



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 June 2015

Coming Events

- **Work Bee – Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



Come and lend a hand. We start at about 8:00 a.m. and usually stop by 3:00 p.m. With the upgrade of the access road to the range happening in the next few months we need to do some preparatory work. In addition to various clean-up jobs, repair and maintenance tasks, we want to assemble a picnic table for the smokers, and hang the First Aid boxes. 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! ☺

- **Archery Hunter Classic – Sunday, June 14, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

- Hunter Scoring
 - Range Finders Allowed!
 - Draw for two (2) Rinehart door prizes at the end of the shoot!
- Non-member archers are welcome.

For information, contact Larry at archery@ridgedale.net

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

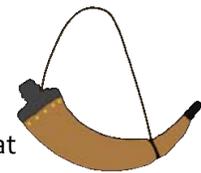
- This free event is open to youth under 19 years. No membership required.
- Firearms, archery and fishing equipment and supplies are provided.
- All youth must be accompanied by an adult.

For detailed information, see the bulletin board at the range or download the flyer at:
<http://ridgedale.net/calendar/youth-day-2015>

- **Saturday, July 25 & Sunday, 26, 2015 - 7th Annual Summer Mountain Goat Rendezvous**

- **Camping:** Parking lot for tin teepees; grass for tents
- **Entry Fee:** \$10.00 per shooter; no Blanket Prize required
- Non-member black powder shooters are very welcome.

For more information, contact Ian at rifle@ridgedale.net or download the flyer at
<http://ridgedale.net/events/black-powder-summer-rendezvous-2015>



Training

- **Holster Qualification Course – Monday, June 29, 2015 – Starting at 6:00 p.m. sharp**

Our Pistol Section is putting on a Basic Skills Development Course for Pistol and Revolver Holster Qualification. This is a great opportunity to learn basic holster skills, enabling you to use a holster on the pistol range in accordance with range safety regulations. **Cost is \$30.00 per person; cash or cheque only!** Sign up at the range on Monday Pistol nights, or at the June 10 General Meeting.

As we are limited to 25 participants, do not delay signing up!

For detailed information, see the bulletin board at the range or download the flyer at
http://www.ridgedale.net/documents/Holster_Course_June_2015.pdf

If you have any questions, contact Pistol Chair Mark at pistol@ridgedale.net

About Youth Day

As you may know, Youth Day is one of the biggest public events your Club puts on each year. On average we get 125 participants (plus spectators) that need to be welcomed, registered and directed from the safety orientation to the various activities. If you are interested in helping out with those tasks, please mail president@ridgedale.net. The Range Masters will be Mark Lewis (Pistol), Ian Marshall (Rifle), Larry Foulds (Archery) and Joe Sward (Trap). Miles McCarthy will look after the kitchen and CRO Dennis Weeks will give the orientations and oversee range safety.

Where Is My BCWF Membership Card?

As we hit a snag with our membership list, the BCWF has been unable to mail out the BCWF Membership Cards in a timely manner. Having solved our problem, the BCWF graciously agreed to make it their priority to get out the cards as soon as possible. So, please do not contact the Federation, your card is "in the mail," so to speak. By the way, members need that card as proof of their EXCESS Personal Liability Insurance when purchasing, for example, a Fraser Valley Special Licence Hunting Area (FVSLHA) permit. For your reference, you can download a copy of the insurance certificate at: http://www.rridgedale.net/documents/2015_Excess_Liability_Policy.pdf or ask for it at a General Meeting.

Voluntary ORV Registration Extended to November 1, 2015

Mandatory Off-Road Vehicle Registration has been deferred from June 1 to Nov. 1, 2015. The extension provides off-road users more time to prepare for the mandatory registration, while the regulatory details are finalized on both registration and safety. The Ministry's ORV Management Framework website has been updated to reflect this change, along with the updated Q&A document: <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/orv/>

Access Road Upgrade

No doubt, you will be happy knowing that over the coming months we will be repaving the access road to the range, from the bend in the road up to the parking lot. As we do not know at this time when the contractor will start the work, please check the online calendar for range closures at <http://ridgedale.net/full-calendar>. For those of you who are Internet-challenged, please call (604) 826-0552 before leaving for the range. You will be glad you did!

Chief Range Officer's Corner

Where Do I Shoot Handguns?

From time to time, members ask where to shoot handguns when planning to shoot rifle that same day as well.

It is Club policy that when the Pistol Range is open, you must use the pistol range to shoot handguns. Why else do we have a pistol range? If you want to shoot rifle that same day as well, you must sign out at the pistol range and sign in at the rifle range.

You are allowed to shoot handguns at the far side of the Rifle Range, only when the Pistol Range is closed.

About Storing Pistol Target Stands

Off lately, many pistol shooters started storing target stands against the white wall at the northeast side of the Pistol Range. Not only does it look very messy, but moving just around that corner may be hazardous. Therefore, we believe that no stands should be put there at all.

As there is ample space behind the concrete wall at the northwest side of the Rifle Range, near the flag, stands can be stored there safely. Therefore, we will put up a sign that reads, "**Store Targets Behind this Wall!**"

At the far side of the white wall we will put up a sign that reads, "**No Target Stands this Side!**" We trust that will clear up any misunderstandings.



Roderick Haig-Brown Memorial Conservation Award - Update

In our April 2015 Newsletter, we reported that the RRGCC received the **Roderick Haig-Brown Memorial Conservation Award** for the Osprey Nest Relocation Project at the Mainland Sand & Gravel's Cox Station Quarry. The honour is shared with the BCWF Lower Mainland Region. You can get a copy of that issue at the range or download it at: <http://ridgedale.net/news/rrgc-awarded>



On April 28, at the 2015 BCWF Annual General Meeting & Convention in Fernie, BCWF President George Wilson (left) presented the Roderick Haig-Brown Award to Ken McLeod (middle) and George Penner (right).



Posing at the Range with the Trophy:

From left to right: Dave Graham (RRGC Vice-President), Wes Koop (Magnum Concrete), Dani Miller (Mainland Sand & Gravel) and David Oliver (RRGC Past-President); Front: Henk Gauw (RRGC President).

On June 3, 2015, Dani Miller, Safety and Technical Compliance Manager of Mainland Sand & Gravel, reported:

"Two of the three nests are occupied now. We will keep you informed about further developments!"

Last Chance to Buy Raffle Tickets

With the draw scheduled for June 28, during Youth Day, there's little time left to buy tickets.

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.

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www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca

Know your limit, play within it.

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If you still would like to buy tickets, come to the General Meeting this Wednesday or during our Work Bee, this Saturday, June 13, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Unless you insist, we will not put you to work! ☺

Next General Meeting – Wednesday, September 9, 2015

This Wednesday's General Meeting will be the last before summer. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. As there are no meetings during July and August, we will not accept new member applications. The Range will be open daily from 08:00 a.m. till 9:00 p/m as per the calendar; see the bulletin board at the range or visit <http://ridgedale.net/full-calendar>

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