



Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for January 5th, 2023

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	√		
Tim Ralston			√
Scott Johnson	√		
Dave McClure	√		
Scott Pontrelli	√		
Steve Traverso			√
Treasurer: Georgia Coulter	√		
Game Warden: John Palmer		√	
Secretary: Robb Wolfe	√		

Announcements:

1. **MSP** (Motion Second and Passed) by Georgia, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes, as submitted for December.
2. The Board thanked Diana Pinto and Karen Jennings for their service as Directors.
3. Swearing in of new Officers and Directors

Directors
 Scott Johnson
 Tim Ralston – was excused from the meeting.
 Scott Pontrelli

Secretary: Robb Wolfe

Game Warden: John Palmer

Treasurer's Report, Georgia Coulter:

Balances as of 01-05-2023

Account	Balance
Checking	\$73,378.58
Savings	\$495,171.26
BECU	\$40,040.00
Total:	\$608,598.84

Due to problems with the mail, reimbursement checks will have to be picked up at the club.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt:

Archery looked good before the wind, not sure how it is now. We have a regular volunteer now.

Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

Shotgun is going fine the continental league is starting up. Our shoot is in March. The bunker is going well, we will finalize our schedule soon.

Rifle & Pistol, Steve Traverso:

No report

Grounds, LaMarr Hood:

January Grounds report for 2022

We had another good year completing some major projects. Our new shed for clays, painting and fixing the Club House, lighting added to the action bays, new wall and moving the berm in the pistol range, the removal of some dead or dying trees that could have been a problem along with lots of small projects to improve the club grounds and shooting areas. We were also able to purchase a new pallet jack and table saw. Here the members can see that their dues at work with these improvements.

This last month we were not able to get a whole lot done with the snow and ice and bad weather. The WIFI wiring in the action bays are now weather proofed and we have been keeping up on the general clean up and the target backers for the rifle and pistol ranges.

New lights were added to bay 3 and Dale has been putting together the arms for bays 1,2 and 4. We plan on installing in the near further.

Thanks goes out to a great crew of volunteers who have been coming out regular to help keep the range in good condition and operating safely, and to the Board of Directors of the club for their support and backing or these projects would not have been accomplished.

John Gerhard this Monday morning found targets made with short and long legs. Any one of the Monday crew is more and happy to help/show anyone how to build the target holders correctly. We appreciate and need help on the Monday work parties, but we would like to have the work done correctly. Also, John wrote, the fence on the chop saw was loose when I went to use it. I'd hate to see the screws or parts go missing if things are not put back the way they were.

We need our equipment used properly and not mishandled.

Respectfully submitted with a thankful heart.

LaMarr Hood, Grounds Chairman

Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:

I'm working on getting the 2023 schedule set up with the team.

Likely there will be 4 to 6 Online skills classes and 2 Traditional classes.

Online will start in March and Traditional in the late spring/summertime frame.

Conservation, Gary Emerson:

I ordered trees for this spring. Pick up is on March 4. I will not have a single dedicated receipt for the plants purchased for the club since I also bought several bundles of plants for my own use.

I'll figure something out and present to the board in February.

Kids Day, Greg Fortin:

Kids Day Dec 2022

Good turn out for Santa - 12 members, 6 non-members.

Most arrived at 10 or shortly after. Busy all day!

Two of our kids set a record on "cutting" a bottle in half! See below.

Santa did a stellar job of handing out Ho Ho Ho's & candy canes.



Santa + Happy Kids



Santa with his helper Elf



One little girl, hundreds of exact hits



Sisters taking turns make it look easy



Benjamin Erebrad - Sept rifle winner.

Scholastic Clay Target Program, Mike Beck:

No report

Steel Dragons, Tim Ralston

No activity in December

Cowboy, Derek Mirkle

“Shot in The Dark!” Part III

The 3rd. annual “Shot in The Dark”, Black powder Night Shoot was held on Friday evening, December 30th with 20 cowboy action shooters participating, including 15 cowboys that shot the match using black powder. Weather was dry for setup, and we experience brief periods of light to moderate rain. Overall, the weather was good considering the time of year.

