



# 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 October 2015

### Coming Events

**Work Bee – Saturday, October 17, 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. We will build new target stands to replace the ones destroyed by unknown members and/or guests, carry out various clean-up jobs, repair and maintenance tasks, and hopefully 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! 😊

### Training

- **PAL Training Course (Non-Restricted)**

**Saturday, October 17, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.**

**Cost:** \$125 - Course book included.

Pre-register at Canadian Tire (Abbotsford location only). A \$25 deposit must be paid at time of registration. You will receive the course book and a receipt. Bring both to the RRG Clubhouse on the course date. Balance of \$100 is due at time of training.

- **RPAL Training Course (Restricted)**

**Sunday, October 19, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

*Possession & Acquisition License (RPAL) training course for restricted firearms.*

**Cost:** \$50 - Course books available for loan. Registration is not required, however, you must have successfully completed the PAL training.

**Exam challenges are accepted.**

**Questions?** Call Doug at 604.857.5481 or Bob at 604.852.4350

### Osprey Nest Relocation Project - Update



On October 5, 2015, Dani Miller, Safety and Technical Compliance Manager of Mainland Sand & Gravel, reported:

***For a week or so after fledging, the young Ospreys returned to their nest for food brought in by the adults. While improving their flying skills, they stayed in the area close to the nest site, before making attempts catching fish for themselves. They are gone now!***

Those who dedicated their time and resources to this exciting project should be very pleased with the outcome.

*Photo: source unknown*

## Membership Renewal

As Club membership runs from January 1 until December 31, there are less than 80 days before it expires. To avoid paying a \$20 "Late Fee," consider renewing early. Better still... do it now, while you are thinking about it. ☺ You can use the form on page 4 of this newsletter or fill out and print the 'fillable' copy at [http://www.ridgedale.net/documents/2016\\_Membership\\_Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.ridgedale.net/documents/2016_Membership_Application_Form.pdf)

## Range Improvement Fee

Please note that on September 9, 2015, we did away with the "\$ 25.00 Donation in lieu of one day's volunteer work" marked on the application form. **All members now must pay a \$ 20.00 Range Improvement Fee**; see the September General Meeting Minutes in the *Members-Only Section* at <http://ridgedale.net/membership/members-area>

## Chief Range Officer's Corner

**Membership entitles you to use the range, not to destroy it!**



Off lately, we are seeing an increasing number of shot-riddled target stands at the rifle and pistol range; see photo. As is emphasized during orientations, and mentioned in the range regulations, you are not allowed to fire shot (lead or other) at Club targets.

When shooting any shotgun (incl. black powder shotguns) at the rifle range, remember that the sign at the far end of the shed says, "**Single projectiles (slugs) only!**"

Shot is allowed at the pistol/trap range, only for trap shooting and checking POI (point of impact) or pattern performance of your shotgun. However, **you must use your own target(s)**; for example, a large piece of cardboard or plywood attached to a stand, which you bring both from home. Needless to say that, when finished, you will take it all back with you.

To deal with the problem, we propose:

Violation of these simple rules will result in immediate suspension. This means that the offender's gate access will be disabled. Access will be reinstated only after that person has attended a range orientation, and made 10 new target stands (to club specifications) for each target showing shot marks.

Refusal to comply will result in cancellation of membership. When a guest damages a target stand, the host member is held responsible; the guest will be banned from the range indefinitely. *What do you think?*

***Hunting is a sport but it is not a spectator sport. Hunters are not given a crowd of admiring spectators to recognize their marksmanship, intelligence, strength or resourcefulness in the woods.***

## RRGC First Annual Raffle

The raffle raised \$1,610.00, designated to help develop a youth program.

The draw took place at the June Youth Day. The winners are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Mossberg 500 Shotgun	Fred Walker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Bushnell Trail Cameras	Dave Horn
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Elk Meat Bags-	Charlene Penny

## New Lottery to be Launched Soon

Loreal, our PR/Fundraising Director is organizing another lottery. Tickets will be available at the November General Meeting. The draw will be at the Annual Game Banquet in March 2016. Though we already have some great prizes, we would like to have more. Here is a sneak preview:

- 1 Weatherby Vanguard rifle (matt silver finish) in 30-06 SPRG with a beautiful wooden stock, Leopold VX 1 3-9x40mm scope (silver). Included are a leather sling, a Plano aluminum case and one box of ammunition. Valued at over \$1,400.00.
- 2 Packs of 4 'Boned Out' Meat Bags 24X36: @ \$ 35.00
- 1 Pack of 4 Elk Meat Bags 36X48": \$ 60.00
- One Plano 400 Series soft case for rifle: \$ 40.00
- 1 Portable Game Hanger: \$150.00

Watch your (e)mail for more information.

Though we already are approaching suppliers, we welcome any prize you may want to donate. Be it something for archery, fishing, hunting or shooting, a ticket to a football game, or what have you, Loreal will be happy to accept it all. You can mail her at [pr@rigedale.net](mailto:pr@rigedale.net)

## About the Federal Elections

After many years of respect shown to our community of gun owners by the Harper government, many have begun to believe that gun ownership in Canada is safe. It is not. Not even close!

The antis are working on several fronts: at the United Nations, in municipalities and, of course, within the opposition parties. Members of Parliament like Liberal Adam Vaughan and NDP Randall Garrison assail our community at every opportunity, while known enemies of firearms owners like former MP Liberal Mark Holland are attempting to get re-elected. WE ARE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS.

You may be angry with Harper, but do you trust Liberal or NDP promises? The Conservatives have a record of accomplishment that is on the side of gun owners. You can find more information on the Club's website.

If you want to keep your guns after the next federal election, I urge you to think before you decide for whom you vote.

## Next General Meeting – Wednesday, October 14, 2015

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## 20 Membership Application & Renewal Form

(Memberships valid January 01 to December 31)

The membership has a cap. Renewals received after January 31 may be placed on a waiting list!

Membership #:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Important to be on our mailing list, we will NOT share your email outside our club

Firearms Licence #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: (mmm-dd-yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

What skills I can offer the club as a volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Which sections of the Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club would you like to participate in and seek range approval for?  Archery  Pistol  Rifle  Trap  Black Powder

New Membership (New members must present themselves at a general meeting, with their application and attend a range orientation)

Initiation Fee \$20.00 \$ Payable by new members and late renewals (Junior Members exempt)

Individual \$110.00 \$ Individual membership, 19-64 years of age

Family \$135.00 \$ Includes spouse and dependants under the age of 19 (enter names and DOB below)

Senior \$75.00 \$ 65 years of age or older

Junior \$35.00 \$ 18 years of age or younger (if not part of an existing family membership)

Associate \$70.00 \$ MUST include a copy of current membership card from a BCWF-affiliated club

Donation \$25.00 \$ In lieu of one day's volunteer work. (Optional – You may enter a different amount)

Gate Cards \$35 each Qty: \$ Combo Gate/ID cards are a onetime expense, unless lost or damaged

Photo ID Card \$10 ea Qty: \$ ID cards, MUST be accompanied by the holder of a Gate/ID card, a onetime expense, unless lost or damaged

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by:  Cash or  Cheque number \_\_\_\_\_ (Min \$20 charge for NSF cheques)

Family Membership: Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Dependant 1: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Dependant 2: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Dependant 3: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Dependant 4: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to carry proper documentation when on Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club property and practice safe handling and storage of firearms as required by the Canadian Firearms Act. I also agree to abide by the club constitution, rules and safety procedures for the use of all club facilities and will use them properly and responsibly:

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Orientation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant for both new and renewal applications