



# THE RIDGEDALE ROD & GUN CLUB

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

## Newsletter November 2015

### Membership Renewal

As you know, membership runs from January 1 until December 31. To avoid having to pay the \$20 "Late Fee," renew now, while you are thinking about it. Use the form on page 4 of this newsletter or 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 at the September 9, 2015, a motion was passed to do 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 2015 General Meeting Minutes in the *Members-Only Section* at <http://ridgedale.net/membership/members-area>

### Trap

#### Bill Farr Memorial Trap Shoot

Trap shooters from all over the Fraser Valley attended our yearly Bill Far Memorial Trap Shoot on November 1, 2015. This year's winner was Grant Kiengersky from Langley with a score of 47 X 50. Second

place went to Andrew Donatelli (r) from Mission; Dallas Jansen (l) placed third.



During a *Trap Shooters Appreciation Get-together* on Tuesday, November 24, about thirty shooters enjoyed shooting a few rounds, some food and drinks. Since the event we got calls complementing us on the family-friendly atmosphere; some said they would join.

Dave Graham, VP/Trap Chair

### Coming Event

#### BCWF Region 2 - Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Lower Mainland Regional Branch of the BC Wildlife Federation will be held at the Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club on **Saturday, December 12, 2015**. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Call to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting lasts until mid-afternoon.

The meeting includes guest speakers and a Wilderness Watch presentation, taking place around 11:30 a.m. **Ridgedale members in good standing are welcome to attend.** Lunch is provided!

Note: Unless you are a designated delegate for the RRG, you are not allowed to vote. For detailed information, [click here](#) or see the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

## News for Hunters

### Hunter Registration and the Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) Application Process Are Changing

The Province will introduce a new online system for hunters in 2016, making it easier for you to register and apply for Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) permits. You can submit LEH applications online at home or at a Service BC, [FrontCounter BC](#), or vendor location. The online service will be available for the Fall 2016 LEH Draw. More information will be provided in the 2016-2017 *Limited Entry Hunting Regulations Synopsis*.

You can no longer purchase paper application forms for the **Fall 2016 LEH Draw** or the **2016 Special Sheep LEH Draw**. Forms for the Spring 2016 LEH Draw [can be purchased only at the following locations](#):

- **All Service BC locations** during regular business hours; Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- *Belles Sports* - 33089 First Avenue, Mission
- *International - Shooting Supplies*, 14904 104th Avenue, Surrey
- *Italian Sporting Goods* - 804 Renfrew Street, Vancouver
- *Reliable Gun & Tackle* - 3227 Fraser Street, Vancouver
- *Wholesale Sports* - 20175 Langley Bypass, Langley

**Note:** You do not need a hunter number or license to purchase an application form.

If you have already purchased LEH application forms, you can use them for the Spring 2016 or Fall 2016 Draw. After that, paper application forms will **NOT** be accepted.

For more information about the new online system and the LEH Draw [click here](#) or

- Visit [the Fish and Wildlife Branch website](#)
- Email the Fish and Wildlife Branch at [HuntingTransformation@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HuntingTransformation@gov.bc.ca)
- Call 1-877-855-3222

## Moose Population Survival in BC

The Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has released a Progress Report on Moose population survival which summarizes research and field studies conducted over the past three years in five geographically distinct study areas in central B.C.

The objective of this provincial research project, which continues to 2018, is to determine whether landscape changes affect Moose survival. Moose populations have been decreasing over the past decade in some areas of interior B.C. This research tests the hypothesis that assumes Moose survival will increase when forests regenerate, roads are deactivated and Moose become more uniformly dispersed on the landscape.

Preliminary results show cow Moose pregnancy rates of 78% and cow Moose survival rates of approximately 90%, which are within levels found for stable populations. Almost 10% of the radio collared Moose died over the study period. Probable causes of death were 39% from predation, 17% unregulated hunting, 17% apparent starvation, 4% vehicle collisions and 22% from unknown causes. [Full Research Report \(PDF\)](#)

## New Ridgedale Lottery to be Launched at the December 9 General Meeting

Loreal Goertzen, our PR/Fundraising Director, has organized another lottery. Proceeds will be used to develop a Youth Program. Tickets (\$10 each) will be for sale at the December 9 General Meeting. As only 800 tickets will be available the odds of winning a prize is great. The draw takes place at the Annual Game Banquet in March 2016. There are great prizes to be won, among other:

A Weatherby Vanguard rifle (matt silver finish) in 30-06 SPRG with a Leopold VX 1 3-9x40mm scope, leather sling, Plano aluminum case and one box of ammunition, valued at over \$1,400.00; a Portable Propane Fire pit, valued at \$ 150.00; 2 packs of 4 'Boned Out' Meat Bags 24X36: @ \$ 35.00; a Pack of 4 Elk Meat Bags 36X48": retail \$ 60.00; a Plano 400 Series soft case for rifle: \$ 40.00; a Portable Game Hanger, valued at \$150.00; a 300 dollar gift card from Wholes Sports, and more.

As we are still receiving more prizes, watch your (e)mail for a complete list.

**Wouldn't one or more lottery tickets make a great Christmas present?**

## Annual Customer Appreciation Sale

“Help us give back to the community” is the motto of loyal sponsor [International Shooting Supplies \(ISS\)](#) Annual Customer Appreciation Sale this Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be giveaways for those brave enough to stick it out overnight. So, be there early!

This year tISS would like getting you into the spirit of the ‘season of giving’ by having you bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank. For each food item you bring, and each purchase you make, they will enter your name into the draw for the items below.

- Khales 10X42 Loden Binoculars #20011 - \$1000.00 Retail Value
- Bradley Four Rack Digital Smoker Generously Donated by REDL Distribution - \$500.00 Retail Value
- Smith & Wesson M22A 22LR Two Tone Pistol - \$370.00 Retail Value

Winners will be contacted by phone after the sale is over.

A portion of the proceeds from this sales event will go to the [Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights](#).

## Rifle

The first Sunday December (the 6<sup>th</sup>) will be a 100 yard bench rest .22 shoot for members only.

**There will be no SKS shoot until January.**

## Merry Christmas & a Happy Healthy New Year

This is the fifth and last newsletter of a remarkable year. We completed many projects, like:

- Building a rock wall along the access road to the range
- Having the access road paved
- Constructing concrete stairs from the lower parking lot to the clubhouse
- Installing a new ventilation system in the indoor range

Our annual Ladies Day and Youth Day showed once again that we truly are a family-oriented club. We also hosted the BCWF Region 2 New Hunters Boot Camp and a number of other events. Next year, we will launch a Youth Program, financed with the proceeds of the lotteries put on by our PR/Fundraising Director, Loreal Goertzen. All of this was possible thanks to your support and that of many loyal sponsors.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy, Healthy New Year!

**The Next General Meeting is on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, starting at 7:00 p.m.**

## Support these Sponsors



All logos are linked!



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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