

# Nelson District Rod & Gun Club Conservation Society

PO Box 16, Nelson BC V1L 5P7

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## Special Notices

If you have an interest in becoming our newsletter editor, please give Richard Green a call at 250-352-5609.

If you use any of our ranges – indoor pistol/.22 calibre, archery, outdoor rifle or trap – **then you must sign in when you arrive - legibly. Also record your membership number.** If you fail to sign in, then you are not covered by the club insurance and the club may also be at risk as it is a condition of our policy that all users do sign in. Guests must also record their address and phone number.

**This year our insurance does NOT cover ATV use** while hunting or fishing. It will be necessary for ATV owners to apply for their own insurance – from ICBC or from an insurance broker. HUB International (250-753-4169) offers \$200,000 full use personal activity third party liability for \$55 annually. Other amounts are available, as are fire, theft, and other areas of insurance.

**Volunteers are needed!** Particularly for each of our upcoming events (see page 2). First on the list is our annual banquet. If you can offer a bit of your time then please contact Joani (825-4219) for kitchen help, bussing tables, preparing desserts, washing dishes; Geraldine (357-9309) for setting tables, bar help, selling draw tickets, or cleanup after the event Saturday evening and again Sunday morning; or Richard (352-5609) for soliciting donations, setting up auctions and bucket draws, being available to taxi home anyone who needs transport Saturday evening . Hall set up for the banquet will begin at 4:00 pm Wed. Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>

**Volunteers are also needed** for our Gun Show March 28 & 29. Kitchen help, traffic detail, selling BCWF Conservation Lottery tickets, cleanup Saturday afternoon March 29<sup>th</sup> – contact Geraldine at 357-9309.

If you can assist with Meals on Wheels during March, call Richard at 352-5609.

Membership dues are due and payable before March 1<sup>st</sup> at Nelson Farmers' Supply or via post to Box 16 Nelson V1L 5P7 or at a club meeting.

After March 1<sup>st</sup> the club newsletter will be sent **only to paid-up members.** If you have not yet renewed, this will be your last newsletter until you do renew.

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<p><b>Club Meetings</b> are the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>Executive for 2015</b></p>			
<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>Annual Banquet, Awards Night and Fundraiser – March 14, 2015</p> <p>Gun Show – March 28-29, 2015</p> <p>Chicken Shoot – May 24, 2015</p> <p>Fishing Forever &amp; Family Fishing Weekend – June 20-21, 2015</p> <p>Heritage Match – August 15, 2015</p>	Richard Green	President	250-352-5609	<a href="mailto:scaler1@shaw.ca">scaler1@shaw.ca</a>
	Bob Vliet	Vice-President	250-357-9309	<a href="mailto:rgvliet@telus.net">rgvliet@telus.net</a>
	Wally Kampen	Past President	250-354-4349	<a href="mailto:wally.k@shaw.ca">wally.k@shaw.ca</a>
	Derek Ludwar	Recording Secretary	250-352-6006	<a href="mailto:derekdudwar@gmail.com">derekdudwar@gmail.com</a>
	Frances Brown	Treasurer	250-352-7406	<a href="mailto:francesmbrown@telus.net">francesmbrown@telus.net</a>
	<b>Directors for 2015</b>			
	Angela Adams-Helgren	Ladies' Shooting	250-352-7388	<a href="mailto:onthetarget@hotmail.com">onthetarget@hotmail.com</a>
	Bob Vliet	Outdoor Ranges Master Trap Shoots Sheep Feeding	250-357-9309	<a href="mailto:rgvliet@telus.net">rgvliet@telus.net</a>
	Claire De La Salle	Conservation / Environment	250-777-2955	<a href="mailto:delasalle.claire@gmail.com">delasalle.claire@gmail.com</a>
	Frances Brown	Membership	250-352-7406	<a href="mailto:francesmbrown@telus.net">francesmbrown@telus.net</a>
	Geraldine Vliet	Gun Show, Banquet Outdoor Ranges Events	250-357-9309	<a href="mailto:rgvliet@telus.net">rgvliet@telus.net</a>
	Glen Mcken	Open	250-505-5006	
	Joani Trickett	Hall Maintenance Banquet, Kitchen	250-825-4219	<a href="mailto:JoaniTrickett@telus.net">JoaniTrickett@telus.net</a>
	Marcel Leblanc	Archery	250-223-2179	<a href="mailto:narcshot@yahoo.ca">narcshot@yahoo.ca</a>
<p><b>Ongoing Events</b></p> <p>Handgun Night every Wednesday at 6:30 pm Line shooting and PPC</p> <p>Ladies' Shooting Thursdays – contact Angela at <a href="mailto:onthetarget@hotmail.com">onthetarget@hotmail.com</a></p> <p>Archery – Mondays 6 pm to 8 pm</p>	Neil Sorsdahl	Indoor Range Master	250-551-5331	<a href="mailto:neilsorsdahl@gmail.com">neilsorsdahl@gmail.com</a>
	Lorne Trickett	Bylaws, Keymaster	250-825-4219	<a href="mailto:gtstore@telus.net">gtstore@telus.net</a>
	Raya Dolma	Hall Manager Rentals	250-352-9592	<a href="mailto:rayadolma@shaw.ca">rayadolma@shaw.ca</a>
	Richard Green	Correspondence, Fishing Forever, Newsletter	250-352-5609	<a href="mailto:scaler1@shaw.ca">scaler1@shaw.ca</a>
	Terry Rasmussen	Police Liason Range Maintenance	250-226-7555	
	Wally Kampen	Fisheries/Wildlife Website	250-354-4349	<a href="mailto:wall.k@shaw.ca">wall.k@shaw.ca</a>
	<b>Coordinators for 2015</b>			
	Thor Smestad	Cottonwood Creek	250-354-1719	<a href="mailto:bthors@telus.net">bthors@telus.net</a>
	Wally Penner	Hall Acquisition	250-352-5669	<a href="mailto:wcpenner@shaw.ca">wcpenner@shaw.ca</a>
	Ron Ready	CORE Training	250-352-4219	
<p>BCWF 1-888-881-2293 <a href="http://www.bcwf.net">http://www.bcwf.net</a></p> <p>Nelson District Rod &amp; Gun <a href="http://www.nrgcbc.ca">www.nrgcbc.ca</a></p>	Annie Landry	Ladies' Shooting	250-352-0044	<a href="mailto:annie_1@shaw.ca">annie_1@shaw.ca</a>
	Al Walker	Security Codes	250-352-9752	<a href="mailto:arwalker@telus.net">arwalker@telus.net</a>

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## Game Allotment Issue

For each Limited Entry Hunt the Province of BC allocates the number of animals available for harvest, after the First Nations have their needs satisfied, between the resident hunters of BC and the (usually) non-resident clients of the Guide-Outfitters. Residents enter the LEH draw, while non-residents do not have to enter a draw; they simply pay the guide's fee for their hunt.

In order for the guides to stay in business, they receive a much larger share of the allocation than the number of their clients warrants. Recently there have been about 102,000 resident hunters compared to about 4,500 non-resident hunters. That's a ratio of about 95 to 5.

Eight years ago, in 2007, after lengthy negotiations, agreement was reached between the BC government, the BCWF, and the guide-outfitters. It was agreed that resident hunters would have priority after conservation concerns and the needs of the First Nations were met; and a complicated method was laid down for the calculations of the allotment of the available animals between the resident hunters and the guide-outfitters. Further, as there was to be a reduction in the share of the guide-outfitters, a period of five years was agreed during which the allotments would only change slowly in order to allow the guide-outfitters to adjust their businesses to the changing conditions. In 2012 the agreed allocation policy was to be fully implemented. This the government failed to do.

On December 10, 2014 the Minister of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources Operations, Steve Thomson, announced that he would change the allotments to give the non-resident hunters a larger share of the harvestable game in LEH hunts. He also planned to put Kootenay bighorn sheep on a general open season, which would open the sheep completely to the non-residents.

The BCWF protested vigorously and continues to do so. Other jurisdictions in Canada and the USA generally allow non-residents from 5% to 10% of the available animals. Minister Thomson planned to give the non-residents of BC up to 40% of the animals in some hunts (including 40% of grizzly and 25% of moose). This is not fair and does not maintain that resident hunters have higher priority than non-residents.

Friday Minister Thomson announced a few changes in his Dec. 10 plans; Kootenay sheep are to remain on LEH, with the guides allowed 40% of them; grizzly now 'only' 32% to non-residents, and several other small changes.

The BCWF is continuing its efforts to achieve a more fair allocation of game animals. If you care, please take a few minutes to send a letter to Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations, PO Box 9049, STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, BC V8W 9E2. Just let him know that you are very unhappy and that you feel strongly that his planned allocations are not fair.

See the BCWF website, <http://www.bcwf.net> for more information.

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## Notice of Motion

I, Joani Trickett, will move or cause to be moved at the March 2015 or subsequent meeting the following motion:

That new members are only granted security codes and access to the Club House

- a. upon completion of six months of membership, and
- b. must be sponsored by a current member with no less than five years of continuous membership.
- c. Application for security code and sponsorship must be indicated on access application.

Further, the member wishing unsupervised access to the premises must

- a. If the member wishes to use the indoor gun range, he/she must have successfully completed the necessary safety training;
- b. If the member wishes to use the archery range, he/she must have registered as an archer and completed the safety training.

When the above criteria have been met, upon the Club's receipt of the security deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) a key to the Club House and appropriate interior keys will be issued.

Prior to the completion of six months of membership the only access to the Club House and indoor shooting ranges that new members will be entitled to will be in the presence of a current member.

*Note: discussion and voting on the above motion will be limited to members whose 2015 dues are paid.*



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## Notice of Motion

I, Frances Brown, will move, or cause to be moved at the April 2015 or subsequent general membership meeting the following:

That, effective October 1, 2015, the annual membership dues for the Nelson District Rod & Gun Club be increased to

Individual (and senior individual)	\$85.00
Family	\$110.00
Junior	\$60.00

*Note: discussion and voting on the above motion will be limited to members who have paid their 2015 dues.*



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## 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?** \_\_\_\_\_