



# THE RIDGEDALE ROD & GUN CLUB

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## Newsletter June 2019

### BCWF News

- **New Website is Now Live!**

The BC Wildlife Federation has launched a new website to better reflect their message to protect, enhance and promote the wise use of our environment on behalf of all British Columbians.

We've introduced a range of new tools to the website, including a built-in petition making it easier for our members and supporters to show their support for our various initiatives. In addition, they have launched a new volunteer tool making it easier for people interested in conservation to get involved with the BCWF.

Going forward, they will continue to communicate regularly through their member updates, blogs and social platforms, but with their new website, they will also be featuring a monthly newsletter that you can sign up for. To check out their new site, go to <https://bcwf.bc.ca/>



- **The 63<sup>rd</sup> BCWF Annual General Meeting and Convention - Predator-Prey Dynamics**

*Report by Ken McLeod – RRG Club Trustee*

This is my report as the Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club Voting Delegate to the BCWF Annual General Meeting held at the Pomeroy Hotel, Fort St. John - May 8 – 11, 2019.

This location may seem a bit far from the *Big Smoke*, and a bit more expensive to get there, but this is where much of the wildlife and interesting projects take place.

In future, our Club should maximize our Delegate attendance to the AGMs to ensure our interests and values are made known, and maybe we can sit at the Board Table.

The 26 convention presentations can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/y35y9cqh>. For more information, look to your regular BC Outdoors magazine where they do a good job on these subjects.

The host club, North Peace Rod & Gun Club, did a fine job and were well received. Likewise, the Convention banquet and awards were well run – no long speeches, and got on with the auction where much money was made for the Federation using a recurring “*Wolf Pelt*”.

The closed session, to members only, reported on actions taken following the 2017 deficit issues, and now report a positive balance sheet and a fix to the past trends. Some of the steps taken show staff improvements, better pay, better approvals by executive, better revenue generation, and donations are up. My impression was a better experienced executive, some with sound financial experience and an understanding of accounting principles. Some concerns still need attention but the trend is up. This is good news.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Fort St. John AGM. In the future, I suggest we should send our Vice-President, a member selected from the floor and a Junior member. This, to me, seems like a worthwhile contribution by our Club to such a worthwhile endeavor as the British Columbia Wildlife Federation, and should be high on our priority list. Get a Bang for Your Buck!

## Grounds & Maintenance

- **It's finally here.**

This is the unit we've been waiting for. It will serve the club well for many years.



## Recent Events

- **Trap: The Pacific International Trapshooting Association (PITA) Shoot - April 2019.**

*Report by Dave Graham.*

The Pacific International Trapshooting Association (PITA) authorized the Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club to hold a registered shoot last April. The PITA rules governed this shoot; the scores will be included in the official record.

Some of BC's best trap shooters call Ridgedale their home club and are members of PITA.

At the April shoot, RRG member Brian Hazen was the **AA Singles** winner with 98 out of 100. At last year's BC Provincials, he also won and was on the all-star team 3 times.

This year Brian won **High Gun Overall in the AA Class** and the **AA singles** and the **AA Handicap** making him one of the best shooters in BC.



Brian Hazen at the 2019 RRG PITA shoot.



Brian Hazen's 2018/2019 Buckles & Pins.

Winning the **Premium A Case Singles**, and being runner up in the **AA Singles**, longtime club member Brian Fooks also did very well at the Provincials.



Brian Fooks with his belt buckles from the April shoot.



Brendan Wong and Brian Hazen with their belt buckles from the 2018 Provincial Shoot.

In 2018, Brendan Wong won some of the big shoots at the Provincials. In all, we can be proud of the members that represent our club. This is just one of many shoots during the year that these guys attend. Other winners and members of our club are Al Fadden, Bill Roseboom, Ian Schroder and Corey Boileau.



## Recent Events

### ▪ Archery 3D Shoot – April 2019

*Photo & report by Jason Tryon*

With around 80 participants showing up at our beautiful 3D course, the April shoot was a great success. Miles McCarthy and Gord Brummitt cooked up some delicious food, and Steve Arnold did an awesome job running the registration and donation bar. At the work bee on the day before we saw some new faces who with the rest of us got our trails ready and give the lower range a face lift. We are lucky to have such an awesome archery crew!



Junior member Atticus Brummitt proudly showing that his aim is true!

