

To ALL

Once again I am a little late in getting this message out. I have a few things to report on for October and November.

We have had our annual Pheasant Super at the Carseland hall. The diner was held on October 26th. We had a turnout of around 130 people. There was a silent auction with a great Prime Rib Diner. I would like to thank all who helped out Friday and Saturday night. All proceeds will go to help Pheasant habitat and populations in Wheatland County. Thanks to all of you who came out and generously supported us.

Our club has the opportunity to send 4 delegates to the annual AFGA conference to be held in Fort McMurray this year. The dates are February 20-22, 2014. If you are interested in going and representing our club please contact me; Clint LaRiviere @ 901-5715 for more information. There is an early bird registration dead line for December 16th. If we register before this date we will receive a discount on the fees. AFGA is looking into chartering a bus and deals on air fares for clubs sending delegates.

Every year at conference club resolutions are reviewed by AFGA and if passed are presented to the provincial government. Resolutions can be submitted at the club level all year round. If you have a resolution you would like put forward come out to one of the monthly meetings and share your ideas. It is these resolutions that help to bring changes to the hunting regulations.

We are going to be hosting a horn measuring course at the club house for our members. The course will be January 18th & 19th. The course is approx. 6hr per day. If you are interested please contact myself or come to one of our upcoming meetings to register with our hunting chair. We will be putting this course on with Sarcee Fish and Game. So if you are interested, register early as there is only room for 20 people. The course is free to club members except for some supplies that will be for sale at the course.

Our club is once again assisting ACA & UBA with releasing pheasants at the Namaka release sites for hunting. All hunting regulations apply at the release site. We will be releasing 100 roosters per week until the end of the pheasant hunting season. Please use respect to the neighbouring land owners and do not shoot birds that have moved to their property unless you have permission. Thanks to the volunteers who are assisting with releasing the birds every week.

Once again we need wild meat donations for our annual wild game supper held on the first week end of March. If you are successful this hunting season and can spare some of your harvest please contact Larry Olsen or me and we can make arrangements to pick it up.

I have received some e-mails from AFGA regarding the following.

- Chronic Wasting Disease
- Hidden Creek Logging Letter writing Campaign
- Draft of the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan
- Reintroduction of Plains Buffalo into Banff National Park

I will forward the e-mails that I received on the above topics for your review.

I mentioned in an earlier letter that we are in need of volunteers for our upcoming casino to be held February 4th & 5th. If you can help out on one of these date please contact Darrel Blackley or me. The casino is very important to the club as a source of revenue. The money raised from the event helps with our youth programs, habitat projects, and up keep of the club house and facilities.

Our next Meeting will be Thursday November 14th 7:30pm at the club house please come out and attend a meeting if you can.

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And Wildlife Association.