



Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for November 5th, 2020

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

The following officers were present:

Directors: Ted Pitt (Chairman), Georgia Coulter, Karen Jennings, Diana Pinto, Ken Wong, John Palmer, Robb Wolfe, LaMarr Hood & Scott Johnson.

Game Warden: John Palmer

Secretary: Robb Wolfe

Treasurer: Aushim Sarkar

Announcements:

MSP (Motion Second and Passed) by Karen, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes, as revised for October.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archery, Ted Pitt:

Same as always. I moved a bag to the 60-yard spot. Need to buy some 3d targets to replace the worn-out ones.

Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:

Shotgun has been steady. We got the 2nd part of our load of targets.

Bunker: we had a joint fun shoot with a bunch of youth shooters and adults at the Hillsboro Oregon trap and skeet. We had a good turnout; the weather was kind of rough but fun.

Cowboy, Derek Mirkle

Our October Cowboy Action shooting matches were held October 3rd & 4th. Set up on Friday went well, we used the 3 north-facing Bays for the first time in quite a while. The range was in fairly good shape overall with the exception of the large rocks and chunks of broken concrete left in the parking area, that were a detriment to rolling our gun carts through them as well as being tripping and ankle-

spraining hazards. I hope that something can be done to make the situation better, but I'm not sure what that would be, other than spreading a nice thick layer of gravel over the whole parking area.

Helping with set up were Jus Dan D (Dan DuPertuis) who also wrote the stages for both days, Carlsbad Kid (Karl Mayer), Half Fast Smitty (Dan Ferreira), T-Bone Shorty (Terry Sporrong), and Bjorn E. Ville Eric Simonson). My thanks to all of them. Also, my thanks to Dastardly Dean (Gary Sandwick) for wrangling the scoring chores both days.

Saturday and Sunday both started out foggy and misty, but soon dried out and the sun eventually visited in the afternoon.

Saturday, we had 24 shooters, five of whom shot a clean match Paso Tom (Tom Fritter), Kodachrome Kid (Chuck Ropel), Blue Eyed Bandit (Ron Holm), Appy Dan (Dan Glor), and Mudflat Mike (Mike Perrin). Mudflat Mike was Third place overall, Rick O'Shea (Russ Siverling) was Second, and Lawbreaker (Tim Thibert) was First.

Sunday 16 Pard's came out to play, and six were clean for the match. Appy Dan, Jus Dan D, Freddie Sykes (Don Skarr), Rick O'Shea, Diamond Slinger (Matt Randolph), and Slick Capone (Craig Wirts). Our top three overall were Lawbreaker in Third, Rick O'Shea taking Second, and Diamond Slinger was the top competitor for the day.

There were no safety penalties or DQ's either day. \$360.00 was turned into the Club.

Our next matches will be October 31st and November 1st.

November match report:

We had great weather for both days of Cowboy shooting on 10/31 & 11/1. Definitely long-john temps, but beautiful sunny skies, and wonderfully dry both days.

Friday set up saw Jus Dan D (Dan Dupertuis), Carlsbad Kid (Karl Mayer), T-Bone Shorty (Terry Sporrong), Half Fast Smitty (Dan Ferreira) and J.J. Wainwright (Darin Puryear) coming out to get things ready for Cowboy fun.

Saturday's match had 27 folks come out for the fun, we had five clean shooters: Lawbreaker (Tim Thibert), G.D. Rattler (Bill Hanson), Carlsbad Kid, and Willy B. Infamous (Darrick Smalley). Our top three competitors were T-Bone Shorty in Third place, G.D. Rattler in Second, and Lawbreaker in First. There was one Stage DQ for a dropped empty gun.

Sunday, we had 14 shooters, but no one managed to shoot the match cleanly. Our top Three were: R.P. Dodge (Richard Otto) was Third, Mountain Man Dan (Dan King) took Second, and T-Bone Shorty was number one.

Karl Mayer and Dan Ferreira have re-erected the flagpole at the SE corner of the score shack. Temporarily using one of the concrete wall bases. This will be replaced with a custom pier block in the near future, I've been assured. The flag in the score shack has come up among the missing, so I will provide another one.

\$370 was turned into the Club.