- **Holster Qualification Course – May 4, 2019.**

Four trainers instructed 15 members in the safe use of holster on our range. If you're interested in taking this course, email [pistol@ridgedale.net](mailto:pistol@ridgedale.net)



- **Ladies Day – May 11, 2019.**

*Photos & report by Andrew Watson*

Whether it was the glorious weather or the promise of a tasty lunch, this year's event saw 110 ladies of all ages participating. Safety ever important, the day began with a fifteen-minute presentation on range safety rules. When trying their hand at archery and different calibers at the rifle, pistol, and shotgun ranges each participant received one-on-one instruction and supervision. Once again, Miles and Gord outdid themselves by serving homemade lasagna, garlic bread, and a Caesar salad topped with a perfect dressing prepared by Junior Member Atticus Brummitt. A profound 'Thank you!' to loyal sponsors **Wong Farms** and **Magnum Concrete** for sponsoring the lunch; and to **International Shooting Supplies** and **Italian Sporting Goods** for providing the ammunition. Kudos to all the volunteers, especially our range officers, as well as Abby PD's Sgt. Julie Bird for helping out and giving instruction on the pistol range. See page 5 for a photo impression of the event.



## Coming Events

- **Work Bee - Saturday, June 8, 2019.**

Come lend us a hand with various clean-up jobs, landscaping, painting and other maintenance tasks. We start at about 8:00 a.m. and usually pack it in by 3:00 p.m.

New members, this a 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 2020 membership dues!**

- **Archery 3-D Shoot - June 9, 2019.**

Come up and join us at our archery ranges on Sunday, June 9 from 7:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. to enjoy a 3-D Fun Shoot. All other ranges are closed for the day.

- **General Meeting – Wednesday, June 12 – Starting at 7 p.m.**

**There are NO meetings in July and August**

- **Fish for Free Father's Day Weekend - June 14 to 16, 2019.**

Mark your calendars for the 20th annual Family Fishing Weekend. **Many great fishing events are being hosted throughout the province**, and Society staff will be lending out Luhr-Jensen rods and tackle at several locations. *Continued next page...*



This is your opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors with loved ones, and to learn the joys of fishing. Knowledgeable volunteers are on-hand at most events to teach you the tricks of the trade. In addition, **B.C. residents can fish licence-free for the entire three days (but certain rules do apply).** For details about all the activities planned for the weekend visit <https://tinyurl.com/y6z7v2w9>  
**→ For information about activities at the Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery, see next.**

- **Family Fishing Day – Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery – Abbotsford June 15, 2019.**  
**From 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

There's fun for all ages including youth fishing at our rainbow trout stocked ponds. Learn to Fish activities for beginners, concession BBQ, door prizes, partner booth activities, and live fish release at 12:50pm. For a map, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y40xtkcg>

- Registration on-site the day off is essential as spots fill up quickly. So please arrive early
- Fishing ends at 12:45 p.m.
- Borrow our Luhr-Jensen fishing gear for free
- Prizes are awarded throughout the day

Contact Info: [visit.fraservalley@gofishbc.com](mailto:visit.fraservalley@gofishbc.com) or (604) 504-4716

- **Youth Day - Sunday, June 23, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. - 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 <https://tinyurl.com/y66je7lw> To download a registration form/waiver go to <https://tinyurl.com/y67aoksa> If you like 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 email [cro@ridgedale.net](mailto:cro@ridgedale.net)

- **RRGC/LMR/BCWF Wild Kidz Camp - August 19th to 23rd, 2019.**

The Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club and the Lower Mainland Region BCWF are hosting a **Wild Kidz Camp** from **August 19th to 23rd, 2019.** To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/y3xhd9dz>

If you're interested in volunteering, contact David Oliver at [daveirma@shaw.ca](mailto: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 background check done. See: <https://tinyurl.com/yakr296t> or contact your local police.

## Questions?

- Email [officeadmin@ridgedale.net](mailto:officeadmin@ridgedale.net) or call (604) 826-0552 during office hours:
  - **Wednesdays: 12 pm - 6 pm**  
(Except July 3 & 10)
  - **Fridays: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm**  
(Except July 5 & 12)
  - **Saturdays from 10 am - 2 pm (as follows):**  
June 15 & 29
  - **No Saturdays in July & August**

The email addresses of the Executive and Section Chairs can be found at <http://ridgedale.net/contact>.

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