



# 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 March 2018

### The Annual Game Dinner

- **A sold-out event!**

With appetizers created by former MasterChef Canada contestant Tammy Wood, and entrees prepared by our very own 'Master of All Trades' Miles McCarthy, the annual game dinner was very well received. There was so much food that the next day Miles was able to feed another 150 people at the archery shoot.

Raffling off more than thirty door prizes and a Texas Mickey of Wiser's Whiskey, a 50/50 draw and live music set the tone for an enjoyable evening.

Another highlight was the draw for a brand new **Howa 1500 .308 Bolt Action Rifle** package donated by member Nirvan (Van) Rajkumar, who drew the winning ticket. Thank you, Van!

The photo below shows lucky winner Sydney Sengotta with Van to his left, and PR/Fundraising Director Loreal Klassen and (then still) President Henk Gauw to his right. Congratulations Syd!

A huge "Thank you!" goes to Miles and his helpers for their hard work and dedication to pull off yet another successful game dinner.



Photo: Judy Davis

## The 2018 Election Results

- The following members were elected (or appointed and confirmed) at the March 14 AGM.

Position	Name	Term	Ends	Comments
President <sup>1</sup>	Dave Graham	1 yr	2019	<b>Appointed/Confirmed</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Brendan Wong	2 yrs	2020	<b>by acclamation</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Al Fadden	2 yrs	2020	<b>by acclamation</b>
Treasurer	Zoya Jones	2 yrs	2020	<b>by acclamation</b>

- When not elected at the AGM, Section Chairs may be appointed later, and confirmed at the next AGM.

Section	Name	Term	Ends	Comment
PR & Fundraising <sup>2</sup>	Loreal Klassen	2 yrs	2020	<b>Appointed/Confirmed</b>
Grounds & Maintenance	Al Fadden	2 yrs	2019	<b>Appointed/Confirmed</b>
Trap	Dave Graham	2 yrs	2020	<b>by acclamation</b>
Newsletter Editor <sup>3</sup>		2 yrs	2020	<b>Vacancy</b>
Archery <sup>4</sup>		2 yrs	2020	<b>Vacancy</b>
Fishing		2 yrs	2020	<b>Vacancy</b>
Rifle		2yrs	2020	<b>Vacancy</b>

- Because of experience and essential skills required, the following positions are filled by appointment, and confirmed at the AGM.

Section	Name	Term	Ends	Comment
Chief Range Officer <sup>5</sup>	Troy Dobranski	1 yr	2019	<b>Appointed/Confirmed</b>
Pistol	Mark Lewis	2 yrs	2020	<b>Appointed/Confirmed</b>
Membership	Loreal Klassen	2 yrs	2020	<b>Appointed/Confirmed</b>
Webmaster	BJ Bateman	2 yrs	2020	<b>Appointed/Confirmed</b>
Recording Secretary	Jo Anne Sward	2 yrs	2020	<b>Appointed/Confirmed</b>

<sup>1</sup> As Henk Gauw moved to Princeton in 2016, Dave Graham will complete Henk's 2<sup>nd</sup> term as President.

<sup>2</sup> PR/Fundraising Assistant needed.

<sup>3</sup> Henk Gauw will continue as Newsletter Editor till a suitable candidate is found.

<sup>4</sup> Stephen Arnold will continue as Archery Chair until a suitable candidate is found.

<sup>5</sup> As CRO Dennis Weeks recently moved to Nova Scotia, Troy Dobranski will complete Dennis's term.

## Parting Shot

- Thank You for Five Remarkable Years!**

Having served as your president since 2012, the decision to resign before the end of my second three-year term did not come easy. Truth be told, after moving to Princeton in July 2016, I felt not as effective as I should because I no longer was able to drop by the range a couple of times a week, and keep my finger on the pulse of the club, so to speak! Luckily I always could rely on Dave Graham, Miles McCarthy and Zoya Jones, the driving forces behind many initiatives. Looking back at all that was accomplished during my tenure, I am most thankful for the dedication and hard work of the volunteers who helped realize so many projects. Despite some challenges, we extended the pistol shed, improved the trap range, redesigned and refurbished the kitchen and the office, painted the clubhouse interior and installed new flooring, enlarged the secure storage in the basement, paved the access road, completed the first phase of improving the backstop at the rifle range, implemented a membership management system, and much more. Throughout we succeeded in maintaining the family-friendly environment that draws so many to our club; membership continues to grow.

Enough said! Thank you for letting me be a part of five remarkable years. Take pride in your Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club. Get involved. Volunteer! **Henk Gauw**

## Membership

### ▪ **Membership Renewal... one more time!**

Let's be honest, since last October we have been reminding you monthly to renew your membership... that's a generous five (5) months of notice! Now your membership has lapsed and your gate access has been suspended! This means that you may have no extended liability insurance and probably no longer meet the conditions of your ATT. Moreover, your application for renewal can't be submitted online. Instead, when you choose to renew, you must email Loreal Klassen, our Membership Director, at [membership@ridgedale.net](mailto:membership@ridgedale.net) and follow her instructions.