Our Next matches will be December 5th & 6th. I request the large classroom for a RUCAS/Westmatch meeting on that Saturday afternoon.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), Don Miller:

We will start up again in January.

Grounds: LaMarr Hood:

General clean up, ripped up target legs and cut up backers from OSB boards. Refaced 200 yard and 50-yard rifle berms. Replaced plastic sheets at doorway in the P/R. Added 6 lights, 3 each side to cover the 200yards targets.

Reorganized the electrical building.

Repaired & up graded lighting in the low house. Removed latches not used on the bunker doors.

Leveled the area next to bay 7 for parking, cleaned up a small area for parking closer to the rifle range a crossed the road. Put up signs along roadway.

Fixed leak in the IDPA TCU, went back wiped down the area and sprayed the three patches with sealant.

Cut down the dead alder and trimmed another dead tree on the flat and cut down another dead tree by the skeet speed bump. Picked up down limbs from entrance gate to rifle range.

Asked if Ted wanted a light on trap five. He does not.

There are some large cottonwoods that need to be removed.

Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:

Gone hunting...

Conservation, Gary Emerson:

Gone hunting...

IDPA, Scott Johnson / Robb Wolfe:

Stages: 7

Shooters: 42

DQ: 1 (swept their arm while reaching down to pick up a dropped magazine)

MD: Jon Stein

Registration: Deanna Atkinson

Total Net Revenue: \$640

Safety issues: Regarding Covid-19 pandemic, social distancing was encouraged, masks were worn as needed, and hand sanitizer was added to buckets and distributed around the range.

Membership, (Open)

Data as of 11-05-2020

Junior	30
Annual	664
Senior	288
Family	190
Military	20
Life	19
Total	1211

2019 November membership was 939

Rifle and Pistol, Steve Traverso:

For the month of October we had 1969 members and guest at the pistol and rifle side. It was a very busy month and we had a lot of members helping when they could. We are still out of ammo and getting low on targets.

Scholastic Clay Target Program, Bob Louser:

Had seven young athletes go to a meet in Oregon and came away with a 1st and 2nd in ladies and a second in the men's competition.

Looking for young shooters if anyone knows a youngster. They can come to practice on any 1st or 3rd Sat at 11:30.

Steel Matches, (OPEN):

No matches are scheduled for 2020.

USPSA, Dave McClure:

The October Trigger Treat match went off without any issues. Weather was cold but clear. Original registration number totals were 94 competitors; but due to the cold weather

Stages: 7

MD: Dave McClure

Registration/Stats: Marcel, Keith Tsang
Total of 78 competitors.
2 DQs.

- DQ #1: Broke the 180
- DQ #2: Unsafe gun handling, drew gun before the "make ready" command

Gross Revenue: \$ 1425.00
Expenses: \$505.18
Total Net Revenue: \$919.82

Thanked the board for their support and asked for permission to conduct the "Movember" charity match again in 2021

MSP to support the 2021 Movember match.

Black Rifle League, Aushim Sakar:

Aaron Lyons reported that Black Rifle League held their annual Black Rifle League - ZOMBIE Shoot at Renton Fish & Game on Saturday October 17th, 2020, an event that always draws a crowd each year. Although delayed one week due to thunderstorms, Black Rifle League initially had 45 people signed up. However, given this was also the first week of the general season for deer hunting, we still managed to have a crowd of 30 people show up that day.

Black Rifle League has expanded in many ways for the 2020-2021 season resulting in an improved participant experience. These improvements include such as

- Online registration – providing a better idea of how many participants will be attending the event.
- Online payments – online payments allow Black Rifle League participants to pay prior to the event. This allows Black Rifle League to check participants in a lot quicker
- Online Waiver form print out – Participants can fill in Adobe PDF forms online for their waiver, again speeding up the check in process.
- Multiple Bays – Black Rifle League has expanded into three or more bays. This greatly drives down the waiting time participants wait to shoot
- Fire Teams – Commonly known as "Squads" Black Rifle League divides participants up into "Fire Teams" of 10-20 people based on the number of people attending the event.
- Facebook / Instagram – Black Rifle League continues to grow their social media footprint within Instagram and Facebook, allowing us to interact with participants outside of matches and to further the reach of the sport.

