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# President's Report

BY BRIAN DINGREVILLE

PRESIDENT

## SHORTLY AFTER ATTENDING

the AFGA Conference 2019 Andrea & I traveled south on a holiday which was well needed. Having set up my phone for receiving all emails I made it my position to deal with anything relating to fish and game first and foremost while away. One of the main items that came to light was a statement the UCP made regarding the sale of public land. Over the next couple of weeks, I was asked to do a number of interviews relating to this.

As you may know the AFGA's position is we object to the sale of public land completely! Shortly after arriving home from our holiday the issue regarding the Metis harvest agreement also came up. I met with Martin our Executive Vice President and we made a public announcement which I am sure most have read. Over the next couple of weeks, I was asked to do numerous radio interviews to state our position and concerns over this matter.

I also made a trip to Edmonton where I met with all the staff as well as Martin to go over a number of items relating to my role as president over the coming year. Our new membership program seems to be going along relatively well with some hiccups, but all in all it's being accepted fairly well. On my trip home I stopped in to visit with Ian Stewart & Jim Clarke to go over a number of items relating to their roles as well as my expectations in the coming year. Later that week I met with Matt Zazula, again to go over items of his concern as well as his role in the coming months. The following week I met with Past President Wayne Lowry to discuss leased public land and our position. I have been asked to meet



with a group relating to this matter which at this time as not been set up.

The following week Andrea & I attended the Foremost Fish and Game awards banquet which was well attended. I spoke on a number of topics such The Big Horn Park Proposal, and the Metis Harvest agreement.

I also attended the Manitoba Wildlife Federation Conference in Portage La Prairie. They had an attendance of approximately 125 to 150 delegates. It was interesting that most of their head office staff made presentations on what they are working on as well as their role in the federation. Their Provincial Wildlife Directors also make presentations as we do at AFGA conference. For those that follow the AFGA Facebook page I did post a number of pictures of many who attended as well as their speakers. It was also interesting to find out that at this time there are no cases of CDW reported in the province of Manitoba!

Rod Dick Past President and life member was asked to attend a CWD conference back in March. His in-depth report was submitted to all zones which hopefully the clubs have received as well. After arriving home my phone has not stopped, there is a never-ending stream of phone calls and emails coming in. Only time I have not been able to receive calls is when I am out of cell phone reception area which means I am in the mountains on a day long trail ride with others of

the same passion.

One item I feel is of great importance that has come up is that zone meetings seem to fall on the same dates. This was discussed at our most recent executive meeting held in April, and dates have been set to be more convenient for the senior executive to be present. Dates, times and places will be made available in the near future.

With our new government taking over shortly, hopefully times and dates will be set to meet with Alberta's new Minister of Environment and Parks, Jason Nixon as well as any current and new AEP staff. As an association we have sent out a letter of congratulations to our new Premier and those who were elected.

Along with our executive meeting on Saturday April 27 was the AFGA Provincial Awards Banquet. I would like to congratulate all award winners as well as their sponsors. Also, congratulations to the AFGA scholarship award recipient Darien Sager. I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked through the banquet. Also, thank you again to the Edmonton Fish & Game Association for their many years of volunteering to put together the WAB display. Lastly but not least a huge thank you to the AFGA staff! 🐦

**Happy Trails all!**  
**Brian Dingreville**  
**President**



# Executive Vice-President's Report

**MARTIN SHARREN**

**EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT**

### **BUILDING FUND:**

Building fund: By the time that you read this the mortgage on AFGA's new building will be less than \$90,000 which is good progress from the original amount of \$217,000 from just over a year ago, however there still is a ways to go and the sooner we get there the sooner those dollars going to interest payments can be used for hunting, fishing, and educational programs.

### **STUDY ON THE VALUE OF FISHING, HUNTING, TRAPPING AND SHOOTING:**

Your AFGA is participating with other provincial fish and wildlife organizations to establish the impact of hunting, fishing, and trapping on the national economy. In doing so data will be collected in all parts of


the country and analyzed prior to the up-coming federal election in October. At some point in time you will have the opportunity to provide your input into your conservation activities via a survey. It is our goal to have this project carried out during the early summer of 2019.

### **FURTHER TO THIS PROJECT:**

Our sister organizations share national priorities with AFGA such as firearms and CWD to name a couple, and therefore are discussing the potential for a country-wide campaign late this summer and fall to put more weight and emphasis behind these priorities during the lead up to the October election. This is still in the planning stages so stay posted as to how you can help. One thing that's been re-enforced to me by politicians is that just because we have provincial MLAs and federal MPs does not mean that they do not talk to one another and stay abreast of current issues.

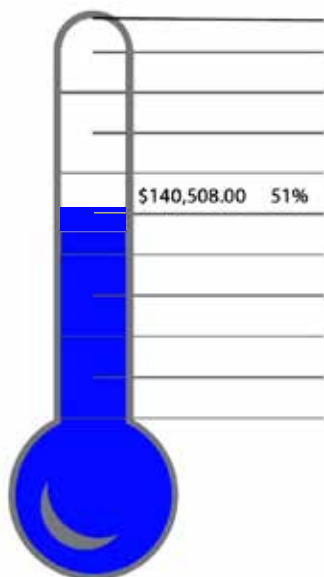
### **LADIES LEAGUE:**

Formed under the umbrella of the Oneway Fish & Game Club in the spring of 2014 a group of ladies came together to engage in new outdoor skills and camaraderie. The group was so successful that it grew to 75 members and hence the Ladies League was formed. Topics such as animal processing, chainsaw basics, winter survival, walking stick making, lean-to making, and more were featured over the course of the year.

Word of this popular program spread throughout the province to the point that other Clubs wanted to start their own Ladies Leagues. If you or your Club have an interest in joining or starting your own Ladies League group within your local Fish & Game Club, I encourage you to phone or text Ingrid (780 271-9794) or Dona (780-237-3085). 

**Martin Sharren,  
Executive Vice- President**

## **AFGA BUILDING FUND**



We're 51% there! A huge THANK YOU to all those who have donated to the AFGA Building Fund, to become debt free.

Our goal is set at \$275,000.00, at a cost of \$1,000.00 to become debt free at the earliest date and to set-up such things as signage, IT and phone systems. In order to accomplish this we are asking Zones, Clubs, individuals, outside grantors, businesses to contribute and insofar as they do will be recognized.