There were three long distance travelers with a cowboy and cowgirl attending from Montana, and another cowboy who travelled from Oregon to shoot the match.

The match was won by Lawbreaker (Tim Thibert) and there were two clean shooters, Lawbreaker and T-Bone Shorty (Terry Sporrong) There were no DQ’s or safety issues for the third year in a row.

After the match was completed, chili & cornbread was served in the Clubhouse with a rundown of results presented. The Clubhouse provided a nice gathering place for all to warmup and enjoy the comradery and food. RUCAS Cowboys look forward to hosting our 4th. Annual Black powder Night Shoot on January 5, 2024.

Thank-you to Ted Pitt and the RF&GC Board for their support of our event.

T-Bone Shorty, Match Director (aka Terry Sporrong)

COWBOY MATCHES Dec. 31, 2022 & Jan. 1, 2023

22 shooters came out on a cold but mostly clear last day of the year. The top overall was R.P. Dodge (Richard Otto) followed closely by Lawbreaker (Tim Thibert) and May B. Shecann (Kathy Loucks).

21 shooters came out on New Year’s Day, T-Bone Shorty (Terry Sporrong) took the top spot followed by R.P. Dodge (Richard Otto) and Johnny Pinebox (John Sandefur).

There were no DQ’s or safety issues on either day.

On Sun. afternoon when the cowboy match finished the clubhouse was closed, \$580 will be turned in to the club on Wed. for the combined Shot in the Dark match on Fri. and the monthly matches on Sat. and Sun.

Our next monthly match will be on Sat. Feb 4, 2023, and Sun. Feb 5, 2023.

Daniel DuPertuis

Civilian Marksmanship Program, Don Miller:

We will resume matches on January 28th.

Precision Rimfire, Victor Vuong:

We had 17 shooters show up on this snowy day. It was fun shooting in the snowy range as it changed the way target acquisition worked as the environment looked different and everything was white. We had the standard 5 NRL22 official stages and 3 bonus stages. No safety issues and we had a few new first-time shooters show up who are also going to come in January.

Results here - <https://practicore.com/results/html/a5c58723-e06b-4f9c-be26-8653faba5648>

Course of Fire here - <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Z3Fw2JueBtCJGdsvAA-f31ZpwMlcY-KXA84rFit6uV4/edit?usp=sharing>

IDPA, Scott Johnson:

The match had 5 Stages for 46 Shooters.

There was 1 DQ for prematurely drawing a pistol before the SO gave direction to do so.

\$720 was turned into the Club.

USPSA, Dave McClure (Marcel Englmaier):

USPSA is on hiatus until March. The 2023 calendar sees events in March, April, May, August, and October. September will be the host of the 11th Annual Movember Charity Classic.

June & July are currently canceled as we don't have people to run those matches. We still have the weekends reserved because we are training folks to run matches but if we don't see the results, we expect then the June & July weekends will get returned for other disciplines to use. We'll have that finalized by April.

Black Rifle League, Sean Wade (Aaron Lyons):

No events currently planned for the next six months. However, we would like to look at holding a small event called "Black Rifle League - Night Operations." This would be limited to ONLY people who currently run night vision optics. Thus, limiting it to no more than say 10-20 people. We would like to hold it on either a Friday or Saturday evening.

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

The last match was December 10, there were 5 Stages for 75 shooters.

\$1255 was turned into the club.

The next match will be on January 14

Membership, Georgia reported:

Data as of 01-05-2023

	2022	2023
Junior	44	74
Annual	545	567
Senior	302	282
Family	172	141
Military	19	18
Life	19	22
Total	1111	1104

Game Warden Report, John Palmer:
The December meeting attendance is below.

