



Richmond Rod & Gun Club

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Our 61st Year

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| Air gun/ Rifle | Open | |
| Airgun Match Coordinator | Open | |
| Trap & Skeet (sports clays) | Norm Mains | 604-277-5233 |
| Club Photographer | Ron Graham | 604-559-7662 |
| Dike Beautification | Gerhard / Heidi Rueter | 778-593-4340 |
| New Building Committee | Open | |
| Phone Committee | Karen Mennitti | 604-277-5233 |
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Richmond Rod & Gun Club Hall, tel. 604-278-2142,
 7891 Cambie Rd. (just West of 3 Rd by the dike)
 General Meetings 1st Tuesday each month 7:30 PM
 Executive Meetings 4th Tuesday each month 7:30 PM.

Archery, Air Gun ranges will be located in our new quarters at 7400 River Rd.

Trap & Skeet shoots are held at Vancouver Gun Club, 7340 Sidaway Rd, Richmond.

General Meetings are usually held
 On the first Tuesday of the month
 Except for July and Aug (summer Recess) Doors open at 7:00 PM.

Check our Web Site:
www.rrgc.homestead.com

MOVING??

If you are moving or if any information on your mailing list is incorrect, please call me so I can correct our files.

Dave: 604-946-5459

Calendar of Events

Regular Shooting Schedule – as noted

Air Pistol & Rifle

Temp closed. Range help required.
 See info. inside this Newsletter.

Archery

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| Sunday | 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM |
| Monday | 7:30 PM --9:30 PM |
| Tuesday | 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM |
| Thursday | 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM |

Regular shooting schedule subject to closures on long weekends & stat. holidays.
 Please check with Range Officer ahead of time.

TRAP DATES

Sundays, 12:00 (Noon) at the Vancouver Gun Club range on Sidaway Rd. Richmond.

Dates:- Nov 27, Dec 18.

Info– Norm Mains 604-277-5233.

****NOTE**** Members wishing to shoot at the Vancouver Gun Club on days that are not our scheduled shooting days are required to pay the daily range fees posted by the VGC.

FIREARM SAFETY & CORE

Non-restricted and Restricted Firearms Courses are available. Contact Club President Mike Thorne for further information.

See notes inside regarding Air Gun help request and also the Club Open House for new range to be held Sat. Nov. 19.

Help needed for our Annual Pancake Breakfast.

HALL MANAGEMENT

Our hall is looking good with all the renovations done during the past while and is available for rentals. So, the next time you are planning a function and are wondering where to hold it, give a thought to your own club hall. The rates \$350 + GST are reasonable and the hall accommodates 149 people. For more information and to make a reservation give Mike Thorne a call at 604-272-3037.

ANOTHER MEMBER PASSES

Life member Bob Ezart who was living in Penticton recently passed away on 14 Sept. Condolences will be sent to the family.

BC Wildlife Federation Obtains Court Order to Remove Illegal Blockade

On October 4, 2016, the Honourable Mr. Justice MacIntosh of the Supreme Court of British Columbia granted the BC Wildlife Federation a court



order to remove an illegal blockade restricting public access to public resources in the Skeena Region of the province.

The BC Wildlife Federation submitted evidence to the court that British Columbian resident hunters are being denied access to an area of Crown land including the Klappan Valley and part of Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Provincial Park ("Spatsizi Plateau") by way of a blockade which has been set up on the Ealue Lake Road immediately east of Highway 37 in northwest British Columbia.

Resident hunters access hunting grounds by road in the west, driving along the Ealue Lake Road from Highway 37 (where the blockade is located) towards the Klappan River which flanks the western boundary of Spatsizi Plateau. The road allows

hike-in or horseback access to Spatsizi Plateau. The area is extremely remote and is renowned for its wilderness qualities, restricted access and natural beauty.

The public and resident hunters consider the opportunity to hunt in MU 6-20 and Spatsizi Plateau a rare and unique privilege to visit and experience a special part of British Columbia. Moose hunting is particularly valued because a mature bull moose will provide enough meat to sustain an extended family for an entire year or more.

The BC Wildlife Federation has been working to resolve the situation, but conflict was increasing, and the blockade was not coming down. As a result the BCWF was forced to pursue legal action. As the province's oldest and largest conservation organization, this action follows our mandate to protect public access to public lands for recreational and outdoor activities and fish and wildlife resources.

The BCWF recognizes significant anxiety and uncertainty on the landscape and will continue to work collaboratively with everyone who is concerned about wildlife management. The BCWF will also continue to advocate for increased funding and capacity for wildlife management in the area.

The BCWF would not have been able to proceed with this legal injunction without the financial support of our Members and Clubs across the Province. We are appealing to you now to please contribute to the Action Fund so that your BCWF Board and Executive can continue to take action on your behalf for the continued right to hunt, fish, trap and enjoy recreational pursuits on public lands.

FIREARMS LIC. RENEWAL

A short while ago I got my own renewal notice from the RCMP with info on methods I could use. I went to the online site rather than mail and the instructions were simple to follow. I had a photo taken showing head and shoulders and saved it to my desktop. From there I was able to fill out the renewal application, attach the photo and with my wife present complete the elect. signature stating she was aware of the app. Information submitted re. Credit Card and presto, off it went and approx. 2 weeks later there was my new card in my morning mail. Well done RCMP section.