For more information visit our website:  
[www.afga.org/building-fund](http://www.afga.org/building-fund)



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# Past President's Report

**DOUG BUTLER**

**PAST PRESIDENT**

**SUMMER SHOULD BE** upon us now, although as this is written in late April, I can only hope it has happened as winter doesn't want to let go! Other than February, winter was favorable and our wildlife should be OK.

It was a busy winter for me. My wife and I attended club awards nights in Lamont, Bonnyville, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail & Edmonton and I'd really like to thank these clubs immensely for inviting us. It's great to see how each club operates, how we can help, and to pass on some really great ideas! I spoke at each event and had a supply of AFGA benefit brochures to keep us all on the same page. We also attended the Wild Sheep banquet in Red Deer and the SCI event in Edmonton. At all these events it's awesome to be in a room of like-minded people. We must improve our attempts to all work together and have some collaborative views! I also spent 3 days at the Red Deer Sportsman show and 4 days at the Edmonton Show and a lot of good conversation took place. I'm also booked to go to the BC Wildlife Federation AGM in early May and the Canadian Wildlife Federation AGM in June. (Reports next time)

Increasing our membership is always a goal and our club membership incentive program is continuing for clubs that grow.

The 4th edition of the Alberta Wildlife Record Book will be released this fall and that is keeping me busy as I sit on that committee as well as on next year's conference and AGM committee. We've already begun to meet for that.

The Wildlife Awards banquet in April was a great evening and really showcased the great wildlife Alberta has to offer. It shows how important conservation really is. The picture featured in this article is from that night, with the new trophy book committee and Past Presidents Jack Graham & Vern McIntosh. Sure was great to see them there that night. We also had a full senior executive meeting



and full executive meeting that weekend so we have our mandates all in place for upcoming months. Your entire team is very dedicated and works tirelessly for all Albertans and conservation.


A huge thank-you to all clubs and individuals who donated to the AFGA building fund to pay off the mortgage. We're very close to a "burn the mortgage" push, and hopefully this happens soon. Our office is working on some decorating, and I'm sure we could throw a dandy mortgage burning gathering with ribbon cutting and all!

The MSL is going strong. I'm very pleased with the results of the auctions in Reno, and the raffle in Alberta is rolling right along. Make sure you get your supply of tickets before the big drawing in August.

The Wildlife Trust Fund also continues to grow and it's a banner year after banner year. I'll be attending the unveiling of the MacConnachie property near Two Hills in

late May, more habitat saved in perpetuity.

And lastly, our new Government – The Ministers have just been announced and we've already asked Mr. Jason Nixon - Minister, Alberta Environment and Parks for an early meeting. We have had good contact with him in the past, and I expect a more cordial relationship going forward. We hope for a more prominent role for Fish & Wildlife and some consistency from government which has been lacking for the past decade!

Make sure you get your hunting draws in, hopefully have a walleye tag to fill and get to spend some quality time with family and friends in the great outdoors this summer. I sure plan to, so until next time: 

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# 1ST Vice- President's Report

**IAN STUART**

**1ST VICE-PRESIDENT**

**MY MAIN TOPIC** for this issue is AFGA resolutions. I will deal with possible improvements to our resolutions process in a future report, but for now will focus on the process that is currently in place. Our Resolution, Recommendation and Policy Statement Procedures are well detailed in the Operations Manual of the Alberta Fish and Game Association, which any member can access at: <https://www.afga.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/operations-manual-aug-2018.pdf>.


Key points:

- Resolutions originating from the members of our clubs and carried at each level proceed through the Club, Zones and the Alberta Fish and Game Executive, to the annual conference to be voted on by the Conference Delegates, and hence

- to the Government body concerned.
- The formulation, handling and presentation of resolutions are a very important part of our activities.
- A Resolution is a formal statement by members that must be considered.
- A resolution must always be presented in writing. If it is presented orally, it becomes a motion, not a resolution.
- Members and/or Clubs may raise resolutions at any time of the year.

One of the shared tasks that falls to the 1stVP is chairing the resolutions session at the Association's Annual Conference, and a big part of that process is organizing the resolutions that have been passed by the Clubs and Zones prior to the AFGA Executive meeting held in December. When cleared by the AFGA executive all resolutions then need to be distributed to all Clubs well in advance of the AFGA annual conference in order to be debated at the club level, so that conference delegates know how the club they are representing wishes them to vote when the resolution comes to the convention floor. The time window for all of this to happen between the fall

Zone meetings, (usually held in October) and the December Executive Meeting allows little time for interaction with the originating club(s) if clarification of intent and re-wording, or combining similar resolutions submitted by different clubs is indicated.

While resolutions cannot bypass the club-zone-AFGA Executive levels before coming to the convention floor, there is no reason not to seek assistance in getting them as clear as possible at the earliest stage with the goal of "clear sailing" through the process to voting. Please forward any resolutions that you are considering to me, (along with your club and contact information) as soon as possible, and we will work together to ensure that the resolution has "clearly stated the problem, supported the statements with facts, provided a relevant information source, clearly identified the desired resolution of the problem and suggested a way to resolve the problem." 