**You don't have Internet access? No worries!  
Just call the Range Office at 604-826-0552; see page 4 of this newsletter for office hours.**

## Archery

### ▪ **Another Successful Shoot**

Thanks to the archers and other members who lend a hand to get out all archery target for our coming shoots. This year we purchased some new targets for the course and the lower range. The lower range targets will be put on the gate and are just for the Kids to shoot. Please remember that!

On Sunday, March 11, we had our second shoot of the year, the Spring Bear 3D Fun Shoot. The weather turned out awesome for the day, and with 150 shooters the turnout for this event was truly remarkable. We have not seen attendance like this in many years. We turned in \$2500 dollars from the shoot.

All Ridgedale Archers would like to thank Miles for looking after lunch.

Our next shoot will be held on Sunday, April 15, with a work bee on Saturday, April 4. I look forward to seeing you all out for the work bee and the shoot. *Stephen Arnold*

## 2018/2019 Fresh Water Fishing Licences Are Now Available

### ▪ **Your current 2017/2018 Freshwater Fishing Licence expires on March 31<sup>st</sup>!**

You can purchase a licence at <https://j100.gov.bc.ca/pub/ras/signin.aspx> Just remember to have your Angler Number handy, and select 2018/2019 as the year. Since 100% of freshwater licence revenue is invested back into recreational fisheries, buying your licence helps stock more than 800 lakes a year; fund research, conservation, and education programs; and improve angler access. For more information on renewal and regulation updates go to: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/ds/letters/2018/anglers.html>

**Don't have Internet access? Just visit your favourite fishing licence vendor or any Service BC office.**

**Note:** The Freshwater Fishing Licence does not include fishing in British Columbia's coastal tidal waters (salt water). You will need to go to the website for the National Recreational Licensing System to renew your Tidal 'Salt Water' Fishing Licence at <https://www.ops2.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/nrls-sndpp/index-eng.cfm>

## Your Firearms Rights Are on the Line

### ▪ **Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale Blames PAL Holders for Gang Crime**

For details, read the 'Justice for Gun Owners newsletter at <https://mailchi.mp/502675ade82d/goodale-blames-pal-holders-for-gang-crime?e=364bcdf59a>

Further to the information at <http://ridgedale.net/news/bill-c-71-changes-to-the-firearms-act> visit the BCWF site to learn more about Bill C-71 and how you can help them (and yourself) to **Advocate for Sport Shooting and Hunters Now:** <http://www.bcwf.net/index.php/committees/firearms-and-recreational-shooting-sports/bill-c-71-firearms-act-amendments> Then do the following:

1. Scroll down that page to **download a template letter.**
2. **Copy and paste this letter into a Word document.**
3. Personalize and send it to Minister Ralph Goodale, with copies to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau and the MPs in your area; find them at <http://www.sources.com/PNN/BCFed.htm>
4. **Email your letter to [hon.ralph.goodale@canada.ca](mailto:hon.ralph.goodale@canada.ca)**, or send it by snail-mail (no postage needed) to: The Honourable Ralph Goodale, **Minister of Public Safety**, House of Commons, OTTAWA, ON K1A0A6

Like to know more? Join us at the April 11 General Meeting to hear Prof. Gary Mauser explain what the Bill C-71 Amendments to the Canadian Firearms Act will mean for you.

## 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 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](mailto:trap@ridgedale.net) To download the event brochure go to [http://ridgedale.net/documents/20180207\\_RRGC\\_Trap\\_Brochure.pdf](http://ridgedale.net/documents/20180207_RRGC_Trap_Brochure.pdf)

## April Calendar at a Glance

- **General Meeting – Wednesday, April 11 – Starts at 7 p.m.** *Speaker: Gary Mauser on Bill C-71, the Liberals' proposal to tighten Canadian firearms laws.*
- **Archery Work Bee – Saturday, April 14 – All ranges closed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
- **Archery 3D Fun Shoot – Sunday, April 15 – All ranges closed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**
- **The Pacific International Trapshooting Association Shoot – April 21 from noon till 9 p.m., continuing on April 22 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. – All other ranges are closed.** For details, visit our website at <http://ridgedale.net/events/PITA-shoot> or contact Dave Graham at (604) 309.5863 or [trap@ridgedale.net](mailto:trap@ridgedale.net)
- **Range Orientation – Saturday, April 28 – From 9 a.m. (sharp) till noon.**
- **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.
- **RPAL Training Course (Restricted)**  
Sunday, April 29, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. till noon. → Testing at 1:00 p.m. that day!  
*If you have questions about the PAL/RPAL courses, call Doug at 604.857.5481 or Bob at 604.852.4350.*

## Club-related Questions?

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

- Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saturdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the following dates:
  - April 7 and 28
  - May 5 and 19
  - June 9 and 30

→ Email addresses for executive members and section chairs can be found at <http://ridgedale.net/contact>.

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