



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 February 2016

Membership Renewal - Important

If you have not renewed your membership yet, do it today! Pick up a form at the range, or use the 'fillable' copy at http://ridgedale.net/documents/2016_Membership_Application_Form.pdf

To allow us time to process renewals, and cheques to clear, we need to receive yours no later than February 23rd. Renewals received after that date will not be processed until after the Annual General Meeting.

If you already submitted your renewal after January 1st, but didn't include a late fee, be sure you send it in by February 23rd. To avoid not being eligible to vote at the AGM, be without Excess Liability Insurance, have your gate access suspended and be 'chased' to pay the \$20 late fee, remember including it.

If you were not a member in 2015, you now are considered a membership candidate. You will have to reapply, pay the initiation fee, and retake the range orientation. However, we will use your existing membership number and gate card! As we do not accept new members until after the Annual General Meeting, your **last chance to reapply before April** is this **Wednesday, February 10, between 6:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Range Improvement Fee - Important

As you may recall, at the September 9, 2015, General Meeting we passed a motion to replace the "**\$ 25.00 Donation in lieu of one day's volunteer work**" with a **\$ 20.00 Range Improvement Fee** all membership categories must pay. Since then, it was brought to our attention that the motion was invalid, because any changes to annual membership dues and fees can only be made by passing a resolution at an annual general meeting. Therefore, with our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused, the Executive hereby declares the motion invalid.

To correct the situation we have:

- Restored the 2016 Application Form to include the "\$25 Donation" as before
- Replaced the 2016 Membership Form and 2016 Fees Overview on our website
- Destroyed all hard copies of the 'old' 2016 Application Form at the range

If you already paid the RIF, please send a message with your membership number to president@ridgedale.net or call (604) 557-0978 with your choice of the following options.

1. Consider it a "\$20 Donation in lieu of one day's volunteer work"
2. Credit \$20 to your 2017 membership dues
3. Send you a \$20 refund

As the 3rd option takes a bit of work for us, we won't mail out cheques till later this month.

Hunter Services Going On-line

In April 2016, the Province will introduce a new online system that will improve the overall efficiency of hunter services. Initially the online service will be for Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) applications. In the future, the system will integrate a range of online services for hunters, including licensing.

To provide access to the new system, hunter numbers will be replaced with a new **Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID)**. Hunters will have 24-hour online access to hunting services from any computer with an Internet connection and will be able to view and track their Limited Entry Hunting applications online.

Hunters with an existing hunter number will be assigned a **FWID** (which will include their old hunter number) and a Resident Hunting Credential. New hunters will need to register and apply for their **FWID** and Resident Hunting Credential. Starting in April, the **FWID** can be obtained online from your home computer, or you can obtain it at Service BC or FrontCounter BC locations. If you already have a Hunter Number, you will also be able to obtain your FWID at an authorized local vendor (hunting/fishing or sporting goods store); see page 2 of our November 2015 newsletter. For more information, visit: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/resident/transformation-faq-hunters.html>

Training

▪ **CORE Program (Hunter Training)**

February 27 & 28, 2016 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$125; course book included

Pre-register at Canadian Tire (Abbotsford location only), at which time you must pay a \$25 deposit. You then will receive the course book and a receipt. Bring both to the RRG Clubhouse on the course date. Balance of \$100 is due on the first day of training. Online challenges are accepted.

For information, contact Doug at 604-855-8507 or Bob at 604-852-4350

▪ **PAL (Possession & Acquisition License – Non-restricted)**

February 20, 2016 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$125; course book included

Pre-register at Canadian Tire (Abbotsford location only), at which time you must pay a \$25 deposit. You then will receive the course book and a receipt. Bring both to the RRG Clubhouse on the course date. Balance of \$100 is due on the first day of training.

For information, contact Doug at 604-855-8507 or Bob at 604-852-4350

▪ **RPAL (Possession & Acquisition License - Restricted)**

February 21, 2016 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

You need to have passed a PAL test. If you took the PAL course with us, you pay \$50. If you took the PAL course elsewhere, you pay \$75. No registration required. We will loan you a course book for the day.

