

Nelson District Rod & Gun Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Update and Renewed Communications Plan

Hello Members,

As many of you have probably noticed, the newsletter has been lost in the shuffle for the past few months. Please accept my apologies, and thank you for your patience. New deadlines have been set for submissions to the newsletter. If you would like to submit an article, event, or other content, please submit your information no later than the 15th of the month. The sooner the better.

Web and Facebook mediums are also available for those with internet access. <http://nrgcbc.ca/> and <https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub> Editing rights of any submitted content for grammar and length are reserved, but it will be done the intent to keep the flavour and feel of your article true to your words. Longer articles may be created for the website, but a summarization will be required for the newsletter and Facebook. Photos are also welcome. Proper attribution will be given by default, with anonymity available if desired, and notes for articles will be made if any editing is performed. Please contact Andrew Vliet for further details and to submit any content, corrections, or complaints. avliet@vlietwerkz.ca +1 403 667 3201 +1 250 357 9309

Many thanks to Richard Green and Alan Bond for their assistance and advice getting the Newsletter back on track. Many thanks also to Claire de la Salle for her work with the website and Facebook.

Andrew Vliet

Kootenay Lake Action Plan Presented to Public

The kokanee recovery plan was officially released to the public in Balfour, B.C., June 16th, with nearly 100 people hearing from officials that the government will plant five million eggs in the Meadow Creek spawning channel this fall while keeping the kokanee fishery closed.

The public questioned the projected numbers, as well as the timing of recovery that the Ministry predicts to start next year. The BCWF's position is that is too optimistic and that it will take at least six years for kokanee to recover and longer for trout and that the Ministry hasn't talked about how long Gerrard rainbows would take to recover (at least ten years).

The Ministry continues to deny that the West Arm kokanee population is now in peril due to predators moving in because of a lack of kokanee in the main lake - an issue the BCWF has raised a number of times.

The recovery plan was developed under the direction of an expert advisory panel, and with the support

of local First Nations, the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC and the BC Wildlife Federation.

BCWF

CBT Recreation Infrastructure Grants

The next application deadline is July 11th. Whether you enjoy lawn bowling or golf, take to the backcountry on foot, skis or bike, or prefer to hit a tennis ball or pickle ball, dozens of expansions, improvements and new developments to the spaces that keep you moving are on their way. Thanks to Columbia Basin Trust's Recreation Infrastructure Grants, 42 projects around the region are getting over \$3.5 million in support.

The Trust announced the \$9-million, three-year program in January 2016. It provides financial support to help communities and groups build new recreation infrastructure or upgrade existing recreation infrastructure.

Claire de la Salle

Grassland and Rangeland Enhancement Program

Delivered for the Columbia Basin Trust by the Kootenay Livestock Association, the Grassland and Rangeland Enhancement Program supports efforts to maintain and/or enhance grassland resources while meeting conservation, environmental and recreational objectives. Objectives include promoting the stewardship of the grassland resource, striving to maintain and enhance biodiversity and long-term fish and wildlife productivity in public grassland ecosystems and improving compatibility between livestock management and recreation use. Currently accepting applications for projects for the 2016 funding.

Claire de la Salle

Hunting and Fishing Regulation Changes:

There have been 85 regulatory changes in the synopsis for 2016-2018. Please pick up a copy at your local store, or find the electronic version here: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis>

Bob Vliet

Kootenay Conservation Program

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Message from the Chair

The Executive Committee asks that you join us in welcoming Juliet Craig as the new Program Manager of the Kootenay Conservation Program. Juliet is probably already known to many of you through her existing conservation work in the Kootenays and we look forward to her bringing this same passion to the KCP. At this time we would also like to extend our thanks to David Hillary for his commitment and dedication to the KCP as its Program Manager for the past five years and to Adrienne Shaw for her leadership and successes in the role of Stewardship Coordinator. We wish them both the very best in their future endeavours.

Sincerely,

Derek Petersen - Chair, Kootenay Conservation Program

News on the Mickey McEwen Hall

A new feature of the web site is all hall bookings are now published on the web site. Look under "Resources" then "Hall Rental" and "2016 Dates Booked" and you will see when we have the hall booked. Also if anyone of your friends is interested the rates are posted. Leave Alan a message at +1 250 352 9592 to get more information on the hall and rental availability.

Tai Chi is now renting the hall on a year round basis besides the seasonal interest they started last year. Monday evenings will be year round and Thursday mornings will be from September to May. The Navy League/ Nelson Sea Cadets have moved on to other accommodations as of June 30th ending their long term relationship as seasonal renters. We wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Alan Bond

BCWF

Backcountry Access Under Threat

The BCWF and its members know how important public access to the wilderness is. Allowing more people into the backcountry helps protect it from poachers and vandals but increasingly, outdoor enthusiasts are finding gates across roads that used to be open.

That's why the BC Wildlife Federation has launched a campaign to press landowners and government to restore public access to our wild spaces.

"Right to Roam" is enshrined in many northern European nations, but in Canada, only Nova Scotia protects the right of people to cross uncultivated private land to reach fishing lakes and streams.

A white paper prepared by the Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Victoria. [This article](#) is calling for the B.C. government to take action.

Meantime, for a good example of the challenges facing backcountry hikers, read [Vancouver Sun's coverage of Spine Trail and public access](#)

Report

Didymosphenia Blooms in the Columbia Basin

Have you seen Didymosphenis blooms? 'Didymo' or rock snot blooms have been occurring with greater frequency in many parts of the world. Though the species is endemic to the region, the blooms are a new phenomenon. There are a number of different hypotheses to explain why they are occurring, but our understanding is still limited. Didymo leads to fouling of the river environment and can lead to complications for fish. Report the presence of a bloom here.

Claire de la Salle

Fishing Forever/Family Fishing Weekend June 18-19, 2016

Again this Fathers' Day Weekend we had a successful and rewarding event at Cottonwood Lake. The weather was cooler than desired, and there was heavy rain and wind Saturday night, but during the daytime precipitation held off while we were on the lake.

Saturday for Fishing Forever a busload came from Mountain Lake Seniors Community (thanks Sandra and staff) to join a couple of van loads from Kootenay Society for Community Living (Castlegar – thanks Nova and staff) and various local individuals.

Unfortunately Nelson Jubilee Manor was unable to send the usual busload this year. We did get 74 registered for the day. An osprey demonstrated its unique fishing technique.

Sunday Family Fishing saw 231 registered, with only fair success with the fishing. However, the flow was steady and there were only a few delays in getting on the water. The occasion was augmented by the presence of Bubbles the clown and an educational booth with Erin Bates from Central Kootenay Invasive Species.

Heartfelt thanks to those who volunteered to assist and to those who brought boats for our use. Many hours were spent taking out boatloads, operating the kitchen, and setting up/cleaning up. We had one volunteer from Ontario, and another from Surrey! A number of folks made a point of offering their thanks for the club's efforts in making this a highlight day in the community.

Donations are gratefully acknowledged from Family Fishing Society (cash and fishing gear), Andex (washing station), Ben Beetlestone (bait), Jason Hawkes (sundry handouts), Gerry Vliet (door prizes), Glen McKen (firewood), as well as the province and Freshwater Fisheries Society for stocking the lake. In particular I wish to acknowledge and thank A & W Restaurant (Nelson) for providing the burgers and buns to feed over 300 people!

I hope to share my favourite event with you next Fathers' Day Weekend at Cottonwood Lake!

Richard Green

Help Wanted:

Finance Committee Member – Open to any club member in good standing. Call Bob Vliet to apply. +1 250 357 9309

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Club Treasurer - Call Bob Vliet for details and to apply or submit a name of an interested party. +1 250 357 9309 rgvliet@telus.net

Newsletter Editor - This position involves assembling and layout of the monthly newsletter.

Newsletter Producer - This position involves newsletter circulation, partly by email and partly by post.

* These two newsletter positions can be combined. Please contact +1 250 357 9309 avliet@vlietwerkz.ca

Content – Submissions of content and short articles for the newsletter, website and facebook are welcome and encouraged. Right to edit articles for clarity and content is reserved. Content must be submitted by 15th of each to be considered for that month's upcoming newsletter, but the sooner the better. Please contact Andrew Vliet to submit content or for further details. +1 403 667 3201 avliet@vlietwerkz.ca

Publicity Coordinator – NDRGC requires assistance getting our message out. Anyone willing to help work to spread the message through text, facebook, newsletter, and other means, please contact Andrew Vliet, avliet@vlietwerkz.ca, or Claire de la Salle, delasalle.claire@gmail.com

Helpers and Range Officers - Required for the August 6th and 7th turkey shot and sight-in days. Please contact Gerry Vliet. +1 250 357 9309 rgvliet@telus.net

Helpers and Range Officers – Required for the Heritage Match, Saturday, August 20th. Please contact Gerry Vliet. +1 250 357 9309 rgvliet@telus.net

General Volunteers – If you would like to be on the list for call-outs for volunteers, please submit your name and phone number to nrgcbcweb@secure-by-design.com

Kitchen Help – Nelson District Rod & Gun Club will be running the concession for the Seniors Garage Sale on September 24th and 25th. Concession proceeds will be used for club activities. Please contact Gerry Vliet to help put this together. +1 250 357 9309 rgvliet@telus.net

Fun Shoot Volunteers – Organizers and Volunteers are needed to assist putting the turkey shoot component of the Turkey Shoot and Annual Sight-In Days together for August 24th and 25th. Please

contact Bob Vliet. +1 250 357 9309 rgvliet@telus.net

Upcoming Events:

Annual Heritage Match –

Saturday August 20th, 0900-1600hrs. Open to all 303 British rifles.

Garage Sale – The Nelson

Seniors Advocacy group is sponsoring a garage sale September 24th and 25th. Please contact Gerry Vliet +1 250 357 9309 rgvliet@telus.net Nelson District Rod and Gun Club will be running a concession during the event. Please check the Help Wanted section “Kitchen Help” for further details.

Turkey Shoot and Sight-In days

– NDRGC Annual sight-in days are August 6th and 7th. These event is open to the public to bring their firearms for a sight-in. This year, we will also be putting on a “Turkey Shoot” fun event in a similar format to the Spring Chicken Shoot. Volunteers and range officers will be needed. Please contact the Events director, Gerry Vliet or the Outdoor Range Master, Bob Vliet for further information. +1 250 357 9309 rgvliet@telus.net

Ongoing Events: Executives for 2016

Indoor Archery – Tuesday evenings. Please contact Marcel Leblanc (+1 360 566 2910 narcshot@yahoo.ca) or Darcy Lutz (+1 250 354 7247 d2lutz@telus.net) for further details.

Bob Vliet	President	357-9309	rgvliet@telus.net
Richard Green	Past President	352-5609	scaler1@shaw.ca
Frances Brown	Treasurer	352-7406	francesmbrown@telus.net
Derek Ludwar	Recording Secretary	352-6006	derekludwar@gmail.com

Indoor Shooting – Wednesday evenings. Please contact Neil Sorsdahl for further information. +1 250 551 5331 neilsorsdahl@gmail.com

Directors For 2016

Alan Bond	Hall Manager, Hall Acquisition	352-9592	
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Gerry Vliet	Events	357-9309	rgvliet@telus.net
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Marcel Leblanc	Archery	566-2910	narcshot@yahoo.ca
Marvin Paisner	Community Liason, Cottonwood Creek, Police Liason	229-5710	paisners@shaw.ca
Neil Sorsdahl	Indoor Range	551-5331	neilsorsdahl@gmail.com
Richard Green	Fishing Forever	352-5609	scaler1@shaw.ca

Youth Shooting – Friday evenings, 1800-2000hrs, please contact Darren Marsh for details. +1 250 354 8853 daremarsh@gmail.com

Trap Shooting – Every Sunday, 0900-1300hrs, at the Barrett Creek Outdoor Range. Please contact Bob Vliet for further information. +1 250 357 9309 rgvliet@telus.net

Advertising:

If you would like to advertise with the club for publication on the website, newsletter, and/or facebook, please submit the details of your event or item to avliet@vlietwerkz.ca +1 403 667 3201 +1 250 357 9309

Coordinators for 2016

Al Walker	Alarm Codes	352-9752	
Alan Thomson	Cottonwood Creek	505-5376	alant2@telus.net
Bob Vliet	Sheep Feeding, Trap Shooting	357-9309	rgvliet@telus.net
Calvin Hacking	Bylaws		calvin.hacking@gmail.com
Darcey Lutz	3D Archery Shoot	354-7247	d2lutz@telus.net
Frances Brown	Membership	352-7406	francesmbrown@telus.net
Ron Ready	Core Training	825-4219	
Wally Kampen	Hall Maintenance	354-4349	wally.k@shaw.ca
Anita Bowers	Ladies' Shoot	354-2998	ladiestargetshooting.nrgc@gmail.com

Kootenay Lake Community Values Study.

Community Values Survey, June 15 – July 15. The survey is online at www.friendsofkootenaylake.ca and eligible surveys are entered into a cash draw for \$150. The survey is spearheaded by the Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society and will provide a snapshot of values from across the lake to help support planning and management for development, recreation and stewardship of Kootenay Lake.

*While other planning processes for individual communities have stated the importance of the lake for their well-being, no comprehensive vision for the future of the lake exists. Given the lake's importance, it is critical that a comprehensive vision for the lake's future be developed to manage for ecological, social, cultural, and economic values across jurisdictions.

The Community Values Survey is an important step toward building a common vision and is potentially an important component in any future planning and management for Kootenay Lake.

Claire de la Salle (edited)