



Membership Handbook

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INTRODUCTION

Renton Fish & Game Club is a private, non-profit sportsman's club serving the community since 1933. The purpose of the club is to promote conservation and provide its members and the general public safe facilities to enjoy to the shotgun, rifle, pistol and archery shooting sports. The club is non-partisan, and membership is open to anyone of good moral character with a desire to promote wildlife conservation, hunting and fishing, and the shooting sports.

The Renton Fish & Game Club is a sports conservation club. The bulk of our 40 acre site is preserved as a wildlife sanctuary. All sorts of plants and animals make their homes on the club grounds. The club engages in numerous conservation activities throughout the year stocking streams with fish as part of the Bellevue Stream Team and acting as stewards of Cavanaugh Pond. The club also operates a native plant holding facility for King County on its grounds.

Renton Fish & Game Club one of the oldest and the largest shooting ranges in King county. For over a half century we have been providing a safe place to shoot, and to learn about shooting sports and the safe use of firearms through various training programs.

GENERAL RANGE INFORMATION

Shotgun Ranges

- 5 trap ranges – American Trap, Continental Trap
- 1 Skeet range
- 1 International/Olympic trap
- Sporting Clays

Rifle Range

- 19 covered shooting stations
- 50, 100, & 200 yard ranges

Pistol Range

- 20 covered shooting stations
- 25 & 50 foot range, and a 50 yard range

Archery Range

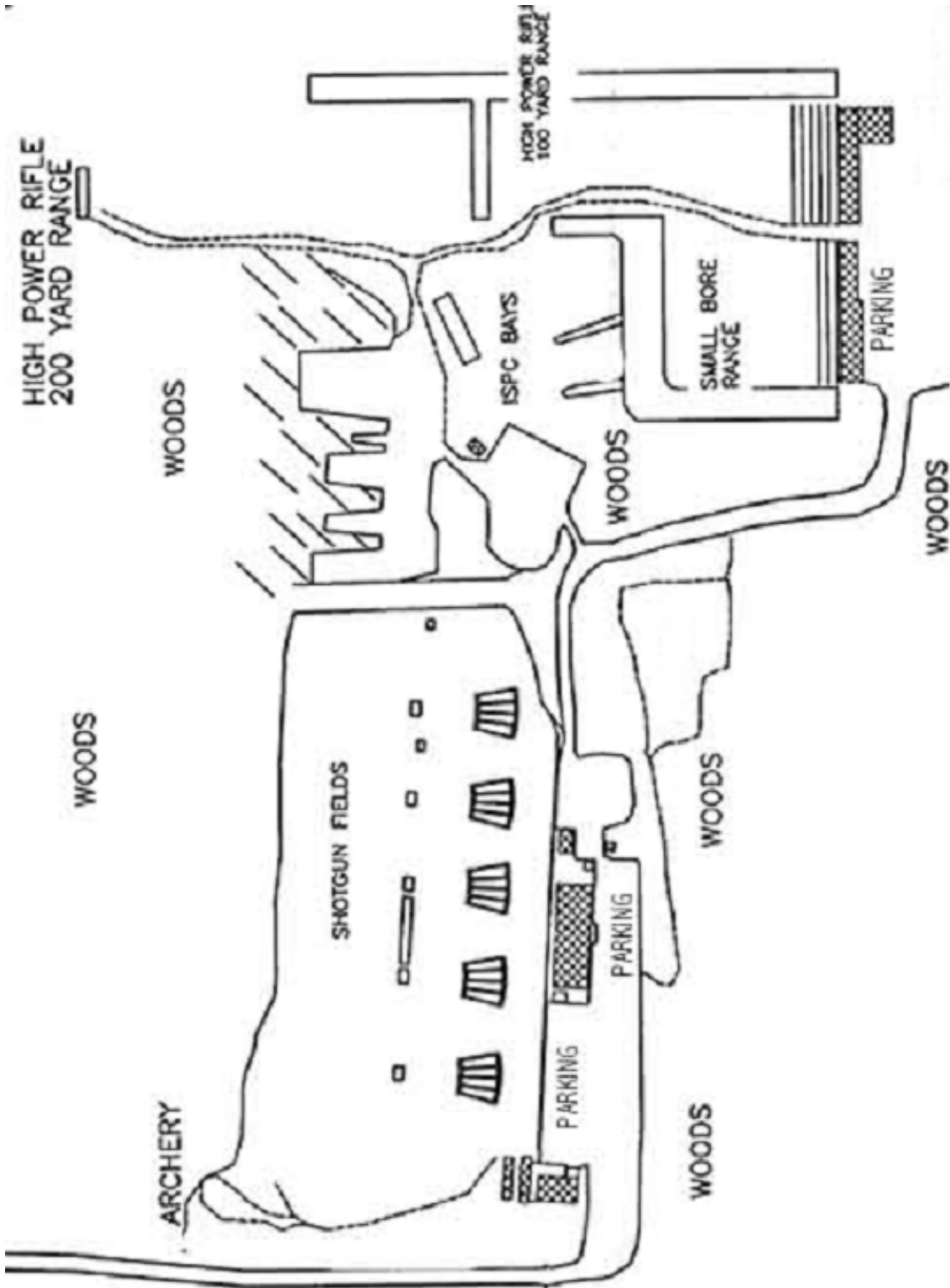
- 8 station stuffed bag target walk-through

Action Bays

- 8 action bays – Cowboy, USPSA, IDPA

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Range Layout



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General Club Policies

- **Wildlife Preserve**
The club grounds are a wildlife preserve. There will be absolutely no shooting or harassing of any animals on club property.
- **Lost or Stolen Items**
The Renton Fish & Game Club, board of directors, officers, or range masters will not be responsible for any personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged on club property.
- **Unclaimed Personal Items**
Any personal item found on club property should be turned into the range master. Items will be held for a period of 90 days. The club will make reasonable effort to contact the owner; however unclaimed personal items may be disposed of after 90 days at the discretion of the board.
- **Annual Closures**
The club is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Years Day.
- **Weekly Closures**
The club will be closed Monday and Tuesday of each week. Absolutely no discharge of firearms is allowed during club closures.
- **Range Closures**
Ranges may close for special events or emergencies.
Action Bays are closed the 1st Saturday before the 1st Sunday and the 1st Sunday of each month for Cowboy Action
Action Bays are closed the 3rd Saturday of each month for IDPA
Action Bays are closed the 4th Saturday of each month for USPSA setup
Action Bays are closed the 4th Sunday of each month for USPSA matches
- **Operational Hours**
From April 1 to October 31, the club's hours of operation are 10 AM until 6 PM, otherwise the club is open from 9 AM until 5 PM (or dark, if prior to 5 PM)
- **Range Usage**
Club ranges are open to members and their guests, as well as the general public. All members are required to sign in at the appropriate range office prior to entering any shooting area. All guests and non-members must sign in at the main club house (Shotgun Range) prior to entering any shooting area.

- **Discharge of Firearms**
Firearms shall not be discharged on club grounds prior to 9:00 AM or after 8:00 PM.
- **Safe Shooting Positions**
Firearms shall only be discharged or arrows launched in areas specifically approved by the Board of Directors as a safe shooting position.
- **Unsupervised Children**
No child under the age of 16 may be on club grounds unless under the direct supervision of a parent or legal guardian.
- **Alcohol Consumption**
No alcoholic beverages may be consumed on club grounds during scheduled shooting hours.
- **Range Rules**
The archery, shotgun, rifle, pistol, and action bay range policies and safety rules as approved by the Board of Directors are adopted as part of this policy.
- **Concealed Weapons**
Concealed weapons are not allowed on club property even for individuals who are properly licensed to carry a concealed weapon.
- **Policy Enforcement**
Each member is responsible for enforcing club policies and safety rules. Any member who violates club policies or safety rules may have their club privileges suspended or terminated. The Board of Directors will be the final arbiter of all suspensions or terminations of club members.
- **Volunteers**
Members who volunteer at least 20 hours per year in supporting and maintaining the club by participating in work parties or performing other needed tasks at the club are entitled to a \$25 reduction in the yearly dues (\$15 for seniors).
- **Member Guest Passes**
Members who wish to bring guests are allowed 6 (six) passes per membership year. This means that the guest will receive the same pricing privileges as the member. The member must be present with the guest(s), and everyone must check in at the Shotgun Range office. Members may also bring as many guests as they wish and have the guests pay the appropriate public fees.

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CONSERVATION

Cavanaugh Pond

The Renton Fish & Game Club monitors Cavanaugh Pond year round. The club performs salmon counts during the spawning season, and each spring the club conducts amphibian, bird, and reptile surveys for the state's department of fish and wildlife. The club also performs trail maintenance, clean up, and habitat restoration projects around the pond. The conservation chair leads several tours to the pond every year.

Omak Work Party

The Omak Work Party is an annual event designed to improve the relationship between landowners and sportsmen. The club rebuilds damaged deer and elk fences around orchards, maintains fences to keep cattle out of sensitive habitat areas, and builds chucker guzzlers that provide water for small game and other wildlife. Repairs to campgrounds on state and federal property are done also. The Members work on projects with the Department of Fish & Wildlife, the Forest Service, the Department of Natural Resources, and local landowners.

Sportsmen's Show

The Renton Fish & Game Club provides assistance at the annual Sportsmen's Show held every January. The club provides staff for the Trout Pond where children under 12 years of age can experience catching a trout in the indoor trout pond.

Habitat Restoration Projects

The Renton Fish & Game Club is very active in several local restoration projects; including an ongoing project to improve the habitat on the club's grounds. The club purchases and plants several hundred bare root native plants on club property every spring. Club members also attend several salvage projects each year where they dig and pot native plants from sites slated for future development. Most of the native plants are turned over to the county for use in restoration projects sponsored by King County.

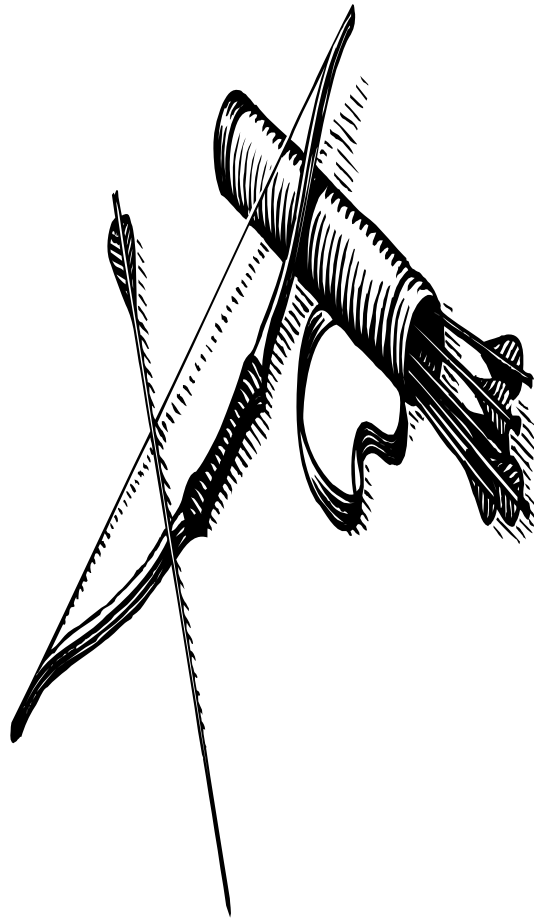
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Archery Range Information

The archery committee promotes the safe use of bows and arrows by providing a safe area for target shooting to improve bow hunting or archery skills. Archers may walk the course as many times as they wish.

The Renton Fish & Game Club hosts a trail-walk style archery range. The course consists of 8 stuffed bag targets that vary in distances from 10 to 60 yards.

The archery range exists because of volunteer help from our club members. Help is always appreciated. Please contact the archery chairman if you wish to assist with maintenance of the archery range.



Archery Range Policy

- All shooters must sign in with the Range master prior to entering either the north or south archery course
- Cross-bows are not allowed
- Any extra attachment to the bow that would allow the draw weight of the bow to be relieved from either or both arms is not permitted
- Overdraw bows must have a protective shelf
- Blunt tip arrows are prohibited
- Broad head arrows are prohibited
- Archers must be able to draw their bow without raising the plane of the arrow over the target
- Archers are required to have adequate skill to place all their shots into the target butts

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Archery Safety Rules

- Arrows shall remain un-nocked and safely stored at all times except when the shooter is in position on the firing line and the target is clear to fire.
- Nocked arrows will be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- Arrows must be pointed downrange and below the horizon at all time.
- Under no conditions will a shooter point a nocked arrow above the horizon while drawing the bow.
- Anyone on the either course can call for a cease fire at any time. When a cease fire is announced all bows must be brought to rest, arrows must be un-nocked and safely stored, and shooters must remove themselves from the firing line.
- Each shooting position has a corresponding target. No cross shooting is allowed.
- Archers must shoot only at the target provided.
- Under no circumstances will more than one arrow be nocked on the bowstring.
- Only one archer may nock an arrow at a time if more than one archer is at any station.
- If more than one archer on a station, archers must shoot in a line abreast of each other. Do not shoot from behind another archer.
- When more than one archer is on a course, contact between the archers will be made by the last one to arrive to the next station before proceeding to shoot that station.
- Make certain of the backstop and the area behind the target is clear before drawing the bow.
- Before searching for arrows that miss a target, archers must hang their bow in front of the target.
- If a bow is hanging on a target, archers must not nock an arrow until such time as that target area is clear.
- Both courses must be walked from start to finish. Once an archer enters the course they must continue from start to finish. No back-tracking of stations is allowed.
- Archers who deliberately shoot anything but the range targets will be charged for damages and barred from the club grounds
- The club reserves the right to inspect all bows, arrows, and equipment brought onto club grounds.
- The club reserves the right to refuse service to anyone

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Rifle/Pistol Range

The Renton Fish & Game Club has 20 covered shooting stations on the pistol range, and 19 covered shooting stations on the rifle range. The club hosts CMP/Hi-Power matches January through July. Members can use the club's M-1 rifles to compete in these matches. The club also hosts students in the ROTC program from Liberty High School throughout the year.



September and October are typically very busy months on the rifle range for hunter sight-in. Many hunters in the local area come to the range to sight in their rifles before the hunting season begins. **Members are highly encouraged to come out and assist our neighbors during the hunter sight-in period.**

Rifle/Pistol Range Policy

- All shooters must sign in at the rifle rangemasters office before entering either the rifle or pistol range areas.
- Only one shooter and one loaded firearm is allowed per bench.
- All firearms will be pointed downrange at all times, or transported muzzle up.
- All unbagged, uncased or unholstered firearms must be kept forward of the red line. Uncase and case your firearm on the shooting bench, with the muzzle pointed downrange.
- Shooters may chamber only one round at a time in a rifle.
- Shooters may function-test a rifle by loading 3 to 5 rounds only after the rifle is properly sighted in. All rounds must be inside the "7" ring of a B6P paper target at 100 yards. Shooters must request permission from the Range Master and present the Range Master with an appropriate target to review prior to function testing any rifle.
- All firearms will be pointed down range at all times.
- In the event of a misfire, do not open the action of the firearm for at least 60 (sixty) seconds.
- Shotguns are allowed to shoot lead slugs only.
- Rim fire firearms are not permitted on the rifle range without the permission of the Range Master.
- All firearms must have their action open, the breech clear of any ammunition, and detachable magazines removed during any cease fire.
- All shooters must stay behind the red line during any cease fire unless to take out or return target boards.
- Shooters must not handle **any** firearm during any cease fire.
- Firearms not on the shooting bench must be unloaded and have the breech open, or in a case at all times.

- When using the 200 yard range, shooters must put up the orange cone on their way down range to place a target board, and lay it back down when returning to the shooting station.
- Place unwanted brass into the cans provided.
- Shooters may proceed down range to check targets only after a cease fire has been called, the red flashing light is turned on, and the all clear is given by the rangemaster.

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Rifle/Pistol Range Restrictions

- Handguns may not be worn in a holster, or drawn from a holster to fire, unless shooting in the action bays.
- Absolutely no rapid firing is allowed on either the rifle or pistol range.
- Shooters must not intentionally shoot into the baffle system, berms, target board legs, the ground, or any other un-approved target.
- Picking up brass is no longer permitted unless the brass is your own.
- No 50 caliber BMG rifles allowed on the range.
- All rifles with muzzle brakes must use shooting stations 4 through 10 only.
- Only paper targets are allowed. Exploding targets are expressly forbidden.
- No life-like silhouette targets are allowed.

Rifle/Pistol Range Safety Policy

- Eye and ear protection is mandatory on the rifle and pistol ranges
- Shooters should keep their fingers off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Only shooters are allowed in front of the red line while firing. (Instructors must check in with the Range Master.)
- Always point all firearms in a safe direction.
- In the event of a misfire do not open the action for at least 60 seconds, and the firearm must remain pointed down range until the misfire is cleared.
- Black powder shooters must ensure that containers of black powder are closed before shooting to prevent flash explosions.
- No smoking within 10 feet of black powder.
- The Range Master is the final authority on all firearms safety issues and may expel anyone acting in an unsafe manner.

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Shotgun Range

The Renton Fish & Game Club has 5 trap houses set up for American Trap, trap doubles, or continental. The shotgun range also has one skeet field. Renton Fish & Game Club also has the only operational International Trap bunker in the Pacific Northwest. Renton Fish & Game Club also hosts challenging multi-station sporting clays shoots throughout the year.

Shotgun Range Policy

- Firearms on the shotgun range are limited to shoulder mounted shotguns of 12 gauge, 16 gauge, 20 gauge, 28 gauge, or 410 gauge
- Trap shooters are strictly limited to 7½, 8, 8½, or 9 size shot.
- Skeet shooters are strictly limited to 9 size shot only.
- Only one round is allowed to be loaded when shooting American Trap.
- Only two rounds are allowed to be loaded when shooting Continental, trap doubles, skeet, or International Trap.
- Shotguns must remain unloaded with the action open at all times unless the shooter is on the line and ready to fire. (A shell may be placed in the shotgun, but the round may not be chambered or the breach closed until it is the shooters turn to shoot.)
- Shotguns must be unloaded when changing stations
- When changing stations the person on station 5 must walk behind the other shooters to proceed to station 1.
- When shooting trap from handicap positions, no more than 2 yards shall separate any 2 shooters.
- When carrying a shotgun the action must be open and the muzzle must be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- Only clay targets supplied by the club may be used in the club machines.
- Only qualified members are allowed to service the club trap machines.
- If an orange safety cone is placed on top of any trap house shooters must not enter that trap field or shooting stations
- Shooters must unload any shells from the shotgun when a cease fire is called.
- Only one shooter per line is allowed. (Instructors and coaches must check with the Range Master prior to standing on the line during any round.)
- Only one shooter is permitted to shoot at each target. (Exceptions are possible for organized fun shoots)
- No passing of shotguns between stations during any round.
- Any shooter requested to check their shotgun must unload the shotgun and perform a visual inspection of the barrel to ensure no obstructions exist.
- Shooters can pick up their own shells only.

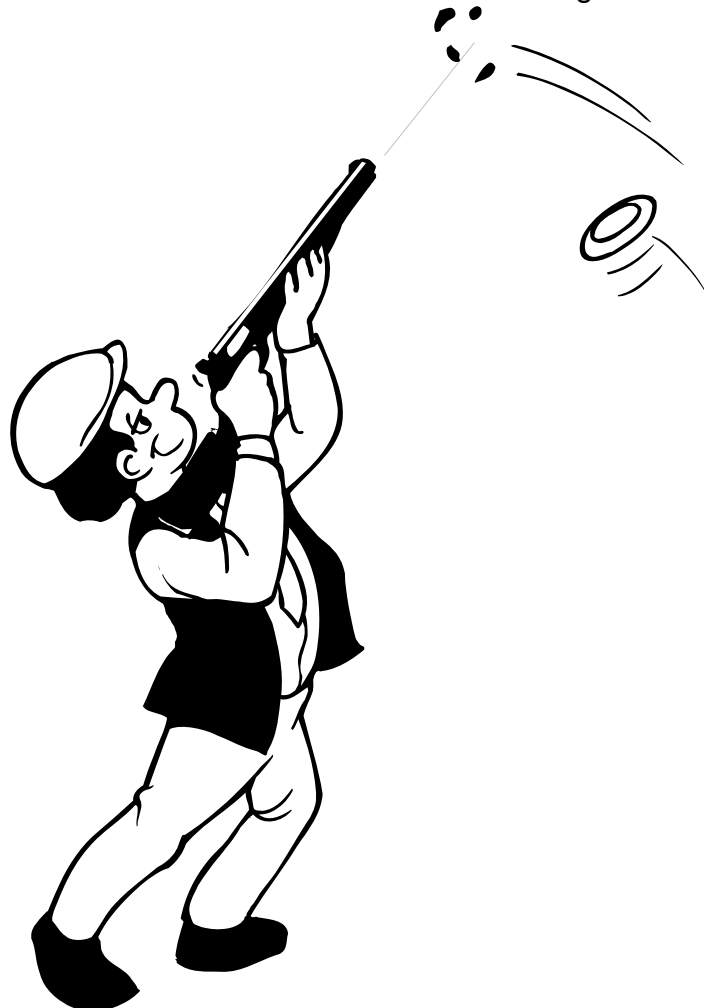
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Shotgun Range Restrictions

- Absolutely no shot larger than 7½ shall be fired on the shotgun range at any time.
- Slug guns are not permitted on the shotgun range
- Non-shoulder mounted shotguns are not permitted on the shotgun range

Shotgun Safety Rules

- Everyone on the shotgun range must wear eye and ear protection.
- Shotguns must be pointed in a safe direction at all times
- Keep fingers off the triggers until ready call for a target.
- In the event of a misfire, shooters must wait at least 30 seconds before opening the action.
- In the event of a blooper, shooters must visually inspect the barrel and ensure there are no obstructions before continuing to shoot.



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CMP

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), created by Congress, provides civilians the opportunity to learn and practice marksmanship in the event that they would be later called upon to serve in the United States military. The CMP has a network of affiliated clubs throughout every state. Renton Fish & Game Club has such an affiliation. We shoot military rifles with open or aperture sights. We shoot from the off-hand, sitting or kneeling, and prone positions. The course requires 88-rounds of ammunition. This is a timed fire event and its purpose is to develop and maintain marksmanship skills with military rifles.

If you have your own military rifle, the cost of a match is \$7 for club members and \$10 for non-members to cover the cost of targets. If you bring your own rifle, be sure to have it sighted in at 100 yards before arriving for a match. Club members who use club owned M1 Garand rifles must purchase club ammunition at a cost of \$12 for 88 rounds of .30-06 ammunition. We meet at the Renton Fish & Game Club Rifle Range at 8:45am every fourth Saturday from January through July with the exception of the month of May. The 4th Saturday in May often conflicts with the Memorial Day weekend so we shoot on the 3rd Saturday in May.

The RF&GC CMP discipline has a number of Club-use M1 Garand rifles, which may be used by Club members at a RF&GC CMP match only when the following provisions have been met:

- The shooter must be a Club member.
- The shooter must have previously participated in a CMP match or have taken a CMP workshop.
- The shooter must be familiar with the M1 Garand rifle and be able to demonstrate safely how to load, unload, make safe, and fire the rifle.
- If the shooter is not familiar with the M1 Garand rifle, they may attend our workshop conducted (on a date to be determined later) in either March or April. At the workshop, we will introduce new shooters to the M1 Garand rifle. At the end of the course the shooter will be able to safely load, unload, make safe, and shoot the M1 rifle from Offhand, Sitting, Kneeling, and Prone positions using a military or web sling. Upon completion of the course, the shooter will be able to fully participate in the CMP matches and use a Club rifle (if they are a club member).
- It must be emphasized that the M1 Garand rifle weighs 10 pounds empty and is chambered in .30-06 caliber. Please consider the age, experience, and abilities of any shooter wishing to shoot a large, heavy, hard-recoiling rifle.
- Any shooter who uses a Club M1 Garand rifle must stay after the match and clean the rifle that they used. This will take approximately 30 minutes after the match.

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Cowboy Action Shooting

Cowboy action shooting is conducted in the 7 action bays. There are regular scheduled practices every Friday evening at 6 PM – 8PM. During the winter months the practices are held on the standard pistol range.



The Renton Fish & Game Club hosts the Renton United Cowboy Action Shooters (RUCAS) club. RUCAS is a cadre of trained range staff, and to become a member means one must be prepared to assist in the regular activity of carrying on cowboy matches, to include set-up of the matches and action as range officers, range masters, and match directors. RUCAS members can earn the right to access our steel targets for practice by assisting in work parties, running matches, and in the general administration of the action bays and CAS.

Any shooter who wishes to become involved in the CAS program can contact Brian Howard for a discipline-specific orientation.

Cowboy Action Shooting Policy

- Practice shooting in the action pistol area, outside of a scheduled event, requires at least two persons present, of which at least one person must be an RFGC club member, and at least one person must be a certified cowboy range officer. A usable cell phone must also be available.
- Cowboy shooters must use only lead ammunition.
- Only single action revolvers are allowed for Cowboy action shooting
- Revolvers must be of 32 caliber or larger.
- Rifles must be lever action, or slide action with an exposed hammer and tubular magazine for Cowboy action shooting
- Only rifles of pistol caliber are allowed.
- Any side by side shotguns without ejectors are allowed.
- Winchester Model 97 or reproduction pump shotguns allowed.

Cowboy Action Safety Rules

- Please refer to the safety rules for the rifle and pistol ranges

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USPSA

The letters USPSA stand for United States Practical Shooting Association. The United States is just one of 60 regions worldwide that make up the International Practical Shooting Confederation, IPSC. The monthly matches at Renton Fish and Game Club operate under the rules provided by USPSA.

USPSA is a shooting sport that combines accuracy and speed. Shooters will find themselves engaging paper targets, reactive steel targets, targets that move, bob, and turn, all the while trying to do it as quickly as possible. If punching holes in paper targets is getting old, this is the next step. USPSA allows the shooter to do things others sports frown upon: shooting on the move, drawing from a holster, performing dynamic reloads, and the freedom to shoot the course as you see fit, not as prescribed by someone else. It is a lot of fun, and will improve your shooting skill immensely.

When are matches and what can one expect?

Renton Practical Shooters hosts a match on the fourth Sunday of the month, with the exception of November, December and January, when there are no matches. A typical match at Renton will involve six stages, or courses of fire. The stages will vary from six round speed shoots to 32 round field courses (which may involve a lot of movement on the shooters part). A match will usually require 130 rounds to complete (more if you miss). Scoring can vary, but in almost all cases it is the score on the targets divided by the time it took to complete the course of fire.

Shooting a Match

At each and every stage, the shooter will be under the watchful eye of a Range Officer, or RO. The RO is there to insure that the course of fire is conducted in a safe manner. The RO will move through the course of fire with the shooter, always keeping an eye on the safe operation of the firearm. The RO starts the course of fire, and scores the targets once the course has ended and the shooter's gun is unloaded and secured.

The shooter's job is easier: The shooter will be asked to step into the start position where the RO will give the range commands to load the pistol, and get ready. The RO will then give the shooter the start signal, and it is up to the shooter to get through the course the best way for him or her. When the shooter is finished, the RO steps them through unloading and securing the gun, and the course of fire is done.

What does it take to get started?

Any safe defensive/combat type pistol, 9mm/.38 caliber and larger, a holster, and four magazines (or speedloaders/moonclips for a revolver), and a belt to carry it all on. There are many different divisions for people to shoot in, ranging from the no-holds barred, anything goes "Open" Division to "Production" division where only stock pistols can play. Just about any gun can find a division to shoot in. Before running out and buying equipment, it is a good idea to come to a match and talk to as many people as you can. USPSA shooters are a friendly and helpful bunch, and you may find that people are willing to lend you equipment so you can get an idea of what works for you before you buy.

There are a couple of very good websites to check out for more information. The first is the USPSA website, which has a lot of good information on it:
www.uspsa.org

The second is the website of the Northwest Section, the home for USPSA shooting in western Washington. This site has schedules and contact information for all the USPSA clubs in the area:
<http://n2ipsc.home.attbi.com/teamnwa.html>.

One note on shooting U.S.P.S.A. at Renton

Safety is of the utmost importance, and Renton requires that each and every participant have a USPSA safety card. In order to get a safety card, you have to go through a safety check with a certified RO. To get a safety check, please contact Aristotle Bartolome. Renton Fish and Game Club is more than happy to help you out, but be forewarned that a safety check cannot be done on the day of the match.

Phone: 206-910-1119
Email: aribartolome@hotmail.com

Range Facilities and Usage

Renton Fish and Game has six "Action" bays that are shared by the Cowboy Action, IDPA, and USPSA shooters. USPSA has the full use of the bays on the match weekends (4th Sunday and the Saturday before) and there is a shared Thursday night practice session, where USPSA and IDPA shooters can come in and use any range equipment they want to. The Thursday practice sessions are open to the public, and there is a Range Officer in charge to insure safety. The Thursday session typically run from May to September, depending on daylight.

Renton members can make use of the bays when there are no scheduled matches or other activities, but there is a strict set of rules that apply:

1. Shooters MUST check in at the Rifle or Shotgun Range before entering the bays.
2. All Renton members must be wearing their club badge.
3. There must be at least two people in the bays. No solo shooting allowed.
4. Of the minimum of two people, one has to be a Renton member and one must be a recognized Range or Safety Officer. (The member can satisfy both requirements.) A recognized Range or Safety Officer is someone who has been trained and certified by USPSA, IDPA, or the Cowboy Action Shooters. No exceptions.
5. All targets must be set so that any impacts go directly into the berms. No shooting into the ground or over the berms will be tolerated. Check all the angles – low and high, side to side!
6. Do not shoot steel targets with modern rifle caliber rounds.
7. If a steel target is not an approved USPSA/IDPA target, do not shoot it with USPSA/IDPA gear.
8. All shooting stops at 8:00 p.m., regardless of circumstance. Shooting at 8:01 will result in a loss of range privileges.

Please check the schedule before going into the bays, and respect the rights of other shooters and disciplines.

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IDPA

Defensive pistol shooting as a sport is quite simply the use of practical equipment including full charge service ammunition to solve simulated "real world" self-defense scenarios. Shooters competing in Defensive Pistol events are required to use practical handguns and holsters that are truly suitable for self-defense use. No "competition only" equipment is permitted in Defensive Pistol matches since the main goal is to test the skill and ability of an individual, not his or her equipment or gamesmanship

The Defensive Pistol headquarters has developed a comprehensive course of fire book which is supplied to all affiliated clubs and is also available for a nominal fee to individual members. These courses fall into two categories: Self-defense scenarios or Standard exercises. The self-defense scenarios are simulations of actual or possible "real world" confrontations. These scenarios typically require shots from 3 - 20 yards and often require the shooter to change firing points and shoot from awkward positions. Standard exercises do not attempt to simulate a potential threat situation but are designed to test specific shooting and gun handling skills. Defensive Pistol matches offer diversity and truly test both accuracy and speed. Physical condition has very little to do with your performance in a Defensive Pistol match.

Defensive Pistol matches typically require the use of a service type pistol or revolver of 9mm/.38 Special or larger caliber. If your handgun is suitable for self-defense use, it will probably be competitive for Defensive Pistol matches. Practical concealed carry type holsters are stipulated for Defensive Pistol use. A common service pistol/revolver such as a Beretta 92F, Glock 17/22, Sig 226, Colt 1911A1, S&W 686 or Ruger GP-100 carried in a common pancake style holster is all that is needed to be competitive in Defensive Pistol matches.

Any contestant moving with a loaded handgun in his hand but not actually firing will keep his finger out of the trigger guard unless engaging targets. If a Safety Officer (SO) observes a contestant moving with his finger in the trigger guard, he will sound off with the command "Finger". Failure to immediately comply will result in a 3-second procedural penalty.

All IDPA contestants will handle their firearms with care and be aware of the direction the muzzle is pointed in at all times. Whether handling a handgun in the designated 'safe area', or when arriving at the range, safe gun handling is critical. Unless in a 'safe area' or while kitting up, a contestant's sidearm will remain in its holster until the SO gives the command: "Load and make ready."

The key factors to good gun handling are: (1) finger out of the trigger guard until you are prepared to shoot, and (2) be aware of your muzzle direction at all times. NEVER compromise these two ideals.

The shooter will be disqualified from the match for any of the following:

1. Endangering another person
2. Pointing muzzle beyond "Muzzle Safe Points"
3. Pointing a loaded firearm at their self with the safety off and their finger in the trigger guard
4. Handling a loaded firearm except while on the firing line
5. Dropping a loaded firearm
6. Dangerous or repeated "finger in trigger guard" violations during loading, unloading, reloading, drawing, holstering, remedial action
7. Gross Unsportsmanlike conduct
8. The use of illegal equipment
9. Premature shot in the holster or a shot striking behind the firing line or into the ground closer than 2 yards to the firing line

All of the above is from the current IDPA rule book. We run a cold range for our matches, even though IDPA allows hot ranges. We make use of all seven action bays, but often only six at any particular match. If you have any specific questions, you can call Rick Breneman during the day at (206)623-1900 x2320, or email him at rick45x8@yahoo.com

Renton Fish & Game Club

Club Bylaws

ARTICLE I Club Name

The name of this organization shall be THE RENTON FISH AND GAME CLUB, INC. 17205 S.E. 144th Street Renton, Washington 98059

ARTICLE II Objects of the Club

1. To establish and maintain a social, educational, scientific, historical and benevolent club.
2. To inspire and promote good fellowship among those who hunt game, shoot firearms and archery recreationally, and competitively, and angle for game fish as a sport.
3. To restore, conserve, and propagate the wildlife, game, game fish, and flora of the State of Washington.
4. To interest others in the wildlife, game, game fish, and flora of the State of Washington.
5. To disseminate information regarding the sport of hunting, conservation and propagation of wildlife, game, game fish, and flora in the State of Washington.
6. To engage in campaigns, enterprises, and programs for the aid of the restoration, conservation, and propagation of the wildlife, game, game fish, and flora of the State of Washington and campaigns, enterprises, and programs for the aid of worthy charitable, benevolent, and other institutions and objects and in civic events.
7. To establish and maintain various shooting facilities, and a Club House and place for social meetings of its members.
8. To buy, own, sell, mortgage, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of real estate, personal property of any nature whatsoever, as may be necessary in the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes and objects of this corporation.

ARTICLE III Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the club shall be held on the first Thursday of December of each year. The annual report shall be given at the first Thursday of February meeting. Revised 9-2007

Section 2. The Board Members and Officers shall be elected at the December Election meeting, and sworn in to office at the January meeting. Revised 9-2007

Section 3. Ten (10) voting members in good standing shall constitute a quorum. Revised 9-2007

Section 4. The Club Member and Board meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month. Revised 9-2007

ARTICLE IV Governing Body

Section 1. The governing body of this club shall consist of a Chairman of the Board who shall act as President, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Game Warden and seven (7) Directors. The positions of President and Vice-Chairman shall be filled by two duly elected Directors, and decided by a vote of the full Board of Directors. Revised 9-2007

Section 2. The voting members of the Board shall be, The Chairman of the Board, Vice-Chairman, and seven (7) Directors.

ARTICLE V Election of Directors and Officers

Section 1. Nominations for officers shall begin at the regular September meeting, and shall close at the end of the November meeting. Revised 9-2007

Section 2. Election ballots will be made available two (2) weeks prior to the December meeting for all club members eligible to vote and unable to attend the December meeting. Revised 9-2007

Section 3. Election shall be at the December meeting. All officers shall be elected to a term of one (1) year, except the treasurer, who shall serve a term of two years. Each year three (3) Directors shall be elected to a term of three (3) years. 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 year of the annual election shall be allowed to be nominated & elected to a Board position. All election of officers shall be by secret ballot and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected and shall take office at the following meeting. Revised 4-2001

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy arising at any time in the above offices set forth in Article III the Board of Directors shall have the power to fill such vacancy by appointment, which appointment shall run until the next annual meeting, except for the office of Chairman which shall automatically be assumed by the Vice Chairman, who shall be duly sworn in at the next regular meeting after the office of Chairman has become vacant.

Section 5. All full members must have attended at least four (4) Board or membership meetings in the previous twelve (12) months to be eligible to vote on amendments to the by-laws, or to vote in the annual election of officers. Revised 9-2007

Section 6. Any officer of the Club who misses four (4) Board meetings in any one calendar year shall have his or her office declared vacant, except Directors. A Director may miss not more than four (4) Board meetings per calendar year, or his or her office shall be declared vacant. Absence of a Director from a meeting may be excused by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Revised 9-2007

Section 7. In the event of an Officer's, or Director's, absence due to unforeseen circumstances causing the Officer, or Director to miss more than four (4) meetings in one (1) calendar year, the Directors by a simple majority may reinstate the officer or director.

ARTICLE VI

Directors, Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the club. The Chairman shall have the power to appoint all committees. The Standing Committees shall consist of: Archery, CMP, Cowboy, Grounds, IDPA, Pistol, Rifle, USPSA, Trap, Bunker, Membership, Conservation, and Safety. The Safety Committee shall consist of the following persons: Chairmen of the Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Grounds, CMP, Cowboy, IDPA, and USPSA, together with the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Revised 9-2007

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice Chairman to assume all the powers and function of the Chairman in the event of the Chair being absent from the meeting, and in the event of the office of Chair becoming vacant.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep full minutes of all meetings of the Club. To prepare, maintain and perform such duties relative to this office as may be authorized and directed by the Board of Directors or resolution of the membership. Upon expiration of the Secretary's term of office, he or she, shall be released by the Board of Directors upon turning over all books, papers and other property of the Club to the Chairman of the Board, and upon qualification and installation of the new Secretary.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to account for all monies received by the Club. The Treasurer or designee shall deposit any monies received by him or her in a bank or banks to be designated by the Board of Directors, and shall pay all bills, the payment of which shall be approved and ordered by the Board. Payment of all obligations shall be by check, drawn upon a bank or banks as herein provided. To make at each regular meeting of the Club a report of all receipts and disbursements and to perform such other duties relative to this office as may be authorized and directed by the Board of Directors or membership. The Treasurer shall turn over all monies, books, papers and other property of the Club to the successor in office as soon as the said successor shall have qualified and the outgoing Treasurer shall have been released by the Board of Directors. Books and records shall be kept in accordance with generally recognized accounting procedures. Revised 9-2007

Section 5. The Game Warden shall keep a ledger of all membership meetings and shall have all members in attendance at said meetings sign their name and card number. Revised 9-2007

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall have the power, and it shall be their duty to have general supervision of the Club and its activities, books, accounts, monies and properties and to audit the books and properties of the Club annually. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to make to the Club at each meeting a full report of their actions and proceedings and to perform such other duties as may be imposed upon them by the Membership. It shall be their duty to preside over any by-laws changes which may legally affect the Club. Five (5) Directors in attendance at a regular Board meeting shall constitute a quorum. Under no circumstances is this article or any other portion of these by-laws to be interpreted as giving the Board of Directors the right of power to sell, rent, mortgage, lease, hypothecate, spend, or otherwise dispose of Club real estate without the express permission of the general membership.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall have the power to promulgate such rules and regulations as will promote safety and carry out the purposes of the Club.

ARTICLE VII Members

Section 1. Any person eighteen (18) years or older, and of good moral character who is a true sportsman and is interested in the objects of the Club shall be eligible for membership. All members in good standing with proper qualifications are assistant range masters and safety committee members when on club grounds.

Section 2. Any person under the age of eighteen (18), may become a junior member of the Club by paying \$1.00 annual dues. Junior members are required to post their date of birth with the Chairman of the Membership committee. Upon

attaining the age of eighteen (18) years, a junior member, having been in good standing for two (2) years or more, shall become a full member upon approval of the membership chair, and by paying the current dues, without initiation fees. A Junior member must receive written permission of his or her parent or guardian to enter any shooting activity sponsored or held by the Club or any part thereof, unless accompanied by their parent or guardian. Revised 9-2007

Section 3. Any member in good standing who leaves the general area of the Club, enters into the Armed Forces, or wishes to withdraw for health reasons and to become inactive in the club, may apply for membership withdrawal. Applications must be submitted to the club in writing, and approved by the Board of Directors. Members who have been granted withdrawal privileges, will be reinstated as full members upon payment of the current years pro-rated dues. Revised 9-2007

Section 4. Applications for membership and receipt of annual dues and initiation fees shall be referred to the membership chair. New members shall be assessed dues based on the date of their application for membership on a pro-rata basis of one-twelfth (1/12th) of the annual dues for each month or portion of a month remaining in the membership year. Revised 9-2007

Section 5. The dues and initiation fee of the club shall be set by resolution of the Board of Directors. Except as provided for in Section 6, the initiation fee is a one time charge, and shall not be charged again if the member leaves in good standing, and later returns. Revised 9-2007

Section 6: If a member has not renewed their dues upon the end of the membership year (June 30th), they will no longer be considered a member and range privileges will be denied until such time as they have renewed their membership. They may continue as a daily gate fee payee in order to access the range and be subject to the same restrictions that a daily fee payee has, or they can renew at anytime during that year by paying the full years dues. Once the second anniversary of membership expiration passes, the membership will be terminated and if the member decides to join the club again they will be required to pay the initiation fee upon application for re-instatement as a member. Revised 9-2007

ARTICLE VIII Sanctions

Section 1. Any member shall have the right to prefer charges against any officer or member of the Club for alleged violations of the club's rules or by-laws. Such charges shall be made in writing, and submitted to the Board of Directors. Upon receipt of charges the Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint a committee of three (3) members, none of whom have preferred charges against said officer or member. Said committee shall investigate the charges, and render a full report of their findings to the Board of Directors. In the event that the Board

of Directors determines that said charges are well founded the Board shall render a full report at the next regular meeting for such action as the Club may elect. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of the membership present and voting shall be necessary to cancel membership, and expel said member from the Club.

Section 2. Any member charged with a violation of range rules or range safety may have his or her Club privileges suspended by the Safety Committee until formal charges may be submitted to the Board of Directors.

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 9-2007