**Yours in support of the wise use of  
the earth's resources,**

**Ian Stuart**

**1st Vice President**

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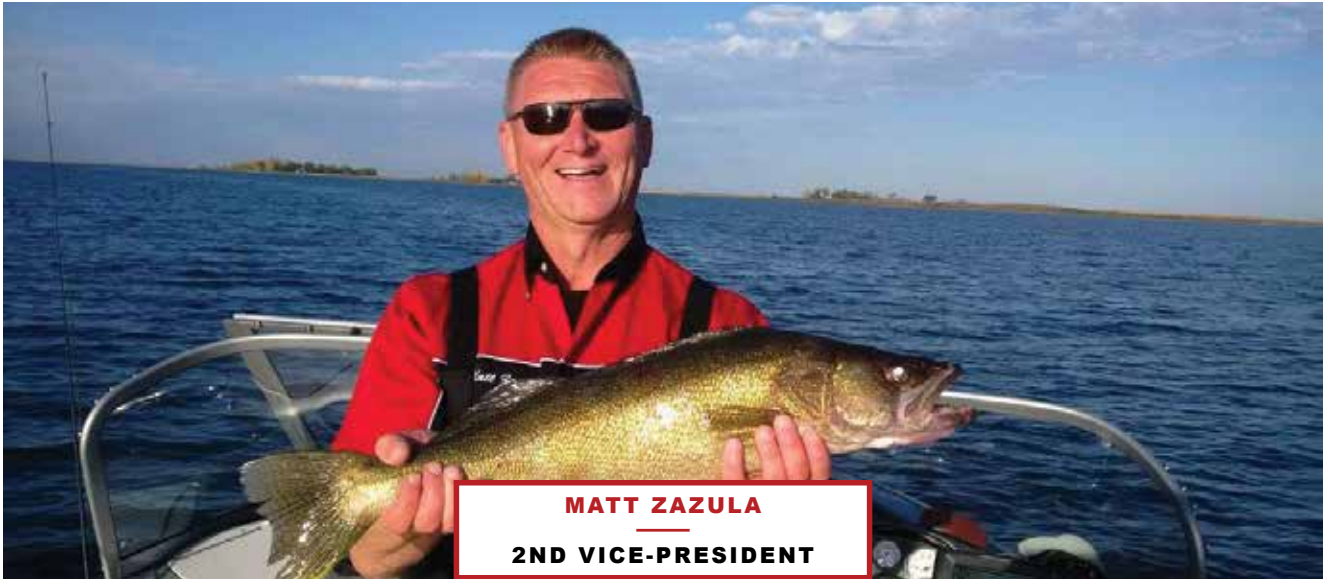






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## 2ND Vice-President's Report



**THE SUMMER SEASON** is here. I hope everyone will have a chance to get away from the rat race this summer and enjoy everything the outdoors has to offer, whether it's camping, hiking, fishing, photography, or any one of the number of outdoor leisure activities we are privileged to have access to. Our members have done a lot of good work this spring helping with river cleanups around the province, spring maintenance at our own WTF properties, club fishing pond cleanups and the like, so we deserve a break. Our BOW and Youth camps are full, so I know there are many who will get out and have an enjoyable time. I'm personally looking forward to some camping, and I've got a couple of walleye tags to fill too!

Your AFGA Executive has been working hard to develop working relationships with the new government. Some good reports have come out so far. We hope a solid collaborative relationship can be developed so that our member interests and priorities can be addressed. The Executive is also working on a lot of internal committees and projects to keep this organization running smoothly.

Speaking of something that has come a long way, have you had a

chance to visit the AFGA office in Edmonton recently? If you haven't and you're in the area, try to pop in. The office has really taken shape and I think is really looking like a Fish and Game Association office should. It's something we can all be proud of. Job well done by our AFGA office staff, who sourced all the furniture and set it all up. It looks great. And, the office décor group headed up by Doug Butler has collected a nice variety of Alberta wildlife and fish mounts. This all combines to give the office a really good look. Stop in and check it out.

Of course, the office did come at a cost, as everything does. We've done a pretty good job at paying down the mortgage, but we'd really like to get that mortgage out of the way as quickly as we can. So, here's a personal challenge for us. I know many clubs and individuals have already contributed to the building fund, and thank you all for that. However, to those that haven't, the outstanding mortgage represents approximately \$4 per AFGA member. When you break it down that way, it really doesn't sound like a lot. I challenge the members and clubs to donate \$4 per member to the building fund. There's strength in numbers. At the cost of around one large iced cappuccino per member, we could get this thing paid off. Pass

the hat at your summer meetings and barbecues, hold a club garage sale or bottle drive, or just make a donation from club coffers and recoup it later. It would be really great to be able to celebrate a 'mortgage burning' at Conference 2020. If each of us just contributes the equivalent value of one cold beverage of your choice, we'll get 'er done! Urge your club and members to meet the challenge!

Looking ahead to the late summer and into fall, keep in mind the Antelope Fencing projects can always use some extra help. If you can spare a few days and want to check out some great habitat in southern Alberta, get a hold of TJ Schwanky our Habitat Facilitator through the AFGA office or at [tj-afga@shaw.ca](mailto:tj-afga@shaw.ca) and sign up. Walking the fence lines is a great way to break in those new hunting boots, or just get your legs ready for some fall hunts.

Did you get your hunting draws in? Won't be long now before the draw results are available and we can start planning our fall hunts.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Stay safe out there, and remember to give back to the resource whenever you can. 🐾

**Matt Zazula,**  
**2nd Vice President**  
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# Fishing Chair Report

## *WHAT ACTUALLY CHANGES GOING FORWARD?*

**DARRYL SMITH**

**FISHING CHAIR**

**THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION** is over. With the resultant change in the governing party comes a period when the question of “what actually changes going forward” is on everyone’s mind. The United Conservative platform was extensive <https://www.albertastrongandfree.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Alberta-Strong-and-Free-Platform-1.pdf>. Repealing the “Carbon Tax” was a big platform issue but overall the environmental agenda had few specifics.

A quick look at the environmental side of the platform stated that a “United Conservative government will implement a Common-Sense Conservation Plan that will take a balanced approach to environmental stewardship recognizing that recreation, economic use, and conservation can and should support each other. Encourage and increase the use of development credits and conservation offsets in provincial development policy. Protect creeks and streams on the Eastern Slopes by adding \$1 million in funding (tripling provincial funding from \$531,000) to the Alberta Riparian Habitat Protection Society’s “Cows and Fish” Program, while seeking matching funds from the private sector. Apply a mandatory \$30 trail permit fee to Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) and camping trailers to pay for restoring and creating OHV trails and preventing damage in Alberta’s great outdoors, and to hire additional enforcement officers.

Implement a balanced back country

land use plan to ensure all Albertans can enjoy public lands and appreciate the wilderness. Immediately form a Caribou Range Task Force of local municipal governments, the Northwest Species at Risk Committee, forestry and other industries, Indigenous representatives, and habitat scientists to review the Alberta Caribou Draft Plan. Ensure that the province’s land use consultations and planning are completed before any new long-term decisions are made on habitat protection.”

My belief is that much of the angling community is hoping that there will be a different focus from fisheries managers in the province under the leadership of the new government. The reality however is a balancing act exists between the bureaucracy and our elected officials, where often internal direction continues to be the driver and altered paths do not gain traction. While elected politicians try to set the direction on the broader issues, often it is the nuances and application which are controlled largely by the bureaucracy that affect us as anglers every day. Perhaps by my next article in Outdoor Canada we will have clearer understanding of what possible changes or initiatives might be instore that will impact anglers, fisheries and habitat under our new government.

There was one development federally related to the Species at Risk Act (SARA) that did occur since my last column. Rainbow Trout in the Athabasca River watershed

have been proposed to be listed as endangered, Bull Trout in Western Arctic as a species of special concern, and Bull Trout as threatened in the Saskatchewan-Nelson Rivers watershed. There was a thirty-day window for the Alberta Fish and Game Association to respond to the proposed listing. We provided a list of concerns related to SARA and the proposed listings along with conditions that should be considered by the Government of Canada before proceeding with the listings. The AFGA provisional support for the listings is subject to these concerns being addressed in a meaningful way.

I have been remiss in not showcasing the many projects and programs related to fisheries undertaken by Alberta Fish and Game Clubs around the province. These include signage, addressing environmental issues such as disposing of fishing line, monitoring oxygen levels, development of trout ponds, access, angler mentorship, support of Kids Can Fish events and the list goes on.


The revised Alberta Fishing Education Program developed by the Alberta Hunter Education and Instructors’ Association (AHEIA) should be available soon. This will provide another opportunity for club or member involvement in an area where AFGA already has a high presence. This will be become a foundational component of the angling community’s stewardship of our fisheries resource.

Citizen Science is an area where clubs

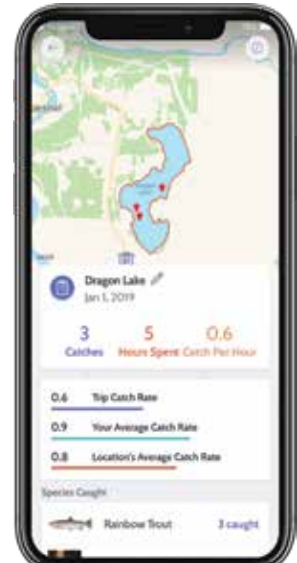


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and members can become important components of environmental and fisheries research. Ray Makowecki, AFGA Zone 5 and area clubs are spearheading a citizen science project monitoring water quality and dissolved oxygen in lakes throughout North East Alberta. At the AFGA Annual Conference, Sean Simmons of Angler's Atlas showed how through the company's online website or mobile platforms for Android and IOS devices anglers can record data that is valuable for their own use but also aid fisheries managers in making informed decisions. Data obtained through the platform appears to be comparative to expensive formal creel surveys. This was demonstrated in relation to last summer's creel

survey on the Bow River where results appear to be statistically similar. These findings are being validated by researchers at the University of Alberta. This is particularly exciting as the reality is most waterbodies have limited or no data associated with them. Further, there is little likelihood it will be obtained formally through traditional research projects or monitoring. Better yet, there is low cost-plus real-time reporting. Would urge everyone to download the app or use the online website <https://www.anglersatlas.com/> to help fill in numerous knowledge gaps related to the fisheries resource in Alberta. 

**Darryl Smith**  
Fishing Chair



Anglers are urged to sign up for the Angler's Atlas app.

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# THE ALBERTA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION 91st ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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# Environment Chair Report

## IT HAS BEEN A BUSY INITIATION

as your Environment Chair. A few weeks following my election, I attended the Alberta Invasive Species Council meeting in Lacombe. This 2-day event really opened my eyes to the sheer number of invasive species we are trying to deal with in this province. Most everyone knows of Purple Loosestrife, Eurasian Watermilfoil, Chronic Wasting Disease and Whirling Disease. Did you know that the Aquatic Invasive Species Pocket Guide issued by Alberta's Environment and Parks lists 27 fish species, 16 plant species, 11 invertebrate species, and 8 diseases as invasive? Discussion was brisk on a number of topics. I encourage everyone to visit their website: <https://abinvasives.ca/>.

A developing concern in Alberta is around the use of weed-free gravel and forage. A number of states and U.S. municipal governments have moved to a certification standard for both, understanding that eliminating invasive plants at the pit and the forage field is preferable to dealing with them everywhere else.

Two presentations focused on Flowering Rush. One dealt with an eight-year battle that the County of Red Deer is having on a relatively small wetland area south of Innisfail; their challenges in dealing with multiple government agencies and learnings from the fight itself. The name, Flowering Rush, is quite misleading; as the plant primarily spreads through root rhizomes. The second speaker spot-lighted efforts on the Columbia River system in Washington State where Flowering Rush is enhancing the survival of invasive Northern Pike, thereby supporting their predation on native salmon stocks. This study identified that all North American Flowering Rush is one of nine area-specific genetic variations, each with its own characteristics. Interestingly, none



**VICTOR BENZ**  
**ENVIRONMENT CHAIR**

match currently identified variations in Europe, where Flowering Rush is actually a species-at-risk. The source of the North American infestation is still unknown. This genetic variability is important, since the study is now trying to identify biological agents (insects, for example) that could be used to stem the tide.

A fascinating story has been unfolding on the Smoky River called the Tansy Island cleanup in the MD of Greenview. Common Tansy was identified during a routine inspection in 2015. Since then, an ever-growing group of volunteers facilitated by the Grand Prairie River Rats has had yearly programs to control its invasion. If you have the time, join them. Please visit: <https://www.mygrandeprairienow.com/42868/common-tansy-cleanup-starts-tomorrow/> and <http://mdgreenview.ab.ca/blog/2017/08/16/tansy-island-cleanup-2017/>.

Finally, I learned of the rapidly growing populations of Prussian Carp in the Red Deer and Bow River watersheds. Elimination is no longer feasible, but work is directed to preventing their spread to other Alberta watersheds. If you catch one, don't release it; kill it.


In early April, I attended the Alberta Ecotrust Foundation Environmental Gathering in Calgary. I was there to continue the work of my predecessor, Chelsea Jaeger, in presenting your Alberta Fish and Game Association

as a key founding member in the Alberta conservation and preservation movement.

The opening keynote speaker, Dr. Brad Stelfox of the ALCES Group, spoke to the question; "Is Alberta's Pathway Sustainable?" Building on a model for population, industrial, and agricultural growth based on historic and recent trends, he demonstrated how little "bush" will remain by 2050 if we don't do things differently. He then identified the primary driver for all this development as population, and asked the question: How many people are enough? I hope to provide a link if this presentation is posted at a later date.

I found one of the workshops presented particularly useful: an overview of a course on how to deliver unpopular messages. It talked of ways to work towards understanding and eventual resolution while avoiding the conflict and polarization so common in today's world. I hope to use this approach in my work going forward. Have a look under: <http://cowsandfish.org/about/workshops.html>.

An important appeal was heard on April 30, at the Environmental Appeals Board in Edmonton. A Sand and Gravel Development called the Phelan Pit have already been approved on the Freeman River near its confluence with the Athabasca River. This appeal was of an approval under the Water Act of a proposed end pit lake and the construction of a river flood protection works. The appellant was supported both by Mr. Ray Makowecki of the Next Step Team and Mr. Duane Radford. A decision is pending.

In closing, I urge everyone to support and follow Play, Clean & Go and Clean, Drain, & Dry Your Gear to protect our outdoors! 

**Victor Benz**  
**Environment Chair**



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# Alberta Fish & Game Association 56Th Annual Wildlife Awards

## BIG GAME WINNERS: 2018 COMPETITION

SPECIES	SCORE	NAME	SPONSOR	WHERE TAKEN
Whitetail Deer	171 5/8	Jack Gibert	Stony Plain FG & Wabamun Gun Club	Barrhead
Non-Typical Whitetail Deer	238 2/8	Tiffany Wiebe	Sherwood Park Fish & Game	Wmu 535
Mule Deer	191 3/8	Darren Howells	Red Deer Fish & Game	Wmu 112
Non-Typical Mule Deer	220 2/8	Mark Giebelhaus	Devon Fish & Game	Bruce
American Elk	333 2/8	Keith H. Ganske	Rimbey Fish & Game	Bow River
<i>Non Typical American Elk</i>	<i>No Entry</i>		<i>Millet Fish &amp; Game</i>	
Canada Moose	187 6/8	Sheldon Tarapaski	Whitecourt Fish & Game	Vermillion River
Pronghorn Antelope	83 2/8	Michael J. Horton	Foremost Fish & Game	Buffalo
Bighorn Sheep	195 4/8	David Lebrun	Innisfree & District Fish & Game	Opal Range
<i>Rocky Mountain Goat</i>	<i>No Entry</i>		<i>AFGA</i>	
Bison	68 4/8	Joshua Halabi	High Level Sporting Association	Wmu 536
Cougar	15 7/16	Jason Bender	Fort Macleod Fish & Game	Elbow River
Wolf	17 1/16	Hans Van Vlaanderen	Ft. Saskatchewan Fish & Game	Janes River
<i>Black Bear</i>	<i>No Season</i>		<i>Ft. Sasatchewan Fish &amp; Game</i>	
Grizzly Bear	21 5/16	Wilf Lehnrs	Dunvegan Fish & Game	Saddle Hills
Largest Big Game				
Archery Moose	139.07% -187 6/8	Sheldon Tarapaski	Sundre Fish & Game	Vermillion River
<b>Largest Big Game Blackpowder</b>				
Typical Whitetail Deer	120.58% - 156 6/8	Vanessa Snow	Alberta Black Powder	Wmu 248
<b>Non-Current Big Game</b>				
Non-Typical Whitetail Deer– Taken In 2017	104.46% - 193 2/8	David Ukeniek	Camrose & District Fish & Game	Wmu 348
<b>Master Big Game</b>				
Non-Typical Whitetail Deer	128.78% - 238.2/8	Tiffany Wiebe	Edmonton Fish & Game	Wmu 535
<b>Chase Heck Memorial Award - Moose</b>	139.07% - 187 6/8	Sheldon Tarapaski	The Chase Heck Family	Vermillion River

## FISH WINNERS: 2018 COMPETITION

SPECIES	LENGTH	NAME	SPONSOR	WHERE TAKEN
Arctic Grayling	34.29 Cm	Jeromy Mortenson	AFGA	Quarry Lake
New Provincial Record Brook Trout	60.33 Cm	Brad Pochipinski	Two Hills Fish & Game	Edith Lake
<i>Brown Trout</i>	<i>No Entry</i>		<i>Dickson Fish &amp; Game</i>	
Bull Trout	64.77 Cm	Paul Gamache	Rocky Mountain House Fish & Game	N. Saskatchewan River
Burbot	106.68 Cm	Dinos Lazaridis	Willingdon & District Fish & Game	Bearspaw Reservoir
Cutthroat Trout	60.96 Cm	Brad Pochipinski	Lacombe Fish & Game Lower	Kananaskis Lake
Goldeye	48.26 Cm	Gaetan Richard	Lethbridge Fish & Game N.	Saskatchewan River
Lake Trout	73.66 Cm	Brad Pochipinski	Morinville Fish & Game	Swan Lake
Lake Whitefish	69.22 Cm	Jeromy Mortenson	Edmonton Old Timers Fish & Game	Travers Reservoir
<i>Mooneye</i>	<i>No Entry</i>		<i>AFGA</i>	
Northern Pike	110.49 Cm	Ron Rivard	Vegreville Wildlife Federation	Sylvan Lake
Rainbow Trout	71.76 Cm	Brad Pochipinski	Beaver River Fish & Game Lower	Kananaskis Lake
Rocky Mountain Whitefish	46.99 Cm	John P. Thompson	Ponoka Fish & Game	Rock Lake
Sauger	49.53 Cm	Brad Pochipinski	Southern Alberta Outdoorsmen	N. Saskatchewan River
Walleye	83.82 Cm	Scott Jensen	Beaver River Fish & Game	Oldman Lake
Yellow Perch	37.47 Cm	Trevor Melynky	St. Albert Fish & Game L	Ong Lake
<b>Master Fish</b>				
Brook Trout	103.26% - 60.33 Cm	Brad Pochipinski	Sarcee Fish & Game	Edith Lake
<b>Largest Trout Taken With A Fly</b>				
Lake Trout	73.66 Cm	Brad Pochipinski	Edmonton Trout Fishing Club	Swan Lake



