



**Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Ted Pitt called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Directors and Officers attendance:

Directors	Present	Absent	Excused
Chairman of the Board: Ted Pitt	√		
Vice Chairman: Robb Wolfe	√		
Georgia Coulter	√		
LaMarr Hood	√		
Karen Jennings	√		
Scott Johnson	√		
John Palmer			√
Diana Pinto	√		
Steve Traverso	√		
Treasurer: Aushim Sarkar	√		
Game Warden: John Palmer	√		
Secretary: Robb Wolfe	√		

**Announcements:**

- 1) **MSP** (Motion Second and Passed) by Karen, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes, as updated for August.

**Decisions & Discussion from the August 26th Directors meeting**

1. Regarding Range Masters:
  - a. Position was posted on Indeed.
  - b. Steven Stahlman will be part time and Ivan Luciano will be full-time. Ivan started on September 1<sup>st</sup> and Steve will start on September 4<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Will create a list of backup members who could run the range if we have a person out. Ted will contact people for Cross-training.
2. NRA RSO class for the RM's & members – Robb is working to find an instructor.

3. Point of sale system & Waiver system - Georgia is working on an option.
4. Action bay rule updates were approved
5. Approved membership book changes

Revision

**Range Usage**

Club ranges are open to members and their guests, as well as the general public. All members, non-members and guests are required to sign in at the appropriate range office prior to entering any shooting area. Members and guests must wear club badge at all times. Badge must be worn above waist. Replacement badges are \$10

Addition

**Rifle and Pistol Range Usage after 6:00PM**

The rifle and pistol ranges may be used by club members after 6:00PM until 8:00PM Wednesday – Sunday.

There must be two people present and one of the people must be a member who is a range safety officer (yellow badge). A cellphone is also required for emergency use.

Members staying after 6:00PM should coordinate with the rangemaster, sign in and sign out, and are responsible for ensuring that all lights are turned off and the front gate is locked.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Archery, Ted Pitt:**

Got bags in and replaced 3 covers in the main lane

**Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:**

Shotgun is going well. We had 3 bunker shoots this month all went very well.

Renton Fish & Game Club hosted the **Adolph Haugen Memorial Match** on August 14th & 15th 2021. “International Trap “Bunker” The match was a great mix between junior and adult shooters. All squads were full with a total of 30 shooters. There were several shooters that traveled from out of state to join us. The shoot went smoothly. Everyone had a great time even if some were not satisfied with their final score.

The competition between the junior shooters is ramping up. Our juniors are showing great progress in their shooting ability. We had our first junior shoot off and the top six in the junior shoot off are:

SCORE	
1. Angela Lee	88
2. Ethan Hu	83
3. Chejun “Harry” Zhang	76
4. Eason Tang	76
5. Spencer Yuan	71
6. Romeo Zeng	66

Angela Lee started out on top with a 88. She was shooting great all day. The nerves showed up for the shoot off and she shot herself out of the top spot. Chejun “Harry” Zhang calmed the nerves and dialed in his shooting ability and took first place. Ethan Hu kept the pressure on and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Eason Tang stayed focused and came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

		Junior Finals
Gold Medal		Chejun “Harry” Zhang
Silver Medal		Ethan Hu
Bronze Medal		Eason Tang

Great job to all of our junior participants!

#### Adult shooters – Open match

We had some fierce competition between the adult shooters. Everyone was focused and tried to put the best scores possible on the board. Aidan Morlock is a junior shooter and elected to shoot with the adults. His goal is to beat Dick Lichtenberg. Aidan did a great job in the main and kicked Dick’s butt and beat him by one bird. Great job Aidan! At the end of the open shoot the top six to make it to the single barrel shoot off are:

		SCORE
1.	Marshall McKinney	112
2.	Steve Loschen	109

#### Rifle and Pistol, Steve Traverso:

We have been able to get some ammunition and targets.

#### Grounds: LaMarr Hood:

Roy listed and ordered parts for new electrical requirements for upgrades at the ranges. Parts received and all up grades completed thanks to Dale and Roy.

The shotgun ranges has new LED lighting installed in top and lower of each the skeets houses all 5 traps and the bunker.

The lights on the long range pistol beams were relocated so provide easier access to replace the outside beam.

