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From the **President**

Hello all.

Hopefully every one has been able to enjoy this unbelievable fall we have been having! Just yesterday I went horse-back riding down by the river where I ran into a number of people out enjoying the day.

At September's General Meeting, a number of people came out to listen to Garry Wheeler help them get the most out of there GPS. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but I was told it was time well spent.

At November's general meeting we held elections for next year's executive. I am always looking for ideas for guest speakers, so please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions.

Also just a reminder, December is our year end wrap up party, Please come out and enjoy a few treats. It is always a great time to mix for all.

As your big game chairman I just want to remind you the antler-measuring day will be held at the Fish and Game hall on Saturday, January 19, 2008.

All antlers must be clean and you must have purchased your 2007 membership prior to September hunting season opening day.

A junior is a member that is UNDER 18 at the time of purchasing their 2007 membership.

Don't forget to bring any sheds to the clubhouse on the measuring day, and turn in your hides; you can contact Marksman's Guns & Sports at 403-327-7595 or Harold Janecke at 403-327-8426.

There are some great prizes to be won at the provincial level.

At last years Banquet we had a power point presentation running through out the program of pictures taken by members throughout 2006. If you have any pictures you would like to share of this years camping, fishing, hunting or any family outings please feel free to send them to me and I will be more than happy to add them this year.

Have a safe and happy hunting season

*Brian Dingreville
President & Big Game Chair
Lethbridge Fish & Game*

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Political Action... by Glen Michelson

I would like to pay tribute to David Allan Tomlinson of Edmonton, who passed away in September 2007 after a short bout with cancer. He was 73.

For the members of our association who do not know him, David was the president and legal advisor of the National Firearms Association of Canada, an association he founded in 1984.

Dave wrote a column in Alberta Outdoorsman Magazine starting in 1999, and continued each month until September of this year.

His article was called C-68 Titanic in which he outlined the faults, weaknesses and failures of the Liberal Gun Control Bill C-68. Dave was very knowledgeable of all firearms and the firearms laws. He helped and advised many gun owners on this gun control issue.

We will all miss Dave and his excellent job of exposing problems and failures he voiced in his article "C-6 Titanic" each month.

We can honour Dave by finishing the fight in the Gun Control issue he started by voicing our concerns to Hon. Stockwell Day, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A3. No stamp is required.

Chronic Wasting Disease is still a major problem in Alberta that started in Saskatchewan.

This disease along with others like T.B. will always be a problem and concern as long as we have game farms. C.W.D.

was found in wild deer along the Alberta-Saskatchewan border near Empress and Edgerton/Chavin areas.

Extra hunting opportunities are provided to hunters to reduce deer members in the risk areas near the border. It is a mandatory requirement to submit heads from all deer harvested in the risk areas. W.M.U.'s can be obtained from our local Fish and Wildlife Office.

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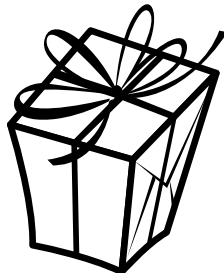
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Wash. Biol. Surv.

until the agency received the following letter from an Arkansas camper:

"Dear Sirs:

While camping last week I shot one of your birds. I think it was a crow. I followed the cooking instructions on the leg tag and I want to tell you, it was horrible."

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Lethbridge Fish and Game Association Range Operations Committee

Authorization:

- LFG Executive and Range Chair

Purpose:

- To assist the Range Chair in managing and controlling the property, business and affairs of the LFG Range.

Mandate:

- The Range Operation Committee is an ad hoc advocacy accountable to the Range Chair, Range membership and LFGA stakeholders; whose mandate is to promote, implement and ensure safety at the LF&G Range in the following manner:

1. Update, promote and enforce the rules of the range,
2. Raise the standard of safety awareness through ongoing training and re-certification of Range Officers,
3. Create a greater sense of ownership and stewardship amongst our membership,
4. Facilitate communication between the Range Chair, Range Stewards and the active members of the Range and LFGA
5. Make recommendations to the Chair for Range operation and development

Board Meetings:

- Approximately 10 meetings are held each year. The duration of each is approximately 2 hours. Additional meetings may be called by special order of the Range Chair, the committee Chair, or a simple majority of the ROC members.