If a member feels their attendance was not recorded correctly, they should contact the Game Warden at: game.warden@rfgc.org

Last Name, First Name	Member #
Baxter, Ken	6835
Bridges, Kevin	5446
Coulter, Georgia	591
DuPertuis, Dan	3735
Hill, Randy	2212
Hood, LaMarr	1856
Ishibashi, Ron	6082
Johnson, Scott	108
Kaiser, Jeff	5883
McClure, David	3613
Meisner, Mike	3941
Mirkle, Derek	490
Ohnemus, Chris	3796
Palmer, John	3133
Pinto, Diana	3795
Pitt, Ted	257
Rasmussen, Roy	2633-LIFE
Sandwick, Gary	4760
Scher, Jack	1877
Traverso, Steve	4548
Wade, Sean	3919
Wolfe, Robb	156
Wong, Ken	2975
Wyle, Sandy	2075
Bennett, Paul	6298
Sumaoang, Ben	5067

Old Business:

1. Possible changes to clarify what calibers can be shot on the pistol ranges. **Diana / Chris / Ken**
Status: Ken would like to do a study to determine what calibers are destructive to the berms (this Summer).
2. Diana shared the following update for the membership book in December:

Steel Target Qualification and Procedures:

The steel target at 200 yards may only be used by members who have qualified (their badges will have a star punched in it).

To qualify the shooter must coordinate with the Rangemaster and shoot a consecutive five-shot group on an eight-inch target at 200 yards.

The steel is checked out by the shooter (see sign-in/out sheets) and when finished must be checked back in to rangemaster. Targets must be re-painted and any repairs done. If repairs are beyond reasonable fixes, shooter must alert rangemaster to issues.

When shooting steel with new firearm (unqualified firearm), shooter should put up paper target at 200 yd and confirm where firearm is hitting BEFORE shooting steel. Steel is NOT intended to be used as a sight-in tool.

Other qualified shooters may use steel at the discretion and approval of the shooter who originally checked the steel out. They have the right to refuse other qualified shooters to use the steel at the same time. If they allow other qualified shooters to use the steel, and original shooter cannot/does not bring steel back in, they must inform rangemaster they are turning the steel over to the responsibility of the other shooter and sign steel out of their name and into the name of the other shooter.

All qualified shooters are responsible for watching who is shooting the steel and stopping non-qualified shooters from using the steel. If non-qualified shooters refuse to stop, alert rangemaster and they will talk to the non-qualified shooter and explain the rules of shooting the steel target.

If steel is checked out but will not be checked back in until after 6pm, shooter must return key to rangemaster before 6pm. Shooters may NOT check out steel after 6pm.

Failure to follow these rules may result in the loss of steel target privileges.

MSP to accept the proposal. Ted will provide a box & lock. Robb will add the information to the members handbook

Old Business On hold (no need to discuss)

1. Electricity to the Wi-Fi transmitters in the action bays - **Dave**
2. New financial and membership system for the club – **Georgia**
3. Trophy case for the Crushers – **Mike Beck.**
4. Additional air conditioning in the rifle range office - **Ted.**
5. Water dispenser for the rifle range and the shotgun range – **Ted.**
6. Come up with a plan to establish a volunteer RO program, to include requirements of volunteers, limits of authority and any discounts to membership - **Karen**

New Business:

1. Safety Items for December:
 - a. None to report.
2. We ordered canopy weights for the new portable shelters in the action bays. The cowboys were going to fill the canopy weights after their Sunday match, but Patrick Rautio, Kevin Bridges, Kevin Nguyen, and Robb Wolfe met at the range on December 31 and filled them.

They were placed on a pallet next to the sand pile and covered with a white tarp

Now we just need the new covers 😊



3. Evan reported that they have been receiving complaints about the way the steel targets at 200 yards has been hanging. The carbineers are being stressed and stretching. **MSP** to try AR500 Steel shooting target holders.

Good of the order:
Derek is doing well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary