



THE RIDGEDALE ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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News

Electronic-Based Hunting Licences Are Coming this Spring

Starting in spring 2017, the old hunting booklet will no longer be used. When you buy a licence, the licence information will be entered into your online Fish and Wildlife profile. Only species licences will continue to be paper-based. Non-species licences won't have a paper version.

Do you have to buy your licences online?

No. If you don't want to buy online, you can still buy your licences at participating vendors or at Service BC. Starting in spring 2017, you can also buy hunting licences at FrontCounter BC.

How will you provide proof to a conservation officer that you have a licence?

Conservation officers will have access to your Fish and Wildlife profile, credentials, licences and LEH authorizations on their iSmart Phone or in-car computer. Your species licences will also have a barcode that can be scanned, allowing the conservation officer to verify that your species licence is valid.

Will you need to carry a paper version of your resident hunting licence while hunting?

No. Starting in spring 2017, there won't be a paper version of your resident hunting licence or other non-species licences. However, you *must* carry your species licence(s) with you at all times while hunting, and must cancel the licence by notching it as soon as you harvest an animal.

Do you need to carry an electronic version of your licences on a phone or mobile device?

No. The electronic-based hunting licences will be visible on your Fish and Wildlife profile, but you don't need to have access to your profile while hunting. Conservation officers will be able to view your Fish and Wildlife profile on their mobile devices to check your credentials, licences and LEH authorizations.

Why do species licences have a paper component, when the other licences don't?

Each species licence is good for one harvest only. By immediately notching the paper licence after harvesting an animal, you provide proof that you have used the licence for one harvest. The licence can't be used again.

How does a species licence get cancelled in the system after an animal has been harvested?

The species licence will not be cancelled in the system. Hunters are required to notch the paper species licence to cancel it immediately following the harvest of an animal.

How can you prove that you bought a licence?

Your licences will be visible on your Fish and Wildlife profile. If you buy your licences at a vendor, Service BC or FrontCounter BC location, you'll be given a receipt that will include each licence you bought, and the licence number. If you buy online, you can print or view your receipt at any time. You don't need to carry this receipt when you're hunting, but it's proof that you have bought licences.

What are non-species licences?

Non-species licences include the resident hunting licence, special area hunting licences (Gulf Islands and Fraser Valley), initiation licence, and youth licence.

Can you print any of your hunting licences?

No. Licences won't be printable in the new online system.

How will you get your species licence if you buy it online?

Starting in spring 2017, if you buy your species licence online, it will be mailed to you.

If you buy your species licences online, can you pick them up at my local vendor, or other location?

No. Starting in spring 2017, if you buy your species licences online, they will be mailed to you. If you want to hunt within a few days of buying your species licence, you should buy them at a vendor or at Service BC or FrontCounter BC. You also will be able to buy hunting licences for your children through the BC Hunting online service. You will get your species licence right away.

Will you still have to provide an acknowledgement of responsibility when you buy a licence for a child?

Yes, if you are buying a resident hunting licence or youth licence for a child. You don't need to provide an acknowledgement of responsibility if you buy species licences on behalf of your child.

Are hunting licence fees going up?

No. There will be no change in licence fees in 2017/18.

What happens if you lose your species licence?

You can get a replacement licence at Service BC or FrontCounter BC

We will provide you with more information as soon as it becomes available.

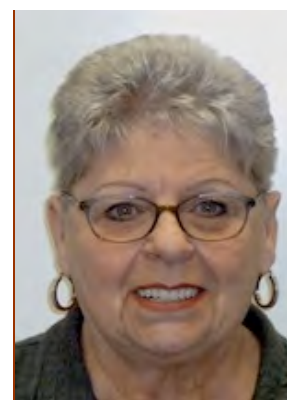
RRGC Welcomes Judy Davis

We are pleased to announce that Judy Davis (photo) joined our ranks as Administrative Assistant. Judy brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to help us run the administrative side of the club, starting with lending our Membership Director a hand to complete the implementation of our new membership management system.

Judy will 'man' the Club's office on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m - 6:00 p.m. She will also be there on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on the following dates:

- February 11 and February 25
- April 1 and April 22
- March 18
- May 13 and May 27

You may contact Judy by email at admin@ridgedale.net, or call her at 604-826-0552 during the office hours listed above. I am sure you'll make her feel welcome.



Another RRG Raffle

→ Only 500 Tickets Will Be Sold – 7 prizes, 7 winners!

Our PR/Fundraising Director, Loreal, has organized another raffle. Only 500 tickets will be sold! Proceeds will be used toward delivering of, as well as purchasing equipment and supplies for, our Youth Program.

