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Grounds & Maintenance

▪ *Did you see our new sign?*

A few years ago, we started talking about putting up a distinctive sign at our entrance road. So, now we have a nice one. The design and installation of the sign stand were done by Mike Unger. The project was paid for by the Dave Wilson estate. After Dave passed away his wife Lois donated the collection of firearms to our club, which was sold along with his ammunition and shooting supplies. The sign is solar powered and comes on at night. Big thanks to everyone involved.



Canadian Gun Control

▪ *A Brief Update*

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Thanks to Ridgedale's support, the BCWF Political Action Alliance (PAA) was able to run advertising during the 2019 election criticizing the Liberals for their attacks on responsible gun owners. Elections make important decisions. The PAA stands up for gun owners in federal elections. As we have since 1998. If we don't stand up for ourselves, who will?

Elections Canada finally posted the PAA's [financial report](#). Spending more than \$10,000, we were the biggest pro-gun advertisers reporting during the 2019 federal election.

Five Liberal Attacks on Legal Gun Owners that Are On-going:

1. Bill C-71

Minister Blair's office thinks that it [won't be until 2022](#) that new PAL rules or expanded background checks are brought online.

2. **The May Gun Grab by OIC – the So-called "Buy Back"**

When the "buy back" was imposed in May 2019, Trudeau and Blair falsely claimed they were [banning 1,500 military style assault rifles](#). It was a lie.

As [Lorne Gunter](#) points out, over 9,500 models or variants, 400,000 individual guns will be prohibited under the May 1 list of newly banned guns. Not 1,500 as both Trudeau and Blair claimed.

The Buy-back program is out for [tender \[again\]](#).

Last May's OIC court challenged [is heating up](#): almost \$400,000 has been donated to CCFR for the court battle. Much more may be needed. The government plans to cross examine me at some point on [my affidavit](#). They cancelled the first appointment they'd made last month with me. I heard they were spooked.

Since Ottawa has much deeper pockets than any or all of the organizations fighting this unjust Order-in-Council, the suspicion is growing that the government is dragging it out to bankrupt us. This battle is draining the pro-gun organizations.

3. **The RCMP's Secret Reclassification of Firearms**

Constantly, quietly, without any public discussion.

Public Safety Minister Blair [confirmed this](#) when he appeared before a virtual meeting of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security recently. According to him the Liberals will use an "[evergreen process](#)" to pull off this underhanded backroom reclassification scheme. An "evergreen process" means the Canadian Firearms Program will continue to evaluate weapons that represent a risk and continually re-classify firearms to prohibited status.

The newly secretly prohibited firearms will be posted on the Firearms Reference Table (FRT). But we won't know when our guns will be prohibited because [the FRT is not available](#) to most people.

[As Gunter says](#), As soon as the RCMP or a gaggle of Justice department bureaucrats decide to add an additional model or models to the banned list, it will be done with no more effort (or democratic legitimacy) than pressing the "Enter" button on a computer.

4. **A New "Red Flag" Law.**

A "red flag" law enables health professionals to break patient-confidentiality rules to report a gun owner with mental health issues who is a threat to themselves or others. Then, his guns are confiscated by force. No one wants an individual who is seriously disturbed to commit suicide or to kill or injure anyone else.

Red flag laws can be – and sometimes are – well-intentioned. But declaring someone incompetent [and confiscating their firearms] is a serious step.

The Trudeau Liberals are misleading Canadians. Since 1995, Canadian law already has a provision authorizing family or professionals to report gun owners suspected of being public-safety threats. Whenever anyone calls the national firearms centre (toll-free), one of the options is to "*report a spousal or public safety concern.*" This works. There is no need for a new "red flag" law; we already have one.

Unfortunately, this snitch line is frequently used by a divorcing spouse to cause his or her gun-owning spouse legal grief. See Lorne Gunter's [recent column](#) for greater detail.

5. **The Promise to Let Municipalities Ban Handguns**

The Liberals continually repeat their support for allowing municipalities to ban handguns, but have yet to take any steps to start this process.

In the [October 2020 Throne Speech](#), Trudeau repeated his threat to allow municipalities to [ban handguns](#). [Minister Blair](#) said he supports the municipal handgun ban when he was before the House committee Friday 6 November. BC Premier [John Horgan](#) also supports a municipal handgun ban.

Firearms act already gives municipalities powers over shooting. But for the handgun ban to happen, Ottawa must pass new legislation, then BC Premier Horgan needs to support it, and each municipality that wants it, needs to impose it.

It may yet happen, but civilian firearms owners have more immediate problems. At his appearance at the committee, Blair also said he's bringing in new border controls on firearms but he gave no details. For the most up to date information on what the Liberals are doing on guns, be sure to check [thegunblog.ca](#)

Bill Blair's OIC Gun Ban

- **The Gift That Keeps On Giving Nightmares**

From the Canadian Shooting Sport Media Advisory of December 14, 2020

Bill Blair's May 1st gun ban by Order in Council (OIC) is an evil gift that keeps on giving long after it's faded from the headlines. The Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association (CSAAA) learned just how evil when a senior official at Public Safety Canada answered a series of questions about the new gun ban. In the case of Non-Restricted firearms that were reclassified to Prohibited secretly by the RCMP after May 1st, owners of those firearms are not protected by the amnesty.

For more, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yboztofv>

Liberal Firearms Ban Unlikely to Curb Gun Violence, RCMP Union Says, Calling for 'Evidence Based' Policy

- **Criticism of the Liberal Gun Ban Comes as the Federal Government Has so far Failed to Secure a Private-sector Contractor to Design a Federal Buyback Program**

From: The National Post - November 24, 2020

Author: Jesse Snyder

Ottawa — The union representing the RCMP says the Liberal government's firearms ban is unlikely to curb gun violence in Canada, and is calling on Ottawa to instead introduce "evidence-based" measures to ensure public safety.

The National Police Federation, representing 20,000 RCMP members, issued a statement Monday expressing concern over the rising levels of gun violence in Canada in recent years. The group is seeking increased funding commitments from the federal government, largely to bolster protection measures along the Canada-U.S. border as a way to stem the smuggling of firearms into Canada.

Brian Sauvé, president of the National Police Federation, said policies like the firearms ban introduced by Public Safety Minister Bill Blair earlier this year tend to be politically popular, but fail to address the root cause of gun violence. Blair in May introduced a sweeping prohibition on 1,500 "military-style" gun variants, effectively giving gun owners two years to turn in their now-illegal firearms.

For more on this topic, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y9mq4na>

Trap

- **Bill Farr Memorial Shoot.**

Dave Graham / Brendan Wong

Last November 1st, twenty-one shooters participated in our annual Bill Farr Memorial Shoot.

With a score of 44/50, winner Gary Woods (shown left) took home a total of \$560, which included the high gun purse.

Congratulations, Gary!



Fishing

- **Fishing in Later Years - A New Monthly Webinar Series for Our 65+ Community in B.C.**

The BCWF is bringing the outdoors to your home! The BCWF Fish Habitat Restoration and Education Program will be hosting webinars once a month from December 2020 until March 2021 featuring topics related to fishing and outdoor recreation activities. During these 2-hour long webinars, participants will have the chance to hear from experienced anglers and outdoor enthusiasts about a variety of outdoor activities that can still be accessed safely during COVID-19. Check out the webpage and/or register for one of the webinars at <https://tinyurl.com/y9nmf6pk>

Questions?

Email officeadmin@ridgedale.net or call (604) 826-0552 during office hours:

Tuesdays: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

- December 29
- January 5, 12, 19 and 26

Thursdays: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- December 31
- January 7, 14, 21 and 28

→ The email addresses of the Executive and Section Chairs can be found at <http://ridgedale.net/contact>.



Due to the pandemic, wide-ranging new rules for social interactions, recreation and travel are in place across the province. Though this makes the holiday season very different, let's make the best of it.

Wishing you the Merriest Possible Christmas & a Happy Healthy New Year!

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