



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 May/June 2018

Calendar at a Glance

- Archery Work Bee – Saturday, June 9 – All ranges closed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Archery Hunter Classic – Sunday, June 10 – All ranges closed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- General Meeting – Wednesday, June 13 – Starting at 7 p.m.
 - **There are NO meetings in July and August**
- Youth Day 2018 – Sunday, June 24 – From 10 a.m. till 3 p.m.
- Range Orientation – Saturday, June 30 – From 9 a.m. (sharp) till noon.
- General Meeting – Wednesday, September 12 – Starting at 7 p.m.
 - **Guest Speaker: Ken Child – Moose are not Herefords: the Biology and Science of Moose Management**

The Pacific International Trapshooting Association Shoot

▪ **A Huge Success!**

By Dave Graham

From April 21 to 23, 2018, our club hosted The Pacific International Trapshooting Association (PITA) shoot. With a record turnout, it certainly was a huge success! On Saturday we had 53 shooters, and on Sunday 47. VP Brendan Wong won the Short Yardage. Miles and his assistants Gordon and Atticus received a lot of compliments about the food. More than a few participants told me how great our facility looked. The PITA website notes that Ridgedale offers the best two-trap club shoot in the province; see <https://shootpita.com/ridgedale-has-record-turnout-on-2-traps/> Next year April, in the weekend before Easter, we will host this annual event again. Yes, trap is alive and well at the Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club!

Ladies Day 2018

▪ **Lots of Fun as Always!**

When it comes to enthusiasm for Ladies Day, this year was no exception. In all 118 ladies of all ages enjoyed the various activities, supervised one-on-one by our Range Safety Officers, APD officers, and others. Kudos to all who helped make this another successful event! We also thank our generous sponsors Italian Sporting Goods (Victor Camele) and international Shooting Supplies (Scott Carpenter) for donating ammunition, as well as hats, T-shirts, lanyards, rifle targets, and their time. As in previous years, we very much appreciate Magnum Concrete for once again sponsoring the lunch, and Wong farms for the veggies. Kitchen helpers JoAnne, Gord and Atticus made sure that all got fed in a short time. Pity we don't have any pictures other than of APD Staff Sergeant Judy Bird and Dave Graham (see photo).



If you have any photos of this event you would like to share, please send them to pastpresident@ridgedale.net. We then will post them on our website.

About Youth Day 2018

▪ Sunday, June 24, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bring your children, grandchildren, kids from your extended family and neighbour's kids to this fun-filled day of one-on-one supervised instruction in the responsible use of firearms, and archery and fishing equipment. See our flyer at http://www.rridgedale.net/documents/2018_YouthDay_Poster.pdf Click on http://www.rridgedale.net/documents/Youth_Registration_form.pdf to download a registration form/waiver. To save yourself some time at the registration desk, fill out the form, and bring it with you on the day of the event.

If you are willing to commit to helping out that day, please contact our Chief Range Officer, Troy Dobranski, at cro@ridgedale.net

Grounds & Maintenance

▪ Range Improvements

With much appreciated support of **Magnum Concrete Inc.**, **TW Excavating Ltd.**, and **Valley Gravel Sales (VGS) Ltd.**, and the combined muscle of **Miles McCarthy**, **Richard Withers**, **Mike Unger (and son)** and **Kerry Neilson**, we made some noteworthy improvements at the range; i.e.,

- Removing rocks and constructing a solid timber backstop at the 200-yard target.
- Applying crush to shed storm water and keep the trail to the target from becoming a bed of mud on rainy days.
- Putting over 100 tons of sand (**generously donated by VGS**) on the berm of the archery range.



Applying crush in front of the 200-yard backstop (Photo: Dave Graham)

Fishing is Easy.

▪ Catching, well, that takes a bit of work.