Honorarium:

- none are paid

Standing Committees:

- Stewards Council (as needed)
- Incident Investigation and Corrective Actions Council (as needed)
- Special Events Committee (as needed)

Appointment Procedures:

- The 6 public members shall be nominated and chosen from the general membership of the LFG association and shall be members in good standing with current range privileges. The exofficio member shall be chosen by the LFG executive. The chairperson shall be nominated by the general members of the ROC and appointed by the Range Chair.

Terms of Appointment:

- Members are appointed for terms not exceeding 3 years and are eligible for one additional consecutive term. Members are eligible for unlimited non-consecutive terms of appointment. The chair is always eligible for reappointment.

Chairman: David M. Green, 388-2635 david.green25@gmail.com

After the last range meeting I have come to the conclusion that range members have quite a wide variance in their belief or philosophy about how the range should be operated. There are those with a more "closed" philosophy who seem to believe we should eliminate all range bookings, reduce or minimize the number of range officers and keep the membership more restrictive. I can see the appeal of this approach in that the range under these terms would always be available for the limited number of members and further the misuse of the range would be minimized.

On the other side of the spectrum, the more "open" philosophy, are those that want the range membership to grow and attract more range members, more range bookings and more range officers. This definitely aligns with my belief about how the range should operate. Take range bookings as an example. Range bookings for a match yields a great deal of excitement and often gets people out practicing and maybe even buying new equipment. In addition, we attract new people out to the range and we are able to spotlight our facility and our sport. Some events attract competitors from out of the area who come to Lethbridge to use our range and assist the economic needs of our local community and businesses. Further, the revenue stream from bookings helps offset the range operation costs.

A current example worth noting is that our range will be the host for the 2008 IPSC Nationals. About 300 competitors will arrive in Lethbridge to participate in his event. This is a big deal and a great opportunity to showcase our range and our community. To accommodate this event, we agreed to close the entire range to member / day pass use (from archery through shotgun) from July 19 to August 4 inclusive. Scratch those days out of your shooting calendar, cancel them from your league events. Although this is an inconvenience and slightly reduces the value of your annual membership, hosting a Nationals event is a



by Allan Friesen, Range Chairperson

great opportunity. It also helps that we will yield \$4300. from the range booking and that hosting this event has enabled us to attract significant grant money from the Alberta Government's CFEP program to make some long-term improvements to our facility.

Similarly, getting new people out on the range through one of our junior programs, or just as a guest of a member, is a great way to keep our facility and our sport alive, well and flourishing. So my emphasis will continue to be on encouraging more shooting opportunities for more individuals and groups on our range - so long as these individuals and groups behave in a manner which assures their safety, the safety of other range users and the safety of City of Lethbridge residents.

How do we ensure these safe behaviors happen? Our range officer course, although not perfect, is a good start. For those who are not familiar with the course, here is a short summary of what happens. Tom Bateman, who is one of the most qualified people in Canada to deliver this course, provides an overview and discussion about range / firearm safety in general terms. Then participants watch a short video introducing them to the LFGA Range and the rules associated with our range. Following some discussion, Tom has each participant write a written test. After which, the new range officers complete a Range Access Acknowledgement agreement and are given a complete copy of our range rules and range safety protocols. I have heard from some people that the Range Officer course is not sufficient. I have been told that we should spend more time on the LFGA range rules. That is probably a fair comment. Call me at 320-5860, 382-3593 or email

me at alfriesen@gmail.com and tell me what specifically needs to be stressed. What is it that new range users / range officers do not understand once they complete this course?

But what about range bookings, how do we ensure that range bookings are carried out safely? We have each group complete a pre-booking hazard assessment and then review their proposed range use to determine if we can safely allow this use at our range. Sometimes, we make exceptions to our normal range rules to accommodate a given event but only so long as the safety of the activity / event is assured. Further, at least one, and commonly several, LFG Range Officers are in attendance at these events.

Speaking of range bookings/ matches, one of our favorite matches, The Frank Leffingwell Memorial Match, did not happen this year. Despite the best efforts of Dean Weger, a match sponsor could not be found to take the place of Phil Porteous's generous sponsorship. We hope that a sponsor will be found and that this match will continue in subsequent years.

