

# Nelson District Rod & Gun Club Conservation Society

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## **Centennial Heritage .303 Rifle Match 2014**

Saturday, 16 Aug 2014 saw another great .303 British Heritage Match day! This year was special, because it has been **100 years to the month** since Canada, a country not yet 50 years old, went to combat in World War I, August 1914. Our soldiers carried Lee-Enfield and Ross Rifles in .303 British caliber onto grim battlefields from which many never returned.

Many claim the rifles made the difference in the war. The truth is that the courage and perseverance of our soldiers, coupled with fine weapons, as in every war, brought us to victory. The Nelson district Rod & Gun Club honors that courage with the annual Heritage Match, held with some of the very rifles that were used on those battlefields. Some rifles were well over 100 years old, and still shooting fine. (Article continued on Page 3.)



– Jack Floyd. Photo: Dan Danforth.

## **Upcoming CORE and PAL courses at the Club Hall**

### **The Perfect Christmas Gift!**

**PAL program** – January 17 & 18, 2015

Cost: Non-restricted \$100 Restricted \$70 There will be NO challenges accepted.

**CORE program** – January 24 & 25, 2015 Cost: \$150

for information please call Joanie @ 250 825 4219

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<p><b><u>Annual General Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>January 13, 2014</b></p> <p>Meeting begins at 7:15 PM</p> <p>Directors Meetings as called for</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Executives for 2014</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Richard Green</td> <td>President</td> <td>250-352-5609</td> <td>scaler1@shaw.ca</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bob Vliet</td> <td>Vice president</td> <td>250-357-9309</td> <td>rgvliet@telus.net</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wally Kampen</td> <td>Past President</td> <td>250-354-4349</td> <td>wally.k@shaw.ca</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Frances Brown</td> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>250-352-7406</td> <td>francesmbrown@telus.net</td> </tr> </table>	Richard Green	President	250-352-5609	scaler1@shaw.ca	Bob Vliet	Vice president	250-357-9309	rgvliet@telus.net	Wally Kampen	Past President	250-354-4349	wally.k@shaw.ca	Frances Brown	Treasurer	250-352-7406	francesmbrown@telus.net																																				
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(continued from Page 1) The day started with dark clouds and rain, but improved steadily as the match went on, which was symbolic of how those battles went for us in WW I. No wind, and a covered firing point provided optimum shooting for heritage shooters. A change this year was to allow shooters a choice to use the benches to shoot versus just prone shooting off the berm. They had no other aids to shoot, and the scores were considered fair to all. Shooters were in attendance from the U.S., and of course, throughout the Kootenays. Rifles were of all styles of .303 – Lee Enfields Marks 1, 2, 4, Ross Rifles, and sporterized versions of .303, as long as they had original issue iron sights! Shooter conversation between relays showed that the aggregate knowledge of .303 British Canadian military rifles was impressive. This knowledge, and shooting lore in general, was shared freely by all present at this match. It was certainly enough to give the new shooters a serious boost in the knowledge and experience department.

The main match is shot at 100 yd, 300 yd, and 200 yd, consecutively, and provided a real challenge to shooter skill. Remembering to adjust the sights properly between distances was stressed because nobody wants to walk up to a blank target! On this day, the wind was very kind to us, and stayed very light. The Mad Minute was just that – 60 seconds to try and get 15 aimed rounds into your target at 200 yards – at 4 seconds per shot, including at least one necessary reload, it is a rare shooter who fires all 15 rounds before the whistle blows! Historically, the Mad Minute was a British Army tactic of rapid volley firing of rifles, by formed troops, to saturate an enemy position with rifle fire. It was successful enough that some enemy leaders in WW I believed it to be machine guns! The food was provided by volunteer cooking wizards who can make an ordinary BBQ produce tasty marvels ! There was plenty for all, and timely served up! Cookies, cake, and beverages for every taste completed the menu and kept everyone “topped up”.

Jack Floyd, a very long time member of the club spoke of the historical significance and relevance of this match to Canadians, and to our American friends and allies. Trophies were awarded and concluded a great day.

*Dan Danforth, Active Member.*

### **Notice from the Editor,**

As I'm sure many of you have noticed Newsletters have been few and far between. I simply do not have the time to give the document it's full deserved attention. There have been some great articles missed, event notices that did not go out timely or in some cases at all, I apologize.

Previously a replacement was sought, with the option that I would continue on until one was found. Nobody came forward. As it stands come January if no one steps forward I will be stepping down. The Club and the readership deserve better.

If you're interested please email: [derekludwar@gmail.com](mailto:derekludwar@gmail.com)

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**The Saturday Morning TRAP SHOOT** has had a GREAT season. With a great group of dedicated shooters willing to coach newcomers in the TRAP SHOOTING sport, we encourage members to enhance their skills next spring. Thank you to the club directors, and Columbia Basin Trust, for supporting this project.

**The Sunday Morning GONG SHOOT** will commence in early December. Starts at 9:00 am til noon, depends on number of shooters. We shoot at a 12 inch GONG at 200 yards, free standing. 25 Center fire rounds are required and cost is \$5.50. Ring the GONG and the shooter receives \$.25 -- accuracy counts - BUT, it is a game of chance and always good company. Come enjoy the fun and bring a snack !

**The Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep feeding** will begin by mid-December, when the sheep return to the feeding station on the Salmo-Creston Highway, 20 minutes east of Salmo. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 10 am. Our Club purchases the hay and volunteers feed the sheep until spring. Come visit the SHEEP this winter. A "world class" experience for all to enjoy.

For information contact: - Bob Vliet [250 357 9309](tel:250-357-9309)

## Up coming Events for 2015

January 13	Annual General Meeting
March 14	Annual Awards Banquet and Fundraiser Night
March 28 & 29	West Kootenay Gun & Antique Show
May 24	Chicken Shoot
June 20 & 21	Fishing Forever / Family Fishing Day
August 15	.303 British Rifle Heritage Match

Volunteers for Every Event are Welcome !! To help, please contact any club director.

**The Annual General Meeting of the Nelson District Rod and Gun Club will be held on  
January 13 2015**

**If at all possible please attend and let your voice be heard.**

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## Hall and Range Scheduling

The Outdoor Range is closed on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014 - 8am to 5 pm

**Ladies Shoot:** From October 2nd on we will be back at the indoor range at 6pm If it's your 1st time please email Angela at onthetarget@hotmail.com to pre-book an orientation at an earlier time.

**A notice to ALL Range users:** You must sign the log book every time you use the ranges. Both the indoor and outdoor. If you do not sign, you are not covered by the insurance.

Please do not remove the "SIGN-IN" book from the range.

For outdoor range keys: Please call - Lorne Trickett [250-825-4219](tel:250-825-4219) or Bob Vliet [250-357-9309](tel:250-357-9309)

**Indoor Pistol Shooting:** Wednesday nights @ 6:30 pm -- contact Bob Vliet @ 250 357 9309

**Wednesday night pistol shooters:** If you wish to shoot before 6:30 pm, please call Bob to arrange early access to the indoor range.

Can. Firearms Safety Course for a PAL, age 12

Nelson Selkirk College ph [250-352-6601](tel:250-352-6601)

- Dec. 13-14, Jan. 31 Feb.1

Kaslo Selkirk College ph [250-353-2618](tel:250-353-2618)

-Jan. 24-25

-to Challenge at the above dates, age 18, call Dennis Millan [250-229-4401](tel:250-229-4401)

**To reserve your Table for West Kootenay Gun & Antique Show, March 28 & 29, 2015**

please call Gerry Vliet at [250 357 9309](tel:250-357-9309)



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## Nelson District Rod & Gun Club – P.O. Box 16, Nelson, BC V1L 5P7

### Membership Registration/Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: (Street, PO Box, Apartment) \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: New: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: (check one)

Individual \$60 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$85 \_\_\_\_\_ Senior: \$60 \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Juniors(18 and under) \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**A Parent/Guardian Signature**

**is required for Juniors:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Names of family members:

Spouse: (must occupy same residence): \_\_\_\_\_

Children: list children between ages of 5 and 18 -- including age (for additional space – use reverse)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

### For new members:

Are/were you a member of the BCWF , if so # \_\_\_\_\_ or date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: (check one) Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Cd: Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: Mo \_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_\_

If you want to have an automatic dues deduction made from your credit card **EACH YEAR** please sign here \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest (please check off as many as are applicable)

Archery  Camping  Conservation  ATV  Hunting  Fishing

Social  Rifle  Hand Gun  Trap Shooting  Hiking  Access/Land Use

Volunteer Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you require a key to the outdoor range?** \_\_\_\_\_

**You must provide your Firearms Lic # \_\_\_\_\_ date of expiry \_\_\_\_\_**

How do you wish to receive the Club Newsletter? e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ or post \_\_\_\_\_