



THE RIDGEDALE ROD & GUN CLUB

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

Newsletter January 2019

Upcoming Events

- **General Meeting - Wednesday, February 13, 2019– Starts at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Range Orientation - Saturday, February 23, 2019 – Starts at 9:00 a.m. sharp! Registered participants only!**
- **Annual Game Dinner - Saturday, March 9, 2019 – Doors open: 6:00 p.m. – Dinner: 7:30 p.m.**

Come for the food! Stay for the entertainment!

**Tickets: Bring your special dish, and you and a partner pay \$20 p.p. Dish should feed at least 6 adults!
Without dish: \$30 per person!**

Due to fire code regulations and the limited capacity of our hall, there are only 110 tickets available!

Tickets are available at the February General Meeting, or by calling (604) 826-0552 or emailing booking@ridgedale.net **First come, first served!**

To avoid getting too much of the same, and wasting food, we will accept no more than ten (10) dishes in each of the following menu categories:

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| 1. Game Birds | 2. Fish | 3. Game Roast | 4. Pasta Dishes |
| 5. Vegetables | 6. Salads | 7. Desserts | 8. Appetizers |

Please contact Miles at booking@ridgedale.net or (604) 826-0552 if you wish to donate Fish or Game.

- **Annual General Meeting – Wednesday March 13, 2019 – Starts at 7:00 p.m.**

There are a few positions we need to fill. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote. New members must hold one year of continuous membership following application approval and attendance of a range orientation before they are eligible to vote and submit motions. No membership renewals will be accepted this evening.

Membership Renewal

- **"Thank you!"** to those who already renewed their membership. If you have not done so yet, you may want to do so ASAP. 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. We accept cash, and preferably cheque / money orders or credit card for payment of fees.

If you volunteered one or more times in 2018, you will receive a one-time \$20 credit towards your 2019 membership fees.

When renewing after January 31, you also have to include a \$20 late fee. Once your renewal and payment have been processed, we reactivate your gate card and your ETPL insurance. If you have questions, email membership@ridgedale.net or call 604-826-0552 during office hours; see elsewhere in this newsletter or visit <http://ridgedale.net/about/office-hours> .

Excess Third-Party Liability Insurance (ETPL)

- ETPL insures against your legal liability for unintentional bodily injury or property damage to someone other than yourself or your property and arising out of your personal actions. This coverage does not include accident benefits. Therefore, if members injure themselves during outdoor activities this policy does not provide that coverage; it applies only to third party liability, covering a member in good

standing of the RRGC, anywhere in North America. So, whether you go on a hunting trip in Alberta or Ontario, or shoot at a range in Washington State, the ETPL insurance will cover you.

- **The 2019 Certificate of Insurance**

Please note that as proof of ETPL 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 2018 Certificate of Insurance has expired. Ridgedale members in good standing will receive the 2019 BCWF Member card and 2019 insurance certificate directly from the BCWF.

If you 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://tinyurl.com/yaxuavfy>

Hunting

- Harry & Anita Ruscheinski (R-21) took this nice Mule Deer buck in the Clinton area on November 12, 2018.



Fishing

- **Proposed Angling Regulation - Fraser River Sturgeon**

Be aware that an additional proposed angling regulation related to Fraser River Sturgeon fishing in the Lower Mainland Region has been posted to the **Angling, Hunting and Trapping Public Engagement** site at <https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/ahte/>.

You're invited to comment on any proposed angling, hunting and trapping regulations and policies through this website. Though you can view all proposals, to comment you need to log into your account.

Trap

- **The Pacific International Trapshooting Association Shoot - April 12 to 14, 2019.**

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 12 to 14, 2019 inclusive. The PITA rules will govern this shoot and the scores will be included in the official record.

For information, contact Dave Graham at (604) 309.5863 or trap@ridgedale.net

RRGC/LMR/BCWF Kidz Camp

- The Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club and the Lower Mainland Region BCWF are hosting a **Wild Kidz Camp** from **August 19th to 23rd, 2019**. The BCWF will be opening up registration by Mid-February.