To summarize, I believe that in the best long-term interests of the range, the "open" range philosophy is the way to go. If you agree, help me with that approach - welcome people out to our facility, understand and follow our range safety rules and educate others on our range safety rules. If you experience or observe members or range users who are putting their safety and / or the safety of others at risk, get them to stop or report their behaviour so that we can solve that problem. It is my belief that around 95% of people will follow the rules if they understand the rules. For the small minority whose behaviour may breach safe practices, let's encourage them to seek their recreational pursuits elsewhere.

Regarding inviting people to the range, I encourage you to be an active participant in our Range Officer Network. The Range Officer Network is a group of members who are also will-

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ing to act ambassadors for our range and for the shooting sports in general. Basically if a non-range officer LFG member wants to use the range he sends an e-mail to rangeofficer@lfga.org giving his contact information, the day he/she would like to use the range and what type of shooting he wants to do. This e-mail is distributed to the Range Officer Network and one of the members helps him out.

If the person who wants to use the range is not a member we ask that he get a day-pass. If he doesn't obtain a day-pass in advance, you (as his range officer) can just collect \$5 (this may increase in 2008) and turn it into me later so that I can deposit those funds into the range account.

If a person or group who is under 18 wants to use the range, they use the range for free. If you need help in supervising a group, call or e-mail - I will get you some help.

Of course, not everyone has or wants to use e-mail. To accommodate those day users, I would like to collect a list of names and phone numbers of range officers who would be willing to help. If you are willing to help in this manner, please call me at 320-5860, 382-3593 or by e-mail alfriesen@gmail.com

The last range meeting also involved some new people stepping up to be "Range Stewards". Range Stewards basically take responsibility for a given range and the upkeep on that range. These folks are helping out to ensure the range runs well and that the workload to run the range is shared more broadly. The Range Stewards are; Range 1 - Dennis Hooey, Range 2 - Jim Penny & Dave Fisher, Range 3 - Shawn Gross, Range 4 - Colter Bates, Range 5 - David Green and

Range 6 - Madeline Balla.

A coming new development is the Range Operations Committee. This is a group of people who want to improve the functioning of the range by helping range users understand the rules, the reasoning behind the rules and encourage people to follow the rules. Further, for those people who know the rules but refuse to follow them, the Range Operations Committee will actively participate in range discipline issues. As an example, the range has a zero tolerance for alcohol on the range (this was re-affirmed at the last range meeting), therefore if a person drinks alcohol on the range, the Range Operations Committee will have a significant influence on what consequences will accompany that action (termination of membership, etc).

I have had some challenges with the computer as of late so the delay to get range cards reactivated was longer than normal. Fortunately for me, our esteemed LFG treasurer and computer genius, Karl Marten, was able to get me running again. Thank you Karl!

Please remember to purchase your 2008 LFGA membership early to avoid your range "key" from being deactivated. In my opinion, your LFGA Range membership is the best value on the planet! Please contact me if you have comments or suggestions about the range.

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I certainly hope all of you fishermen have had a great summer, caught your share of fish and of course, entered the big ones in our fish contest by having them weighed at Marksman Guns and Sports. Remember, the 2007 fish entries close on November 30, with the 2008 season opening on December 1.

Terry Psaltis has agreed to run the fly tying course again this winter at the Fish and Game building. Anyone out there who wants to learn how to tie flies, or to update your skills and learn to tie new patterns, or has any questions, please give Terry a call at 329-3217. The program will run Sunday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. starting January 5, 2008. Don't miss this opportunity and give Terry a call.

Youth Delegates Wanted

The A.F.G.A. holds its Annual Convention February 21, 22 and 23, 2008 in Edmonton. Zone 1 will pay \$300 for a youth delegate to go. If you are interested please contact Wayne Heighington at 329-6951 before December 31, 2007. They have a great program for youth delegates at an official registration fee of \$105.



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Big City Lawyer Goes Duck Hunting

A big city lawyer went duck hunting in South Louisiana. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing. The litigator responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going into retrieve it."

The old farmer replied. "This is my property, and you are not coming over here."

The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in the U.S. If you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we do things in Louisiana. We rule ourselves under the Napoleonic Code. We settle small disagreements like this with the Louisiana Three Kick Rule."

The lawyer asked, "What is the Louisiana Three Kick Rule?"

The Farmer replied. "Well, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times, and so on, back and forth, until someone gives up."

The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom. The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the city feller.

His first kick planted the toe of his heavy work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees where he immediately vomited.

The geezer's second kick nearly ripped the man's nose off his face.

The barrister was flat on his belly when the farmer's third kick to a kidney nearly caused him to give up.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his dark heart and vengeful will, managed to get to his feet, and said, "Okay, you old coot; now it's my turn."

The geezer smiled and said, "Naw, I give up. You can have the duck."

Henry

A group of friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of a ten-point buck.

"Where's Henry?"

"Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail."

"You left Henry lying out there and carried the deer back!?!"

"A tough call," nodded the hunter, "but I figured no one is going to steal Henry."

Dog Quote

"Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant."

-- Unknown



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Annual Banquet and Trophy Night – to be held at the Lethbridge Lodge on Saturday, February 2, 2008.

2008 is an important milestone in the Lethbridge Fish and Game Association as it is our 85th Anniversary.

In an effort to encourage our youth to become active in the organization, we are again offering reduced prices for young people under 18 accompanied by an adult. New this year will be kid-friendly entertainment and prizes. So plan on bringing the entire family.

Tickets go on sale at the General Meeting and Wrap-Up Party on December 17, 2007 and would make a great stocking stuffer for the hard-to-buy-for person on your list.

Tickets will also be available at Marksman Guns & Sports, Wholesale Sports and from the Banquet Committee.

Audrey Blaylock, 328-8252
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2007 is more than half over and it is time to check out any photographs you took this year and consider entering them in the annual L.F.G.A. Photography Competition.

Here are the guidelines for this year's competition:

There are five categories:

1. Wildlife (wildlife in North America)
2. Scenery (scenic / landscape in North America)
3. Open (anything outdoor related - fishing, camping, hiking, etc.)
4. Nature (flora, fauna, bugs, any nature-related subjects)
5. Personal Trophy (pictures of someones' catch of the day, upland/waterfowl and big game "trophies")

You may enter a maximum of two photos per category. Photos from previous years may not be entered again. All photos must be taken in North America.

Photos may be in black and white or in color.

Photo sizes are 8x10 or 5x7. No other sizes will be accepted. **Digitally enhanced photos printed or produced on any type of laser printer/paper will NOT be eligible for the competition**

Photos are to be unframed.

First, second and third place will be awarded in each category.

On the back of your photos, identify the location the picture was taken, your name, address, phone number, year, as well as the category you wish to have your photo judged in.

The deadline for dropping off photos is January 5, 2008 and photos can be dropped off at: Marksman Guns & Sports on 13 Street North, or at 1514 St. Basil Road North, in Lethbridge.

Please state on the envelope containing your photos if you wish to have any winning photos entered in the Wildlife and Scenery categories at the Alberta Fish and Game competition (these photos must be taken in Alberta).

John Blaylock, Photography Chair



Hunter Education

by Elfriede Heighington

The next Hunter Education course will start at the College the last week in January 2008.

For more information or to register, please contact Allison Pilsner at 382-6919.

Classified Corner

Wanted: Antlers - Deer - Elk - Preferably Moose. Any age, shape, size or condition. Novice carver wants for practice carving. Will donate a few finished pieces to the coming Game Dinner Auction. Will pick up anywhere. Contact Bill Harding, 381-6672.

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| Thursday, December 13 | Executive Meeting |
| Monday, December 17 | General Meeting & Wrap Up Party |
| Saturday, January 5, 2008 | Photography Contest Deadline |
| Thursday, January 17, 2008 | Executive Meeting |
| Saturday, January 19, 2008 | Big Game Measuring Day at the clubhouse |
| Monday, January 21 | General Meeting |
| Saturday, February 2, 2008 | Annual Awards Banquet |
| Monday, February 11, 2008 | Deadline for next Newsletter |
| Thursday, February 14, 2008 | Executive Meeting |
| Monday, February 18, 2008 | General Meeting |
| February 21 - 23, 2008 | A.F.G.A. Annual Convention, Edmonton |
| Thursday, March 13, 2008 | Executive Meeting |
| Monday, March 17, 2008 | General Meeting |
| July 19 - August 4 | Range closed for 2008 IPSC Nationals |

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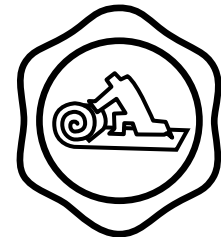
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