



THE RIDGEDALE ROD & GUN CLUB

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Range: East END of Harris Road (35655), Abbotsford, BC

Archery • Pistol • Rifle • Black Powder • Trap • Fishing

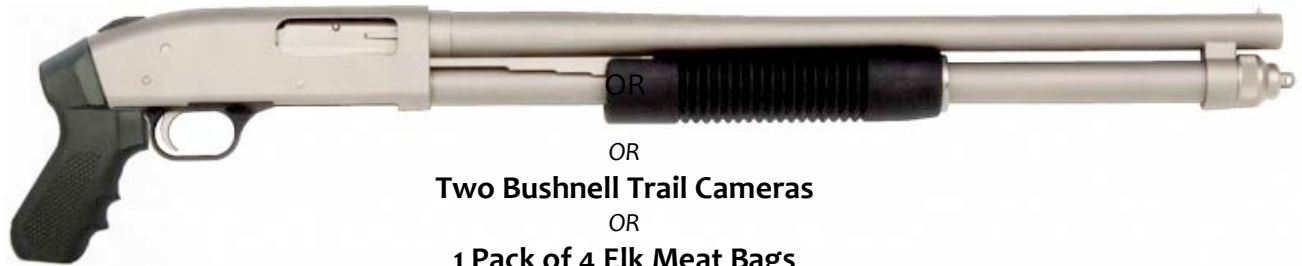
Newsletter April 2015

The Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club Presents its First Annual Raffle!

Enter for the chance to win:

A Mossberg - 500 Mariner 12 Gauge, 3" Pump Action Shotgun; as pictured.

Comes with a Browning Sling



OR

Two Bushnell Trail Cameras

OR

1 Pack of 4 Elk Meat Bags

Tickets are \$10 each, available at General Meetings and section nights.

Draw Date: June 28, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. at the Range

Rules of Play

- Winner must have a valid PAL to win the shotgun
- One winner will be chosen for each prize
- Winners consent to the release of their names by the licensee

Chances are 1 in 1,000 to win a grand prize.

BC Gaming Event Licence #72709

Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111
www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca

Know your limit, play within it.

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About the March 10 AGM

After acceptance of the minutes of last year's AGM, trustees Bob Fairclough and Doug Tanner called for nominations. Elected by acclamation were:

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| ▪ Vice President | Dave Graham (2 years) |
| ▪ Secretary | Katerina (Katya) Jones (2 years) |
| ▪ Social Chair | Brandon Wong (2 years) |
| ▪ Webmaster | Vacant – Covered by Greg Ferguson & Henk Gauw until filled |
| ▪ Newsletter | Vacant – Covered by Henk Gauw until filled |
| ▪ Grounds and Maintenance | Vacant – Covered by Dave Graham and Miles McCarthy until filled |

If you are interested in any of the '**Vacant**' positions, please email president@ridgedale.net.

Following the elections, the proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws were read aloud, as posted in the Members-Only section of our website and mentioned in an earlier newsletter. Copies of the proposed amendments were circulated before the meeting. Motion by Henk Gauw to accept proposed changes as read; seconded by Bob Fairclough. The trustees confirmed that a quorum was present. Carried; none opposed.

Coming Events

▪ **Work Bee this Saturday, April 18, 2015**



Come and lend a hand with various clean-up jobs, repair and maintenance tasks. We start at about 8:00 a.m. and usually stop by 3:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet other club members. As long as there are at least two persons willing to swear they have seen you do something, your lunch is free!

▪ **BC Rod and Gun Show / Rod & Gun Swap**

- Cloverdale Fairgrounds, Surrey, BC; April 17, 18 and 19, 2015
- Friday: 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- For information, call 778-869-4867 or visit <http://bcrodandgunshow.com/>

▪ **Ladies Day 2015 → Saturday, May 9, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

- This free event is open to ladies of all ages. No membership required.
- Firearms and archery equipment and supplies are provided.
- Minors under 19, must be accompanied by an adult

▪ **Youth Day 2015 → Sunday, June 28, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

- This free event is open to youth under 19 years. No membership required.
- Firearms, archery and fishing equipment and supplies are provided.
- All youth must be accompanied by an adult!

Training

▪ **PAL / RPAL Courses**

- **PAL (non-restricted) → Saturday, May 23, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
For more information, go to: <http://ridgedale.net/calendar/pal-training-course-non-restricted>
- **RPAL (restricted) → Sunday, May 24, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
For more information, go to: <http://ridgedale.net/calendar/rpal-training-course-restricted>

BCWF Excess Personal Liability Coverage Policy: E2AT000143

The EXCESS Personal Liability coverage of \$2,000,000 is an important benefit of our BCWF membership. It provides RRG members in good standing with a layer of coverage that is in excess of the personal liability they carry under their primary policy, normally provided by a Home, Tenants or Condominium owners policy. Insurance coverage becomes primary if members are not carrying homeowner's primary insurance. Copies of the insurance certificate are available at the Clubhouse, and at: http://www.rridgedale.net/documents/2015_Excess_Liability_Policy.pdf

RRGC Recognized for the Osprey Nest Relocation Project

Great news! The RRG has received the **Roderick Haig-Brown Memorial Conservation Award** for the Osprey Nest Relocation Project at the Mainland Sand & Gravel's Cox Station Quarry. We proudly share the honour with the BCWF Lower Mainland Region. **This prestigious award recognizes the accomplishments of a club whose recently completed conservation project, benefiting fish, wildlife or habitat, is deemed most worthy.** The award will be presented at the 2015 BCWF AGM & Convention in Fernie, BC, later this month.

Update

Dani Miller, Safety and Technical Compliance Manager of Mainland Sand & Gravel, reported:

"I saw a pair of Osprey chasing an eagle over the main plant a few weeks back, and was hopeful they would start building their nest, but no birds have reoccupied it in its new locale yet. However, the second pole out by the river is attracting the occasional 'percher' but there's yet no nest there either."

We will keep you informed about further developments.

Annual Ridgedale Easter Rendezvous

April 3, 4 & 5, 2015

By Ian Marshall, Rifle / Black Powder Chair



The event started Friday night with a wonderful potluck dinner. Henk Gauw, our president, and his wife Ingrid were invited. As there were a couple of club presidents from other clubs in attendance, the after-dinner conversations were very lively. As we had many leftovers, we reheated them for dinner on Saturday.

This year, we had three rifle trails working and a pistol trail; two trails are wheel chair accessible. The number of people that completed three rifle trails, a pistol trail, and a hawk and knife trail in two days was very impressive! Well done! During the Fort Shoot on Saturday afternoon, the 'Out-of-Towners' beat our local team 'ZUP-ZUP'. A blast as always! Everybody likes a little speed competition! The event ended with the 'Shotgun Shoot'; just shooting until you run out of ammo or got too tired! Excellent practice! Sunday we reverted to our Black Powder Practice rifle in the morning.

In all, 27 shooters, plus some people that just came to watch, attended the event. With participants from Agassiz, Chilliwack, Hefley Creek, Keremeos, Port Coquitlam and Summerland, the turnout was great.

At the awards ceremony on Saturday, the following shooters received a trophy.

Ladies Trail

- 1st Yvonne Clark from Chilliwack
- 2nd Judy Marshall from our club
- 3rd Dorothy Haddock from the Keremeos Club

Men's Trail

- 1st Bob Haddock from The Keremeos Club
- 2nd Jerry from the Port Coquitlam Club
- 3rd Peter Knoess from the Summerland club

Pistol Trail

- 1st Cheryl Feller from the Hefley Creek Club
- 2nd Yvonne Clark from Chilliwack
- 3rd Bob Haddock from Keremeos Club

Smooth Bore

- 1st Tiny from the Merritt Club
- 2nd Vance Reach from the Port Coquitlam Club
- 3rd Kalbinder (Kelvin Scott) from the Agassiz Club

After a fantastic Sunday lunch, arranged by David Oliver, we did the 100-yard benchrest .22 shoot, followed by our SKS shoot at 3:00 p.m.

A big “Thank you!” to my wife and all ladies for serving an excellent potluck dinner; to David for Sunday’s lunch; to Mark for making the trophies; and to Kerry for helping set up the trails.

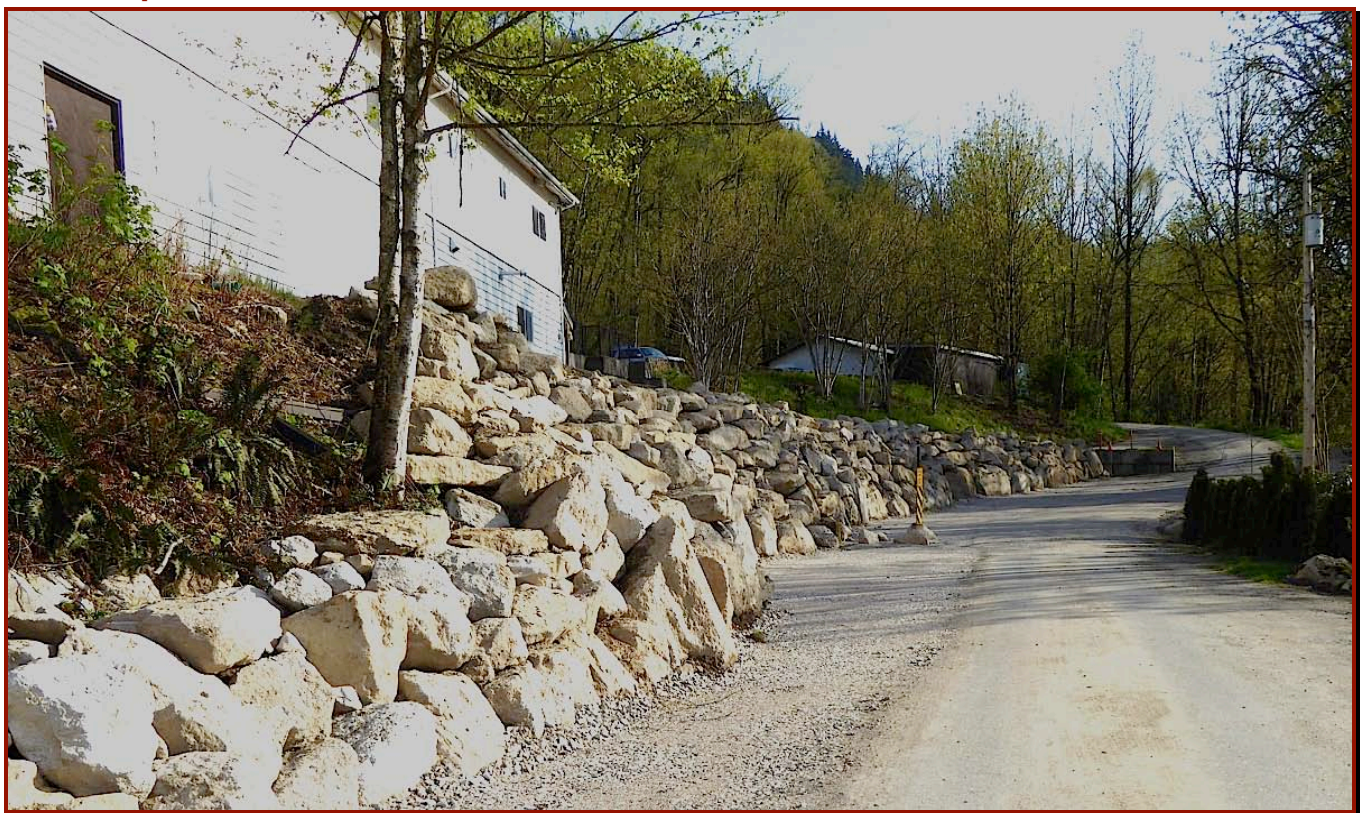
Though rain was in the forecast for Friday, having only a few brief showers at the end of the day, we really lucked out. In fact, the weather got better every day.

This was yet another opportunity to show off our fabulous facility, both the grounds and our clubhouse, to all out-of-town shooters. My sincere apologies to any shooters who came up and could not shoot because the gate closed.

Next year it will be ten (10) years since we started our Black Powder Trail shoots. To celebrate that milestone in style, we will have to do something special.

Our next Black Powder Rendezvous is our Summer Shoot on July 25 and 26.

The Completed Rock Wall



Looking great, isn't it? Road improvement is next!

2015-2016 Limited Entry Hunting Regulations Synopsis

You can download this synopsis at <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/leh.html#Synopsis>

The hard copy should be available at your local vendor. **The deadline for applications is May 22, 2015!**

Volunteers Needed for Ladies Day & Youth Day

Ladies Day and Youth Day are the biggest public events RRGCC puts on each year. On average we get 100 participants (plus as many spectators) that need to be welcomed, registered and directed from orientation to the various activities. Though Miles McCarthy looks after the kitchen and CRO Dennis Weeks and his RSO team take care of instruction and range safety, each event needs a coordinator and at least one assistant to ensure that things move along smoothly. If you are interested in helping out on one or both days, please mail president@ridgedale.net Thank you.