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Dave Oliver at daveirma@shaw.ca or (604) 850-1140.

As you will be working with boys and girls age 9 to 12, you will need to have criminal back ground check done.

Official RRGc Facebook Page

- **Last September we started our own Facebook page.** Visit <https://www.facebook.com/RidgedaleRGC/> to find many helpful articles from the Shooting, Hunting and Fishing community.

All direct club related business will still be posted via our own website.

Range Usage: Clean Up After Yourself!

- The other day, we noticed that Miles was collecting bags of shot telephone books and other trash left behind by an inconsiderate shooter or shooters; see photo. You may not realize it, but when using the range, we're supposed to clean up after ourselves.

- **Club Range Regulation 4:11** asks that whenever you have more than a small amount of garbage please take it home with you. There are recycling bins available at the club to dispose of drink containers.

You can download a copy of the Range Regulations at <http://ridgedale.net/sections/range-safety> or ask at the office.



Update BC Fish & Wildlife Branch

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

If so, please be advised that the site 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/>.

→ **Information on how to open a BCeID account can be found at <https://www.bceid.ca/>.**

Proposed hunting, trapping, motor vehicle restriction, and firearms restriction regulations for the 2018-2020 seasons have been posted on AHTE for public review and feedback. More information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/ybed9pz7> Users can view proposals without logging in, however, log in is required to post comments.

Information on current hunting and trapping regulations can be found at the Hunting in BC Website at <https://tinyurl.com/yd96hyjw>

Hunter Credentials

- In 2016, the Province moved to an electronic hunter registry system to ensure that only B.C. residents are accessing hunting privileges available only to residents. Therefore, hunters must prove residency every three (3) years.

Your Hunter's Fish and Wildlife online profile will display the residency expiry date. If your residency credential has not yet expired, but will within six months, visit a Service BC, or FrontCounter BC office to show your proof of residency and ask the counter agent to renew your residency credential.

You can also update your residency online by logging in to your Fish & Wildlife profile at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/hunting>, and selecting "Update Residency".

For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y98spohz>, or visit a Service BC, or FrontCounter BC office.

Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) - May 23rd-May 26th, 2019.

- The BCWF welcomes you to their first BOW event of 2019, at Camp Whonnock in Maple Ridge, BC.

BOW is an all-inclusive outdoor skills weekend for women from all backgrounds and abilities. The program package includes accommodations, meals, and four hands-on workshops.



Registration deadline is April 19, 2019, or when full. Space is limited to 56 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. So, if you want to participate, register now at <https://tinyurl.com/ydxadfwe>

Nine Ice-Fishing Essentials

- Each year, many British Columbians look forward to ice fishing as a major winter activity. In his blog, Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC Fishing Ambassador Nick Basok presents nine essentials to get you started with this fun family activity. Read this blog at <https://tinyurl.com/y94fvdts>

Why Blame Guns for Killing People?

- Some like to blame guns for killing people. That's as silly as blaming spoons for getting people fat. So, why do the traditional media and modern progressives do that? Are they just stupid?

For Dr. Gary Mauser's full post at the Justice for Gun Owners site go to <https://tinyurl.com/y9uqhdp9>

The Justice for Gun Owners website is a project by BCWF Political Action Alliance (BCWF PAA). PAA was founded by John Holdstock, Les Husband, Andy Pezderic, Gary Mauser, and a few others back in the 1990s to run ads advocating for sensible gun ownership legislation during federal election campaigns. Our primary goal is to elect MP's who will help us achieve this. As such, PAA is registered as a Third-Party Advertiser with Elections Canada.

If you like to stay informed about what's happening with gun ownership in Canada, why not subscribe to their mailing list?

Questions?

- Email officeadmin@ridgedale.net or call (604) 826-0552 during office hours:
 - Wednesdays: 12 pm - 6 pm (except March 27 and April 3)
 - Fridays: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm (except March 29)
 - Saturdays from 10 am - 2 pm (as follows):
 - March 9th & 23rd
 - April 13th & 27th

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

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