



**Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Ted Pitt called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Directors and Officers attendance:

Directors	Present	Absent	Excused
Chairman: 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 written for April.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Archery, Ted Pitt:**

Archery same as always

**Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:**

Shotgun is going well ran out of ammo last week. Our Mayday bunker shoot went well, 20 shooters. The Junior Olympic tryouts are on May 15th and 16th.

Going through targets

**Rifle and Pistol, Steve Traverso:**

936 people visited the rifle and pistol range last month. We are slowly cleaning out the back room with members coming to pick up their belongings.

Need to order targets and ammo is still low.

**Grounds: LaMarr Hood:**

Although things keep being add to our work list it is still getting smaller as more things are coming off. With the month of April being dry a lot of work has been accomplished, thanks to a great bunch of volunteers.

Started, sprayed the blackberries by the front gate and along part of the entrance road, some large crushed cement was added to the side of the entrances road, more is needed.

Gary and Dale did a complete maintenance on the tel-handler. Oil and filters, lower radiator hose and new anti-freeze, check out the differentials and lube fittings. A good all-around checkup & update. Time required 4 hours.

Cleaned off the sheds and the stack house roofs in the action bays. Steve finished leveling the area and the TCU has been set in place.

The entry ground to Bay 4 was smoothed/graveled/compacted.

The shelter in Bay 4 was moved to the east side of the Stat Shack.

Bay 4 Ecology Block Wall was straightened out and extended. We're guessing that we could use ~30 yards of dirt to fill in the Bay 4 & 5 berms.

2 Safety Areas were roughed in on the north ends of the Bays 4 & 5 berms. The 2 Safety Areas now need roofed benches built into them.

Bay 1's Plate Rack had been pushed over. It was pulled out and set on its legs.

Item 3 in "on hold list"- The crew moved blocks and stored lumber next to wall next to bay 7, cleaned up and leveled the area opening up the space for better usage.

Gary with the help of Godzilla refaced the 50 yard and 200-yard berms. Cleaned up down trees trunks, lots of limbs left around the range needs cleaning up. Need workers and a chipper.

Replaced red light in R & P range others still out, lights on back order. Ordered and received lighting parts and supplies for the TCU.

Completed the lighting on the east side of the rifle range out to the 100-yard line.

General cleanup has continued on the R & P ranges along with target backers, repairing staples and grinding up old papers. The East Sump between bay 4 and the 100-yard line could use a clean out. (Steve & excavator 🤖?).

Again, we have a great crew, and they will take care of the place in my absence as always.

Submitted by Roy:

I replaced 3 faulty flashing range lights in pistol range, all pistol and rifle flashing lights are now functioning. We have 3 spare lights on hand.

The fluorescent lights in Monday Crew storeroom have failed, I would like approval to buy 4 new LED strip lights like we are installing in Steel Dragons TCU to replace them (Ted gave his approval via email to purchase the lights).

Karen asked the crew to look at sheeting on south side of the container.

**Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:**

No official word from the State on when in person classes might resume.

It is rumored that small outdoors only classes MAY be allowed this summer. Fingers crossed.

**Conservation, Gary Emerson:**

No watering needed yet on plants.

**Kids Day, Greg Fortin:**

Finally, Kids Day is scheduled to start up again in two weeks. Sunday May 16th. 10am - 1pm.

Signage has been posted around the range, and our ad has been in the last two WAC newsletters.

This year Diana Pinto and Karen Jennings have stepped up and offered to run the BBQ. Thank You.

What we really need now is a few more RSO's to help out during the event.

It's only for 3 hours and is an essential part of our Safety First goal / motto.

This is a great opportunity to participate in a worthwhile program which promotes safe shooting sports.

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

Our season finale the State meet was held this past weekend. But first we also had a great showing at the Shotgun challenge at SST earlier in March. We dominated the podium at SST taking HOA as follows

Skeet            3rd  
Trap            1st  
Sporting clays 1st  
Combined squad 1st

**State Meet**

Men JV HOA    1st and 3rd

Senior Ladies 1st 4th 6th

1st and 3rd HOA in College group

Meryn shot a perfect 100/100 in trap only the second time ever in state. She also was 1st in all three events. A big congratulations to these young athletes and a huge Thanks to the Renton Fish and Game Club for allowing us to use the club. A few fun practices left and maybe a picnic and maybe some of the kids to the nationals.

### **Steel Dragons, Tim Ralston**

Our Dragons are progressing remarkably well. We encourage kids to attend one practice a week, some come to two. In addition, we participate in steel matches on weekends, so we're getting some solid trigger time in...and it shows. As an example, this last Sunday we went to the Tacoma Sportsman's Club and from a field of 73 shooters, of the top 11 fastest guns, 8 were Dragons. The 1st and 2nd overall fastest shooters were Dragons. The two fastest stages of the day were from a Dragon who is 12 years old. On a further note, three of our fastest shooters were unable to attend this event. We're very pleased with our team, and the kids are having fun and enjoying their successes. The previous 4 matches were of similar result. However, the Custer match on May 15th will test us, as many kids from Team Gotta will shoot at that event. Team Gotta has a great program with many super-fast kids and we're looking forward to meeting them.

We have 35 kids on our roster, 26 of which are active and attend each week, and the others, while interested and want to be part of the program, attend sporadically.

Friday, June 4th is our first "Kid's Goin' Cowboy" day. Derek met with our team and shared what they'll see and what they'll do. I saw a lot of eagerness and excitement in the kids, so we're really looking forward to that experience.

June 12 - 13 is the WA State SASP tournament, and fast approaching.

July 15 - 17 is SASP Nationals is in Ohio. We have 20 kids who have expressed serious interested in attending.

### **Cowboy, Derek Mirkle**

#### April Match report:

Arrived at the range Friday afternoon for set-up and found the range to be in fairly good order, with the exception of two garbage cans with trash and used targets (paper and cardboard) that someone had left.

Along with my erstwhile stage designer, Just Dan D (Dan DuPertuis), Appy Dan (Dan Glor), Aldo Bridger (Kyle Cooper), Bedlam, (Ben Stewart), Dastardly Dean (Gary Sandwick), and T-Bone Shorty (Terry Sporrong) came out on a nice afternoon to help set the stages and paint the targets to look like Easter eggs!

Saturday turned out to be a beautiful spring day and 22 Cowboys came out to do battle with various bad guys. We had 4 clean shooters, Slick Gorch (Craig Wirfs), Diamond Slinger (Matt Randolph),

Aldo Bridger (Kyle Cooper) and Appy Dan (Dan Glor). Our top three finishers were Mudflat Mike (Mike Perin) Third place, Rick O'Shea (Russ Siverling) in Second, and Diamond Slinger was First.

Sunday was Easter, and quite a bit cooler and a bit misty, but still a pretty good day for this time of year. And we had 10 shooters come out to hunt Easter eggs of the steel variety!

Two Pardes shot clean, Aldo Bridger and Hazy Grey (Kristen Jensen). Our top Easter egg smashers were T-Bone Shorty, in Third, Jus Nobody (Barry Turner) taking second, and GD Rattler (Bill Hanson) going home in First place.

There were No DQ's either day, and \$280.00 was turned into the Club.

Our next matches will be May 1st and 2nd.

#### May Match report:

Arrived at the range Friday afternoon for set-up, and found the range to be in good order, with the exception of one garbage can with trash and used targets (paper and cardboard) that someone had left.

My loyal set up crew this month, consisted of Just Dan D (Dan DuPertuis), Appy Dan (Dan Glor), Bjorn E. Ville (Eric Simonson), Carlsbad Kid (Karl Mayer), J.J. Wainwright (Darin Puryear) and Knucky McPolack (Steve Polack) who came out on a nice afternoon to help set the stages in Bays 1, 2, & 3.

Saturday was supposed to be wet, but turned out to be a mostly sunny, spring day and 14 Cowboys came out to do battle with our steel bad guys.

We had 3 clean shooters, Tacoma Slick (Craig Wirfs), Carlsbad Kid and Hazy Grey (Kristen Jensen).

Our top three finishers were Lawbreaker (Tim Thibert) took Third place, G.D. Rattler (Bill Hanson) in Second, and Jus Nobody (Barry Turner) was First.

Sunday was a bit cooler and cloudy in the morning, but still a pretty good day for this time of year. And we had 17 shooters come out to defend RUCAS territory.

Again, we had 3 Pardes shoot the match clean, Aldo Bridger (Kyle Cooper), Kodachrome Kid (Chuck Ropel) and for the second time in two days, Hazy Grey.

Our top Good Guys were Jus Dan D, in Third, Jus Nobody taking second, and Aldo Bridger going home in First place.

There were No DQ's either day, and \$260.00 was turned into the Club.

Our next matches will be June 5th and 6th.

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

The CMP match was held on April 24th, 2021. We had 4 Competitors. 2 were new to CMP.

Revenue to the club was \$33.00.

The next Match will be May 22.

### **Precision Rimfire, Josh Harney and Victor Vuong:**

Renton Precision Rimfire Match took place on April 10th and we had 24 people show up. We had 4 RO's, and 1 additional staff member that helped set up the targets and enclosures the previous day. This month's match was one of our smoothest as we balanced out the squads and kept it moving. We completed 9 stages over the course of the day! There were no safety violations or DQs and everyone had fun. Attendance has been consistent, and we are looking at new ways of varying up the targets and precision challenges.

The April CoF is the last official NRL22 CoF for the 2020-2021 season and the May match CoF will be completely up to the MD's discretion, and then June will be the start of the NRL22 2021-2022 season. We have had multiple members already planning on signing up for the 2021-2022 season which should keep increasing participation.

We collected X\$ (Josh has the #'s) and we had to expense \$35 for the monthly match fees for scores submission, and another \$37 for spray paint (the first batch lasted us 4 matches)

### **IDPA, Scott Johnson / Robb Wolfe:**

Stages: 7

Shooters: 68

DQ: 1 (swept leg on seated draw)

MD: Scott Johnson

Registration: Deanna Atkinson

### **FINANCIALS**

Total Net Revenue: \$1060

### **STATS**

Junior: 0

Senior: 13

Super Senior: 12

Lady: 5

Military: 5

Law: 7

Renton Members: 35

SOs: 23

International: 1

New Shooters: 6

### **RANGE CONDITION - Upon Arrival:**

Range: Nothing to report.

Shack: 2 tablets were not plugged in; trash container was overflowing including food containers; several buckets in stack contained trash

RANGE CONDITION - Upon Departure:

Range: Bays were cleared, garbage cans emptied.

Shack: All trash was walked out to dumpster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: State competition still has openings contact Brian Buller or Joey Russo with questions.

**USPSA, Dave McClure:**

Stages: 7

Shooters: 68

DQ: 1 (details below)

MD: Dave McClure

Financials:

Gross Revenue: \$1,846

Stripe Fees: \$69.30

Military Discounts (processed as refunds): \$5

Renton Member Discounts (processed as refunds): \$85

RO Discounts (processed as refunds): \$140

USPSA Activity & Classifier Fees: \$204

USPSA NW Section Fee: \$68

Total Costs: \$571.30

Net Revenue: \$1,274.70

RANGE CONDITION - Upon Departure:

Range: Bays were cleared, garbage cans emptied.

Shack: Trash was walked out to the dumpster.

Large dumpster was crammed with lots of wall props, bad wood, & other crap.

SAFETY ISSUES:

1 DQ: Competitor violated the 180 safe muzzle angle

Dave suggested that the area where we store the trashed cans be occasionally raked to pick up the trash.

**Black Rifle League, Aaron Lyons:**

May Black Rifle League for May 29th had to be canceled due to scheduling as many of the RSOs were going to be out that weekend (nobody to RSO the event).

Black Rifle League has made additional improvements, though for the event

- Using Adobe eSign to sign waivers, automatically uploads them to SharePoint
- Using online registration and pre-pay has led to fewer no-shows
- Migrating over from paper scoring to tablet scoring, using "Black Rifle League Scoring", an application developed in Microsoft PowerApps and PowerAutomate

Black Rifle League would very much like an opportunity to find another Saturday to have a Saturday event at Renton Fish & Game Club. Currently, we don't have another event now until October. Black Rifle League is now averaging over 50+ participants per event. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to have an event at RFGC of 70 people, having our first \$1000 event.

I would like to bring this up at the next board meeting. I am confident, with the leadership, the increasing popularity, and growth of the sport, that this can happen.

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

72 shooters enjoyed another beautiful day.

Six stages were shot and there were no DQ's

\$1055 was turned into the club.

**Membership, (Open)**

Data as of 05-06-2021

Junior	52
Annual	845
Senior	326
Family	236
Military	25
Life	19
Total	1503



## **Treasurer's Report, Aushim Sarkar:**

Balances as of 05-06-2021

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Checking	\$ 30,233.16
Savings	\$ 425,089.19

The Board President and I have set up a Money Market account at BECU. I have set up the ability to have direct transfers from our Key Bank Savings account to our Money Market account at BECU. I will transfer \$20,000 each in April, May and June to our new account and then do a transfer by check of \$188,000 in July.

March saw a rebound in the club's revenues, returning to levels not seen since November. Despite the increased revenue levels over the winter months the club was not able to generate positive income due to higher than normal compensation expenses due to the retirement of a full time employee. Cash flow was affected by the purchase of shotgun targets. The club had to transfer \$30,000 from savings to checking to be able to fund business operations.

The club recorded \$32,020.97 in revenue and generated a net loss of \$3,248.35 for the month.

### **Revenue Report**

Club revenue increased by 48% from its February low. Factors contributing to this increase were match revenue and donations. USPSA match revenue from February was received from Stripe though expenses from this discipline caused margins to be negative for March. ASI, IDPA and Black Rifle all brought in match fees which helped drive the club's revenues. A donation from Steel Dragons helped increase revenue. Softness in revenue for the month was evidenced by the facts that merchandise sales still were the largest contributor to revenue and memberships accounted for less than \$2,000. A continued shortage of rifle and pistol ammo meant this important component of merchandise sales was not available to the club. The only ammunition sales in March were for shotgun.

### **Western Washington Range Alliance: Karen Jennings**

Nothing new to report.

## 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).  
*Aaron shared that he will be putting together a plan (with options) for improving the club's processes. This will be a four-to-five-month project with an estimate by the next meeting.*
3. Creating a member only section on the RFGC website (Aushim & Chuck)  
*Close this item, it is part of #2*
4. Aushim - giving the club the ability to accept electronic payment directly for matches.  
*Up and running with USPSA. Other disciplines who want to participate should contact Aushim. Membership renewals can also be setup. Auto-renewal is also an option. We should investigate adding this.*
5. Aaron Lyons redo of the rifle / pistol range orientation video.  
*Have been delayed due to work and availability. I am looking to make more progress this month for the June board meeting.*
6. New internet connection (Chuck)  
*The permit is expected to be received on 5/19/21.*
7. Action bay walls and support stands. Aaron and Dave will coordinate with the other disciplines to build new walls and stands. Also, where they are stored.  
*We completed a scoping get together and identified four suitable wall, wall stand, barrel, fault line storage areas. Discussed and have tentatively chosen a suitable and sustainable wall stand design and material list. Would like to tentatively target first wall/stand work party for Tuesday the 18th at 08:00*
8. Karen: Sniffing dogs will be coming on May 17 and 18. Then again on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
*Shared a certificate of insurance. Will be meeting with them on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>*
9. Install blocks and rack next to bay 7 for lumber storage (Steve)  
*This is complete*

### **Items on hold:**

1. Action bay upper berm repair, on top of bays 4 and 5 is on hold until spring (Steve).  
*Ted will get with Steve*
2. The facing on the North side of the club house needs repaired and painted (Ted).
3. Audit request – Georgia will talk to Mike our CPA. Karen will also get estimates.  
Look at this in July (or later) after tax season.

### **New Business:**

1. Safety Items for May:
  - a. Range is following all COVID-19 guidance and practices.
  - b. No items reported
2. *Joe Bawden's request to conduct classes at the club.*  
*Approved. Documents need to be submitted and an agreement set up*
3. Ri presented a request to conduct Bunker classes.  
*Approved. Documents need to be submitted and an agreement set up*
4. Diana – Discuss the possibility of a one-day garage sale.  
*The board liked the concept and agreed with her proposal. Potentially, July 18<sup>th</sup>*
5. Diana – New grant request from the Steel Dragons to help send shooters to the nationals.  
**MSP** to grant \$3000 to the Steel Dragons  
*Pintos will be matching the grant.*
6. Diana – requested to use the range for her annual Pinto's shoot and picnic.  
*Will be August 7<sup>th</sup>*
7. Dave McClure requested to use the shotgun clubhouse small room after the next USPSA match for a sectional meeting on May 23.  
*The board was OK with the request if he coordinates with Jim.*
8. Karen – The May WAC show has been cancelled
9. Karen – Found the 1933 charter document for the club. Ted will take care of it.

**Good of the order:**

Robb shared that club members can be asked to be added to the minute distribution by sending a request to: [Secretary@RFGC.org](mailto:Secretary@RFGC.org)

**Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM**

**Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary**