



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 2018

March Calendar at a Glance

- **Work Bee – Saturday, March 10, 2018 – From 8:00 a.m. till about 3:00 p.m.**
- **Annual Game Dinner - Saturday, March 10, 2018 – Doors open: 6:00 p.m. – Dinner: 7:30 p.m.**
- **Archery Spring Bear 3D Fun Shoot – Sunday, March 11, 2018 – From 7:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.**
- **General Meeting - Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – Starts at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, March 14, 2018 – Starts at 8:00 p.m.**
- **Range Orientation – Saturday, March 24, 2018 – Starts at 9:00 p.m. sharp**

Work Bee



On Saturday, March 10, come lend a hand with **various clean-up jobs, repair and maintenance tasks. We start at about 8:00 a.m. and usually pack it in by 3:00 p.m.**

New members this work bee is great opportunity to meet other club members. As long as at least two persons are willing to swear they have seen you do something, lunch is free!

Remember, when putting in one day of volunteer work you will get a \$20 credit towards your 2019 membership dues!

Invitation to the 2018 Annual General Meeting

- **This year's AGM takes place on Wednesday, March 14, starting at 8:00 p.m. sharp, following the General Meeting.**

Remember to wear your Photo ID Card! To receive your Voter Card, you need to sign in at the office before the meeting. **Only members in good standing are entitled to vote.**

Please note that Associate Members, Junior Members, Student Members, and those who haven't been a member for a full club year yet, have no vote; see our Constitution & Bylaws: Part II-Membership.

About the Annual Game Dinner

- **Tickets to our Annual Game Dinner are sold out.**

Again, it promises to be an exciting event, not in the least because the winning ticket of the rifle package will be drawn! All 200 raffle tickets have been sold! Don't forget to carry a valid PAL. Just in case! ☺

Archery

- **Archery Spring Bear 3D Fun Shoot**

Come down and join us at our archery ranges on Sunday, March 11, from 7:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. to enjoy a Spring Bear 3-D Fun Shoot. All other ranges are closed for the day.

The team will draw for 2 Rinehart Targets door prizes at the end of the shoot.

Trap

- **The Pacific International Trapshooting Association Shoot**

The Pacific International Trapshooting Association (PITA) has authorized the Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club to hold a registered shoot at their range in Abbotsford, BC on April 21 to 23, 2018 inclusive.

The PITA rules will govern this shoot and the scores will be included in the official record.

For more information, contact Dave Graham at (604) 309.5863 or trap@ridgedale.net To download the event brochure ago to http://ridgedale.net/documents/20180207_RRGC_Trap_Brochure.pdf

Training

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

Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. → Testing on Sunday, April 29 at 8:00 a.m.

Cost: \$125 - Course book included. Pre-register at Canadian Tire (Abbotsford location only). You must pay a \$25 deposit at time of registration. You then will receive the course book and a receipt. Bring both to the RRGC Clubhouse on the course date. The balance of \$100 is to be paid on the day of the course.

- **RPAL Training Course (Restricted)**

Sunday, April 29, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. – noon. → Testing at 1:00 p.m. that day!

Cost: \$50 (when you took your PAL at our Club). If you took 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, May 26 & Sunday, May 27, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on both days

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 RRGC 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 questions about the above courses, call Doug at 604.857.5481 or Bob at 604.852.4350.

Forgot to Renew Your Membership?

- **Membership Renewal**

If you have not yet renewed your membership, be aware that you now must pay a \$20 late fee. Applications for renewal must be submitted online, by logging into your Member 365 “member portal” at <http://ridgedale.member365.com> using your unique username and password. You can pay through the portal by Visa. If you volunteered one or more times in 2017, you will receive a one-time \$20 credit towards your 2018 membership fees.

Once your renewal and payment have been processed, we reactivate your gate card and your insurance.

Do not worry if you don't have Internet. Just contact our Admin Office at the range for instructions by calling 604-826-0552; see page 4 for office hours.

Excess Third Party Liability Insurance (ETPL)

- **The 2018 Certificate of Insurance**

Please note that as proof of insurance, you need to carry a Certificate of Insurance with your personalized BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) Member Card for the current year. As the ETPL Policy term runs from January 1st - Dec. 31st, the 2017 Certificate of Insurance has expired. Ridgedale members in good standing will receive the 2018 BCWF Member card and 2018 certificate directly from the BCWF. If you would like to have the certificate on your smart phone, you can download a copy via your BCWF Member Profile at the BCWF eCommunity at <https://bcwf.thankyou4caring.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=291>

BC Fish & Wildlife Branch - Update

- **Do you have a BC Angling, Hunting, and Trapping Public Engagement website (AHTE) account?**

If so, please be advised that the website has been updated and all accounts have been deleted. In order to access the modernized version of the website you will have to log on with a **BCeID account**. The new AHTE website can be found at <https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/ahte/>.

CFP – Online Licence Renewal

- **The Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) now offers an Online Licence Renewal Application,**

which can be accessed at: http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/online_en-ligne/index-eng.htm
It's easy, fast, and a secure way to renew your firearms licence. If your firearms licence is about to expire, renew it online today.

For more information, visit <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/index-eng.htm> or contact the Canadian Firearms Program Royal Canadian Mounted Police via cfp-pcaf@rcmp-grc.gc.ca Tel: 1-800-731-4000 (toll free).

More Gun Control in Our Future?

- **Delayed Gun Control Bill Expected this Spring**

The federal government plans to introduce new gun control legislation, which is expected to fulfil promises made during the 2015 election campaign, sometime this spring.

Aimed at restricting access to handguns and assault weapons, the Liberal bill was originally expected late last year, but that didn't happen. On Thursday, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale confirmed the new timeline.

Gun advocates have said the rules — which have been delayed eight times by four successive governments — would increase the price of every gun sold in the country, including paintball markers. Goodale admitted at the time they needed “substantial re-writing.”

According to Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale's spokesperson Scott Bardsley, “*To be clear, we have said all along that we will not recreate a federal long-gun registry, and we won't*”.

For the full story: <http://thestarphoenix.com/news/local-news/delayed-gun-control-bill-expected-this-spring-goodale>

Coming this Fall

- **Moose Are Not Herefords - the Biology and Science of Moose Management.**

Presented by Ken Child MSc, during the September 12, 2018, General Meeting. He has published numerous peer-reviewed and popular articles and technical reports on a number of big game species in the Canadian Journal of Zoology, Journal of Mammalogy, Canadian Veterinary Journal, Wildlife Review, Canadian Field Naturalist, and 12 papers in Alces.

Ken is retired from both the BC Government and BC Hydro as a Biology and Environmental Scientist and is currently teaches moose management at the University of Northern BC in Prince George.

Support Our Loyal Sponsors

- **Annual Spring Sale Event at International Shooting Supplies (ISS)**

Once again ISS will NOT be at the March BC Sportsman's Show at Tradex in Abbotsford. Instead they are running a storewide sale!

Visit the store on March 2nd from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM and March 3rd from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

All the gear you love at prices you can't beat! Visit <http://www.internationalshootingsupplies.com> for details. Quantities are limited. First come, first serve. Sales valid for in stock only. No holds, lay-aways or rain checks!

International Shooting Supplies Ltd., 14904 - 104th Ave., Surrey, BC, V3R 1M7, Tel. (604) 588-7513

- **Two-day Storewide Sale at Italian Sporting Goods**

As Italian Sporting Goods won't be at the 2018 BC Hunting Show at the Tradex in Abbotsford this year, don't miss out on their sale. You do not want to miss out on some great deals. Visit their website for a complete list of specials at <http://www.italiansportinggoods.com>

Italian Sporting Goods, 804 Renfrew Street, Vancouver, BC, V5K 4B6, Toll-free: 1-877-225-4741

Club-related Questions?

Email officeadmin@ridgedale.net or call (604) 826-0552 during office hours:

- Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saturdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on February 24, March 10 and 24.

You can find the email addresses for executive members and section chairs on our Contacts page at <http://ridgedale.net/contact>.



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