



**Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Ted Pitt called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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	√		
Dave McClure	√		
Diana Pinto	√		
Steve Traverso		√	
Treasurer: Georgia Coulter	√		
Game Warden: John Palmer	√		
Secretary: Robb Wolfe	√		

**Announcements:**

- 1) **MSP** (Motion Second and Passed) by Scott, seconded by LaMarr to approve the minutes, as submitted for December.
- 2) Swearing in of the new Directors and Officers

Directors

Ted Pitt

Georgia Coulter

Dave McClure

Secretary

Robb Wolfe

Treasurer  
Georgia Coulter

Game Warden  
John Palmer

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

Balances as of 1-6-2022

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Checking	48,031.92
Savings	535,121.61

Month of November 2021

#### Commentary

The club's financially positive streak continued into November even though revenue dropped by almost a third and expenses rose by 6%. The club was still able to generate positive net income but just barely. However, we are in a good position going into the usually lean months at the start of the calendar year. The club benefited from the generosity of Bill Freyfogle whose donation of \$5,000 was almost a sixth of our revenue for the month. The club also made a charitable donation on behalf of USPSA which increased our expenses for the month.

The club recorded \$30,327.09 in revenue and generated a net income of \$3,034.44 for the month.

#### Revenue Report

Despite falling 32% compared to October, merchandise sales were the largest component of revenue in November. They accounted for 25.7% of our revenue. As merchandise sales carry a direct cost for us, they are not an optimal primary source of revenue. One bright spot was that match revenue was up 12% from October helped by a strong showing from ASI and revenue from a Black Rifle League match. Membership revenue was down 59.8% from October but was still our second highest source of revenue for the month comprising 18.2% of our revenue. This is a great positive indicator of public interest in our club. Unsurprisingly for a month with less-than-ideal weather, Rifle and Pistol revenue was down 61% from October and Shotgun revenue was 30%.

## **Standing Committee Reports:**

### **Archery, Ted Pitt:**

No changes

### **Trap & Skeet Ted Pitt:**

Shotgun has been slow with the snow. The warmup shoot went fine. Bunker is still going strong.

### **Rifle & Pistol, Steve Traverso:**

No report

### **Grounds, LaMarr Hood:**

The Maintenance Crew of volunteers, consist of thirteen Lads and 1 Lady, coming out when they could and some on both Monday and Tuesdays. Hats off to them with a world of thanks. Without their help the range wouldn't be what it is today. As it is they had very good year, major projects were completed mainly lighting the action bays and the rifle ranges, changing the berms by bays 4 & 5, removed trees that were a hazard to the range and neighbors, along with general clean up and maintenance around the range grounds, keeping the rifle & pistol ranges with target backers and stands.

With the rain we were not able to compete the pistol range berm and action bays 4 & 5 side berm. Also do to the covid, Steve was not able to rent the equipment needed to complete the buildup to raise the berms between the action bays and rifle and pistol ranges. With the dirt that has been coming in we have plans to add this dirt to those berms and are in the process of making more parking a south side of the road by the skeet field.

In the month of December, the lads moved more dirt around and kept up with the target backers, cleared the culvert, cover faucets, build up target backers, general clean up, replaced burned out lights and cleared snow from the road and got the shoot gun fields ready to go, removed snow from the canopy covers in the action bays, Thanks for the help, Ted, Scott, & Robb W.

If anyone has ideas for improvements or things that just need to be done have the list forward to me and I will be glad to add it to my list, we do try to work the list but sometimes priorities come up the list seems to be forgotten but it isn't. May the New Year be good to all of you and thank you for your support.

**Hunter Education, Gary Emerson:**

The first 3 classes will be posted later this week on the State Fish & Wildlife Website.

March 14th

April 11th

May 9th

**Conservation, Gary Emerson:**

Order for this year's plants has been placed. Total \$61.60.

Most of what I really wanted was sold out already.

Pick up of plants is March 21st.

## Kids Day, Greg Fortin:

### ***Kids Day - December 2021***

***We always look forward to having Santa join in on the fun.***

***This year was no exception for the 19 kids that attended.***

***We hosted 16 members & guests + 3 non-members.***

***One of the kids was Stian Garrett. Winner of this years Sept rifle.***

***Thanks to RSO's John, Ron, Chuck, Julia, Chris, Mark, Robert.***

***Thanks to Diana and Karen for burgers, brauts, & hot chile.***



***Santa was in high demand for photo's and selfies.***



***Rifle winner Stian Garrett***



***Pink rifles shoot better !!!***



***This is one HAPPY new safe shooter***



***Just gotta love those smiles***

## Kids Day 2021 Annual Report

By the numbers –

	Mem	Non	Total	\$Rev
May	14	11	25	\$110
June	8	5	13	\$50
July	8	8	16	\$80
Aug	14	12	26	\$120
Sept	7	11	18	\$110
Dec	16	3	19	\$30
Totals	67	50	117	\$500

Beginning balance \$714. Ending balance \$1,128. Complete accounting sheet submitted to B.O.D.

Diana - \$165 from her July sale. Kathy Bell - \$100 in August. D&K BBQ Grill - \$250

We did not have to purchase ammo this year. Several members donated over 1,500 rounds.

General Notes -

Our 9th successful year of providing Kids Day events to our members and our guests.

“Teaching New Young Shooters How To Be Safe and Shoot Straight”.

“Safety First, Everything Else Is Second”. Well over 1,000 balloons helped us teach these lessons.

Once more our September event featured a drawing for a new 22LR rifle donated by Pintos Guns. Winner, Stian Garrett, used a \$350 “Pintos Voucher” and purchased a brand-new Ruger 10/22.

This year’s Shoot with Santa was another big success thanks to Dale HO, HO, HO, Baker. When not greeting kids, he was acting as an RSO on the line. Several families asked for photo-ops.

### Special Thanks -

To our regular RSO's: John Lanier, Ron Huff, Chuck Mueller, Chris Ohnemus.

To our new RSO's: Mark Junjek, Julia Richman, Ed Herrera, KS Shabazz, Robert Dobak.

To Diana Pinto and Karen Jennings for operating the D&K Kids Day BBQ Grill. YUM I and the other RSO's, along with the kids and their parents really enjoyed a hot lunch.

To Pinto's Gun Shop for their ongoing support and participation in this worthwhile program.

To WAC GunNews editor Phil Shave for finding room every month for a complementary Kids Day ad. I write them, then he edits and formats them for space available fit. Thanks, Phil.

### Changes and / or improvement -

Our target stands are continually rebuilt or modified to minimize the amount of hits that the legs and cross bars get. This is a perpetual process to keep them standing. New hangers for the balloon holders work well.

Steel targets have been well maintained and are in good working condition. No major maintenance needed.

Plastic hanging bottles taking a beating, but still work fine. We have extra bottles and balloons on hand.

### Kids Day 2022 - Proposed Schedule -

Sundays 10am – 1pm May 15th, June 12th, July 17th, Aug 21, Sept 18, Dec 11th.

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

Entering our 10th year, we are getting ready for Spring competitions. Looking forward to better shooting conditions

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

The Dragons have been continuing practice in small numbers. Several were there last night in the dark and cold. The team still has people who will be there no matter how bad the weather gets. It is not the regular practice season until roughly March.

**Cowboy, Derek Mirkle**

The Cowboy matches for January were cancelled due to weather.

Our next matches will be our Black Powder Night Shoot on Friday, Feb. 4th, and our regular monthly matches on the 5th and 6th.

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

The next match will be on January 22, 2022

**Precision Rimfire, Victor Vuong:**

It was a really rainy and windy day and a few people canceled due to loss of power and not wanting to make it out leaving us with 20 shooters today. Everything went smoothly in the match, just a long cold, rainy day.

We had 8 stages with a total of 88 rounds fired.

For people interested they can see the Course of Fire here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1EZjpVI0xll3Aqqg2WYQVkxbFzI4onVhLWZFtEFOpDJK/edit?usp=sharing>

We collected a total of \$260 and after the NRL22 fees and some supply costs (conduit and hosing) will net the club \$210.

**IDPA, Scott Johnson:**

December 18th was our monthly IDPA club match.

There were 6 Stages, for 30 Shooters. This is a low turnout for us. The weather forecast was for serious RAIN, but it didn't materialize until our final stage and then became very wet.

\$435 was turned into the Club.

The next match will be on January 15th.

**USPSA, Dave McClure:**

The next match will be March 27th

**Black Rifle League, Aaron Lyons:**

Next match is the 29<sup>th</sup>



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

The December ASI match went smooth. With the very wet weather we were not sure how many people to expect, but we still ended up having 50 participants. It must have been the “Frosty the Snowman” themed match that Jacquelyn Hallinan & Carrie Parker designed and decorated. 😊

There were six stages and five squads

We had two DQ’s in bay five. One for a dropped gun and the second for the shooter crossing his arm with the muzzle.

\$680 was turned onto the club.

The next match is January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Membership, (Open)**

Data as of 1-6-2022

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Junior	39	54
Annual	734	545
Senior	309	302
Family	206	172
Military	22	19
Life	19	19
Total	1329	1111

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

There has been no new information.

### **Old Business:**

1. New internet connection (Chuck)  
*Status: Still in work*
2. Combining the rifle and pistol range videos into one video (Ron Martinsen).  
*Status: Complete*
3. Backup administrator for the web site  
*Status: In work. Ron Martinsen is working with Chuck Muller*
4. 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  
*Status: In Work*

### **Old Business that is on hold**

1. 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.*
2. The facing on the North side of the club house needs repaired and painted (Ted).

## **New Business:**

### 1. Safety Items for December:

- a. Range is following all COVID-19 guidance and practices.
- b. On Sunday the 19th, Sean had to remove 5 nonmembers from the range for coming to the firing line, with one loading his gun and calling for a target, while Sean was in the trap house loading the machine. The "Trap Closed" sign was up and he heard Tom Minter tell them explicitly that he was going down to reload the machine. Wayne Choe was the one who informed him of what happened and who pulled the 5 shooters off the line.

*Ted has some ideas on how to prevent this in the future. He will work with the rangemasters to implement them.*

### 2. Gary asked about building a cover and concrete pad for the telehandler where it can be serviced.

*LaMarr will talk with Steve about getting an estimate to do the work.*

### 3. Tentative date for the work party: March 26

*Discipline chairs should send their lists to Ted & Jim.*

### 4. Suggestion from Phil Fortunato for the club to submit a sales tax refund

*Georgia and Aushim will work on this.*



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New Business 1/6/22

To the RFGC Board

I am the Chair of the Washington State Sportsman's Caucus which is part of the National Association of Sportsman's Caucuses and connected with the National Shooting Sports Foundation. The association is made up of both National and State Legislators with the mission of encouraging and protecting Hunting Fishing and Trapping. We recently held our National Conference in Little Rock AR and discussed ways of increasing hunting participation especially by women. On a state level we would like to address:

The double tax on sporting clays – Had a hearing on my bill to renew the sales tax exemption. Very little testimony support. The bill is still live but on life support. Working with DOR to allow the use of resale certificate when purchasing clay birds.

Would like to ask the Club to submit a sales tax refund based on billing the birds separate from the round of trap. Attach the follow explanation.

Renton Fish and Game club understands that the Department of Revenue believes that clay birds are "consumed" during the round of trap and are therefore not eligible for a resale certificate to be used when purchasing. Since ??? Renton Fish and Game Club has billed the clay birds separate from the round of trap. A person pays for the birds, then pays for the round of trap or skeet. A typical round is 25 birds. In some cases, during practice, shooters will shoot more than 25 birds. In that case they pay for each of the additional birds used. Sales tax is charged at the time of payment for the birds separate from the actual round of trap and sales tax is collected on each (See attached receipt).

Attached is a report on the sales tax paid for the clay birds since ??? and the corresponding DOR sales tax reports filed. Please make refund check out to Renton Fish and Game Club.

Approve the use of the new FireStick Muzzle loader system.

Encouraging nutrient enhancement to increase salmon runs

Encourage predator control on migratory birds affecting smolt runs and Seal and Sea lions affecting salmon runs.

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Committees: Housing & Local Government, Environment & Technology, Transportation

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**Good of the order:**

Dave noted that people should completely reset the gate combination when locking the gate.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM**

**Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary**