



Newsletter

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Notes From The President

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...and a whole lot more.

To receive a copy of the NSFAH monthly E-Newsletter simply fill out the contact form at the Federation website, include your name and email address...it really is that simple!

Over the summer I have participated in several affiliate club events which demonstrate the span of activities the Federation supports and encourages. I'm sure that if any other club wanted to put on an event similar they could count on these clubs to provide advice on how to get started.

In June Tony Rodgers I attended an "Antler Night" put on by the Shelburne County Fish & Game Association. We were overwhelmed by the success of the event. Shelburne held their event in the local curling club and had 300 people attend the dinner. There were 287 racks, including over 100 head mounts, filling one long wall of the club. The Big Game Society scored the racks for those interested and there were prizes for the best in class. In addition to the dinner Shelburne had a local musician and a local comedian for entertainment. In addition to making a small profit on the dinner Shelburne created a very positive community event and as a result signed up quite a few new members.

Also in June Tony and I attended the annual Moose Tag Draw in Port Hawkesbury. This year the draw was live streamed over the Federation web site so that those unable to attend in person could follow from home (or at work on their lunch hour) as the names were drawn. There were over 200 people in attendance and the new format was well received. We will continue the live streaming next year and will fix the one small mistake that occurred, where there was a break in the draw that was not announced on line so those at their computers didn't know what was happening.

In July I participated with the Halifax Wildlife Association in "Parks are for People Day" at Dollar Lake Provincial Park. HWA mounted a display of wildlife mounts, demonstrated fly tying and fly casting answered numerous questions about hunting and fishing and wildlife in general. We ran a wildlife based scavenger hunt for the kids and served hot dogs and cold drinks. However, the star attraction was the opportunity for the children (of all ages) to try archery. This event provided well over a hundred people with an opportunity to learn a little something about the activities we all love so much.

This past weekend I attended the Hants West Wildlife Association Hunter Education Field Day and if the cooler mornings had not stirred my hunting spirit the activities presented there sure would have. The Hants West team in partnership with the NS Association of Crossbow Hunters and the NS Association of Bear Hunters put together a series of stations that gave the trainees an opportunity to learn by doing. I believe that this type of training is the missing component in our current Hunter Education training which is classroom based and focuses on theory. Combining theory with hands on exposure to quality field craft and safety training gives these students a head start on their future as safe confident hunters. I look forward to another great season in the field and wish you all a good hunting season and a safe one.

Wilf Woods (Woody)

President

Nova Scotia Federation of
Anglers & Hunters

Executive Directors Voice

It doesn't take too much cool air early in the morning to awaken my hunting genes. The days are starting to shorten, the birds are fledged and the raccoon kits are half the size of their mothers and just as bad. So fall is on the way.

I digress from my topic. Well it's been 16 long years since Allan Rock, the former Attorney General of Canada placed the country on the road to a bag full of unnecessary gun control and the infamous Bill C-68 which turned the Liberal Party of Canada into demons in the eyes of the responsible firearms community and law abiding gun owners into paper criminals.

Well a piece of that ugly history is about to be peeled away when the House of Commons sits this fall. The long gun registry, now part of the criminal code of Canada will be scrapped by the Conservative Government under Stephen Harper and hopefully return some respect back to people who own firearms and obey the laws associated with them.

I'm not sure exactly when the new bill will be introduced into the house, more than likely it will be after the Ontario Provincial elections so that politicians in the that province (guess who) that love the registry will not use it as a political ball to kick around during the election.

Scrapping of the long gun registry will be the only thing that will happen. The bill will not come with any bells or whistles. It will be clean and to the point.

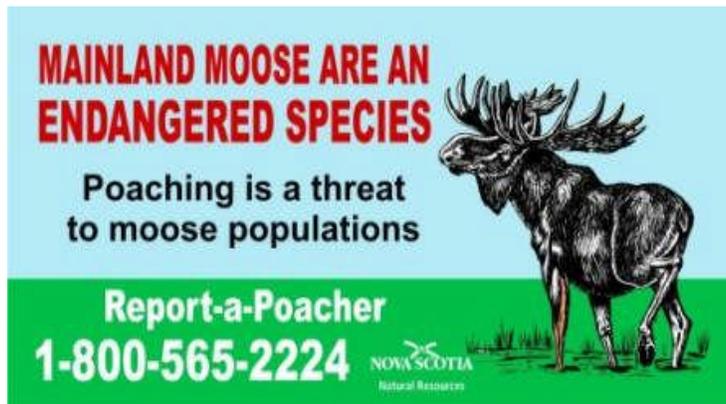
The only contentious issue will be the destruction of the existing long gun records associated with the registry. We of course want them destroyed. Canadian law, I understand, must preserve an archive of those records. I don't like that because it could be opened up sometime in the future and the information used. I hope the Tories can find a way to make them disappear forever.

