



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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Indoor Range & Clubhouse: 801 Railway St, Nelson BC

Outdoor Range: 124 Porto Rico Rd (off of Hwy 6), Nelson BC

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Newsletter June 2019

NEWS:

Kokanee Fry Release

Submitted by Richard Green



The Hume Elementary School, grade 3 class, recently released Kokanee fry into Cottonwood Creek. The students hatched the fish in their own classroom aquarium.

Isabella is shown here releasing a fry. The ice cream bucket beside Isabella contains about 100 little fish.

Thanks to the Nelson area schools which conduct this fascinating hands-on program.

Grizzly Bear Safety Workshop

Submitted by Alan Bond

I took in the Public Safety Workshop on grizzly bears presented by Gillian Sanders at the hall 6:30 - 8:30 on May 15th. It was an excellent presentation. There were 90 people in the room, originally, we only set up 30 chairs. Early on in the presentation Nathan Smienk, Conservation Officer, spoke quite highly of the work Gillian has been doing in the region. The workshop included local situation and current bear sightings updates (both Nathan and Gillian), slides, video's, id points with visual tests (black vs grizzly), non defensive (predatory) and defensive bear interactions. Evening ended with everyone trying out bear spray (inert).

There were a couple offers made during the presentation that our members would be interested in. Gillian Sanders is involved in a program that provides **50% of the cost of electric bear fencing to eligible residents and businesses**. Beekeepers, orchardists, chicken farmers practically anyone with assets that have or could suffer negative consequences from bear interactions might be interested. Additionally, but only available to attendees of the workshop, Tudor Lock and Security provided coupons worth 10% off the cost of bear spray. When this gets offered again you may want to attend the free session and save money.

This is what the Nelson District Rod & Gun Club wants to be associated with: public safety message with a competent, professional, hands on delivery, regarding wildlife in our backyards.

New member, new Hall Rental, new concept

Submitted by Alan Bond

Shannon Noonan, a new member of our club is also the first Kitchen Only - Extended renter to sign a multi month agreement. We are quite keen that her use of the kitchen works out for both parties as her rental is filling some gaps in the hall rental side of things. Shannon makes up two person meals from fresh, local produce and delivers as well. Currently the menu is:

- Frozen Chicken and Spinach Curry (no rice) \$22
- Frozen Beef Bourguignon with Mushrooms and kale \$22
- Frozen Chorizo Sausage, White Bean Hungarian Stew with Egg Noodles \$22
- Frozen Italian Sausage, Red Pepper and Parmesan Phyllo Pie \$13



Will deliver to Shoreacres, Crescent Valley, South Slocan, Bonnington, Blewett, Beasley, Taghum to Nelson. Typical delivery days are Tuesday and Thursday. The \$22 price is for current inventory but will probably rise a few dollars as the menu expands. Contact Shannon by email at sknoonan@hotmail.com if you want to try out some of the meals she prepares in our kitchen.

BC Wildlife Federation 2019 Annual General Meeting, Fort St. John

Submitted by Richard Green

The conference opened with a keynote speech by Virgil Moore, recently retired Director of Idaho Fish & Game. His theme was collaboration is the route to success in wildlife management. A couple of interesting comments: Idaho spends \$150 million (US) annually on wildlife management; nearly 30% of the population hunts. The overwhelming majority of Idahoans approve of hunting.

Chuck Zuckerman, BCWF, described his efforts to convince the Canadian Senate that Bill C-71 is bad legislation. Apparently, the Senate nevertheless rejected all of the amendments offered and that bill is (or is about to be) law.

Doug Bancroft, BCWF, discussed lead remediation on club ranges and offered to visit clubs which require guidance in dealing with lead pollution.

A documentary "Heart of the Fraser" described the need for protection of the spawning grounds along the islands in the lower Fraser River. The BCWF is leading planned purchase of the two most important of those islands.

Friday morning two professors from the University of Alberta spoke on wolves – as wolves have changed the ecosystem of Yellowstone Park, and as they are reducing the Rocky Mountain elk populations.

The Wild Sheep Society of BC showed a short video which is the first in a series called 1Campfire. This is a campaign whose goal is to educate the public to comprehend that hunting is a positive activity deserving of support. The BCWF is supporting 1Campfire and several of the clubs present provided cheques as well.

Saturday Mike Bridger, BC biologist, described an experimental program examining predator management to support caribou recovery in NE BC. After four years the evidence gathered shows that the removal of 90% or more of the wolf population allows a caribou herd to increase in numbers. Less than 90% removal of wolves leads to continuing decline of the caribou herd affected. The wolf removal was accomplished by shooting from helicopters.

Professor Marco Festa-Bianchet from the Universite de Sherbrooke laid out his research showing that a few cougars develop a specialty – preying on mountain sheep. The 'solution' is to remove that cougar. The same would apply to the occasional cougar that learns to specialize on elk or moose.

He continued with his five decades of studying the evolution of smaller horns due to the selective hunting of mountain sheep. He has found that restricting hunting to full-curl rams produces a gradual reduction in the horn size of later generations of sheep.

There were many other sessions, mainly concerning wildlife and predation. The elections brought a new executive of BCWF president Bill Bosch, vice presidents Dave Carleton and Chuck Zuckerman, and treasurer Alison Carleton. Directors elected were Alan Dabb, Rick Morley, Guy LaHaye, Rob Chipman, and Boris Ivanoff. John Thornton, Barb Konig, and Mike Langegger continue for another year.

An enjoyable gala dinner Saturday evening included a live auction at which, notably, a fine wolf pelt donated by the BC Trappers' Association was auctioned fourteen times. How? It sold each time in the \$500 to \$625 range, and was donated back for resale thirteen times!

Thank you to our club for sending me to this memorable and educational convention!

TRAP SHOOTING:



Trap Shooting is starting Sunday, June 9
@ 10am.

Repeating these two very important notices: Membership Renewal alert

Just a heads up, as our membership person **Frances Brown**, will be absent from the second week of September until mid-October, there will be **no processing of renewal or new memberships** during September or most of October.

For all those members who have not yet renewed for 2019 – **dues are well overdue** and you are no longer deemed to be a member of the Club – and be reminded that you will not be able to purchase memberships at the last minute for that hunting trip in September or October that you are already planning.

If you need to renew your firearms licence and need a membership card for 2020, get in touch with Frances well before that date and she can issue you a temporary card. Membership@nrgcbc.ca

Renewal of Federal Firearms Licences - Alert

It has been brought to the Clubs attention that the requirements for renewal of a firearms licence, particularly one for anyone who has a restricted weapon, are getting more difficult, therefore we are recommending the following:

Renewing a licence in the latter part of the year (any time after August), contact the Membership individual and get a membership card for the subsequent year and send in a copy of BOTH the current year and the upcoming year membership cards. This will ensure that there is no delay in the processing of your renewal. And be reminded that the renewal process is moving to initiate that if you do not renew DURING the term of your current firearms licence, you may not be granted a renewal period. There will be no more grace period while you get your documents together as is the current practice.

Indoor Range Fun Event:

Submitted by Serge Zoritch

On Monday April 22 a .22 cal event was held to test a carnival style fun shoot at the indoor range.

Three 10 round shoots at multiple random targets made the scores a surprise for all.

High scores were placed by Wayne Richardson for long rifle with scope and Monte Skelton for handgun no scope.

The event was lightly attended but thanks to all attending who made it a fun time. Special thanks to all who participated for helping run the event.

More fun shoots will be planned for the indoor range in the months to come.



Archery News:

As your newsletter coordinator, I have the ability to toot my own horn!



For traditional archers, one of the best events on the calendar is the May long weekend, **Traditional Bowhunters of BC Rendezvous**. The 23rd Championship took place in Rock Creek with 125 shooters.

There were 15 women in the Recurve category. The top 6 were flighted and shot together on Monday. I'm proud to say, I placed 4th in this group of talented archers.

That's me 2nd from the left sporting our new NRG archery shirt. My daughter, Blaire, is far right.

Sasquatch 3D Archery Shoot:

Submitted by Darcey Lutz

Our own 3D Archery Shoot this June 1st and 2nd. Everyone who shoots arrows is welcome. Where is the kill zone on a sasquatch? There are again two courses of 20-targets set in hunting-like situations. Range finders are not allowed. One shot per target, make it count!

We have some very cool shots set up. Some are easy, some are not. **Wes Smith** and **Doug Turner** have completely re-set Course-A this year. A few fun surprises await our adventurous shooters. Can you hit a flying pig?

We encourage archers to try the new online registration form and e-transfer payment. Your scorecard will be processed and waiting for you at the event when you sign-in. Additionally, the NRG is interested in how the online registration works out for us. If successful, membership and CORE/PAL courses could be completed online in the future. This could stream line our membership process so volunteers could have more time for hunting, fishing, and shooting. The last day we can accept online registration will be May 30/19. Please give it a try! The link is below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxZPYa8cGxg0nwUV_0i5o4xQewsC2QdM4C4LIHfTYHRM6bNg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Raffle Tickets: Archers have been selling raffle tickets to raise money for a shelter on the outdoor archery range to hang bags, etc to protect them from the weather. First prize: full day guided fishing for 4 with **Reel Adventures**. Second prize: Private archery lesson for 1 and \$100 gift certificate towards a bow at **Obsessed Optics**. Tickets are only \$5. Contact any of our archers, they would be happy to sell them to you, or stop by the shoot on June 1 and 2. Archers: Please turn in sold and unsold tickets on Thursday, May 30.

Dan Danforth Estate Sale and more. Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 9:00am at the Mickey McEwen Hall.

PROJECT MAPLESEED – July 2/2019



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!

If you have questions, please contact: Andrew Woodward at: andrew.g.woodward@protonmail.com

Spaces are limited. Sign up [here](#)

Questions from Members:

1) Are the new range keys being mailed out?

Answer: The new outdoor range keys **were mailed out with the new membership cards**, if the member indicated on the renewal form that they wanted a key.

2) Can I bring a guest to shoot at the outdoor range?

Answer:

Yes, you can bring an invited guest to the outdoor range. The first visit is free and then the fee is \$10 for the next **two** visits. There are envelopes for the fee which can be deposited into this yellow box. When a guest signs in on our range log book, the Canadian Firearms Act requires the signature to be legible (printed) and that the home address and phone number of the guest be recorded in the log. A reminder to all members to sign in for insurance purposes.



3) Can other clubs use our range?

Answer:

We have a reciprocal agreement with West Kootenay Marksmen allowing members to attend each other's ranges for free, but only in the company of a current member hosting the visit. The guest must still sign in and indicate their membership number.



For Sale: a sako mdl 695, 7mm stw fiber glass stock new recoil pad \$1100.

Contact: Rubin Annett R1A@telus.net

For Sale:

WTS: Browning A-bolt 7mm rem mag. 20 years old but good quality and functions well. Made in Japan. Composite stock, blued barrel w/BOSS. 2 steel magazines, leupold 1" rings, 74 nickel brass fired in this gun. Asking \$550.

Ruger New Model Blackhawk 357 Mag. \$550 good condition. Contact: Brad 250-505-3698

For Sale: Matthews Z2 Compound Bow. Paid \$860. Selling for \$400
Warren Russell 250-551-7562



Succession Planning:

Howie Grant

The NDRGC is **looking for volunteers** to fill key positions within our Executive within the next 18 months. Specifically, we need to address the positions of Treasurer, Hall Manager and Membership. So, we are asking you, our members, to give this some very serious thought of volunteering your time and expertise in support of a well-respected organization, the NDRGC.

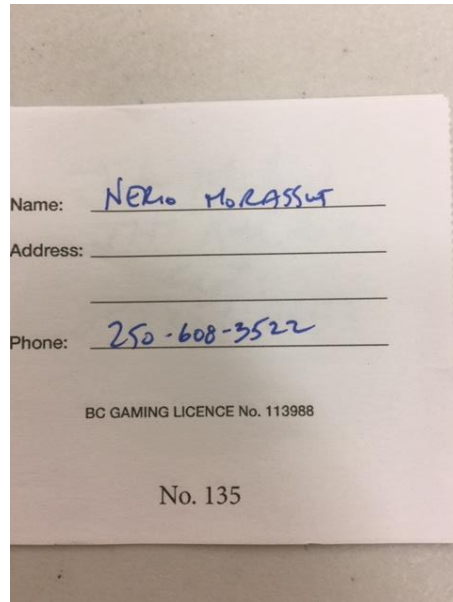
“Volunteering has been defined as a freely-chosen gift of time to the community”
(Noble, 1991).

Chicken Shoot:

This spot in the newsletter was reserved for pictures from the Spring Chicken Fun Shoot and BBQ. Unfortunately, the organizing committee was not able to recruit enough volunteers to make the event possible.

Sun Peaks couple Getaway:

The lucky winner of the Sun Peaks Couple Getaway is, **Nerio Morassut**. The ticket was sold by Wes Smith.



Name: NERIO MORASSUT

Address: _____

Phone: 250-608-3522

BC GAMING LICENCE No. 113988

No. 135

Fathers' Day Fishing Weekend June 15&16

Saturday, June 15 our club will host **Fishing Forever** at Cottonwood Lake from 9 am to 4 pm for handicapped folks. See the poster! Expect up to 100 people that day.

Sunday, June 16 we will host **Family Fishing Weekend** for kids and their families. See the poster! Expect at least 200 people that day.

Help is needed for the following:

Car top style boats with electric motors, captains for the boats, someone to direct traffic on the beach, kitchen help for Glen, someone to put up banners at the road entrance and at the parking lot, and someone to rig fishing poles.

Friday afternoon from 1:00 pm we shall be ferrying gear and materials from the club hall to the lake. Someone is needed to stay at the lake from about 1:30 pm until about 4:00 pm to guard the stuff. Sunday afternoon everything has to be taken back to the hall – about three pickup loads including my pickup.

Last year there were ten volunteers from our club and ten who were not club members. Let's do better this year! We may not get the workers from Ontario, Vancouver Island, Surrey, and Kelowna this year. **Contact Richard at 352-5609 or scaler1@shaw.ca**

The Nelson District Rod & Gun Club
Presents

Fishing Forever

Saturday JUNE 15

9am to 4pm at
Cottonwood Lake

An annual opportunity for disabled people
to enjoy a day of fishing without
having to bother with the logistics.

We Provide

- Boats
- Life Jackets
- Equipment
- Lunch
- Prizes & Gifts
- On site washrooms

No Licence Required!



Sunday JUNE 16

9am to 4pm at
Cottonwood Lake

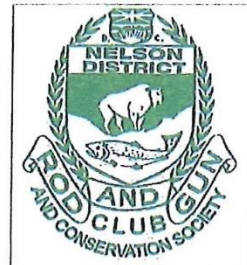
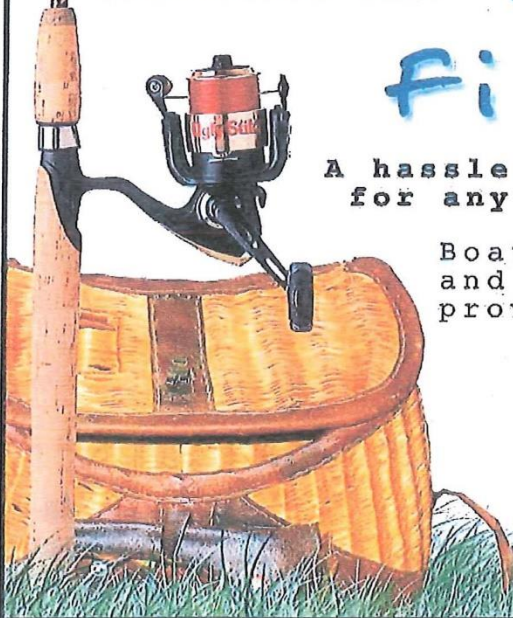
Family Fishing Day

A hassle free fishing experience
for any family to enjoy.

Boats, fishing gear
and lunch will be
provided.

**No Licence
Required!**

**Volunteers
welcome!**



Outdoor Range Cleanup:



'Our annual outdoor range cleanup was held on May 4th. Thanks to all of the volunteers that came out to help out. We got a lot of work accomplished. Special thanks to Ken for once again preparing another much-appreciated lunch. A friendly reminder to the folks using the outdoor range, please pick up your spent brass casings, used targets and put garbage in the receptacles provided. It would help greatly if this was done on a regular basis even if you have to pick up brass casings/targets/garbage that are not yours.'

Submitted by James Brown

FYI: Richard Green has cut over 400 keys for the outdoor range.

2019 Calendar of Events:

3D Archery Shoot	June 1 st and 2 nd
Fishing Forever	June 15 th
Family Fishing	June 16 th
Project Mapleseed	July 2 nd
Heritage Shoot	August 25 th

Outdoor Range: Notice of Closure

June 1-2/19: All Day

June 4/19: 9:00am-3:00pm

June 6/19: 9:00am-3:00pm

June 10- 13/19: All Day

June 14/19: 9:00am-3:pm

Sept 20/19: 8:00am-1:00pm

Sept 30/19: All Day

Oct 4/19: All Day

Social Gaming: Please note, there is no gaming Sunday, June 16 or 23 and no gaming Thursday, June 20.

Nelson District Rod & Gun Club

Ongoing Events:

June 2019

Members Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend.

Indoor Archery

Suspended for summer
Contact: Wes Smith
250-304-7521



Indoor Gun Range

Mon: 6:00pm-8:00pm*
Contact: Marvin
Paisner 250-229-5710
or paisners@shaw.ca



TRAP



Sundays

@ 10am

Social Gaming



Thursday 5:00pm-10:00pm

Sunday 4:00pm-9:00pm

Contact:

calvin.hacking@gmail.com
kirktheorc@hotmail.com

Ladies Shooting



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

Contact: Anita Bowers

ladiestargetshooting.nrgc@gmail.com

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Range Closed for 3D Archery Shoot
2 Range Closed for 3D Archery Shoot 	3 	4 Outdoor Range closed 9-3:00pm 	5	6 Outdoor Range closed 9-3:00pm 	7	8
9 	10 Outdoor Range Closed All Day 	11 Outdoor range Closed All Day	12 Outdoor Range Closed all Day	13 Outdoor Range Closed All Day 	14 Outdoor Range Closed 9-3:00pm	15
16 	17 	18	19	20 	21	22
23 	24 	25	26	27 	28	29/30 Gaming June 30

2019 Executives and Board of Directors

Executives

President	Howie Grant	250-551-1077	hhgrant@telus.net
Vice President	Richard Green	250-352-5609	scaler1@shaw.ca
Past President	Wally Kampen	250-354-4349	wally.k@shaw.ca
Treasurer	Frances Brown	250-352-7406	treasurer@nrgcbc.ca
Recording Secretary			

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/ Bighorn Sheep Volunteer Coordinator	250-551-1077	hhgrant@telus.net
Frances Brown	Membership/ Treasurer/ New Society Act/Policies/Bylaws	250-352-7406	membership@nrgcbc.ca
Naz King	Outdoor Gun Range/Trap	250-354-3335	nazyking@gmail.com
Andrew Woodward	Project Maple Seed/Spring Chicken Shoot/Heritage Match	250-551-5050	andrew.g.woodward@protonmail.com
Richard Green	Fishing Forever/ Key Master/ Corresponding Secretary	250-352-5609	scaler1@shaw.ca
Warren Russell	Archery Outdoor/Trap Range	250-352-0787	warren@WSRussell.ca
Brian Beaudoin	Trap Range	250-551-4549	brian.kootrac@gmail.com
Wally Kampen	Hall Maintenance/Website Conservation Fish & Wildlife/Hunting	250-354-4349	wally.k@shaw.ca

Coordinators:

Alan Bond	Nelson Italian Cdn Society and Hall Rental	250-352-2289	hallrental@nrgcbc.ca
Anita Bowers	Ladies' Shoot	250-354-2998	ladiestargetshooting.nrgc@gmail.com
Darcey Lutz	3D Archery Shoot	250-354-7241	darcey64@gmail.com
Annette Smith	Newsletter	250-505-2912	newsletter@nrgcbc.ca
Alan Thomson	Cottonwood Creek	250-505-5376	alant2@telus.net
Wes Smith	Indoor Archery	250-304-7521	wes.smith@shaw.ca
Al Walker	Security	250-352-9752	arwalker@telus.net
Jim Brown	Trap	250-352-3933	jandjbrown604@gmail.com
Zach Burleson	Gun Show	250-551-7899	zachb123@gmail.com

Nelson District Rod & Gun Club – 2019
P.O. Box 16, Nelson, BC V1L 5P7

Membership Renewal or Application – after Nov. 30, 2018

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 2019 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