



# NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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## Newsletter April 2018

### NEWS:

#### FIVE KOOTENAY PASS BIGHORN SHEEP SHOT!

#### FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

Yes, five bighorn sheep were shot – but with sedative darts to allow wildlife biologists to put Global Positioning System (GPS) collars on some of the sheep, and do a comprehensive health check for diseases, parasites, fitness, and DNA checks.

Now you have calmed down, here are a few details!

A Wildlife Biologist from the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations, contacted us to say they wanted to start a collaring program that would last about four years. It developed that the Kalispel Tribe, Washington, Natural Resource Department, had an interest in Kootenay Pass bighorn sheep. This is because they believe the sheep migrated to Kootenay Pass from the area of Sullivan Lake in Washington. The plan, funded by the Kalispel Tribe, was to collar some sheep, both rams and ewes, and monitor their travel thru the GPS signals. Sheep don't have passports, and wildlife does not observe human borders. So this was the best way to track their movements to see where they migrated seasonally, and how many might do so. The DNA test would also give a clear indication of genetic relationships between the Sullivan Lake bighorns and Kootenay Pass bighorns.

Much planning and preparation was done to ensure that the darted bighorns came to no harm while the sedative was taking effect, or while the antidote recovered them. Traffic signallers were hired for the highway to stop traffic if any should go that far. Special padded carriers with multiple handles were provided to carry sedated sheep out of harms way should they get to the road, or any unsafe slope. Club Volunteers from Salmo, Nelson, and Fruitvale were standing by

to “guide” sheep away from hazards should they wander too far after darting, or the administration of the antidote.



The Operation was an unqualified and surprisingly quick success. What was planned for two full days, happened in one long half-day, minimizing the impact on the bighorns.

The darts were fired from a pneumatic “gun” with barely a sound. The sheep were very close, aim was excellent, and they folded down nicely in short order. Then the team hooded the sedated sheep to protect the eyes and avoid upsetting the animal. The team then very quickly took blood samples, feces samples, checked for parasites, and examined the sheep for general condition. Notes were compiled at the scene (gotta love laptops!) and the samples were bagged & tagged for laboratory testing. A color-coded GPS collar was attached, a tag was added to an ear, and the antidote administered. Each sheep collared was observed until it was fully functional before darting the next. The collar straps are engineered to degrade and fall off in about four years. In the meantime, satellite technology gives a very frequent update on where the collared sheep are at any given time. They are herd animals, so it is safe to assume other sheep are with the collars. To date, the sheep have followed their expected patterns of movement. Fairly soon, as spring “greens” the slopes, they will start to separate into maternal ewe & lamb groups, and bachelor ram groups. The reason both ewes and rams were collared is because it is known the groups spend the warmer months at separate locations.

The team pronounced that **our** herd seemed particularly healthy from their observations, lab tests pending.

All of the volunteers said they had a fascinating experience, and were pleased to be able to assist such an operation. The next four years will provide interesting data too!

The Operation was a collaborative effort by the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources, the Kalispel Tribe, Washington, Nelson District Rod & Gun Club, Trail Wildlife Association, and West Kootenay Big Game Hunters Association.

Submitted by Dan Danforth

Addendum: Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure was a partner  
Kalispel Tribe paid for collars and Todd Baldwin’s (Forest and Fish Project Manager for the Kalispel Tribe) and Joel’s time

Ministry of FLNRO paid for Bryan and Irene Teske's (wildlife biologist with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources, Cranbrook) time and some of the health testing  
MOTI paid for flaggers and traffic signs

## Awards Banquet and Fundraiser:



Congratulations to award recipients: Conservation Award – **Dan Danforth**:  
President's Award – **Alan Bond**

Heritage Match 2017:

Range Master trophy 100 yards – **Dan Danforth**

Tramway trophy 200 yards – **Colin Kenning**

Captain Carrie Cup 300 yards – **Brian Gagnon and Jon Demers** (tie)

Aggregate – total of the 100, 200, and 300 yard matches

Home Loan and Contract trophy first place – **Dan Danforth**

Annable Cup second place - **Jon Demers**

Agricultural and Industrial trophy third place – **Brian Gagnon**

CPR Cup "tyro"- next highest score with no previous individual medal – **Nathan Ward**

Partington Challenge Cup Mad Minute – **Tom Pettman**

Fred Watson trophy Memorial Shoot – **Tom Pettman**

City of Nelson Challenge Shield-teams first place – **Brian Wylie**

**Colin Kenning**

**Tom Pettman**

This year, as the club celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we hosted what many have called "our best banquet ever". The hall was full, in fact sold out two days before, the food was excellent due to our fine kitchen staff led by Jennifer Francoeur, and the fundraising went well – so well, that we achieved our best net proceeds ever. In spite of my worrying that we were lacking for help, as usual the holes in our workforce were cheerfully filled (to my great relief!) when the time came by various members.

**My most sincere thanks to the donors of merchandise and meat and to the workers who made it all come together in such an enjoyable and successful fashion.**

*-by Richard Green*

## AWARDS BANQUET & FUNDRAISER SPONSOR LIST – 2018

A-3 Plumbing Heating & Gasfitting	A & W Restaurants	Ainsworth Hot Springs
All Seasons Cafe	Andex Rentals	Arcright Plumbing & Heating
Art of Brewing	Balfour Gill & Gift	Balfour Repair (B. Beaudoin)
Barren's Sport Shop	Blue Sky Clothing	Frances Brown
Canada Safeway	Dr. Brian Cheshire	Dr. Louise Cheshire
Cottonwood Kitchens	Cowan's Office Supplies	Dr. Kelly Davidoff
Vince DeVito Shoes	Downtown Automotive	Drop Manufacturing
Eddy Music	Katie Foley	Finley's Irish Bar & Grill
Katie Foley	Rhys Gerow	Georama Growers
Glacier View Glass	R. Green	Bruce Halstead
Herb's Alignment & Mechanical	Hipperson Hardware	Hywood Truck & Equipment
Inland Allcare	Itza Ristorante & Pizzeria	Ray Johnson
KAL Tire	Kolmel Jewellery	Kootenay Country Store Co-op
Kootenay Glass & Mirrors	Kootenay Motors	Kozy's Meat Cutting & Wrapping
Lees Auto Haus 1999	Lillie & Cohoe	Lordco
Love O' The Woods (L. MacMillan)	Maglio Building Centre	Main Jet Motorsports
Mallards Source for Sports	Martech Electrical Systems	Glen Mcken
NAPA Auto Parts	Nelson Brewing	Nelson Chocofellar
Nelson Chrysler	Nelson & District Credit Union	Nelson Ford
Nelson Home Hardware Building Centre	Nelson Police Association	Nelson Toyota
Otter Books	Don Pedersen	Pharmasave
Railway Coffeehouse	RHC Insurance Brokers	Save-On Foods
Selkirk Eye Care (Dr. J. Proctor)	Shoppers Drug	SK Electronics
Snow Pack Outdoor Experience	Speedy Glass (Brian McKellar)	Taylor-Wilton Nelson
Jack Tolles	Torchlight Brewing	Valhalla Pure
Vienna Café	Wall-Tone Painting & Contracting	Western Auto Wreckers
Wine Kitz	J. Yasek Contracting	Zap Welding

Many thanks for fish, fowl and meat donations go to Jason Hawkes, Kozy's Meat Cutting & Wrapping, Fisherman's Market, John Wright, Howie Grant, Bruce Halstead, Gary Meadows.

**Please support the above businesses – they are supporting our club!**

Also a **huge** thank you to the volunteers and attendees!

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***-by Richard Green***

# Eighth Annual West Kootenay Gun and Antiques Show

March 24 and 25 we hosted the annual gun and antiques show on a weekend featuring rain and snow. Inside all was well with 34 tables of merchandise and interesting articles available. Again, it was necessary for several individuals to come forward to help out at the last minute; happily, the holes were filled and the show went on. Thank you volunteers!

Again, thanks to the hard-working kitchen staff led by Glenn McKen and to the other helpers involved from setting up Friday until takedown Sunday afternoon.

Saturday our attendance was down from previous years and sales were generally slow. Sunday business picked up and most, if not all vendors were fairly satisfied with the event.

The club did end up with a decent profit on the event and much of the proceeds will go toward maintaining and improving our ranges.

One sad note: I was informed by several folks, and others also heard the same complaint, that they had no idea the gun show was happening until they saw signs at street corners (thank you Brad Fuller for putting them out!). Please let me know what advertising is needed as apparently display advertisements in Pennywise (twice), Nelson Star, Canadian Access to Firearms, on our club website, and at least twice in the club newsletter was not enough to get the message out. That information will be valuable to whomever organizes the gun show next year.

*-by Richard Green*

On behalf of all the members, Thank You, **Richard Green** for all you have done for organizing two successful events this month!



## Project Mapleseed:

I'm hoping that the urgent response email regarding the time sensitive sign up for Project Mapleseed was helpful to interested members. The link below can still be used. It is now posted on the Project Mapleseed website for the general public.

## PROJECT MAPLESEED – JUNE 28, 2018

Project Mapleseed is a non-profit, 100% volunteer run organization committed to helping preserve Canada's firearms heritage by delivering safe and effective rifle marksmanship training to Canadians in one-day marksmanship clinics called "Mapleseeds". Project Mapleseed uses a 25-meter distance and scaled targets to simulate engaging targets from 100-400 yards in standing, sitting/kneeling and prone positions. We follow a strict curriculum that breaks down the fundamentals into its key components, starting with range safety and safe firearms handling. The objective of the course is to develop the basic rifle marksmanship skills needed to effectively engage a 4 MOA target reliably in prone position.

The day starts at 7:00am and runs to 5:30pm. The final third of the day is spent in practical exercises and in shooting marksmanship qualification tests. Participants who score 210 or more out of a possible 250 earns the shooter a Project Mapleseed Rifleman patch!

Sign up link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/project-mapleseed-june-28th-2018-nelson-district-rod-gun-club-nelson-bc-tickets-43048833219>

Direct questions to Andrew Woodward. Phone: 250-551-5050 [andrew.g.woodward@protonmail.com](mailto:andrew.g.woodward@protonmail.com)

## Outdoor Range Spring Cleaning: May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

Our intention is to:

- 1) Improve the berm at the 100 yrd range;
- 2) Install a berm behind the 300 yd target;
- 3) Move the C-can to a more convenient location;
- 4) Improvements to the archery range;
- 5) Do a maintenance check on the trap house, the trap range and have a trap shoot on the Sunday;
- 6) Level out the parking area;
- 7) Burn the piles of rubbish behind the 100 yd and 200 yd targets;

So we have lots of work to do. People should arrive with gloves, rakes and shovels and be prepared to assist with the archery range, the trap range, the rifle range or the burning of the wood piles, and general clean up (weed eaters, etc). It will be a fun time and lunch will be provided for both days.

Member Jamie Yasek has offered to provide the heavy equipment (excavator, dump truck) which is much appreciated and will definitely speed things up.

Looking forward to a great work party and a fantastic social for the Nelson Rod and Gun Club. It will be a lot of sweat but it will be well worth it.

We have a great club, but we need people to step up...Now's your chance. Come out, meet everyone and have a fun time.

Thank you and see you there May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

LET'S POLISH IT UP AND MAKE IT A DIAMOND! Submitted by Howie Grant



**Hall Manager Needed:** The NDRGC is looking for someone to become the Hall Manager.

Interested people can contact Alan Bond or Howie Grant.

**Addition to the Kitchen:** The storage and work area for the addition to the kitchen should be finished in a few weeks. We could use some help moving cabinets into the storage spaces.

