

## **Al Keeler - Candidate statement & bio**

I have been a member of the Sherwood Park Fish and Game association for a number of years and have got a lot out of my membership. Archery has been a passion of mine for a number of years and a previous member of the executive talked me into taking on the archery chair. I was amazed at the enthusiasm members exhibited in getting this portion of the facility going and the participation we got. Over the past few years of being on the executive, I have noticed the same enthusiasm can be started in other areas by just talking to members and presenting ideals.

There are some ideas I would like to see get expanded upon if elected as president and they are, getting more involvement with the youth and ladies of our membership. This is where many of the future participants for all the Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association facilities usage will come from. I feel that with being elected as president, I would be able to get these ideas expanded upon so more of the membership can experience the association's efforts in conservation, fishing, hunting and the shooting sports. With this experience, I don't think it would be long before we would have more events for members to participate in and the facility would start being used to its full potential. This would likely expand beyond our facilities to the use and appreciation of Alberta's great outdoor resources.

There are some areas where we can make the facility better by upgrading and expanding what is there presently. Some of these would include the archery 3D course, the campground, the black powder trail equipment, the outhouses, the clubhouse and hiking trails.

There is also the Federal Government's legislation banning a number of firearms which affects a number of our members and the shooting sports we participate in. I feel the legislation is targeting the wrong people of the country and we need to work with others to get this remedied.

I look forward to your support in this election and the ideas I have for the future of the facility.

Regards,

Al Keeler