For information, contact Doug at 604-855-8507 or Bob at 604-852-4350

Calendar

1. **General Meeting - Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

When attending, remember to wear your Photo ID Card, and sign the green book. Except for associate, and junior members and dependants Only members in good standing are entitled to vote.

▪ **Work Bee – Saturday, February 13, 2016 – 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. In addition to various clean-up jobs, repair and maintenance tasks, we want 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! ☺

2. **Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, March 9, 2016**

Watch your mail and our website for a detailed agenda.

When attending, remember to wear your Photo ID Card. Only members in good standing are entitled to vote. Associate Members, Junior Members, and new members who haven't been a member for a full club year yet are not entitled to vote; see our *Constitutions & Bylaws: Part II – Membership*.

1. **Annual Game Dinner - Saturday, March 12, 2016 – Live Entertainment**

Members in good standing and their guests only! Doors open: 6:00 p.m. - Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 p.p. When you bring a dish that serves as least six (6) persons, you and one partner pay \$15 each. There are only 110 tickets available. Watch your mail and our website for further information.

Come for the food, and stay for the entertainment!

Win One of These Great Prizes!

Raffle tickets are selling fast. The 1st prize, a Weatherby Vanguard rifle (matt silver finish) in 30-06 SPRG with a Leopold VX1 3-9x40mm scope, leather sling, a Plano aluminum case and one box of ammunition, valued at over \$1,400.00, will be on display at the February 10 General Meeting.



- 2nd Italian Sporting Goods Gift Card - \$500
- 3rd Hunters Arm - \$350 value
- 4th Wholesale Sports Gift Card - \$300
- 5th International Shooting Supplies Gift Card - \$200
- 6th Canadian Tire Gift Card - \$200

- 7th Coleman Classic Stove - \$155 value
- 8th Outland Fire Bowl Deluxe - \$135 value
- 9th Fenix E41 LED Flashlight - \$75 value
- 10th Fenix E20 Flashlight - \$45 value

Tickets (\$10 each) will be for sale at the February 10 General Meeting and the February 13 Work Bee.

The winners will be drawn at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

With only 800 tickets to be sold, the odds to win a prize are 1 in 80. BC Gaming Event Licence #80776

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

Know your limit, play within it.

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Notice of Motion (2)

Copies of the following will be available at the March 9, Annual General Meeting.

1. As it makes good business sense to create a 'fund' to finance capital projects, we hereby give notice that a motion will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting:
"... to replace the '\$ 25.00 Donation in lieu of one day's volunteer work' with a \$ 20.00 Range Improvement Fee (RIF) each membership category must pay. Members putting in one day's of volunteer work will receive, once a year, a \$20 credit towards their membership dues for the following year.

2. **Amendment to our Constitution & Bylaws, Schedule B, Bylaws, Part II -Membership, Item #1:
Current**

"Anyone, on payment of the annual dues, can become a member subject to the approval of a majority vote at the next General Meeting. Individuals applying for membership are required to attend a General Meeting to present themselves with their application for membership, and also must attend a range orientation before membership will be approved. If the applicant cannot attend a meeting a member of the Executive may endorse their application and present it for approval at a General Meeting."

To streamline the membership application process, and reduce wait times, we hereby give notice that a motion will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting to **change this item to:**

"Anyone can become a member on presenting themselves and their dependants (if applicable) with their application for membership at a membership information session, have their photo(s) taken for their Gate Card/ID Combo and, if applicable, dependant ID Card(s), pay all related dues and fees, and attend the range orientation immediately following the information session. Depending on the type of payment, cards will be issued on conclusion of the range orientation."

The types of payments and conditions determining when cards will be issued are defined in the Membership Policy.

Resources

Added to our website at <http://ridgedale.net/resources/firearm>

- Safe Storage of Firearms Brochure
- Safely Storing Restricted Firearms in Canada – YouTube

At the Range Earlier this Week



Is it really it so difficult to clean up after yourselves?

Support our Supporters

