



**Renton Fish and Game Club minutes for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

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 LaMarr, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes, as submitted for March.
2. We are sorry for the recent Rifle and Pistol range closures but with the loss of two rangemasters, we were not able to keep them open. We are pleased to announce that we hired John Ramirez & Armando Cains as new full-time rangemasters.

During the executive sessions the following decisions were made by the board:

3. Approved the purchase of a Ventrac 4500 series tractor to mow and take care of the grounds.

4. Remove Family memberships. This membership category was set up with the same rights and privileges as the standard membership, but the spouse or partner also had voting rights. It was causing confusion for members and to our knowledge no spouse or partner had exercised the voting privilege in over ten years. A Standard membership covers member, spouse or partner and children under 18.
5. Approved the request from Pinto's Gun Shop for range use on August 27, with the following changes: Use of pistol lanes 1- 4 (50 yard) & benches 3 – 9 on the rifle range. The action bay is not available. Future use of the range will have to follow the club Facility Rental Policy
6. Approved the Dirt Displacement Study submitted by Ken Wong with the following changes: testing to occur from 4:00 – 8:00 PM and on the pistol range (not rifle range).
7. Approved the training expansion request from Foss Protection, LLC
8. Authorized LaMarr to spend up to \$4000 to purchase a target retrieval system to install and begin testing on the pistol range.
9. Formed a bylaws committee consisting of Scott Pontrelli, Tim Ralston, and a member(s) to be selected by them to incorporate a Conflict-of-Interest Policy into the bylaws.

#### THE RENTON FISH AND GAME CLUB BYLAWS

#### ARTICLE IX Amendments

**Section 1.** The By-Laws of this corporation may be amended in the following manner: The suggested amendment must be submitted in writing to the Secretary by a member in good standing at which time it will be recorded and read to the membership. The suggested amendment must be read at the two (2) following regular Club Member/Board meetings and at the last reading voted on by only those members eligible to vote on amendments to the By-Laws, as defined herein. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the eligible members present shall be necessary to amend or add to the By-Laws. Revised 09-2007

10. Removed Black Rifle League as a discipline
11. Updated the Members handbook to clarify the use of special steel targets on the rifle range: *Special targets may be used on the rifle and pistol range only after coordinating with and having permission from the Rangemaster. Permission must be received each time the target is used. An example of a special target is a "Rimfire Know Your Limits" Target. Special steel targets on the rifle range may only be shot with .22 LR. No steel targets are allowed on the pistol range (except for sanctioned events).*

## **Treasurer's Report, Georgia Coulter:**

Balances as of 04-06-2023

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Checking	64,867.83
Savings	195,182.81
CD	100,000
BECU	240,306.95
Total:	600,357.59

## **Standing Committee Reports:**

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

Looking good. Mark has been working on the range, new stations, and stuffing bags.

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

\$3,038 was brought in during the Continental shoot. April fools shot brought in \$1400. Another bunker shoot next weekend

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

Has a good supply of targets and ammunition. The rangemasters have been doing a good job keeping everything in order.

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

This month Dale filled trap houses and some of the crew worked on target backers and general clean up. our volunteers have been at a low this year and we haven't had much time to do some of the jobs on the books. Looking forward to the annual work party to help get caught up on some projects.

We made plans and ordered and received a retrieval system and had to order some supporting material and when that comes in, we will start the installation. After installation and seeing how the system works, we will make plans for the future installations.

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

No report

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

No report

### **Kids Day, Greg Fortin:**

Next event will be May 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Scholastic Clay Target Program (Renton Crushers), Mike Beck:**

Bob reported that they are in the middle of competition

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

The Renton Steel Dragons started their season off on March 15<sup>th</sup>. It will run through the summer and conclude with the SASP National Tournament in mid-July. We have a total of 26 athletes participating so far this season with 13 boys and 13 girls, plus a solid staff of 10 coaches.

Besides SASP tournaments, the Dragons will participate in various local Steel Challenge, ASI, and Fun Steel events. Last week we were at Tacoma Sportsmen's Club and shot in the fun steel match for our first event of the year. There were 99 entries, and it was a Dragon that took the top spot with the overall fastest gun, plus six scored in the top ten. So, very pleased with their performance, especially so early in the year.

### **Cowboy, Derek Mirkle**

#### March Match report:

With several of our local cowpards gone to Phoenix for the SASS World Championship match, we were a little smaller in number of participants this month.

Saturday saw a wet start, with 14 shooters competing. There were no clean shooters this day, and our top three shooters were GD Rattler (Bill Hanson) in third place, Slick Ranger (Craig Wirfs) was our second fastest cowboy, and Lawbreaker (Tim Thibert) took top honors.

Sunday saw much better weather and probably not coincidentally, we had more folks come out to play! 21 cowboys and cowgirls were in attendance to watch as only one of us could manage a clean match, that was Diamond Slinger (Matt Randolph). Our three fastest gunslingers were Rick O'Shea (Russ Siverling) in third, Lawbreaker in second, and Diamond Slinger taking first. As I always say, it pays to shoot clean!

There were no DQ's either day, and \$310.00 was turned into the Club.

### April Match report:

Friday, we found the range to be in good shape for our set up crew.

Saturday saw an unexpectedly gorgeous Spring Day for the first of April, I think Mother Nature played an April Fool's joke on the weatherman, who said it would be on and off rain showers. We had 26 cowboy and cowgirls join us for a fun day of 6 stages written by Jus Dan D (Dan DuPertius). they must have been great stages, because we had 10 folks shoot the match clean (No misses or procedural penalties)! Our top three gunslingers this day were: In third place, R. P. Dodge (Richard Otto), in second, T-Bone Shorty (Terry Sporrong), and Lawbreaker (Tim Thibert) in the top spot.

Sunday was much colder, with mixed rain and snow coming down when we entered the range and got ready, but the weather gods took pity the 16 of us that came to slay the steel bad guys to keep RUCAS territory safe and stopped the precipitation during our first stage of the day and held it off for most of the rest of the match. We had 4 shooters manage clean matches, and our top three good guys this day were: T-Bone Shorty in third, Bjorn E. Ville (Eric Simonson) in second, and R.P. Dodge in first, showing us kids how it should be done.

We had no safety issues or DQ's either day, and \$370 was turned into the Club, with an anonymous donation of \$5 for our youth shotgun program.

Our next matches will be held May 6th & 7th.

### **Civilian Marksmanship Program, Don Miller:**

We held the March CMP rifle match on 3/25/23. We had 4 competitors and turned in \$40.00 to the club. Good weather.

### **Precision Rimfire, Victor Vuong:**

The Precision Rimfire match went well - Saturday April 1st. We had 25 shooters show up and shot the 8 stages of fire

- <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10VvRHqnytmKqjWklRa0gvapny5bNSzip65n7CVYQ4eY/edit?usp=sharing>

Weather was pretty good, and everyone had a lot of fun. There were no safety violations. We turned in \$370 to the club.

We had some new young gun shooters which really enjoyed it and are looking to come back and improve. Attendance has been going up now that it's getting warmer. NRL22 announced the 2023-2024 rules, and they have some new equipment requirements for stage props so we will be looking at purchasing and expensing those in a few months.

## **IDPA, Scott Johnson:**

The most recent IDPA Match was held on March 18th.

Johnny Morgan was Match Director for this weekend. He designed 7 Stages for 58 shooters. There were no safety issues. \$900 was turned into the Club.

The next Match will be held on April 15th and is planned to be a specialty Match for 22 caliber pistols.

## **USPSA, Dave McClure (Marcel Englmaier):**

March USPSA:

Setup saw us have 11 new shooters and a new crew of helpers. Arthur, Joe, Ken, & Kevin have come on to learn how to run matches and help us run them. Sunny setup and a nice match day, we had 8 stages for 150+ shots fired. Little longer day than usual but survey results say people liked the 8 stages.

Match Director: Marcel Englmaier

Assistant MD: Ken Wang

Range Master: Eric Beerbaum

Assistant RM: Arthur Wang

## **Financials:**

Match fee:	30
Total Scored Shooters:	90
Total Paid Shooters (including late withdrawals without refund):	77
Gross:	2310
Stripe Fees:	90.09
ROs:	11
Active Military Registrants:	2
Renton Member Discount Registrants:	18
Total Discounts:	220
USPSA Activity Fees:	270
NW Section Activity Fee:	90
Net:	1639.91

## SAFETY ISSUES: 2 DQs & range surfaces

1 180 during course of fire

1 excited person ready to shoot, drew their unloaded gun before making ready while reset was still happening.

Additionally, the range surface in 1-3 is slippery as ever. We had a few more people slip and fall today. The washed rounded gravel surface on top of hardpacked dirt makes for almost marbles. Common range surfaces are softer dirt with 5/8minus gravel on top. We could very simply rake the gravel out of the bays and apply the dirt+5/8minus, but another cheaper option is to just pour dirt on top and let it settle around the existing gravel.

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

At the March 11<sup>th</sup> match, there were 7 Stages and 88 shooters.

There was one disqualification: The shooter pulled their gun out before the Range Officer authorized them to.

\$1415 was turned into the club.

\$264 will be paid to ASI

The next match will be on April 8<sup>th</sup>

## Membership, Georgia reported:

Data as of 04-06-2023

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Junior	63	77
Annual	634	641
Senior	319	307
Family	195	147
Military	21	18
Life	19	21
Total	1251	1211

**Game Warden Report, John Palmer:**

The March 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](mailto:game.warden@rfgc.org)

<b>Last Name, First Name</b>	<b>Member #</b>
Bridges, Kevin	5446
Cheang, Alexa	
Collins, Scott	4333
Coulter, Georgia	591
DuPertuis, Dan	3735
Foster, Tristan	
Goodnow, Jim	1741
Hill, Randy	2212
Hood, LaMarr	1856
Ishibashi, Ron	6082
Johnson, Scott	108
Lichtenberg, Dick	294
McClure, David	3613
Mirkle, Derek	490
Ohnemus, Chris	3796
Pinto, Diana	3795
Pitt, Ted	257
Pontrelli, Scott	2287
Ralston, Tim/Heather	3465
Rasmussen, Roy	2633
Rautio, Pat	6369
Rosenfelt, Evan	6687
Sumaoang, Benedict	5067
Wolfe, Robb	156
Wyle, Sandy	2075



### **Old Business On hold (no need to discuss)**

1. Trophy case for the Crushers – **Mike Beck**.
2. Possible changes to clarify what calibers can be shot on the pistol ranges. **Diana / Chris / Ken**  
*Status: The Board approved the Dirt Displacement Study submitted by Ken Wong with the following changes: testing to occur from 4:00 – 8:00 PM and on the pistol range (not rifle range).*

### **Old Business:**

1. New financial and membership system for the club – Georgia  
*Status: will be meeting with the company we are moving our financial system to, next week*
2. 200-yard rifle range steel  
*Status: Evan reported that it is going well. He is cutting firehose to hang the steel. Usage is down but complaints are down too.*
3. Pilot for a target retrieval system on the pistol range (short end).  
*Status: LaMarr gave an update in his grounds report*
4. Tim Ralston – Steel Dragon's state match on June 10 & 11  
*Status: Approved*

## **New Business:**

1. Safety Items for March:
  - a. Shot coming into the action bay one from the skeet range
  
2. Scott Johnson requested the use of three actions bays on October 28th.

*This is a request for use of Bays 1-3 of Action Bays, on October 28th. As part of the Men's Ministries at East Renton Community Church we would like to do a "7th Introduction to Handguns" with the opportunity to shoot from both a static firing line and in a low level of competition. We are not charging a fee for the event, but if there is a fee for the Action Bays, we will gladly pay the club. I do want to thank the club for the previous times we have been given in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2014, 2017 & 2019.*

*I will have each participant sign the usual waivers and I will incorporate the IDPA New-Shooter Orientation with added emphasis on Safety & muzzle control. I anticipate that we will have ~30 participants. Several of us are members of RF&GC & I will be sure to recruit an adequate number of Safety Officers to oversee this event.*

**MSP** – to allow the use of the action bays 1 – 3 on October 28th
  
3. Tim Ralston - How to conduct the survey, for example do we use Survey Monkey or what?  
Tabled until the next meeting
  
4. Scott Johnson - New revision of the Action Bay Rules  
**MSP** – to approve the changes to the action bay rules
  
5. Ted asked that people pick rocks up out of the impact berms (pistol, rifle, and action bays).
  
6. Evan asked about turkey load patterning – It can be conducted on a frame mounted below the pattern board (not on the pattern board).
  
7. John asked about the membership late fee. We need to follow the published policy until or unless it is changed. Will be discussed at a directors meeting.

## **Good of the order:**

Welcome to the new rangemasters: Armando & John

**Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM**

**Submitted by Robert Wolfe, Secretary**