## Alberta Fish & Game Association

### BIRD WINNERS: 2018 COMPETITION

SPECIES	WEIGHT	NAME	SPONSOR	WHERE TAKEN
Canada Goose	6.36 Kg	Dave Mackenzie	Provost & District Fish & Game	Lloydminster
Snow Goose	3.41 Kg	Bob Mascarin	Medicine Hat Fish & Game	Provost
White-Fronted Goose	3.76 Kg	Bob Mascarin	Wheatland Conservation & Wildlife	Provost
Mallard Duck	1.76 Kg	Kevin Kromery	Leduc Fish & Game	Lloydminster
Pheasant	107.00 Cm	Leonard Hanson	Calgary Fish & Game	Wmu 116
Merriam's Turkey	25.00 Cm	Garry Hackler	Drumheller & District Fish & Game	Lundbreck

### PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS: 2018 COMPETITION

Wildlife Photography		Melissa Poirier	Lamont & District Fish & Game	
Scenic Photography		Stephanie Briggs	Lloydminster & District Fish & Game	Morant's Curve, Banff

### 2018 AFGA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (STUDENT AWARD)

Darien Sager			AFGA	
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## Congratulations To All Winners!





# Club Events

Alberta Black Powder	January 19, 2019	11:00am	AGM – Quality Inn North Hill, Red Deer – bp.quilter@shaw.ca
Athabasca Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Provincial Building – Sept to June
Barrhead Fish & Game:	Last Wednesday	7:00pm	Barrhead Legion – Sept to April
Beaver River Fish & Game:	1st Tuesday	7:30pm	Except July & August
Breton Fish & Game:	4th Wednesday	7:30pm	Breton Golden Age Centre – 50th Avenue – except July/Aug/Dec
Busby & District Fish & Game:	2nd Monday	7:30pm	Lone Goose Club House
Calgary Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Curve Distribution – 11056 48 Street SE
Camrose Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	7:00pm	Superstore meeting room
Cardston Fish & Game:	2nd Thursday	7:00pm	Civic Center
Clandonald & District Fish & Game:	3rd Thursday	7:30pm	Clandonald Coffee shop
Claresholm Fish & Game:	3rd Monday	N/A	Claresholm indoor range
Coaldale & District Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:30pm	The Range
Dickson Fish & Game:	2nd Monday	8:00pm	Dickson Fish & Game Hall: Contact Ike: 403-588-2646 or 403-728-3818
Devon Fish & Game:	4th Thursday	7:30pm	Pioneer 73 Centre: #29 St. Lawrence Avenue
Dunvegan Fish & Game:	3rd Wednesday	7:30pm	Except July/Aug – Scouts Hall, Fairview, AB
Drumheller Fish & Game:	3rd Tuesday	7:00pm	Except July/Aug
Edmonton Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	7:30pm	no info
Edmonton Old Timers:	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Spruce Avenue Hall – 10240 115 Avenue
Edmonton Trout Fishing	1st & 3rd Tuesday	7:00pm	Queen Mary Park Community League – 109 Ave & 117 Street
Ft. MacLeod Fish & Game:	3rd Wednesday	7:00pm	NWMP Library –back door
Ft. Saskatchewan Fish & Game:	3rd Wednesday	7:00pm	Old Train Station – Sept to June
High Level Sporting Association:	3rd Wednesday	N/A	no info
High Prairie Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Summer @ Range – Winter @ Amiro's
High River Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	7:45pm	For more info: www.hrfishandgame.wordpress.com
Hillcrest Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	7:00pm	Hillcrest Fish & Game Hall – 22802 8th Avenue (October to June)
Innisfail Fish & Game:	1st Monday	7:00pm	Innisfail Royal Canadian Legion – except July and August
Iron Creek Fish & Game:	2nd Thursday	7:30pm	Lougheed Lions Den - Mainstreet
Lacombe Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:30pm	Lacombe Legion (except July & August)
Lamont Fish & Game:	Last Monday	7:00pm	Lamont Lions Den – Contact Robyn Butler: 780-895-7799
Leduc Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	7:30pm	Leduc Clubhouse – for more info – (780) 986-1807 - Sept to June
Lethbridge Fish & Game:	3rd Monday	7:00pm	LFGA Clubhouse – 9th Avenue & 10th Street South (except – July/Aug)
Lloydminster Fish & Game:	Last Tuesday	7:30pm	Except July & December – Grace United Church
Magrath Rod & Gun Club	3rd Thursday	7:00pm	Magrath Library
Medicine Hat Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	8:00pm	Ricky's Rest. private dining room (see Facebook page) - Sept to June
Millet Fish & Game:	1st Tuesday	7:30pm	Millet Fish & Game Hall
Morinville Fish & Game:	2nd & 4th Thursday	7:30pm	Morinville F&G Clubhouse – except July/Aug
Mundare Fish & Game:	Last Monday	6:30pm	Mundare Gun Range – May - August
Okotoks Fish & Game:	3rd Tuesday	7:00pm	For more info visit our website: www.okotoksfishandgame.com
Onoway & District Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Education Centre @ gun range – (780) 924-0005 - Sept to June
Peace Wapiti Fish & Game:	1st Tuesday	7:30pm	Better than Fred's – 9903 101 St, Gr. Prairie - Sept to June
Picture Butte Fish & Game:	1st Tuesday	7:00pm	Archery Range – 464 Crescent Ave. (except Jul/Aug)
Ponoka Fish & Game:	1st Thursday	7:30pm	Clubhouse
Provost Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	8:00pm	Indoor Gun Range – 2km East of Provost (except July/August)
Red Deer Fish & Game:	3rd Monday	7:00pm	Red Deer Legion (use Molly B door) – Tues if stat --except July/Aug
Red Earth Creek Rod & Gun Club:	3rd Tuesday	7:30pm	No other info
Rimbey Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	7:00pm	Canalta Hotel: 5702 43rd Street – Sept to June
Rocky Mtn House Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	7:00pm	Rocky Museum Basement meeting room
Sarcee Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:30pm	Mtn View Funeral Home Auditorium – September to June
Sherwood Park Fish & Game:	Last Thursday	7:30pm	50 Spruce Avenue
St. Albert Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:30pm	St. Albert community Hall on Perron St. – September to June
St. Paul Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	7:30pm	Town Hall - Downstairs
Southern AB Outdoorsmen:	2nd Tuesday	N/A	Kings Home – 108 – 5th Avenue NE – Milk River
Spedden Fish & Game:	2nd Sunday	7:30pm	Ashmont
Spruce Grove Fish & Game:	1st Thursday	7:00pm	Pioneer Centre – 301 Jespesen Ave. – Sp. Grove – (Except Jul/Aug & Nov)
Stony Plain Fish & Game:	2nd Monday	7:30pm	Stony Plain Community Centre, 51 Ave. – Jimmy: (780) 405-0015
Sundre Fish & Game:	3rd Tuesday	7:00pm	Sundre Community Center
Sylvan Lake & District:	1st Monday	7:00pm	Community Partner Hall
Taber Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	N/A	Kid Zone in Taber
Thorsby Fish & Game:	3rd Monday	7:00pm	Sunnybrook Hall
Vegreville Wildlife Federation:	1st Thursday	7:00pm	Centennial Hall
Vermillion Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	N/A	Vermillion Provincial Building – Conference room
Viking Sports & Wildlife Society:	1st Tuesday	7:30pm	Clubhouse located near Viking
Vilna Fish & Game:	3rd Wednesday	7:00pm	Cultural Centre in Vilna
Wheatland Conservation & Wildlife:	2nd Thursday	7:30pm	254073 RR 252 (north of Strathmore)
Whitecourt Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	7:00pm	Forestry Training Centre
Wildwood & District Rod & Gun Club:	2nd Thursday	7:30pm	Range in the clubhouse
Willingdon & District Fish & Game:	Last Tuesday	7:30pm	Willingdon Arena – upstairs clubroom – Sept to June
Wimborne & District Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	N/A	Wimborne Hall
<b>OTHER EVENTS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Zone 1	September 22, 2019	TBA	Zone 1 Fall Meeting – Lethbridge F&G Hut
Beaver River Fish & Game:	Every Wednesday	6:00 – 8:00pm	Youth / Adult Archery

Edmonton Old Timers Fishing Club is looking for you! Calling all fishermen over 50! You'll find lots of people to go fishing with both summer & ice fishing in the winter. We have meetings once a month with a guest speaker. For more info: Randy Collins 780-868-3944

\*IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR EVENT/MEETING PLACED IN THE OUTDOOR EDGE OR ON OUR WEBSITE...PLEASE EMAIL OR FAX INFORMATION TO OUR OFFICE: info@afga.org or fax: (780) 438-6872 (CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION or EVENTS NOT LISTED HERE: www.afga.org)

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# Youth Chair Report

**TERI-LYNN NICE**  
**YOUTH PRESIDENT**

**MY NAME IS** Teri-Lynn Nice, I am the Alberta Fish and Game Association youth president, if you don't already know me.

These past months I have been trying to get a youth pheasant hunt started for the fall. The Lamont Fish and Game Association has a youth program where we have the opportunity to go fishing, tree planning, bird house building and setting them up, and wilderness education classes. If you are interested in joining any Alberta Fish and Game club as a youth, you can contact your local club or the Alberta Fish and Game Association – [www.afga.org](http://www.afga.org).

My hometown youth group attended a winter camp in Mundare for two nights and were taught many things such as snow shoeing, animal tracks, building shelters and new games.

I participated in the Sportsman Show in Edmonton; we had many people come out and children as well. Some children joined their local youth groups, and others want to participate in the AFGA conference next year. Overall, the Sportsman Show helped children find ways to connect and get involved in conservation and wildlife. 🐦

**Terilynn Nice**  
**AFGA Youth President**

# Zone 1 Report

**GLENN HEATHER**  
**ZONE 1 DIRECTOR**

**ON APRIL 7,** we had our Spring Zone meeting. Attendance was excellent with 7 Zone 1 clubs being represented. Special thanks to the strong support and attendance of our AFGA senior executives, of which we had Brian Dingerville, Matt Zazula, Jim Clarke, Deb Clark and Miyah Clark in attendance.

In Zone 1 we as well have filled all our executive and chair positions. This is exciting as we have had vacancies for years. Your Zone 1 team is Vice Chair – Dale Lytwyn; Treasurer- Sheila Ferguson; Secretary – Kimiko Flamand; Hunting chair – Jordan Johnson; Fishing chair – Aubrey Fletcher, Casino/Resolutions chair – Ian Gazeley; Programs chair – Stephanie Roberts; Land use/Environment chair – Jeremy Nelson.

Zone 1 clubs appear to have quite a few planned events upcoming this year.

Great news! Appreciate all the extra efforts being exhibited by our members.

April 27, we had our AFGA spring meeting in Edmonton, prior to the awards banquet. Prior to the election, no movement nor direction was given as to Hunting/Fishing regulation changes nor any policies. Now that we have a new government and with the announcements of our new ministers we can start a relationship and have an opportunity to renew AFGA's focus within Alberta.

A reminder to any Zone 1 clubs – resolutions, start to discuss them at your club level. You can submit them to our Resolutions chair at any time during the year. We will be reviewing these in our late September Fall meeting.

Have a great summer! 🐦

**Glenn Heather**  
**Zone 1 Director**

# Program Chair Report

**MARK ANDERSON**  
**PROGRAM CHAIR**

**OUR YOUTH CONSERVATION** camps at Narrow Lake and Cenalta should be in full swing when this article is published. At these camps youth learn valuable outdoor skills including safe firearm use, boating, fire-starting, outdoor survival, hunter safety, archery, and many others over the course of the week. On alternate weeks at Narrow Lake the Becoming an Outdoor Women program runs where ladies learn many of those same outdoor skills. Thank you to our volunteers that make these camps possible.

Working with my vice chairs Kathleen and Shannon we've written up a couple program start-up packages for Ladies League and Youth Pheasants Shoots. These packages are a quick guide to get a program started up at your club and lay out a general program structure, volunteer and resource requirements, funding opportunities, and potential collaboration partners. Contact information for a program champion with experience in that program is also provided to offer advice. We'll continue writing the guides for more programs and build out a catalogue of programs to offer at your club. Mentored hunts, archery leagues, and fundraising guides are the next up on the list of program guides.

