



January, 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

President's Message

Hello, Again Everyone. Another hunting season has come and gone and now a new season is upon us. Coyote Hunting!!!. As is explained later in this newsletter our next hunt is planned for Jan 11/04. Come out and enjoy some winter fun.

Our annual election was held on October 8/03. We would like to welcome two new faces to the Executive; Shawn Simonet and Greg Ward. Congratulations!! Also congratulations to Len Chetter on his new position on the board as our new chairman. We would also like to encourage all members to come and place their vote or nominate a member for an executive position. I also would like to thank all the present and past executive for there commitment to the club.

This brings me to my next BIG THANK YOU, all you members. We had an excellent membership increase this past year. Our membership rose from 88 the previous year to an outstanding 134. Hats off to all of you for making this club a very successful one. With this increase in membership, our club has been nominated for the J.B. Cunningham Memorial Award. It is awarded to clubs which have shown an increase in membership from the previous year. For our club to be nominated in our second year is outstanding. We will know sometime in early JAN/FEB. If we have won this award and we will keep all of you informed in regards to this.

Memberships for 2004 our now on sale from anyone of the executive. Please give anyone of a call if you would like to purchase your

new membership. An alternative is provided in the attached application form. You may simply fill it out and mail it and your check to the address indicated and your membership will be mailed to you.

Our second annual deer hunter shoot (last photo) was held again this fall. With way better weather conditions this fall, and a much better turn out by members, a good time was had by all.

As you can see from the photo to the right, our new gun range gate is up!! I would like to thank Don Carlson from Don's Field Service for donating this magnificent gate. A lot of time and effort has gone into this gate and I'm sure it will be there for many, many years to come.

In closing if anybody has any ideas for a new fundraiser or that could be donated for this years fundraisers, could you please contact me or Shawn or Greg. We would greatly appreciate any new ideas.

Again thank you for making the Vermilion and District Fish & Game Association a successful club. Hope to see you down at the range this spring/summer. And remember, bring your son/daughter so they can enjoy it as well.

We would still like to email this newsletter to as many members as possible rather than using Canada Post. Not only does it keep our costs down but it is much more efficient and quicker. If you are interested in this form of communication send your email address to Dave Moore at Raptor@silvercrest.ab.ca



Co-op Big Buck Contest Raffle

Thanks to all who made this raffle a success with special thanks to Don Fadden, Dave Moore, East Alta Co-op and Embroidery 'N' Stuff for donating the prizes which were valued at \$725.00.

The lucky winners were:

First prize, Denali Spring print – Jim Willis

Second prize, Don Fadden carving – Len Chetter

Third Prize – V&DF&GA gun case- Les & Pam Brace.

Thanks to the club volunteers who helped with manning the tables and assisting with the scoring.

Thanks to Greg Ward for organizing the very popular card draw.

\$1,043.00 was raised through these two events.

Coyote Hunt

We will be holding our annual coyote hunts again this winter. The first is scheduled for Sunday January 11. Current plans are to meet at Sunny's Restaurant at 6:00 AM and then disburse for the day. For those interested we have arranged to hunt the military base at Wainwright. An ammunition briefing will be held the Range Control facilities and then we will have access to the open areas of the base. If no exercises are underway there could be as much as 386 sq. km. open to hunting. For those who do not wish to travel to Wainwright they will have that option. Entry fee is 10.00 per person and this will help defray the costs of a supper and gathering to be held at the CN station that evening.

All fair chase rules will apply and any legal weapon will be allowed. Further information will be forthcoming or is available from Claire Schielke at 853-2699.

CFEP

Community Facility Enhancement Program Grant came through. We received \$7,500.00. This has allowed us to pay off our all our outstanding invoices to Tim Gourley Construction and Snelgrove & Sons for their work in 2002 and 2003. The remaining \$4,368.00 must be spent during the next two years. We anticipate that all will be spent this spring on the shooting platform, clubhouse, outhouse, equipment and other planned construction activities.

Financial Statement

Financially the club did very well this year. We received two grants, one from the Fish and Game Association, Zone 5 and the previously mentioned CFEP grant. These totaled \$10,250.00. Our two raffles raised a further \$3,114.00. Our last outstanding expense for 2003 was our 2004 range insurance invoice. This was paid in December and totaled \$1229.30.

The outstanding bank balance as of December 31, 2003 is \$7,950.00.