A sling of OBS boards were ordered 78 total sheets, giving us 624 backers (\$3.53 each backer). Boards received cut up and stored.

A test cable was placed in the pistol range to see if we can replace target stands and of course got shot into.

We started on the pistol range short berm, moved all the blocks and formed a new wall. Looking at the second Monday in Sept (13th & 14th) to move the berm out.

General clean-up has continued on the R & P ranges along with target backers, repairing stapler's and grinding up old papers.

Repair work being done on the middle wall back board in the pistol building. Angle holding the back board were being broken.

Removal of brush and extra dirt removed from south side of road from R & P lot. Started making Karen more parking, cleaned out and opened the area across from the skeet range. Would like to have use of Steve's compactor to pack area, no hurry.

Lot got done thanks to a great crew.

### **Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:**

In-person classes are underway once again.

We are limiting class size to 10 students and conducting as much of it outside as possible to reduce risk of COVID-19 to students and instructors. Following the governors' dictate, masks must be worn by all while in the building.

I will likely have 2 additional classes in September

### **Conservation, Gary Emerson:**

With the cooler weather and rains I will likely stop water plants. The vast majority of the plants have survived the summer.

**Kids Day, Greg Fortin:**

Kids Day Aug 22nd 2021

Perfect weather - - - and lots of kids!

<b>Kids Day - August 2021</b>	
<i>Luckily this month we were "RSO rich",</i>	
<i>Thanks to regular RSO's John, Ron Chris, Chuck, Craig.</i>	
<i>Special welcome to two new RSO's Julia Richman and Ed Herrera.</i>	
<i>Their attendance and sincere participation was really needed today.</i>	
<i>We hosted 26 kids! 14 Mem. 12 Non-Mem. (5 family groups)</i>	
<i>Walking onto the range to pick up balloons seemed to be a highlight.</i>	
	
<b>New RSO's Ed Herrera &amp; Julia Richmond</b>	<b>RSO's Earning their keep.</b>
	
<b>Lots of good help</b>	<b>Alternate activity</b>

Georgia received the following email and a \$100 donation

*I'm following up in writing to let you know just how impressed I was with "Kids Day" last Sunday. My grandson Gunnar got to shoot .22 for the first time. He had a blast (literally) and demonstrated he is an excellent, natural shooter.*

*The range had a huge turnout of kids. I was so impressed at how the event was run. The range organizer and volunteers did a really impressive job: The safety card and review, the personal assistance by RSO's, the "entertaining format" (balloons & colored bottles), the "questions" during cease fires to get kids to re-iterate items from the safety cards, the balloon "clean-up"... I could go on and on. There were so many volunteers to make sure things went smoothly and safely. Kudos to the organizer and all the volunteers. They deserve to be commended for a job well done. Please tell them thank you!!!*

**Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:**

Still on summer break begin again next month

## **Steel Dragons, Tim Ralston**

September 1st marks the first day of the 2021-2022 season, thus our fall/winter season has started. There were 12 kids at our practice yesterday.

We ended last season with 27 active kids shooting with the program. Two have graduated, one is off to WSU and the other to the Navy. There are four new shooters who have signed up, and another three showing interest. Our current roster sits at 29 (18 boys and 11 girls).

We have received some interest from collegiate ages, so we are considering opening up to compete with that age group as well.

Our first match will be the SASP Fall Classic the first week in October. This match is shot at each team's home range with the scores submitted to SASP. We will be competing against many other teams across the nation. We will use our standard practice time slots to shoot the match.

Thanks for all the support. It matters!

## **Cowboy, Derek Mirkle** submitted by Terry Sporrang

WESTMATCH XXX took place on July 30th – August 1st.

66 Cowboys Registered

6 Cancellations

58 Cowboys completed the match, 2 DNF's

12 stages, conducted over three days

Stage Writers- Just Dan D, Jedi I. Knight & Judge Contingent Fee McGee

1 Stage DQ for Holstering an empty gun with hammer back

Revenue, \$3465

Expense, \$2119.14 (includes 6 refunds)

Net Revenue, \$1345.86

Westmatch XXX was held over three days beginning on Friday, July 30th., and completed on Sunday, August 1st. Weather was very hot on Friday afternoon, reaching temps in the mid 90's. Temps over the weekend moderated some which was a welcome relief to our guests. Unique to this year's match was having the range open to the public during the match. Concerns about parking were unwarranted and having the public present did not negatively impact the match. We had 10 campers spend the weekend at the range.

