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NBWF NEWSLETTER

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MF&G Youth Range Day

Popular event, youth of all ages welcome to shoot a variety of firearms.

Atlantic Hunting & Fishing Expo 2014

Sponsored by the Sussex Fish & Game Assoc.

BOW

BOW is an outdoor skills program that offers women 18 yrs and up a chance to try new outdoor activities in a supportive and non-competitive environment.

Canadian Wildlife Federation

Three NBWF representatives attended the meeting in Winnipeg that was held on June 5, 6, and 7th

10 Year Fish & Hunt for Free Lottery

Tickets for this year's draw are available till December and the winning ticket will be drawn at our next AGM April, 2015

Message from the President

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our first quarterly NBWF newsletter. Here, we're going to try to keep you up to date with what is happening in the NBWF, it's branches and the general sporting scene in the province.

Most recently, the NBWF was represented at the Canadian Wild Turkey Federation's banquet on Aug 16th. There, Premier Alward announced that there would be a draw for NB turkey hunting licenses for the spring of 2015. Congrats to the CWTF.

On a more unhappy note, data from DFO's counting fences (available at <http://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Gulf/asir/count?period=1031&group=1>) so far is showing grilse and salmon returns substantially below the already very low returns of 2013. Due to this, it is essential that you ask your members to fill out their creel survey reports (available online at http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/natural_resources/Promo/FishingSurveyContest.html)

Unless there is a major upswing in the 2014 returns, there will probably be changes to regulations and it is believed that the last reliable (pre 1997) creel survey data is still being used as a basis.

Looking forward to seeing the directors at the NBWF September meeting in Sussex (8th Hussars Leonard Drive on Sept 14 starting at 10:00 am)

Charlie Leblanc

Clubs are encouraged to submit articles such as upcoming club events for our newsletters. Please email your requests to our Administrative Assistant: sharon.nbwf@gmail.com

Board of Directors Meeting June 21

Subjects covered

- Treasurer Report
- Zone VP Reports
- Committee Reports
- Resolutions 2014
- Shale Gas
- Pipeline
- Herbicide Spraying
- Forest Foundation of NB
- Miramichi Lake
- Barriers

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Moncton Fish & Game Assoc.

MF&GA Youth Range Days have been held annually for the past few years. They have proven to be a very popular event for youth, especially for those who have just completed or are signed up for their Firearm Safety course. There are no age limits for participants and we welcome youth of all ages to come out and get the chance to shoot a variety of firearms, all in .22 Rim fire calibre.

The last Kid's range day for the year will be held on:

Saturday – 13 Sept 2014
Time: 10:00 until 14:00

Location: Moncton Fish & Game Association Outdoor Range
466 Victoria Road, (5.4 km off of Indian Mountain Rd. Just a short drive north of Moncton, NB.

Visit their facebook page:

www.facebook.com/monctonfishandgame

ATLANTIC HUNTING AND FISHING EXPO 2014

Come see what's new in the hunting and fishing world for 2014. If you need anything for any of your future outdoor adventures, pick it up at the Expo!

Friday, Sept 12 to Sunday, Sept 14

details at: <http://www.atlantichuntingandfishingexpo.com/>

FOREST FOUNDATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The FFNB are pleased to advise that their raffle was held May 30th with 241 tickets having been sold.

Winners were:

1st prize Nfld Moose Hunt – Bill Coles of Charlottetown

2nd prize Miramichi Salmon Trip – Bruce Webb of Fredericton

3rd prize Rifle or Shotgun – Dale Robinson of Berwick

4th prize Crossbow package – Dave Black of Moncton

5th prize Orvis Salmon kit – Fraser Sherrard of Rothesay.

The FFNB is proceeding with their clover projects. Several of their Directors visited candidate sites earlier in June. The sites are in south central NB and average 3-4 acres.

If any NBWF branches in these areas would like to assist with a plot, please call Richard DeBow at 859-1240.

web site: forestfoundationofnb.org

FFNB will be running the raffle again later this year and into 2015. The FFNB are not just about projects. They are about youth too. They recently supported a young person for their introduction to bird hunting over dogs at Hancomb's Outdoors near Perth-Andover.

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The Bow program is sponsored by the NBWF and is an outdoors skills program that offers women 18 years and up a chance to try new outdoor activities in a supportive & non-competitive environment.

A program is in the works for a Mothers and Daughter activity. Our Zone VP's will assist Nathalie Michaud in making this a success.

Please visit BOW on Face Book
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Becoming-an-Outdoors-Woman-in-NB/193622500711903>

or for additional information about the program contact Nathalie at
nathalie@maritimefence.ca

Application for tickets for the 10 year Fish and Hunt for Free lottery are available on our website or at our meetings from Sharon.

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CANADIAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION

In June, Charlie, Roland, and Colin attended the national meeting in Winnipeg.

Some highlights:

At the affiliate meeting, many felt that the provincial governments were reducing resources allocated to wildlife management & seemed to be trying to transfer the responsibility to others. Also at this meeting, the NBWF brought up the subject of Genetically engineered tree farms. Although the CWF currently does not currently have a policy, some groups showed interest in the subject.

Also at the affiliate meeting, Both BC and Ontario were having problems with their moose populations, caused by excessive mortality of calves. It was felt that this mortality existed because of deforestation, removing cover & exposing the calves to excessive predation. As NB increasingly becomes deforested, the exposure of game to coyotes and our increasing bear population could be a concern.

The CWF has determined that the finfish open sea pen aquaculture of Atlantic salmon is harmful to the native stocks. CWF request that people boycott the purchase of Atlantic Salmon & convince the government to drop it's support & instead support land based full containment aquaculture. On-line petition: <http://cwf-fcf.org/en/dsomething/share/petitions/our-stance-on-aquaculture.html>

Another major topic of the meeting was the eutrophication of Lake Winnipeg. The increase in nutrients is rapidly increasing the amount of harmful Algal Blooms. This has been attributed to the use of high phosphate fertilizers which flooding has washed into the system of drainage ditches, and then to the rivers that feed into the lake. The digging of these ditches to drain wetlands not only provides a route for this pollution but also removes the swamps that acted as a buffer and had a cleansing effect on runoff. Eutrophication is a problem which affects some NB lakes and recently there have been harmful algal blooms in the Moncton's Irishtown reservoir.

Thanks for your support and our next newsletter issue will be in December.