



August, 2003

Vermilion & District
Fish & Game Association
Newsletter

**Box 3174, Vermilion, AB
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**Meetings 2nd Wednesday of the
month in the Conference Room
Vermilion Provincial Building
(south entrance, 7:30 PM)**

Range Location: NW22-49-06-W4

Members of the Executive

President: George Gerski..... 853-1979
Vice President: Kevin John.....853-4486
Secretary: Cindy Usenik..... 853-4501
Treasurer: Dave Moore.....853-4402
Membership Chair:
Bob Cholowski.....853-4690
Fundraising Chair:
Claire Schielke..... 853-2699
Chairman: Bernard Yonkman...853-6946

Membership Information

Regular Membership.....\$35.00
Family Membership..... \$45.00
Youth Membership.....\$20.00



President's Message:

As you can see from the picture above, vandals have struck our gun range. The range gate was totally destroyed. The vandals also damaged our electric fence next to the dugout. A big thank you goes to Len Chetter and his sons for repairing the fence!! If you hear of anything suspicious about this, please contact our local RCMP or anyone on the executive list.

Thanks to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket from our last fund raiser. It was a great success. Winners were as follows: 1st Janice Stetson, 2nd Carrie Barlow, 3rd Sergio Raposo. Congratulations to all of the winners!! Our next raffle draw will be out soon. The draw will be for a very nice antler carving by Don Fadden (see photo) and a framed art print. Proceeds from our raffle draws go towards projects down at the gun range.

Our next project down at the range is to pour our cement shooting pad. We will be prepping and framing the pad on the weekend of August 23rd and 24th. We will also be leveling the ground for the club house and building up some berms. Please

try and set aside this weekend to come down and help us out. Work bees start and 9:00 am Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 am. We will be renting some heavy equipment for this weekend and we would greatly appreciate your help if you could make it down.



On some other notes we have found a few beer cans in the range garbage cans. It is against club rules to be drinking and shooting on the range. If you see someone doing this, please contact anyone on the executive and that individual will have his/her membership revoked. Our last newsletter stated all of the club rules. Our range rules will be posted shortly. We have also noted that a few beer cans have been used for target practice. Please use the target boards and backstops that are provided for you to use.

Enjoy the range and have a safe fall hunting!!

Vermilion Fair:

The fair was a great success we would like to thank all the volunteer who manned the booth over the three days. Proceeds from the sale of the tickets, hats and memberships was over \$2200.00. Hopefully our next

raffle will be as successful. Many excellent comments on the booth and lots of interest was expressed.

Vandalism:

As George commented sometime between Aug 28 and Aug 30 vandals struck the gun club.



The gate and supporting posts were totally destroyed and the culprits drove through the electric fence. A new gate will be installed shortly. . Another big thanks to Don's Field Service Ltd. for donating a replacement gate. This will be erected during our coming working weekend.



Range Construction:

The equipment shed has been completed and will be moved behind the shooting platform. Donor signs are starting to be placed on shooting benches. Further work has been done building up the existing target berms and on the target stands and the range has been cleared up.

A building suitable for clubhouse has been located and will be moved into place next spring. It is 24 feet by 10 feet and a minimal amount of work will be required once it has been move on site.



East Alta Coop Big Buck Contest

The big buck contest will be held on December 7 this year and we will again have a table at the event. We will be holding a new raffle this fall of an antler carving and a

framed wildlife print. Both will be drawn for at this event. We hope to have a number of door prizes to add to those provided by East Alta coop and encourage everyone to attend the event. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale in September and as with all our raffles can be obtained from any of the executive.

Hats, shirts and memberships for 2004 will be available at the table.



Membership:

Range membership is excellent this year with an increase from 85 at the end of 2002 our first year to 137 at the end of August this year. This includes 60 regular and 32 family memberships plus dependants. This is a fantastic accomplishment for a club just over one year old.

Annual Meeting:

Our annual meeting will be held on September 10. It is vital that as many members as possible attend as the election of all officers for 2004/2005 will be held. Items on the agenda besides the election will include the financial statement, future plans for the rifle range and the potential trap range, a formal range opening this fall, organized shoots.