AIRGUN

Once we can confirm the new Range Officer our Jack Harrison has offered to help with the operation but no paperwork etc. This will make the job of R/O much easier, thanks for your offer Jack and let us hope the range will soon be operating again.

MEMBERSHIP

New members are joining our ranks which sure help our club. Welcome to all these new members. Anyone knowing someone interested in our club please let them know that from 01 Oct. to the end of our club year we have a pro-rated membership. The fees for this are posted on the renewal applications at the club hall and range, already we have had several new members take advantage of this fee.

BC Wildlife office has again advised that some members from various clubs question why they pay a fee to the BCWF for each club they belong to. This has been an ongoing concern for many years and the clubs do not have any choice. The only advice BCWF can make is attend the AGM meeting for the BCWF and bring this matter up where changes at that time can be made.

Hunting season is upon us, be careful out there! If you bag an animal or catch a fish remember to fill out our club trophy form and enter it, you may be the winner of a trophy for that species.

EVERYONE INVITED TO THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!!

This year the Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday December 11, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Richmond Rod and Gun Club Hall.

Your club is hosting this annual breakfast for free. All Club members, family and friends are welcome. This is a great time to mingle and have a good time.

If you would like to attend please contact Shirley Alexander at 604-277-0248 or Kathy Stephens at 604-272-3037 by December 4, 2016. and let them know the number of people you are bringing.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST IN THE KITCHEN FOR THIS EVENT. PLEASE, IF YOU CAN HELP US PHONE MIKE THORNE, 604 272 3037.

Hope to see you there!!!

NEWSLETTER DESIGN

The existing NL layout is one that has been used for many years, I copied it when I first took over as editor. It has been suggested on a couple of occasions to change the layout such as make the front page new and or upcoming events etc. and put the existing front page elsewhere in the NL.

I am not a graphic designer so need help to set something up. Suggestions are welcome. If you can assist with this please phone me at home or email me: dhowell88@dccnet.com

FISHING

Both our Salt and Fresh Water Fishing Chairmen report boundaries open to fishing have changed a number of times recently. Consult the fishing regulations to ensure you are in an approved area.

HUNTING AND TROPHY

Hello everyone, we are well under way of the hunting season and there has been some success from some of our members. I would like to remind you all that you have until the end of the year to enter any of your fish or game for the annual trophy night. You can also enter up to three photographs taken in B.C. by the first general meeting in January. Please enter your photos in either 4X6 or 5X7. Participation is an important part of this event and is in need of greater support. If you have something to enter please contact me at richnsdm@telus.net.

Thank you.

Norm Richards,

Hunting and Trophy Chairperson

(note, trophy applications forms are available on the club Web Site)

DONATIONS

Thanks to the following members who included a donation to our building fund along with their membership fee:- Pierre & Johnson Chan, Anne Chalmers.

ARCHERY—

Note new hours on front page for archery shoots.

Convicted

A Vancouver Island man was convicted and fined \$230 today in Nanaimo court for harassing nesting eagles with an aerial drone. The violations occurred in a waterfront city park in Nanaimo in May 2015. A concerned nature photographer observed the drone operating in close proximity to a nest occupied by adult and baby bald eagles and reported the incident to the COS. The eagles were extremely agitated by the drone and at one point a flightless baby climbed out the nest and sat on the edge where it was at risk of falling.

Drone operators and other vehicle operators are reminded that it is illegal to harass wildlife with a vehicle or other mechanical device. Harassment includes causing any adverse reaction or behaviour in wildlife.



From BCWF news.

AIR GUN / RIFLE

The air gun range is set up and in use – back stops are in place for 10 lanes, currently 4 lanes have target retrievers and 6 lanes are being used for prone shooting by the Cadets on Monday and Friday nights.

Carl Estabrook will be chairing the section. In order to open a regular shoot night for members and the public we require a couple more Range Officers to share the duties. Let Carl know if this is something you would be interested in helping us with. We hope to start out with one night a week, grow the program from there and get back into hosting tournaments.

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Also please contact any current or former members you may know that were / are involved in air gun, let them know about the new range and that we will be restarting the program as soon as possible.

Contact Carl at fishbonkers@gmail.com or 778-554-2242 if you can help out or obtain further information.

OPEN HOUSE

Members are encouraged to come out and support the club efforts on our Open House at our new range location at 7400 River Rd. (near the existing club hall) Everything we do to publicise our club and activities goes a long way towards helping us achieve our goal of building a range on our property. Please come out and support your club..

RICHMOND ROD AND GUN CLUB & RICHMOND GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 19
11 A.M.–3 P.M.**

Check out the new home to these two organizations.

TRY GYMNASTICS
AND ARCHERY

WATCH AIR PISTOL
DEMONSTRATIONS

MEET INSTRUCTORS
AND BOARD MEMBERS
TO LEARN ABOUT
UPCOMING WINTER
PROGRAMS

7400 River Road (across from the Richmond Yacht Club)



For more information, visit
rrgc.homestead.com or
richmondgymnastics.com