Rumor has it that both Quebec and Ontario want their "share" of the information because they might start their own version of the registry. I don't think Ottawa is in the mood for that. I also understand the police chiefs want the government to keep the records so that they can access the files also. No thanks.

Good bye to bad garbage; a 2 billion dollar lesson in "social engineering" I hope no other political party has the nerve to try again.

Tony Rodgers
Executive Director
 Nova Scotia Federation of
 Anglers & Hunters

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Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up

September 17-25, 2011

Are you looking for an opportunity to be a leader in your community or a chance to give back? The Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up, presented by Loblaw Companies Limited, is perfect for you! From **September 17 – 25, 2011**, tens of thousands of Canadians will spend a day picking up shoreline litter, including everything from cigarette butts and food wrappers to lost fishing nets and major appliances – and we want you to help make that possible.

What's Involved

Since all our waters are connected we want you to help keep your local riverbanks, beaches, coastlines and wetlands clean and healthy by *organizing a cleanup* in your community. Register today as a **Site Coordinator** and we will provide you access to all the resources you need to host a cleanup: a detailed manual, Data Cards and practical tips for planning your event.

The Choice is Yours

As a Site Coordinator, you decide to host a **Public** event which is a great way to get your whole community involved - anyone can participate and lend a helping hand.

Or you can make it a **Private** event, where participation is by invitation only. In either case, we encourage you to invite your friends, family and colleagues to join you at your cleanup.

Why Our Cleanup Is Unique

Cleaning local shorelines is a great step to improving your community; the effects will last longer than just a single day. In addition to helping keep your shorelines clean and healthy, your group will collect data that will be added to an international database. This information is then used to identify the sources of shoreline litter and the behaviours that results in trash reaching our precious shorelines in the first place.

Register Today

The Shoreline Cleanup, a joint conservation partnership between the Vancouver Aquarium and WWF, aims to remove shoreline litter to help create healthy waters for everyone across Canada, including the wildlife and communities that depend on them.

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Canada's Dirty Dozen List For 2010

2010 Rank	Item	Number of Items Collected
1	Cigarettes/Cigarette Filters	227,830
2	Food Wrappers/Containers	83,660
3	Bags (Plastic)	55,880
4	Caps, Lids	55,443
5	Cups, Plates, Forks, Knives, Spoons	28,755
6	Beverage Bottles (plastic) 2 litres or less	28,462
7	Beverage Cans	27,126
8	Bags (paper)	23,410
9	Straws, Stirrers	19,668
10	Beverage Bottles (glass)	18,217
11	Tobacco Packaging/Wrappers	13,340
12	Cigar Tips	13,169

Participate in the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up to keep your shoreline healthy.

Learn more and register at: www.shorelinecleanup.ca



"Hat's off to the club members that made this shoot enjoyable."

Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia

August 12, 13, 14, 18 and 19 saw volunteers from the Archers Association of NS, Bowhunters Association of NS and Saint Mary's Archers presenting an *Introduction to Archery* to 330+ Girl Guides at the Heritage Explosion Camp held at camp Nedooae in Elderbank.

There were Guides from Northern Ireland, the UK, New Zealand and all across Canada. These sessions were well received by the girls and their leaders with many photos snapped to be taken back home.

Not only did we teach the basic of archery, but also talked about the equipment to hunt small and big game.

These very brief discussions lead to many questions from both the girls and their leaders which was our

opportunity to explain the difference between preservation and conservation and to explain the importance of game management.

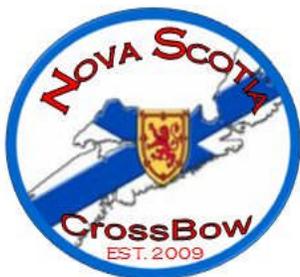
The girls, for the most part heard a side of the story they had never heard and everyone seemed to agree that conservation was important and some girls asked how to get involved.

The big plus when working with youth groups is the opportunity to impress the leaders that many activities are very safe when organized and instructed correctly.

Some leaders expressed an interest in taking the AANS coaching course so they could move toward including archery in their groups.

A big thanks to the Girl Guides for inviting us again, and to the volunteers who made this all possible!

Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters



"Thank you for supporting the efforts of the NSACH"

As part of the Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters annual membership recruitment drive and fundraising efforts, we are pleased to announce several winners of recent draws:

Our first draw was a member only draw for a brand new ScoutGaurd SG560 trail camera. The lucky winner is George Boyd, from up in the valley. Congratulations George! The trail camera was supplied in part by Young Guns Feed & Seed, Porters Lake, NS.

Our second draw was for a complete Excalibur Vortex Crossbow package.

