



# April, 2004

## 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 Co-Chairs:  
Shawn Simonet ..... 853-8380  
Greg Ward..... 853-9775  
Chairman: Len Chetter..... 853-4690

### Membership Information

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

### Presidents Message

Hello fellow members, well spring is finally here! With the early warm weather, a lot of snow has disappeared and we have some major work projects planned down at the range.

We are planning our first work bee for the April 24<sup>th</sup> weekend. We hope to finalize the ground for the cement shooting pad and set the framing for the concrete as well. As the spring continues our donated club house, outhouse and other significant projects will be put into place. If you could spare some time and come out and help out your club it would be greatly appreciated.

On a brighter note as you may have read in the Vermilion Standard our club was nominated for the J. B. Cunningham Memorial Award early this spring.



This is our club's first award. The V&DF&GA was presented with this award for the most improved memberships for 2003. Thanks to everyone for purchasing your membership. If your 2004 membership Has not yet been renewed, please contact a member of the executive for your new membership. Those who do not wish to renew will be asked to turn in their gate key.

The Alberta Fish and Game Camp is coming up again this summer. Any parent who would like their son or daughter to attend please let our club know. Space is limited, so the sooner we know the better the chances will be. It runs from Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$300.00 per child.

Hope everyone is able to come down and enjoy the range this year!

## **Web Page**

We have information on our club on a local web page, [www.Vermilioninfo.com](http://www.Vermilioninfo.com). We invite everyone to check it out and see what else is going on in our community. We will be updating the page regularly with upcoming events and work bees so check it often. Let us know what you think and how else we can to improve it.

## **Memberships**

Our 2004 membership stands at 74 members, just over half of last years total. If you have not renewed for this year please see the attachment at the end of the newsletter. We hope that you will rejoin as our facilities are rapidly being developed and we trust that everyone will be impressed with the facilities and will wish to keep involved with the club.

## **New Fundraiser**

Tickets will be available from any member of the executive by the first of May. Prizes will be drawn for on the last day of the Vermilion fair. Ticket prices will be two dollars each or three for five dollars.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Value approximately \$400.00.

Winners choice between a gas BBQ, a gas lawnmower and a gas chain saw.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Value approximately \$350.00. A wildlife print framed by Picture Perfect Framing. Will be on display at the Co-op Hardware Store.

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Value \$250.00. A weekend hot tub rental.

There will also be daily draws made each evening.

## **Financial statement**

The club is in extremely good financial condition with over nine thousand dollars in the bank as of December 31, 2003. A copy of the statement is attached for your viewing. We are applying for another donation from the Northeast Section of the Fish and Game Association. The funds will be directed towards this year's construction of the shooting platform and shelter and probably a trap thrower.

## **Work Bees**

Our first work bee is scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Starting time will be 9:00 AM each day. We will need a lot of hands as we have a very ambitious two days planned.

Our second work bee will be the next weekend, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. This will complete the majority of the major construction activities planned this year.

## Grand Opening

We will be holding our grand opening on one of the first two weekends in June, depending on the success the word bees above. We will be hosting a BBQ and many fun shoots. Everyone will be welcome.

## Donations

We donated a framed print of a moose to the Hospital Fund for their annual fundraiser. At auction it raised \$375.00. Thanks to Picture Perfect Framing for doing the excellent framing on this and the other pictures we will be using in our fundraising projects. Each frame added significantly to the value of the prints and significantly enhanced looks. The executive strongly recommends Picture Perfect for any framing projects you may have.

## Congratulations



The executive of the club would like to take the opportunity to extend our congratulations to the Vermilion District Fish and Wildlife Officer Greg Stolz on his provincial and international recognition in 2004. These awards recognize his professionalism, dedication and tenacity throughout his duties and especially for his

two year investigation and successful prosecution of Great White Holdings and Lloyd McMahon.

This investigation which included various sections of the Alberta Government especially the Crown Prosecutors office, the RCMP, The FBI, US Fish and Wildlife Service and numerous State Game agencies resulted in fines totaling over \$137,000.00. Greg and Crown Prosecutor Orest Yereniuk were presented with the Sustainable Resource Development Team Award for excellence in an interagency team project. Greg was also chosen as the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Officer of the year and the Game Warden Association Officer of the Year by the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Officers Association and as the Midwestern Enforcement Officer of the Year representing the western states and provinces.

Shikar International, an international group of sportsman presented Greg with the Shikar Safari Officer of the year award.

The V&DF&GA is proud to recognize the outstanding achievements of a member of our local community and our club.

For further information on the McMahon case obtain a copy of the current issue of the Alberta Game Warden Magazine which is on many of the news stands in Vermilion.

## Co-Op Membership

The association now has a corporate membership with Eastalta Co-op. Our membership number is **23679**. If your shop at one of the Co-op outlets and are not a member please feel free to use this number. Any equity built up with Co-op will help the club.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2003

**BANK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002: \$3612.55**

### INCOME:

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| MEMBERSHIPS         | 3455.00         |
| F & G DONATION      | 2750.00         |
| CFEP GRANT          | 7500.00         |
| RAFFLES             | 3173.00         |
| HATS ETC            | 184.00          |
| BENCH DONATIONS ETC | <u>640.00</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>17702.00</b> |

### EXPENDITURES:

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| NEWSPAPER ADVERTS      | 144.52         |
| SNELGROVE & GOURLEY    | 4938.25        |
| <b>F &amp; G DUES</b>  | <b>1565.02</b> |
| F & G BOOKS            | 26.81          |
| CLUB INSURANCE         | 760.75         |
| POSTAGE                | 177.19         |
| FAIR BOOTH             | 304.95         |
| RAFFLE 2 PRIZES        | 572.99         |
| <b>POST OFFICE BOX</b> | <b>126.26</b>  |
| DONATIONS              | 571.00         |
| MATERIALS & SUPPLIES   | <u>2974.32</u> |
| TOTAL                  | 12162.06       |

**BANK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003: \$9152.49**

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| DONATIONS IN KIND | 4705.00 |
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David Moore  
Treasurer