Thanks to our loyal sponsors, prizes include:

- \$100 Otter Co-op Gas Card
- \$200 International Shooting Supplies Gift Card
- \$300 Italian Sporting Goods Gift Card
- Fraserway RV's Outland Deluxe Firebowl
- 6 Quickie Rope Tie-Downs & Handle Bar Straps
- Canadian Tire's Meat Grinder
- Cap-It's Camping Collection
(2 Adventure Rocker Chairs, 5 quart Grizzly Cooler & Camp Chef Pro60 2 burner stove with BBQ Box)

Tickets (\$10 each) are available at meetings, orientations, club events, and at the range during office hours, from January 11 to June 25, 2017. As there are only 500 tickets available, the odds of winning a prize are outstanding. The draw takes place at the Annual Youth Day on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. Buy your tickets now! Good luck!

Chances are 1 in 500 to win a prize.

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www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca

Know your limit, play within it.

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Events

- **General Meeting - Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – Starts at 7:00 p.m.**

Come early to have a coffee, meet old friends and make new ones. This is also an opportunity to renew your membership. You can find renewal forms in the display to the right of the kitchen counter. Remember that at this time we only accept cash or cheque.

- **Annual Game Dinner - Saturday, March 11, 2017**

Doors open: 6:00 p.m. - Dinner: 7:30 p.m. Members in good standing and their guests only! Come for the food, and stay for the entertainment!

There are only 110 tickets available. Tickets are \$25 p.p. Bring your special dish that serves as least six (6) persons, you only pay \$15 p.p. for you and one partner. For ticket reservation and to confirm what you're bringing, call 604-826-0552 or email booking@ridgedale.net

- **Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, March 8, 2017**

This year's AGM is on Wednesday, March 8, starting at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

In addition to the reading of the minutes of last year's AGM and elections, we need to vote on few amendments to our Constitution & Bylaws. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote!

Remember to wear your PhotoID card WITH the 2017 Year Sticker!

Please note that we do not process applications or renewals on this date!

Training

- **Archery for Beginners**

This February, the Archery Section would like to offer a Beginners Archery course*, which would run for five weeks on Wednesday nights; i.e., February 15 and 22, March 15, 22 and 29.

Cost This course is free to Ridgedale members (*in good standing*) and their dependants, with a small fee for equipment rental.

Age Minimum: 8 years. Maximum: 108 years. *Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.*

Hours Families: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults: 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

If you are interested in this course, contact Miles at booking@ridgedale.net → Due to space restrictions you need to register by February 13. ***Instruction by an internationally certified instructor trainer specialist**

- **PAL Training Course (non-restricted)**

Saturday, February 11, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Testing on Sunday, February 12 at 8:00 a.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 RRGCC Clubhouse on the course date. Balance of \$100 is due at time of training.

- **RPAL Training Course (Restricted)**

Sunday, February 12, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. – noon. Testing at noon that day.

Cost: \$50 (when you have taken your PAL at our Club). If you have taken your PAL elsewhere you pay \$75. Course books are available for loan during the course. Registration is not required. However, you must have successfully completed the PAL training.

- **CORE Program (2-Day Hunter Training)**

Saturday, February 18 & Sunday, February 19, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$125 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 RRGCC Clubhouse on the course date. Balance of \$100 is due on the first day of training.

NOTE: Online challenges (CORE only) are accepted.

If you have any questions about the above courses, call Doug at 604.857.5481 or Bob at 604.852.4350.

- **Trap for Beginners – Introduction to Trap Shooting**
Every second Sunday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about Trap for Beginners, contact Dave at vp@ridgedale.net

About Your 2017 Sticker

If you already renewed your membership, but haven't received your 2017 year sticker, we would appreciate your cooperation picking it up in person during the office hours listed on page 2. Though we apologize for the inconvenience, it really is the fastest way to ensure you can show you're a member in good standing. Moreover, it saves us postage. Thank you.

So, You Haven't Renewed Yet!

Please renew online at <<http://ridgedale.net/membership/renewing-your-membership>>. Don't postpone it, renew now! Once you've submitted the online form, the rest of the process flows from there.

As off February 1, the system will automatically add a \$20 late fee, which you need to pay. However, we will not deactivate cards until after February 15.

For those of you who aren't Internet-connected, visit the office at the dates and times listed. Judy will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your cooperation.

GoFish BC Needs Volunteers

GoFish BC would appreciate having some volunteers to come assist with several improvements and maintenance we will be conducting on-site at the Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery in Abbotsford for our "Learn to Fish" ponds. We will need help with things such as clearing vegetation (and blackberry) growth, filling sink holes, possible trail upgrades, and possible signage installation. At this time, no dates have been set. However, ideally the work will be happening sometime in March.

If you are interested in volunteering, let us know what the best days of the week would be for you. We may do 2 or 3 days to spread it out a bit, depending on the amount of volunteers and workload. Thank you again so much for your continued support!

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