



THE RIDGEDALE ROD & GUN CLUB

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

Newsletter September 2018

Events at a Glance

- General Meeting** Wednesday, September 12 – Starting at 7 p.m.
Ken Child – Moose are not Herefords: the Biology and Science of Moose Management
- Range Orientation** Saturday, September 22 – From 9 a.m. (sharp) till noon.
- Jump for Wildlife** September 29 – WildPlay Elements Park in Maple Ridge (see below)



For information go to <https://tinyurl.com/ycwlbdku> or our campaign page at <https://tinyurl.com/ycuahflz>
If you have any questions or need help signing up call Jessica at 604-882-9988 or email giving@bcwf.bc.ca

Liberals to Look at 'Full Ban' on Handguns & Assault Weapons

Source: *Kathleen Harris* | CBC News | Aug 28, 2018 12:05 PM ET | <https://tinyurl.com/ybhpmuzg>

A mandate letter to Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction Minister Bill Blair from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sets the minister to the task of working with Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale on policy, regulations or legislation on gun control.

"You should lead an examination of a full ban on handguns and assault weapons in Canada, while not impeding the lawful use of firearms by Canadians," the mandate letter reads.

Dr. Gary Mauser, BCWF Firearms Committee Chair, Canadian criminologist, Professor Emeritus at Simon Fraser University, and longtime member of our club, wrote to Minister Goodale and the National Post about how the federal government is playing dishonest games with statistics to 'crack down' on legal gun owners.

- To read the full letter, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yc04hh7q>
- To read the National Post Op-Ed, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ybpf7tr>

Isn't it time you let your MP know how you feel about the issue?

You can find your MP's contact information at <https://tinyurl.com/yd3xywdd> or on [politwitter.ca](https://twitter.com/politwitter.ca) at <https://tinyurl.com/yac4yqe8>

Notice of Blockade Protocol

The BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) has been receiving calls and emails from members concerned that those with LEH draws may be confronted by illegal blockades when pursuing hunting opportunities. Blockades are a divisive tactic that some First Nations are using as they negotiate with governments to assert their rights. In addition, anglers are reporting frustration that some areas are closed for recreational fishing, while commercial and First Nations have openings.

As the public has a constitutional right to public resources, the BCWF will stand up for those rights in court. They will not enable governments to disregard the hard work of managing and growing fish and wildlife populations by forcing stakeholders to fight amongst themselves for dwindling resources.

It is the position of the BCWF that if conservation is a concern, it should be a concern to all sectors. Therefore, they are asking all hunters, fishers and outdoor enthusiasts to be their eyes and ears on this issue.

How Can You Help?

When confronted by a blockade, follow the protocol at <https://tinyurl.com/ygbyw8c2> to safely document and report any blockades or violators. The easy way to this is by downloading the **Conservation App** to your smartphone, before your trip. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yatcmeos> for detailed information about how to use this app.



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

1.877.952.7277 or Cellular Dial #7277

A Tale of Three Tables

One Tuesday night, while attending a trap shoot, Ian Schroeder couldn't find a place to sit to wait for his turn. Instead of complaining about it, he solved the problem by donating two picnic tables.

So, thanks to Ian and his wife Rose, we have three tables! All we need now is a concession stand. Just kidding! 😊



Youth Day 2018

Despite the beautiful weather, the number of participants in this year's Youth Day was down. However, as we got plenty of positive remarks from those that were there, it was a fun event!



Jason Tryon coaching a budding archer. Photo: Bridget Watson



Dave Graham coaching one of his grandsons shooting trap.

To accommodate smaller kids; the club purchased a small 20-gauge over/under shotgun, which Italian Sporting Goods' (ISG) Victor Camele sold us at cost. Mike Camele shortened the stock at no charge. They also donated a flat of ammo for the 20-gauge. Thank you ISG! Kudos goes to our volunteer coaches and the kitchen crew for making this a great event.

One little girl (see photo) must have been the smallest youth that ever participated. Afterwards she told coach Brendan Wong, "The shooting hurt my shoulder a bit, but it was a lot of fun. I like to come back again!"



Brendan Wong coaching a very young participant. Photo: Dave Graham

Tucked away in a quiet spot in front of the outside basement door, the **GoFish BC** booth's hands-on 'spin-casting show' was very much appreciated by all. For information about their many events and programs, visit <http://www.gofishbc.com/events.aspx>

Grounds & Maintenance: Improvements

By Dave Graham

Thanks to the hard work of Miles McCarthy, Joe Sward, Richard Withers, Mike Unger (and sons), the continued support of Tom Cassel (TW Excavating), and others, we were able to make a couple of improvements over the summer.

Pistol/Trap Range Walls

Following recommendations from the Chief Firearms Office, we raised the wall at each side of the Pistol/Trap range. Starting at 6:00 a.m. on August 18, Joe, Miles, Mike (and sons) and I worked for six hours to get it done. To avoid the heat, Mike will paint it early in the morning later this week.

J. DeWitt Enterprises Ltd. donated and delivered the treated lumber for this project.



Backstop for Pistol Range

As a frequent user of the pistol range, the APD asked for a backstop similar to the rifle range that would allow them to shoot closer to the hill without any risk of hitting rocks. Just one more layer of tires and the 'tire wall' and regrading of the slope will be done.



Storage Shed and Regrading of Parking Lot

At the upper parking lot, we cleaned up the area around the garbage containers, and replaced the fence with a wall of concrete blocks, generously donated by Magnum Concrete. On the backside of the wall we laid crush. To keep plywood sheets (for targets) dry, we will build a roof over this space to create a storage shed. The parking lot was regraded with new crush.



Lights Second Trap Range

In front of the pistol shed, close to the concrete wall of the pistol range, we installed another light post to serve the second trap range. Dueck Electric provided all electrical supplies at cost, and donated the labour. It took two guys a full day to get the job done. We certainly got our moneys worth! ☺ Cory Boileau was a great help by digging the hole and placing the large base for the post, along with all the underground plumbing. Loewen Welding and Abby Spring gave cash towards the improvements.

Do You Have Club-related Questions?

- Email officeadmin@ridgedale.net or call (604) 826-0552 during office hours on:
 - Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (except September 18 and October 23)
 - Wednesdays: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. (except October 17 and 24)
 - Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. as follows:

September 8 & 22 – October 13 – November 3 & 24 – December 15

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 successful hunting season! Stay safe!

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