During the day of the event, we had a total of 30 people, collected \$270 in cash with 50% of people paying online before the event, with a total of \$280 for a total of \$550.00. Aaron Lyons will be issuing a check to Renton Fish & Game shortly for the remainder that was paid online.

Black Rifle League had one DQ during the match from a participant breaking the 180. Overall the event turned out to be a huge hit, with folks really enjoying the addition of a fog machine in Bay 1 to add to the theme of Halloween this year.

Black Rifle League doesn't have any new matches yet scheduled on the calendar though would like to please look at scheduling matches leading into the new year.

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

All went well. 41 shooters, 6 stages, no disqualifications. Rain faded then cleared.
\$575 was submitted to the club.

Precision Rimfire, Josh Harney and Victor Vuong:

The October precision rimfire match had four participants. After the match we discovered that it was still listed on the calendar as being canceled. That issue has been rectified.

Fees for the match were turned in, all four shooters were members, which gave us a total of \$60 in fees.

There were no safety issues, or disqualifications.

On a bright note, our November match, which happened this past Sunday, had a much better turnout. We had a total of 12 shooters, and one group that did cancel at the last minute said they'd be coming next month.

This is a good indication that growth is starting to happen.

Kids Day, Greg Fortin:

No Kids Day event in October. However, thanks to help from Kids Day RSO Ron Huff, he and I totally cleaned out the kid's locker room and panel boarded several walls that the mice had decided to make their home in. All insulation was reset, then panel board ceiling to floor. New bait boxes set around just in case.

Steel Dragons, Tim Ralston

The Renton Steel Dragons closed the 2020 competition year with two events – The Oregon State Steel Challenge Championships and the SASP Fall Classic. We placed as follows:

Oregon State Steel Challenge:

Our preteens swept the podium in the rimfire rifle iron category with Ethan Bohl, Levi Ralston, and Maxx McCanless getting 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively.

Similarly, Jack Sasaki, Rachel Ralston, and Winston Xavier got 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sweeping the Jr. and Overall categories for rimfire rifle iron.

SASP Fall Classic:

Our Sr. team entered this tournament and took 1st place in rimfire pistol iron, and 2nd place in both rimfire rifle iron and optic. So quite a good showing.

Overall, we are very pleased with our performance this year, but most importantly the kids on the team are having fun. There is continued interest in the team with two more additions to the team in October. We are nearing 35 total team members. Quite a lot to manage.

Our practice schedule will continue through the month of November and then we'll go into a break for Dec, Jan, and Feb. I will organize a few fun events for the kids, but it's necessary to give the team and coaches a break to rejuvenate and get postured for a great 2021 season which will start in March.

Western Washington Range Alliance: Karen Jennings

Attended a meeting with the Alliance, where they shared information regarding administrative problems. Karen does not feel that that information should be published.

Interlake has set up a two-part class for new shooters. Looking for instructors who speak Chinese to support the audience.

They are also looking for other instructors who might be interested.

Participating with King County health in their safe storage program.

Old Business:

1. Updating member handbook and range rules – Diana
Has the edited version of the new member book. Will meet with Robb to update it.
2. Action bay upper berm repair, on top of bays 4 and 5 (Steve).
May have to wait until Spring now. May be able to extend the berm between four and five.
3. Diana Pinto - Publishing the club's policies and procedures.
Still in work
4. Gary's request for a hands-free communication device to be used when operating the tele-handler. Ted has the headphones and ordered the cords.
5. The facing on the North side of the club house needs repaired and painted. Ted – will wait until spring.
6. Creating a member only section on the RFGC website (Aushim & Chuck)
Still in work.

7. Install blocks and rack next to bay 7 for lumber storage (Steve)
Waiting on the rack
8. Internet outages (Aushim & Chuck)
Met with Comcast and is still waiting to hear back from them.
9. Ooma phone system (Chuck). Looking into what we are using and what can be reduced cancelled).
10. Women's Sani-can – Karen is outfitting it.
11. December Voting:
The Game warden will email numbered ballots to all eligible voters, after the end of the November meeting via email. If email is not available, phone contact will be made.
Those ballots would then be either returned by email (or postal mail) to the Rangemaster (Jim) or brought to the December meeting.
Jim would provide the postal mailed ballots and print the ones he receives via email (without names), to be counted at the December meeting by the committee.