The Vortex tickets were sold at various events throughout the Winter and Spring months, raising much needed funds to help promote, support, manage and develop our projects. The winner of the crossbow is 15 yr old Evan Swinamar, from the South Shore. Evan was very excited when contacted by phone after his name was drawn.

Congratulations Evan!

The crossbow was supplied in part by Archers Paradise, Dayspring, NS.

Thank you all for supporting the efforts of the NSACH. If you hunt with a crossbow in Nova Scotia and are not currently a member of the NSACH, please consider joining today. We need your support to protect the privilege so many of us enjoy.

NSFAH Position on Hydrologic Fracturing

At the Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunter in March of 2011 a resolution was passed opposing Hydrologic Fracturing as a method of exploration and extraction of oil and gas.

Our position is based on a concern for the ecology of the Province of Nova Scotia and the detrimental effects, known and suspected, that "fracking" will have on it.

Our primary concern is the effects on fresh water and the drinking water supply. It has been well documented in several Provinces and many of the United States that "fracking" results in drinking water contamination. The process of pumping millions of litres of fracking fluid, which contains hazardous chemicals, into the ground represents a real threat to our drinking water supply. The fact that only about 10% of this fluid is recovered and the other 90% has the potential to migrate to the surface represents a threat to our fresh water system of streams, rivers and lakes and the whole spectrum of wildlife that they support.

These threats are exacerbated by the fact that the fluid will be transported over our highway system on the way to the well site and the recovered fluid must be transported back for shipment to a treatment facility,

none of which exist in Nova Scotia. The risk of spills spreads the threat far beyond the well site.

In addition to our concern with the impact on our water resources we are concerned with the negative impact clearing land to create well sites and the new roads required to service them. The well site will require enough cleared space to store millions of litres of fracking fluid and the recovered fluid, as well as all the equipment and casings required to drill a well.

These roads and well sites will have a negative impact on the wildlife of Nova Scotia through loss of habitat and interruption to travel corridors. The increased road access will result in greater human activity which has a negative impact on wildlife, in particular the Endangered Mainland Moose which is very sensitive to noise from people, vehicles and equipment.

The threats posed by Hydrologic Fracturing far outweigh any benefit to be realized from the process. Our eco system is far too delicate to accept this process of exploration for marginal return, if any.

Woody

7th ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS *Fundraising Auction*



Nova Scotia Federation of
Anglers & Hunters

Getting better every year!!!

Wednesday
September 14, 2011
Opening: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:30 PM
St. Mary's Boat Club
1641 Fairfield Road
Halifax, NS

Single Tickets \$40
Table of Eight \$300

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of wildlife and natural habitat in Nova Scotia.*

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See us at:

www.nsfah.ca

NSFAH Board of Directors Meeting

The Board meets 4 times a year;

1. During the AGM
2. The second Saturday in June.
3. The second Saturday in Sept.
4. The second Saturday in Dec.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on September 10, 2011.

Directors are notified of the agenda and location individually.

Report Fires, Poaching or Emergency Wildlife Situations 1-800-565-2224

Wildlife Resources Card – Renewal Notice

Please be advised no Wildlife Resources Cards are required to be renewed at this time. As of February 25, 2010, DNR made a decision to suspend any requirement to renew Wildlife resources Cards while the Department evaluates how best to deliver future licensing, permitting and harvest reporting programs to its users.

If your card expiry date is between December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2012, you are not required to renew your card until at least December 2012.

This will allow the Department to fully consider how best to deliver its client identifier to meet future needs of both its user and the Department. DNR will communicate any revisions to the renewal process before December 2012.

There will be no interruption in services when using your WRC for purchasing licenses, entering deer or moose license draws or any other transactions which require a valid WRC. You are required to retain and carry your current WRC while engaged in hunting and/or trapping activities in the province.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter or need to update your contact information, please contact your local DNR office or email: dnr-wrcadmin@gov.ns.ca

Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters Affiliate Club Listing

1. All Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia
2. Archery Association of Nova Scotia
3. Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia
4. Bowhunters Instructors Association of Nova Scotia
5. Bras D'or Wildlife Association
6. Cape Breton Wildlife Association
7. Conservation Enforcement Officers Association of Nova Scotia
8. Delta Waterfowl Association
9. Digby East Fish & Game Association
10. Halifax Wildlife Association
11. Hants West Wildlife Association
12. Kings County Fish & Game Association
13. Lunenburg County Wildlife Association
14. Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters
15. Nova Scotia Guides Association
16. Nova Scotia Houndsmen Association
17. Port Morien Wildlife Association
18. Queens County Fish and Game Association
19. Shelburne County Fish & Game Association
20. South Shore Wildlife Association
21. The Big Game Society of Nova Scotia
22. Traditional Archers Association of Nova Scotia
23. Trappers Association of Nova Scotia
24. West Pictou Wildlife Association