We recently struck a new committee on the AFGA executive to enhance the membership benefits for AFGA members beyond the liability insurance and Mark's discount. Our goal is to offer more incentives to our existing members and it will be useful for recruiting new members. We'll keep you informed as these new benefits materialize.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe summer. 🐦

**Keep your powder dry,**  
**Mark Anderson**  
**Program Chair**

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# Zone 5 Report



**ROBYN BUTLER**

**ZONE 5 DIRECTOR**

**AS I WRITE** this article, I am gearing up for the 2 B.O.W. Camps, which are full and a waiting list exists. It saddens me to say this will be my last camp. It comes a time to step back and let others have the great opportunity to run this camp. It was 13 years ago that Don Koziol said it's your baby now, I wasn't sure I could do it but thanks to Jane Willisko and Ingrid Horner we did for 13 years. Robyn Karpinski will be the new camp co-ordinator she is very enthusiastic and raring to go. Thank you to all the members, clubs and supporters for everything you have done over the years. I truly appreciate all you have done to help me make the camps the success they are today.

Summer will be going by too quickly and the fall will soon be upon us. Many clubs will be starting up their regular monthly meetings once again after the summer break. As you resume your meeting keep in mind to start working on your resolutions for next year's conference, please submit them early. Don't wait until almost conference time.

Youth camps are in full swing with another year of excited youth about to embark on a real learning experience.

Thank you to Samantha Wulff and her crew of counselors and volunteers for their countless hours of work for what I'm sure will be successful camps.

I have had the opportunity of working with the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) on June 22 at the Lamont Trout Pond with the Kids can Catch. The Lamont F&G hosted this event along with ACA and it's always a huge success. This weekend is for first time archers and anglers. ACA also held this event in Fort Sask. with that club and they always have an overwhelming turnout. ACA continued to work with other clubs hosting this event and they have put through thousands of kids with this great program. Thank you to the many sponsors for their support. If you would like to host this event contact Ken Kranrod at ACA.

I attended the AFGA Executive meeting in April. We all have our duties ahead of us.

There were many clubs who had fishing events and archery shoots throughout the summer, I hope you all had successful events and enjoyed yourselves. Send me an update so I can let other clubs know what goes on in our

zone! My Lamont club held birdhouse building days in both Chipman (at their Fur & Feathers) days in April and in Bruderheim on Canada Day, and planting trees.

Congrats to all the Provincial Award winners. Congrats to Mike Horton and Brad Pochipinski from the Lamont club on their awards. (see photos)

Thank you to all clubs who are selling the NLCC Outdoor Camping Package raffle tickets and their support. Please contact your club President if you have not bought a ticket. If your club doesn't have any tickets please contact me at 780-895-7799 and I will be sure to get you some.

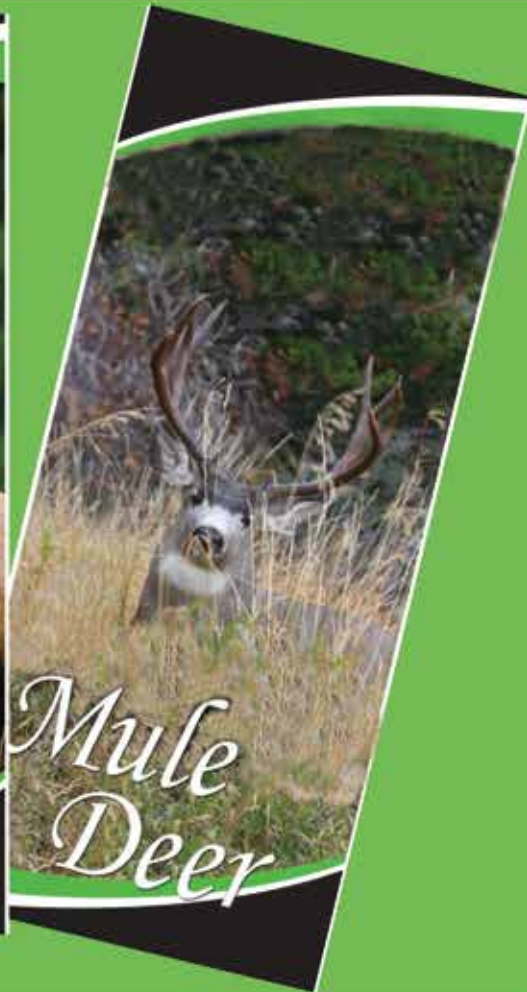
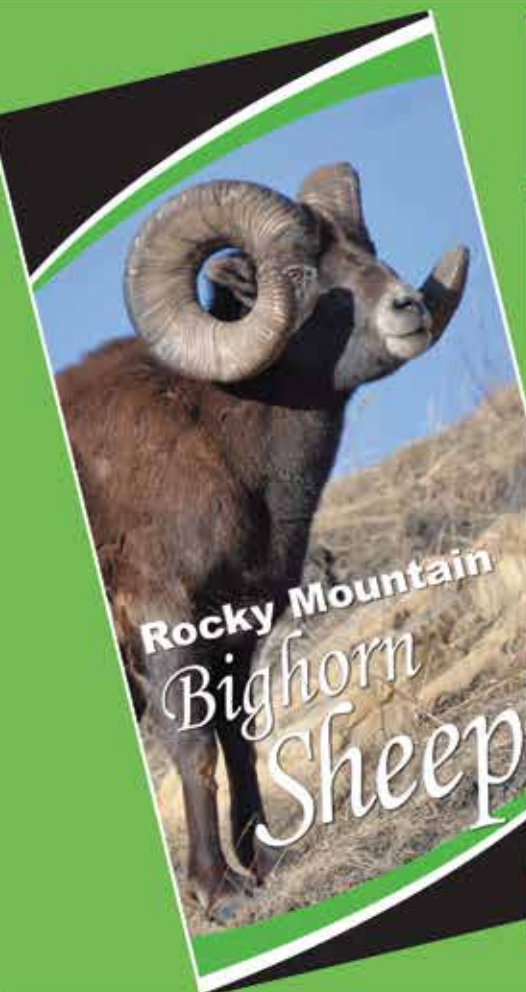
I wish you all a successful hunting season, whether it be bird hunting or big game and remember to be safe and enjoy the great outdoors.

The next Zone meeting will on held in Willingdon on October 20, 2019. Thank you once again the all the volunteers in each and every club and give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done. 🐦

**Robyn Butler**  
**Zone 5 Director**

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