Proposed changes from John:

The Game Warden will send a list of members who are qualified to vote, to the Rangemaster. The Rangemaster (Jim) will email numbered ballots to all eligible voters, after the end of the November meeting (after validating that they are in good standing). If email is not available, phone contact will be made.
Those ballots would then be either returned by email (or postal mail) to the Rangemaster (Jim) or brought to the December meeting.
Jim would provide the postal mailed ballots and print the ones he receives via email (without names), to be counted at the December meeting by the committee.
MSP to approve the change.

New Business:

1. Safety Items for October:
 - a. Range is following all COVID-19 guidance and practices.
2. Request from Aaron Lyons: The Black Rifle League has their annual toy drive each year for Toys for Tots. Given no doubt this year, many families will be struggling to provide Christmas presents for their kids, I was going to start the toy drive early. By putting up posters in both the rifle / pistol and shotgun house as well as putting out on social media. I wanted to ask the board if people could come by to drop off toys at the range (shotgun or rifle) for the Toys for Tots drive this year. Would be huge if we were able to fill up multiple cars to deliver tons of toys for the annual toy drive.

MSP to allow the drop-off of toy donations at the Shotgun and Rifle/Pistol range.

3. Action Bay shooting practices – Robb shared that there are regular action bays shooting practices scheduled every Thursday (except the first one due to the board meeting) from 6:00PM until 8:00PM. It is intended for members (or non-members) who participate in one of the action shooting disciplines (Cowboy, Black Rifle, ISPSA, ASI or IDPA). There is no fee for RFGC members and the normal \$20 range fee for non-members. Event information is on the calendar.
4. Derek – Cowboys will be having a four-stage night shoot on New Year’s Day evening.
5. Bill Freyfogle – expressed his appreciation for the club. He gave a \$3,000 check to the club.
6. Rimfire shoots will be moving to the second Saturday of the month, starting in December.
7. Executive board meeting on November 18th at 6:30PM
8. Aushim submitted a proposal to charge for-profit instructors rental fees for our action bays and rifle/pistol range.

Proposal for Charging Rental Fees to For-Profit Classes

Action Bays

Our action bays are popular facility for the shooting community. We prioritize their use to the general community as follows.

1. Training for law enforcement agencies and military during the week
2. Shooting matches open to the public on weekends
3. General member usage at all other times

We have seen an uptick in interest from for-profit instructors in using the action bays for their classes. In order to make sure for-profit instructors use these bays optimally, I propose the following procedure to use the action bays.

1. Instructor sends a note to rangemaster@rfgc.com to reserve an action bay on a certain date
2. Instructor pays the following fee to book an action bay for one full day:
3. \$100 for bays 1, 2 or 3
4. \$75 for bays 3, 4 or 5
5. Once the fee is paid, rangemaster adds the class to the action bay calendar
6. The instructor still pays the 10% class fee to the club
7. If the instructor cancels the reservation within 48 business hours of the reservation date, the reservation fee is refundable. If they do not cancel reservation by that time, the club keeps the fee

Rifle/Pistol Range

We charge members of the public \$20 per day to use the rifle/pistol ranges. In order to make sure that the club receives at least as much money from people taking classes that use the rifle/pistol range, I propose we charge for-profit instructors \$20 per day per student to use the range. This will be on top of the 10% of the class fee we charge the instructors.

#4 should be \$75 for bays 4, 5 or 6

#7 suggestion to change hours to days
#3 suggest that the prices be the same.

Will be tabled until an executive meeting

Nominations for Directors and Officers

For reference from the bylaws:

Nominations for officers shall begin at the regular September meeting, and shall close at the end of the November meeting.

Any member who has been a member in good standing for two (2) consecutive years and have attended six (6) Board or Member meetings in the eleven months (January through November) prior to the annual election shall be allowed to be nominated & elected to a Board position.

Directors expiring in 2020: LaMarr Hood, Ken Wong & Robb Wolfe

Nominations for Directors:

LaMarr Hood
Steve Traverso
Aushim Sarkar
Robb Wolfe
Derek Mirkle

Nominations for Secretary:

Robb Wolfe

Nominations for Game Warden:

John Palmer

Good of the order: Georgia got an 18 on Bunker

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary