting out and enjoying the hunt and hunting with friends and family.



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Rules and Regulations

1. Duration of the contest is from September 1 to December 10
2. Deer must be taken within Region 5 Only
3. Single Entry Fee \$40.00
4. All deer must be brought into Chilcotin Guns within 48 hours after the kill with head and cape attached to antlers.
5. If entered after September 1 there is a 72 hour waiting period before harvesting a deer for entry in the contest.
6. All entries must be accompanied with the licence for inspection at Chilcotin Guns
7. Animals can be taken by any legal means according to BC Hunting Regulations
8. Boone and Crocket fair chase rules apply.
9. Any deer found to be taken illegally or falsely reported will be disqualified.
10. Total gross score under Boone and Crocket rules will determine the winners.
11. Official Boone and Crocket scoring rules will determine the gross score only. It will be the hunter's responsibility to have the deer officially scored and score sheets handed in to Chilcotin Guns before December 12th.
12. In the case of a tie, prizes will be divided accordingly.
13. All winners will be announced by December 15th.
14. Top bucks must be available for re-scoring December 11th to the 14
15. Chilcotin Guns has the right to post the names and pictures of the winners.

Prizes:

<p>1st Prize - \$1,000 Gift Certificate for Merchandise at Chilcotin Guns Free Head Mount by Steve Rutherford of Wildlife Designs of 150 Mile House Marty Beets custom made knife</p> <p>Winner: Wade Lamb - Williams Lake</p>	<p>2nd Prize - \$150.00 Gift Certificate for Merchandise at Chilcotin Guns Rocky Camo Jacket</p> <p>Winner: Richard Lloyd - Williams Lake</p>	<p>3rd Prize</p> <p>Outdoor Edge Meat Processing Kit</p> <p>Winner: Kim Sepkowski - Williams Lake</p>
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Women's 4 Pt Buck Compact Binoculars

Winners: Carmen Sipola - Gang Ranch
Lyda Sharman - Williams Lake

Youth 4 Pt Buck Box of Centre Fire Ammunition
Winner: Kyle Pigeon – Williams Lake

Draw from all the successful entrants: **Prize:** Choice from three rifles

- Remington Model 700 Camo Stock – 243 Calibre
- Savage Classic Stainless - 270 Calibre
- Weatherby Vanguard – 243 Calibre

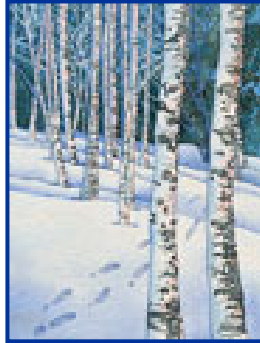
The winner chose the Savage Classic Stainless



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Al Bush reported that they also award about six door prizes which include camo pants, boots, hoodies, and other items carried in the store. There were quite a few archery harvested bucks this year said Al, many more than previous years as Archery takes on new and keen interests. Next year will mark the 9th year that the contest will be hosted by Chilcotin Guns. Get registered early next year before the hunting gets started in case that big one just happens to appear before your eyes.



BC Wildlife Federation – Announcement on ATV Insurance

1. Coverage automatically provided with membership. \$2,000,000 excess personal legal liability which does become primary coverage while operating legally on a forest service road if not other primary coverage exists. Coverage is restricted to the Member only and is not transferrable. Member* must possess a valid driver's license. Only provides protection while actively engaged in the activities of hunting and fishing not related to a business or commercial venture. The cost of this coverage is included in membership
2. Optional BCWF Members ATV policy, sold as separate policy. Provides \$1,000,000 personal liability as is attached to ATV as opposed to the Members. Operators have to 16 years and older and hold a valid driver's licence with 3 years ATV operation experience. The benefit here is a Member can allow other qualified operators to use their ATV and coverage is still valid. Coverage does apply while ATV is being legally operated on a Forest Service Road. The covered use of the ATV is expanded to "Recreational" activities excluding racing events, hill climb events, etc. Coverage does not apply if ATV is being used for a business or commercial purpose.

Cost is \$115 per ATV plus a \$25 administration fee.

This policy also gives you the option to buy "physical" damage insurance on your ATV to provide coverage on an "All Risk" basis (includes collision, fire, theft, etc) Physical damage rating is based on principal operator being over or under 30 years of age. Premium is discounted for BCWF Members.



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Cariboo Archer's – Schedule of Upcoming Events

the following archery shoots are scheduled for 2011

1. March 26/27 Williams Lake Indoor Championship held at the Trial Riders Arena at the Stampede Grounds.
2. 14,15 May – 3D Club Shoot at W.L.S.A. grounds
3. 8,9,10 July – BC Provincial 3D Championships



Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association – Annual Turkey Shoot

January 1 – 10:00 to 2:00 pm

48 shooters registered for this fun event, which was a great turnout. There were shooters from Quesnel and 200 Mile House as well that drove out to enjoy in the days events. The shoot was well received and lots of frozen turkeys got handed out.



WILLIAMS LAKE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEMBER MEETINGS

In the past the club has hosted member's general meetings every third Thursday of each month. These meetings are poorly attended and there has been a proposal put forward to cancel these meetings and focus more on getting the information to you the member through regular newsletter. This will be an issue discussed at the Annual General Meeting being held on January 13th at the WLSA Clubhouse





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ANNUAL BIG GAME AND FISH AWARDS – CATEGORIES AND RULES

Rules:

1. You must be a member in good standing of the Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association at the time of harvesting a game animal or fish to be entered in the annual game awards.
2. The game must be harvested in the area specified for each category of game
3. You must present your cancelled tag at the time of entry.
4. You must present your actual membership card when submitting your trophy.

	Trophy Category	Location of Harvest
1.	Junior Trout – Rainbow & Eastern Brook	Region 5 Only
2.	Rainbow Trout	Region 5 Only
3.	Trout – Fly Fishing Only	Region 5 Only
4.	Spring Salmon – Junior	Province of BC
5.	Char - Lake Trout	Region 5 Only
6.	Spring Salmon	Region 5 Only
7.	Steelhead	Province of BC
8.	Salmon – Junior	Province of BC
9.	Mule Deer – Junior	Region 5 Only
10.	Mule Deer – Typical	Region 5 Only
11.	Mule Deer – Non Typical	Region 5 Only
12.	Mule Deer – Velvet	Region 5 Only
13.	Mule Deer – Typical – Archery	Province of BC
14.	Mule Deer – Typical – Ladies	Region 5 Only
15.	Whitetail – Typical	Province of BC
16.	Moose – Junior	Region 5 Only
17.	Moose	Region 5 Only
18.	Big Horn Sheep	Province of BC
19.	Black Bear	Region 5 Only
20.	Black Bear – Junior	Region 5 Only
21.	Black Bear – Archery	Province of BC
22.	Mountain Goat	Province of BC
23.	Caribou	Province of BC
24.	Wolf	Region 5 Only
25.	Cougar	Region 5 Only
26.	Grizzly Bear	Region 5 Only
27.	Elk	Province of BC
28.	Canada Goose	Province of BC
29.	Open Big Game Aggregate Score	Province of BC
30.	FISHING ENTRY	Draw from all entrants
31.	HUNTING ENTRY	Draw from all entrants



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OUTDOOR OUTREACH PROGRAM

Former Williams Lake resident and Man in Motion, Rick Hansen has give the Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association an eight wheel Argo. The purpose of the ARGO amphibious ATV is to provide hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation opportunities for spinal cord injured and other disable people. A trailer also came with the Argo for towing The club wishes to initiate this program this year by having one event per month. The idea is to take wheelchair bound people for outings to fish, picnic or just enjoy a trip to the outdoors. The basic idea is that we will have one person operate the Argo and a couple of people on ATV

VOLUNTEERS – The Heart of the Program: The WLSA is in need of volunteers to operate the ARGO and take people with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities to enjoy the outdoors. We plan on having a spring training session which will include:

- Physical handlings of the Argo Amphibious All-Terrain-Vehicle.
- Safe handling on land and on water.
- Special considerations for mobility challenged people.
- Loading and unloading of physically handicapped people.
- Liability considerations.
- Other issues.

The club has purchased special liability insurance to cover this program and its members.

If you are interested please email or phone your interest to

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