Friday morning began with a 4 stage Wild Bunch Mini Match, which saw 19 shooters competing. The winners include Crisco, Modern Category and Dakota Slim, Traditional Category. There were 2 clean shooters, Crisco & Dutch Van Dooler.

Friday afternoon saw 4 stages of the Main Cowboy Match with Food and Beverage for purchase provided by Jessica's Unique Burgers & Bites (Food Truck)

4 additional Main Cowboy Match Stages were completed on Saturday morning, followed by a Plainsman Mini Match which attracted 8 competitors. The winners include G.D. Rattler, Traditional Category, and Appy Dan, Modern Category. Cowboy Trap was also contested with Dakota Slim taking Top Cowboy and The Elder Katie was Top Cowgirl. The Poker Shoot was won by Bjorn E. Ville. Food and Beverage for purchase was provided by Pecos BBQ Pit (Food Truck)

Sunday Morning saw the completion of the final 4 Main Match Stages, with Lawbreaker winning Top Cowboy and Heather Hills earning the top spot for Top Cowgirl. There were 4 clean shooters in the Main Match, including Joe Canuck, Rick O'Shea, Hank Hills and Hazy Grey.

Following the completion of the main match the Awards were presented, including the prestigious Spirit of the Game Award which was earned by Helena Bucket (Beverly Fisher.) The Awards Ceremony was MC'd by Lawbreaker, scoring was completed by Dastardly Dean. Double-D also was responsible for all of the match admin and registration. Awards were provided by ST Machining, Pinto Annie & Shalako Tucker.

Prior to the Awards Ceremony, Guests were treated to a complimentary lunch from Cyndi Lou-Who's Dirty Water Hotdog Stand, including hotdogs, condiments, chips, potato salad, beverage and cake.

Many Thanks to all who contributed to a fun and entertaining "shooters match"-

Appy Dan	JJ Wainwright
Aldo Bridger	Judge C. Fee McGee
Arkie Lee	Just Dan D
Bjorn E. Ville	Knucky McPolack
Carlsbad Kid	Lawbreaker
Captain U.P. Featherstone	Lead'R Rip
Cedar County Sheriff	Margarita Villain
Crisco	Mudflat Mike
Cyndi Lou-Who	Nellie Belle
Dastardly Dean	Nelly
The Elder Katie	Pinto Annie
G.D. Rattler	Rick O'Shea
Hank Hills	Richochet Robbie
Heather Hills	Runamuck
Helena Bucket	Scarlet Blackheart
Jack Straw	Tacoma Slick
Jed I. Knight	Renton Fish & Game Club

#### **Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Don Miller:**

The Last CMP match of 2021 was fired Saturday 8/28/2021. We had 3 competitors, and \$22.00 was turned in to the club.

Next year's matches will start on January 22, 2022.

**Precision Rimfire, Victor Vuong:**

We had 22 shooters make it out this month. We had 6 late cancellations due to sickness with a few of them Covid related and quarantine regulations. Overall the match went very well on this hot day. There were no safety issues to report and nothing special to call out.

We had 8 stages, 5 official NRL22 stages and 3 bonus stages. People seemed to really enjoy shooting the snake charmer on rapid mode (10 shots in 30s), and trying out a spinner target at 200 yards was also fun and challenging.

We collected \$330 in match fees, spent \$60 on trophies, \$35 on match submission fees, and \$25 to repair the snake charmer container and another \$10 to get hosing to repair the target stands with the targets falling off. Netting \$200 total to the club.

One thing to note was that there was no range master available today and on a hot day not having running water and options to purchase drinks was a bit of a bummer. It was a long walk if anyone needed to use the restroom. Also the pistol range folks had no clue what was going on and were confused at what to do. Overall though everything was good. Reminder to myself to probably bring a bunch of Costco bottled water for the next match just in case.

**IDPA, Scott Johnson:**

This was our August IDPA club match, with 6 Stages and 63 Shooters. There were no DQ's. \$950 was turned in to the Club.

The next match will be on September 18th.

**USPSA, Dave McClure:** Submitted by Marcel Englmaier  
This was our monthly USPSA club match.

Match Director: Jordan Rogers

Range Master: Marcel Englmaier

Stages: 7

Shooters: 73

Renton Members: 21

Active Military: 1

ROs: 13



## FINANCIALS

Total Paid Shooters: 72 (including multiple late withdrawals without refund)

Gross: \$1872

Stripe Fees: \$75.89

RO/Mil/Renton Member Discounts: \$245

USPSA Activity Fees: \$109.50 (No classifier was run this match, so USPSA fees are lower)

NW Section Activity Fee: \$73

Net: \$1368.61

## SAFETY ISSUES: 2 DQs:

One for breaking the 180 when the competitor slipped on the gravel in bay 1. Nobody was swept, just a bit past 180. The second for an AD during a reload. The AD struck the berm just above the target. Renton forms were left in Stats shack, I do not know where to put them. Both DQs have been reported to the NW Section for USPSA record-keeping and further action if these competitors form a trend in future. Both DQs were the first ever for both persons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MOVEMBER Charity Classic is next month. This is a charity match for Men's Health which yearly donates almost \$10k to men's prostate cancer relief. The match will be September's USPSA slot on the 4th Sunday, and will feature IDPA-style time-plus scoring with USPSA engagement and equipment rules. The minimum round count will be 229. There will be a food truck, awards, and raffle prizes for further donations.

## **Black Rifle League, Aaron Lyons:**

The next match at the club will be October 30th

## **Action Shooting International (ASI), Scott Johnson / Robb Wolfe**

Mostly "sunny day" with mild temperatures.

There were 93 Shooters (and over 20% were ladies).

\$1220 was turned in to the Club.

The next match will be the Hand Sized Hand Gun Match on September 11th.

## Membership, (Open)

Data as of 09-02-2021

	2021	2020
Junior	43	76
Annual	404	542
Senior	266	255
Family	136	157
Military	15	16
Life	19	19
Total	883	1065

## Treasurer's Report, Aushim Sarkar:

Balances as of 09-02-2021

Account	Balance
Checking	\$46,178.12
Savings	\$ 510,104.62

We won't have P&Ls for this month's club meeting. We had to update our point of sale software this past weekend and it has caused some issues in our bookkeeping system. We hope to have the issues resolved in about a week's time.

## Western Washington Range Alliance: Karen Jennings

Will be scheduling a meeting soon.

Status quo-still teaching new shooter classes and still working with Harborview Medical to find resources for people with suicidal ideations to temporarily store their firearms safely.

Alan Gottlieb from Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms will be speaking at our next meeting!

## **Old Business:**

1. Diana Pinto - Publishing the club's policies and procedures – will address one at a time.  
*Working on item 2*
2. Subcommittee for proposed changes on creating a software-based solution that would make a better solution for tracking members, the general public and give the range masters the ability to track when a customer is asked to leave the range (Karen, Diana, Aushim & Aaron).  
*Closed while Georgia is researching a solution.*
3. Aushim - giving the club the ability to accept electronic payment for membership renewals.  
*Closed while Georgia is researching a solution.*
4. Aaron Lyons redo of the rifle / pistol range orientation video.  
*No update*
5. New internet connection (Chuck)  
*Still in work. No changes May look into satellite providers*
6. Action bay upper berm repair, on top of bays 4 and 5 (Steve).  
*On hold until the equipment that can do the work is available to rent.*
7. The facing on the North side of the club house needs repaired and painted (Ted).  
*Painter has not responded. Ted will look for another person.*
8. Audit request: Karen & Georgia.  
*Will be addressed at a Directors Meeting*
9. Aushim - updating the POS software.  
*Still working on the communication between the computers.*

## New Business:

1. Safety Items for August:
  - a. Range is following all COVID-19 guidance and practices.
2. Motion to host the 2022 WA State USPSA Championship at Renton.

Motion to host the 2022 WA State USPSA Championship at Renton.

Details: Match dates are Friday July 22(Staff Match), Sat July 23 & Sun July 24(General Match) 10 stages utilizing all 7 Action Bays and Pistol & Rifle ranges. Live fire will begin at 9am and end by 6pm.

