



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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Newsletter May 2018

NEWS: Apologizes to, Anita Bowers, our NRGCL ladies shooting coordinator. Her award was omitted from the list of award winners recognized in April's newsletter.



Anita Bowers

The ladies group invited me to try shooting on their Thursday, first of the month new shooters session. I was very anxious, to say the least. I have had absolutely no experience with guns. The group was very welcoming and explained all the safety rules to me. I jumped with the first few shots fired by the other ladies, but then settled down. I had images of the rifle hurting my shoulder from recoil. And then I shot the rifle...I was surprised that I could hit the target! It was thrilling! The ladies group were so encouraging. Now I'm interested in trying Trap shooting! It would be great to see more of our women members coming out to whether it's ladies shooting or trying out archery.
Annette Smith

Welcome new members! As of the end of March, the following are new members to our club. We look forward to your participation in our club, and welcome new ideas to make our club even better. John Albersworth, Guy Boucher, Kevin Driedger, Shawn Elder, Paddy and Claudette Flanagan, Will Geary, Michele and Terry Halleran, Brian Hyshka, Jen and Brian Johnson, Steve Loudon and Colleen Humphreys, Neil MacLeod and Joelle Lavoie, Brent McDonald, Del Melnuk, Eric Moojelsky, Jody Montpellier and Lisa Kilpatrick, Blair Suffredine, Gerald Wiese, Marianne and Douglas Wood, and Brian Lucas.

Volunteers live longer and are healthier.

Volunteers are happier and healthier than non-volunteers. In fact, during later life, volunteering is even more beneficial for one's [health](#) than exercising and eating well. Older people who volunteer remain physically functional longer, have more robust psychological well-being, and live longer. However, older people who volunteer are almost always people who volunteered earlier in life. Health and longevity gains from volunteering come from establishing meaningful volunteer roles before you retire and continuing to volunteer once you arrive in your post-[retirement](#) years.

Psychology Today



HALL RENTAL MANAGER needed. Really needed.

There is a great opportunity for the right individual to ensure the Nelson District Rod & Gun Club continues to be successful into its second century of existence. ***Not having a Hall Rental Manager (HRM) is becoming an increasing risk to the NDR&GC.***

The Hall Rental Manager manages the hall in support of the Nelson District Rod and Gun Club to reduce ownership and operating costs for the membership, recognizing the primary function of the Hall is for the use and enjoyment of the membership.

The HRM is the directing mind on many day to day decisions that impact club finances and reflects club Bylaws and Policy. The HRM is also a key representative of the club to the general public and potential renter groups, external agencies, societies, suppliers and local government. The HRM often represents the “first impression” of the club so tactic and good people skills are critical.

Interested persons should be retired or very flexible with time as often you need to accommodate other persons schedule. Proximity to hall also an asset.

NDR+GC will supply a cell phone (352-9592) for hall business. There is a 15% stipend as well.

Contact: Please contact Alan Bond, barbalanbond@gmail.com or Howie Grant, hhgrant@telus.net for more information.

WANTED: A convenor for the Annual Banquet, Awards Night and Fundraiser
and
A convenor for the Ninth West Kootenay Gun and Antiques Show

Please contact me for details of the tasks involved. Basically, this is a position providing oversight and organization and does not involve doing all the work! **I do plan to provide considerable assistance and continuity with both events.**

Richard will be happy to discuss either leadership roles further. **Richard, 352-5609**

FOOD SAFE COURSE- If anyone is interested in occasionally helping in the kitchen and wishes to take the Food Safe course, the club will reimburse the cost of the course. Contact: Glen Mcken 250-505-5006



OUTDOOR RANGE CLEAN UP: A reminder that the Outdoor Range spring clean up is May 5 and 6 starting at 9am both days. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels to assist with the archery lane, trap and rifle range, burning of wood piles, and general clean up. Lunch will be provided for both days. Contact: Howie Grant 250-551-1077

SHEEP FEEDING: Four-and-a-half-year-old Evelyn Shepherd, daughter of Chris and Chrystal, may have had the last opportunity to see the Bighorn Sheep this year on Saturday, April 14.



Richard Green, reported that no sheep were to be seen even after waiting 20 minutes, on Monday, April 16. The following is an update from Todd Baldwin sent to Richard.

“The collared animals are on the move. As of this morning the two ewes were in WA just north of Salmo mtn and 2 of the rams were still in BC just north of the ewes. 1-collar didn't transmit but I'm guessing he is with the rams.

I will let folks know as things progress but I'm guessing most of the other sheep are with the collared animals and won't be back to the feeders.”

Regards,

Todd Baldwin
Forest and Fish Project Manager/SAGE co-chair
Kalispel Tribe of Indians

TRAP COORDINATOR: Jim Brown is the new trap coordinator.

Report re 62nd BC Wildlife Federation AGM in Kamloops April 2018

Wednesday April 11 was spent driving to Kamloops on dry roads. After checking into the Coast Kamloops Hotel, Glen McKen, John Albersworth (regional voting delegate for the West Kootenay region) and I attended the Meet & Greet where many familiar folks were gathering.

Thursday morning the convention officially opened with the COS colour guard, a piper, and welcoming addresses by various dignitaries. The BCWF president, Harvey Andrusak, reported the previous year's events and activities. A start was made on debating the draft resolutions led by Jared Wilkinson, BCWF Resolutions Committee Chair. Following other updates were provided by Al Martin, BCWF Director of Strategic Initiatives, Jesse Zeman, BCWF Director of Fish & Wildlife Restoration Program, Victor Skaarup, BCWF Treasurer. Tina Coleman, the new BCWF Director of Corporate Operations, was introduced.

A lengthy session ensued for the purpose of updating the BCWF Constitution and Bylaws in order to conform to the new Societies Act of BC.

A resolution requesting that BCWF dues be increased by an additional dollar per club member, with that money going to the regional associations, was controversial and finally was tabled to the next convention. I do not expect it to be successful when it is debated again. My personal wish is for the clubs and regions to decide for themselves whether to increase regional funding.

Thursday evening was a free night for the delegates. The BCWF Directors and the Club Presidents (or their alternates) attended the president's dinner, at which a novel art print was given to each club.

Friday morning the resolutions were completed and the Minister of Forest, Natural Resources Operations, and Rural Development (FLNRORD) attended and addressed the delegates at some length. Other dignitaries from Victoria also spoke in turn; they were Doug Fosdick, Chief Conservation Officer, Ministry of Environment; Dr. Andrew Weaver, Leader, Green Party of BC; and Andrew Wilkinson, Leader, Liberal Party of BC.

Following were addresses by Brian Springinotic, CEO of the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation. This organization is funded by money from hunters and offers many grants for conservation projects as well as backing many wildlife management initiatives. Dr. Adam Ford discussed Mule Deer response to Wildfire and Habitat in Southern BC. Other speakers explored the interactions among ungulates, predators, and wildfire. We were told that mulies and white-tailed deer do not do well together – that we can have one or the other in good numbers, but not both in the same area. This idea was not readily accepted by many of the delegates.

We were also informed that the South Selkirk woodland caribou herd (the one in Kootenay Pass, that sometimes wanders into Idaho) is now down to three female animals. From south of the border money was provided to erect a maternity pen in the 'Darkwoods property' but the fence is twelve feet high and the snow is still covering it! Breakout sessions followed – three sessions were conducted concurrently. The southern Mule Deer Project was discussed by Dr. A. Ford, elsewhere Wilderness Survival/First Aid was presented, and in a third location the Interior Moose Project was outlined.

For club night that evening we were bussed to the Italian Cultural Centre Columbo Hall for diner. The only fundraising there was one, 50/50.

Saturday morning the last nominations for the 2018 BCWF executive and directors were received, followed by a lively update of Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC by Dana Aragi (formerly from Nelson) and an explanation by Dr. Rick Taylor of the modus operandi of COSEWIC (the non-governmental committee that studies species that may be at risk. The committee recommends to the federal minister re: endangered, at risk, or threatened species). Al Martin concluded this session with an exploration of the Fraser River islands downstream from Hope.

A very impressive young man, Chad Norman Day, who is President of the Tahltan Central Government, described the situation as he sees it in the Tahltan part of north-west BC – an area the size of Portugal, with 10% of the 8000 Tahltan people residing there in three villages. His talk was very well received and I am looking forward to years of cooperative wildlife management with him.

Saturday afternoon there was a most informative session concerning recreational sports shooting. Doug Bancroft recited the trials of the Saltspring Rod & Gun Club which has been harassed by a new neighbour – first for noise, then for lead pollution. That small club is engaged up to \$600,000 so far and the dispute is not yet resolved. Specifically, a judge has ruled that the club must adjust to accommodate a new neighbour. At this time there is a question of the source of some lead pollution – did it come from the club's shooting or is it a residual of WW2 coast guard practicing nearby? The Victoria Rod & Gun Club has been very generous in assisting with the financial burden but much help is still needed. The assessment of lead pollution was discussed by Thomas Loo (once from Nelson).

Note: both of these gentlemen are expected to visit Castlegar to examine the Castlegar range after the snow is gone. It seems reasonable to have them also look over our range during the same trip. Their advice will be most helpful. This possibility was discussed at length during the trip home Sunday.

Concluding the afternoon elections were held. The executive for 2018 are Harvey Andrusak, President, Bill Bosch and Don Coleman, Vice Presidents, and Vic Skaarup, Treasurer.

The gala awards dinner followed that evening and the AGM concluded with a live auction.

It must be stressed that the ballroom held a very large number of beautiful mounts – head mounts of many species and splendid life-size mounts of several animals and birds including (in the meeting room) a dandy cougar which was poised to leap upon the speakers at the microphone!

Submitted by: Richard Green

(Thank you so much for this submission. I feel like I attended the conference!)

CHICKEN SHOOT: Fun Family Event

Sunday, May 27/18 9:00 am- 4:00pm

Cost: \$10.00 (Max. \$40.00 per family)

Lunch and targets provided. All child participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Eye and ear protection is required: foam ear plugs are adequate for the noise level

Location: Barrett Creek Range off Porto Rico Rd.



Bring your friends, kids, grandkids, neighbours, or spouse

See what you can do with your .22! Ranges from 20 to 100 yards

Sorry, .22 magnums and .17 HMR are too powerful for the targets.

Contact: Andrew Woodward: andrew.g.woodward@protonmail.com

PROJECT MAPLESEED – JUNE 28, 2018

If you haven't registered for Project Mapleseed, you may be out of luck. In my last correspondence with Andrew, he informed me that there were 4 spaces left. Here's the link to register. Good luck!

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

Direct questions to Andrew Woodward. andrew.g.woodward@protonmail.com

Interesting note - the Columbia River Treaty Review Team is looking at renting the Mickey McEwen Hall for the evening of June 15, 2018 for a public presentation on the status of negotiations. We will have more information as dates and agenda are confirmed.

Submitted by Alan Bond

ARCHERY:



Some members of the archery group had a beginner traditional bow lesson. Charlie Mack gave all who attended a few tips to work on but thought all the archers shot very well. On the left is Jody Montpellier and Dez with Charlie watching. On the right is Kelly and Cooper Peloso listening intently to Charlie.

3D Archery Shoot: June 2 and 3, 2018

Plans are coming along very well for this year's shoot which promises to be the best one yet. There will be a few new targets, a moving target, cash prizes for first place, a raffle, door prizes and new this year... a tree stand 50/50 (archers will experience shooting from a tree stand at a 3D target)

Cal and Darcey will need lots of help setting up and taking down the course.

Contact Darcey: darcey64@gmail.com

The 3D Archery Shoot poster has been revised to reflect the cash prizes and to correct Darcey's email address. Please feel free to print and distribute.

NELSON & DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB 3D ARCHERY SHOOT

**JUNE 2 & 3
2018**

9AM to 3:30PM

**FUN SHOOT FOR
ALL AGES AND
SKILL LEVELS!**

AT THE JACK FLOYD RANGE
SOUTH OF NELSON AT UPPER
PORTO RICO ROAD.

DRY CAMPING AVAILABLE.

RAIN OR SHINE

**Come shoot the
sasquatch with your
longbow, recurve,
compound, crossbow.**

**SOME NEW
TARGETS THIS
YEAR, AND A
MOVING
TARGET !**

CASH PRIZES FOR 1ST

REGISTER THE MORNING OF THE SHOOT

	FAMILY	YOUTH	ADULT
WEEKEND RATE	\$70	\$25	\$40
DAY RATE	\$45	\$15	\$20

FOR MORE INFO - DARCEY LUTZ - 250-354-7241 darcey64@gmail.com

Nelson Rod and Gun Club

Ongoing Events:

May 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-12:00*
and Wed. 1:00pm-3:00pm*
Contact: Neil Sorsdahl
250-551-5331
neilsorsdahl@gmail.com
and/or Marvin Paisner
250-229-5710
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
250-354-2998
ladiestargetshooting.nrgc@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  Meeting Reminder!	2 	3 	4	5  Spring Cleaning @ Range
6 Spring cleaning 	7 	8 	9 	10 	11	12
13	14 	15 	16 	17 	18	19
20	21 	22 	23 	24 	25	26
27  Chicken Shoot	28 	29 	30 	31  Outdoor Range Closed for Archery 3D shoot set up.		

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

2018 Calendar of Events:

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

Outdoor Range Closure:

Range will be closed May 5th and 6th for clean up.

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

Range will be closed June 2nd and June 3rd for 3D Archery Shoot.

Buy and Sell:

Selling: 3006 BSA Rifle 6 power Bushnell scope. \$500.00

CVA Bobcat 50 cal Black powder gun \$125.00

Contact: Cal Laybourne Phone: 250-354-3097 Cal@columbiawireless.ca

PHOTOS



Photo taken by Doug Turner, former longtime member of NRG. There were 4 Toms and 3 Hens in his backyard. The Toms were strutting their stuff and hissing and drumming.



From the Editor

Annette Smith

Please take lots of pictures at the Chicken Shoot. (I'll be in Cranbrook for a 3D Archery Shoot). Submissions are accepted by the 20th of each month.

Please send them to:

newsletter@nrgcbc.ca

And as always, articles, photos and comments are always welcome.

Nelson District Rod & Gun Club - 2018

P.O. Box 16, Nelson, BC V1L 5P7

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)

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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	wally.k@shaw.ca
Vice President	Howie Grant	250-551-1077	hhgrant@telus.net
Past President	Richard Green	250-352-5609	Scaler1@shaw.ca
Treasurer	Frances Brown	250-352-7406	treasurer@nrgcbc.ca
Recording Secretary	Wes Smith	250-304-7521	wes.smith@shaw.ca

Directors

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

Coordinators:

Alan Bond	Nelson Italian Cdn Society	250-352-2289	barbalanbond@gmail.com
Anita Bowers	Ladies' Shoot	250-354-2998	ladiestargetshooting.nrgc@gmail.com
Darcy Lutz	3D Archery Shoot	250-354-7247	darcey64@gmail.com
Annette Smith	Newsletter	250-505-2912	newsletter@nrgcbc.ca
Alan Thomson	Cottonwood Creek	250-505-5376	alant2@telus.net
Dan Danforth	Bighorn Feeding	250-357-9303	dan357@telus.net
	Volunteer Coordinator		
Al Walker	Security	250-352-9752	arwalker@telus.net
Jim Brown	Trap	250-352-3933	jandjbrown604@gmail.com
Hall Rental	this position needs to be filled		