Luckily, you can get fishing tips and updates to help you become a fishing expert by subscribing to the "How to Fish" Video Series by Go Fish BC at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ffsbc/videos> While you're online, consider signing up for the FFSBC newsletter at <http://www.gofishbc.com>



Trout fry. Source: unknown

For information about fishing licences, regulations, fishing programs and much more, check out <http://www.gofishbc.com/How-to-Fish.aspx>

By the way, did you know that under an agreement signed between the Province and the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC (FFSBC) in 2015, 100% of the revenue generated from fishing licences directly benefits recreational fisheries? That's right, every penny goes into research, conservation and education programs, improving angler access and our stocking program. **The Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation** <<http://www.hctf.ca>> receives 100% of the surcharge revenue collected from angling licence sales to provide grants for fish conservation projects.

Membership

▪ **Yes, We Still Are Accepting Applications.**

By Loreal Klassen, Membership Director

As there seems to be some misunderstanding about accepting new memberships, let me assure you that membership IS NOT closed. However, depending on the number of applicants, new members sometimes may have to wait for their orientation. As we have only a small group of dedicated volunteers to hold these orientations, we can process no more than 40 persons each time. Despite this limitation, we accept about 400 new members each year. The June 30 orientation is filling up. So, whenever someone complains that we are full, please explain the process to them and ensure that they are following the instructions given to become a new member correctly.

Bill C-71 – The Lowdown

▪ **A Brief Overview Presented at the May 9 General Meeting**

By Gary Mauser

- Background checks for criminal violence and any mental illness will be conducted over the lifetime of an individual, not just the previous five-year period.
- Sales of all firearms are subject to computerized license verification. Non-restricted firearms transfers will not have the information regarding the firearm recorded.
- Businesses are required to keep records, which include individual's information and all information regarding the firearm transferred. These records must be kept for 20 years or until the business ceases. In that case all records must be surrendered to the authorities.
- Authorizations to transport have been gutted. The only permitted uses are to shooting ranges and purchase-to-home but will still include "all ranges in province".
- All currently held Authorizations to Transport (ATTs) will be revoked.
- All Swiss Arms Classic series and all CZ-858s will be made prohibited. The owners of these rifles will be 'grandfathered' and permitted to transport to a range for the purpose of target shooting.
- The powers of the Governing Council to declare any firearm to be Non-Restricted has been revoked. The Governing Council may still be used to declare any firearms to be restricted or prohibited.
- Sign petitions and send letters to your MP.

Stop Bill C-71

▪ **New Book Shows How Canada's Draft Gun Law Aims at Wrong Target**

"The Bill C-71 Book: What It Means, How It Hurts You, and 3 Easy Steps You Can Take Right Now to Block" is a comprehensive and easy-to-read overview of the draft law. The book aims to help journalists, policy makers and responsible gun owners understand how Bill C-71, the government's first proposed firearm legislation in a generation, aims at the wrong target.

This free PDF/e-Book is a joint project of Canadian Shooting Sports Association (CSSA) <<http://www.cssa-cila.org>>, Canada's leading gun-rights advocacy group, and TheGunBlog.ca <<https://thegunblog.ca/>> the country's leading source of news on gun politics and the firearm industry.

The authors are critical of the planned law and urge gun owners to oppose it by contacting members of parliament.

→ The book is available as a free PDF download from <https://StopC71.com>



Remember RAPP?

▪ Report All Poachers and Polluters!

In the coming months, many will venture into the backcountry, enjoying camping, fishing and hunting. Regrettably, some users of our great outdoors show little or no respect for nature and other people's property, nor stick to the rules. Therefore, the Conservation Officer Service needs your help in catching poachers and polluters. The RAPP program is a toll-free tip line and online service that allows you to report known or suspected violations of fisheries, wildlife, or environmental protection laws anonymously without risk of confronting the offender. This hotline should be used also to report wildlife-human interactions where public safety may be at risk.



Report All Poachers and Polluters (R.A.P.P.) Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline

1.877.952.7277 or Cellular Dial #7277

Do You Have Club-related Questions?

- Email 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 June 9 and 30.

For updates check <http://ridgedale.net/about/office-hours> or call the office.

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

Wishing you all a great summer, safe travel, and successful fishing and hunting!

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