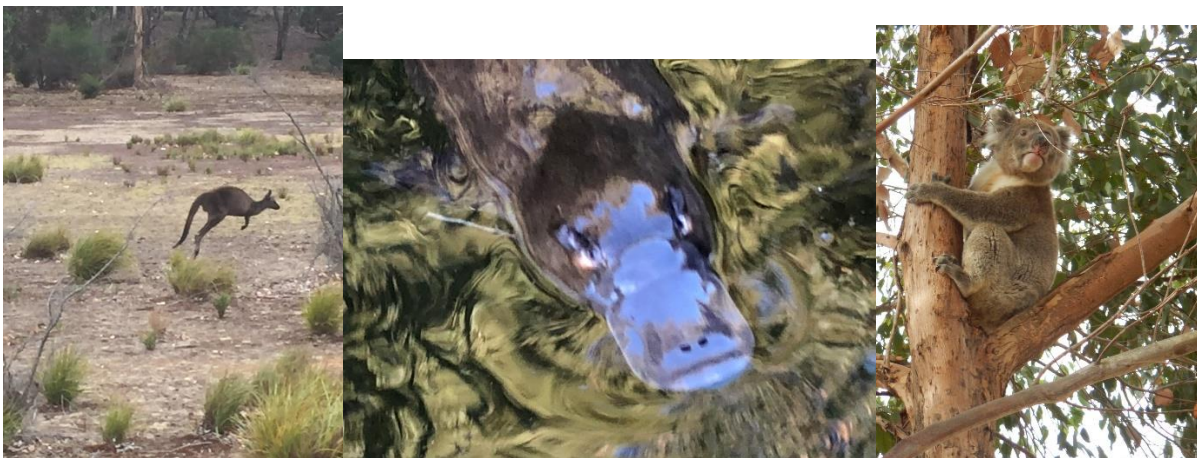
Contact: Wally Kampen



**Archery Facebook Page:** You are invited to join our, Nelson Archery, closed Facebook page.

Anyone can request to join the group. The purpose of the group is to share information about upcoming archery shoots, arrange car-pooling, post pictures, and to generally stay in touch with each other. We welcome all archers!

**Members Photos:** Wes and I had a wonderful vacation in Australia. I'd like to share with you a few of our photos.



# Nelson District Rod & Gun Club

## Ongoing Events:

April 2018

### Members Meeting

First Tuesday of the month at 7:15pm (Does not take place in January due to AGM)

### Indoor Archery

Tuesdays at 6:00pm  
Contact: Wes Smith

### Indoor Shooting

Monday at 5:00-7:00pm\*  
Wednesday at 10:30am-1200\*  
and Wed. 1:00pm-3:00pm\*  
Contact: Neil Sorsdahl  
250-551-5331  
[neilsorsdahl@gmail.com](mailto:neilsorsdahl@gmail.com)  
and/or Marvin Paisner  
250-229-5710  
[paisners@shaw.ca](mailto:paisners@shaw.ca)

### Ladies Shooting

Thursday at 6:00-7:00pm\*  
New shooters are invited on  
the first Thursday of the month.  
Contact: Anita Bowers

\*Check the website, <http://www.nrgcbc.ca/indoorange/>  
regularly for schedule changes and last minute range closures.\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 	3  	4 	5 	6	7
8	9 	10 	11 	12 	13	14
15	16 	17 	18 	19 	20	21
22	23 	24 	25 	26 	27	28
29	30 					



## 2018 Calendar of Events:

Chicken Shoot	Sunday, May 27
Archery Shoot	Saturday and Sunday, June 2 & 3
Fishing Forever	Saturday, June 16
Family Fishing	Sunday, June 17
Project Mapleseed	Thursday, June 28
Heritage Shoot	Sunday, August 19

## Outdoor Range Closure:

Range will be closed May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for clean up.

Range will be closed May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> for 3D Archery shoot event set-up.

Range will be closed June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> for 3D Archery Shoot.

## Buy and Sell:

Alfa Proj Model 2261 .22LR revolver, 6" barrel, stainless steel. Czech made (Brno), asking \$550

Contact: Steve Garth 250-229-5442



# Nelson District Rod & Gun Club - 2018

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## Membership Renewal or Application – after Nov. 30, 2017

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

Please print clearly

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

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

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

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Type of Membership:** (check one)

Regular \$85 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$110 \_\_\_\_\_ Senior: \$85 \_\_\_\_\_ Juniors(17 and under) \$30 \_\_\_\_\_  
Family – covers Children – age 5 to 17 and spouse or partner only

Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate If this donation is a one time only \_\_\_\_\_  
or If this donation is a yearly donation \_\_\_\_\_

Each application must be accompanied by payment

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Outdoor range keys were changed in 2016

**If you did not renew or are a new member – and want a key -- you must provide your**

**Firearms Lic #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Expiry** \_\_\_\_\_

- (Year and month)

For renewing members who have already completed the registration and signed the waiver – upon receipt of this form, you will be sent your 2018 membership card(s)

For new members and those **who did NOT** renew in 2016 or 2017

Once this application has been received, you will be sent the new membership form, together with a Club waiver. Upon return of completed documents, your membership will be activated and card(s) and other information will be mailed to you.

Failure to complete registration or sign the waiver will result in a delay in the activation of your membership.

**Membership runs January to December of each year and is not activated UNTIL you receive your membership card – simply paying the fee does not activate membership**

## 2018 Executives and Board of Directors

### Executives

President	Wally Kampen	250-354-4349	<a href="mailto:wally.k@shaw.ca">wally.k@shaw.ca</a>
Vice President	Howie Grant	250-551-1077	<a href="mailto:hhgrant@telus.net">hhgrant@telus.net</a>
Past President	Richard Green	250-352-5609	<a href="mailto:Scaler1@shaw.ca">Scaler1@shaw.ca</a>
Treasurer	Frances Brown	250-352-7406	<a href="mailto:treasurer@nrgcbc.ca">treasurer@nrgcbc.ca</a>
Recording Secretary	Wes Smith	250-304-7521	<a href="mailto:wes.smith@shaw.ca">wes.smith@shaw.ca</a>

### Directors

Marvin Paisner	Cottonwood Creek/ Indoor Firearm Range	250-229-5710	<a href="mailto:paisners@shaw.ca">paisners@shaw.ca</a>
Glen McKen	Event Assistant/Fishing Forever	250-505-5006	
Howie Grant	Police Liaison/ Outdoor Firearms Range	250-551-1077	<a href="mailto:hhgrant@telus.net">hhgrant@telus.net</a>
Frances Brown	Membership/ Treasurer/ New Society	250-352-7406	<a href="mailto:membership@nrgcbc.ca">membership@nrgcbc.ca</a>
Wes Smith	Act/Policies/Bylaws		
Andrew Woodward	Archery Indoor	250-304-7521	<a href="mailto:wes.smith@shaw.ca">wes.smith@shaw.ca</a>
Richard Green	Project Maple Seed/Spring Chicken Shoot/Heritage Match	250-551-5050	<a href="mailto:andrew.g.woodward@protonmail.com">andrew.g.woodward@protonmail.com</a>
Warren Russell	Fishing Forever/ Key Master/ Gun Show/Banquet	250-352-5609	<a href="mailto:scaler1@shaw.ca">scaler1@shaw.ca</a>
Brian Beaudoin	Archery Outdoor/Trap Range	250-352-0787	<a href="mailto:warren@WSRussell.ca">warren@WSRussell.ca</a>
	Trap Range/Ladies Shoot	250-551-4549	<a href="mailto:brian.kootrac@gmail.com">brian.kootrac@gmail.com</a>

### Coordinators:

Alan Bond	Nelson Italian Cdn Society	250-352-2289	<a href="mailto:barbalanbond@gmail.com">barbalanbond@gmail.com</a>
Anita Bowers	Ladies' Shoot	250-354-2998	<a href="mailto:ladiestargetshooting.nrgbc@gmail.com">ladiestargetshooting.nrgbc@gmail.com</a>
Darcy Lutz	3D Archery Shoot	250-354-7247	<a href="mailto:d2lutz@telus.net">d2lutz@telus.net</a>
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Alan Thomson	Cottonwood Creek	250-505-5376	<a href="mailto:alant2@telus.net">alant2@telus.net</a>
Dan Danforth	Bighorn Feeding	250-357-9303	<a href="mailto:dan357@telus.net">dan357@telus.net</a>
	Volunteer Coordinator		
Al Walker	Security	250-352-9752	<a href="mailto:arwalker@telus.net">arwalker@telus.net</a>
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## From the Editor

Hello! My name is Annette Smith. I am the Newsletter Coordinator! I am looking for your pictures of animals, scenery, articles and activities for the newsletter. Submissions accepted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to be published by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month. [newsletter@nrgbc.ca](mailto:newsletter@nrgbc.ca)

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