Closure dates:

Action Bays: Sat July 16(after the IDPA match) through Sun July 24

Pistol & Rifle: Thur July 21 @ 4 PM through Sun July 24

(Closing 2 hours early thursday to allow setup crew to build stages 4pm-8pm under daylight)

Proposed Range fee: \$3500 (\$1000 for each day Pistol & Rifle is closed to the public to cover losses plus \$500). Any monies left over after match expenses will also be turned over to the club. (The club will already have these as we will be using Practiscore and Stripe for payment/registration, and match expenses will be expensed via receipts as we currently expense things). MD will work with the Treasurer to keep records for the Match.

Estimated Gross match income: \$24,000 for 200 total shooters

Estimated Match Expenses(Range Fee, water, awards, etc): \$13,000.

The remaining \$11,000 will be spent on target stands, props, steel, prizes, and range improvements to run the match(and future matches). Anything left over will remain with the club.

**These numbers are educated guesses based on expected participation and current materials pricing.**

Concerns:

Parking: 200 people to run through a match will require a turnaround in parking. The match is shot in 2 segments, AM/PM, so there will not be 200 people at one time, but there will be overlap during turnover at noon. After talking with Robb, we should use the unused portions of the Rifle range to expand parking, and have somebody there to direct people where to park, thus allowing for all the cars.

Live Fire Time: 9am is an hour earlier than normal matches. No expected impact to the neighborhood as shotgun already begins at 9am.

***MSP*** to allow the match to take place in 2022

### 3. Randy Hill asked for the following to be placed into the minutes

To The Board of Directors for Renton Fish and Game Club

Randy Hill Member number 2212 / Life member / RSO II

On Saturday August The 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

I was at the rifle and pistol range at 9:30 AM. While there I observed approximately 25-30 people waiting for the range to open. The vast majority not wearing badges and I would estimate at least 15 nonmembers. All of them waiting for the range office to open. Upon realizing there would be no range master that day I called the shotgun range and talked to Brian, who told me it was posted on the web site members only today. Brian came down to let people know what was happening.

I checked the web site and found that there has not been a Saturday range master on the rifle and pistol range for weeks according to the range calendar online.

This puts the range and members as well as nonmembers at great risk, as well as the Club, and the Board of directors.

Things that could happen.

1. Accidental gunshot wound, with no access to life saving first aid supplies and equipment.
2. Conflict over nonmembers being sent home, or committing safety violations.
3. Death due to heart attack, Non access to life saving equipment locked in the Rifle Range office.
4. Rounds getting off the Range due to safety violations and poor muzzle control, there by causing injury, harm, or even the death of neighbors.

This email will be presented to the Board of Directors in written form at the next general meeting, so as to be put into the minutes of the meeting.

Now that the facts have been stated. Here's what I think. It is the responsibility of the Board to hire employees. I am putting the board on notice I will be checking the range on Saturdays to see if a Full time Range Master is on hand, and I will walk the line and talk to the members and nonmembers about what they think. God forbid any of the above possibilities happen, but if one did, The Club and the Board of Directors would be Responsible and Liable for the aftermath financially and legally.

The board is put on notice of both its responsibility and its legal obligation to the members and the public. If you think the Insurance will pay after they find out the Board did not have a Range Master on hand, let alone were looking for one. Lol

I highly doubt the Club or the Board would escape Law Suits, which would destroy the Club.

Now all that said let me make a suggestion.

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> at The Pintos Charity shoot, I as well as Scott were asked to come help out. Scott acted as the range master and I walked the firing line on the rifle range to help out.

Now I am sure most of you board members are RSO IIs as well as I. So come on down serve the members, help the Club out, like all of us Monday crew ~~gvs~~ did in the Action Bays and on the Shotgun range.

Sincerely Randy Hill

PS I have pictures of what I saw, Just ask I'll show them to anybody that asks.

4. Board nominations:

**Directors**

Ted Pitt  
Georgia Coulter  
John Palmer  
Aushim Sarkar

**Secretary**

Robb Wolfe

**Treasurer**

Georgia Coulter

**Game Warden**

John Palmer

**Good of the order:**

Jackie saw a Bobcat on the range

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM**

**Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary**