



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

Mailing Address: PO Box 16, Nelson, BC V1L 5P7
Indoor Range & Clubhouse: 801 Railway St, Nelson BC
Outdoor Range: 124 Porto Rico Rd (off of Hwy 6), Nelson BC
Website: www.nrgcbc.ca
Facebook Page: Nelson Rod and Gun Club

Newsletter May 2020



Howie Grant

President's Report

I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy.

I know our membership has struggled to understand the magnitude of this pandemic as it relates to the NDRGC and the rest of the community. I want to thank all of you for your understanding and patience.

The pandemic has forced the NDRGC to cancel meetings and events such as the Gun Show, and The Fishing Forever weekend.

The other unfortunate result with this situation was the decision to close the Outdoor Range which was based on the fact the range is not staffed in any way to ensure the cleanliness of common surfaces. Even if we were to develop protocols to address the Health Authorities recommendations, we do not have the resources to adequately regulate compliance. We also need to be aware that the NDRGC is a respected member of the Nelson and surrounding Communities and we must lead by example.

It is my hope that the current restrictions that the Province has in place will make a difference and we can return to some level of normalcy soon.

In the mean time, please continue to be safe and we will let you know if and when there are any changes.

Thank you to our Annual Banquet and Awards Fundraiser donators!

A-3 Plumbing Heating & Gas fitting

A & W Restaurants

Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort

Andex Rentals & Sales

Arcright Plumbing & Heating

Art of Brewing

Balfour Repair (Brian Beaudoin)

Balfour Superette

Barren's Sport Shop

Billy's Auto Service

Blue Sky Clothing

Frances Brown

Canada Safeway

Canadian 2 for 1 Pizza

Dr. Kelly Davidoff

Vince DeVito Shoes

Downtown Automotive

Drop Manufacturing

Eclipse Clothing

Eddy's Music

Edo's

Wally Erickson

Finley's Irish Bar & Grill

Fisherman's Market Seafood & Deli

Floyd's Electronic World

Rhys Gerow (Unkel's Daggers)

Gilbert Parts Depot

Gill & Gift

Glacier View Glass

Howie Grant

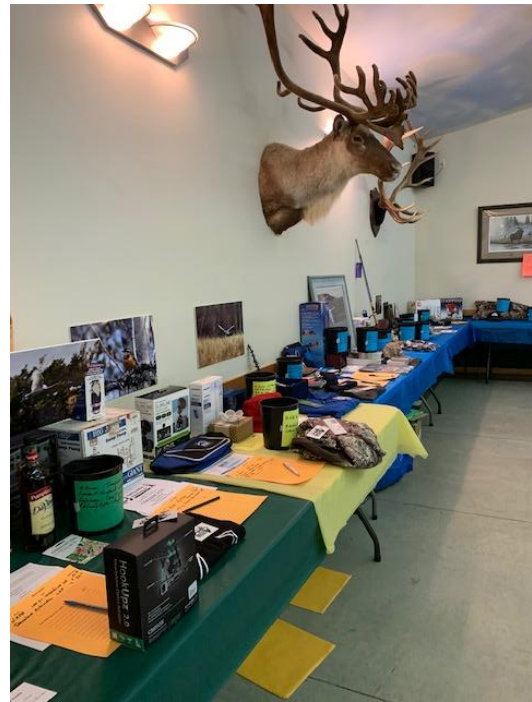
Natalie Green

Richard Green

Grohman Storage

Bruce Halstead

Herb's Alignment & Mechanical



Heritage Roofing & Sheet Metal

Hywood Truck & Equipment

Inland Allcare

Itza Ristorante & Pizzeria

KAL Tire

Kolmel Jewellery

Kootenay Country Store Co-op

Kootenay Glass & Mirrors	Kootenay Motors	Kokanee Park Marina
Kosy's Meat Cutting & Wrappin	Lakeside Physiotherapy	Lees Auto Haus 1999
Legendary Meats	Lillie & Cohoe	Lordco Auto Parts
Love O' the Woods (L. MacMillan)	Mac Tools/Sampson's Tools	Main Jet Motorsports
Main Street Diner	Mallards Source for Sports	Martech Electrical Systems
Glen Mcken	Midtown Motors	Mountain Metalworks
NAPA Auto Parts	NDR&G Archery club	Nelson & District Credit Union
Nelson Brewing	Nelson Chocofeller	Nelson Chrysler
Nelson Chrysler Auto Body Shop	Nelson Ford	Nelson Home Building Centre
Nelson Liquor Store (mall)	Nelson Police Association	No Choice Cuts for Men
Obsessed Optics	Pharmasave	Prestige Lakeside Resort
Railway Coffeehouse	RHC Insurance Brokers	Right Touch Auto Detailing
RONA (Maglio Building Centre)	Sage Tapas & Wine Bar	Save-On-Foods
Selkirk Eye Care (Dr.J. Proctor)	Shoppers Drug Mart	SK Electronics
Snow Pack Outdoor Experience	Christine Sutherland	Cathy Taylor
Dr. Shane Taylor	Jack Tolles	Torchlight Brewing
Tudor Lock & Security	Vince DeVito Shoes	Wall-Tone Painting & Contracting
Western Auto Wreckers	Wine Kitz	J. Yasek Contracting

And thanks also for meat and fish donations from:

Brian Beaudoin, Fisherman's Market, Howie Grant, Richard Green, Bruce Halstead, Stu Hawes, Kosy's Meat Cutting, Glen Mcken, Jay Mykiety, Kerry Reed, Warren Russell, and Save-On Foods



Food Safe: Take Level 1 Online

The FOODSAFE Level 1 online course uses [Open School BC](#)'s state-of-the-art learning management system and hosting service. This course delivers content in an organized and methodical, step-by-step instructional process that promotes a learner-centered approach to safety awareness.

FOODSAFE online instructors are certified food safety experts who assist students online and answer questions.

Duration: You can take anywhere from one to twenty days to complete the online course and write the final exam. You can complete the course in one day if you can book an invigilator (exam supervisor) to meet with you at the end of the day, but it is recommended that you take the time to read the course materials and complete the practice quizzes.

The final exam for the online course is available in English only.

Fee: \$115 **The club will pay the fee for interested members.**

[Register through Open School BC](#)

Cancellations due to Covid-19:

Indoor Archery Practice: Tuesday evening practice remains cancelled.

Archery Clinic: May 2-3, 2020. cancelled

Archery: 3D Shoot May 30-31, 2020. cancelled

Ladies Target Practice: Suspended until further notice.

Indoor Range Shooting Sessions: All use is suspended until further notice.

Social Gaming: Kirk and Calvin have cancelled Social Gaming until further notice.

Fishing Forever and Family Fishing at Cottonwood Lake on Fathers' Day weekend:

Cancelled this year due to the risks posed by the ongoing Covid-19 virus pandemic. We sincerely regret the necessity to forgo this popular event. Stay safe and plan for a happier 2021 with a return to normality!

Glen McKen and Richard Green

2020 Calendar of Events:

Pending Range reopening:

Project Mapleseed: July 14, 2020. (Tentative)

Heritage Shoot: August 23, 2020. (Tentative)

Membership:

Erin Franklin

Nelson Farmer's Supply has switched to a closed door policy due to Covid-19. Please email membership applications to; membership@nrgcbc.ca or mail them to Box 16, Nelson, BC V1L 5P7. A membership application is found at the end of the monthly newsletter. A membership application can also be found on the website www.nrgcb

Newsletter Coordinator:

Annette Smith

A new look for **"Who can help"**. I have changed the format for the list of executives, directors, and coordinators. It is my hope that it will be easier for members to read at a glance and find the correct person to contact with questions regarding our club.

And don't forget, my **newsletter coordinator position** is up for grabs! If you would like to discuss responsibilities with me, please contact me: newsletter@nrgcbc.ca

Send me your pictures. What are you doing during this self-isolation/distancing period of time? Send me your pictures to use for the next newsletter. I'll go first.



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Ongoing Events: Suspended until further notice:

May 2020

Board Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend.
6:30pm

Indoor Archery

Tues: 5:30-7:00pm
Contact: Wes Smith 250-304-7521



Indoor Gun Range

Mon: 4:30-6:00pm
Wed: 10-11:30am
Contact: Marvin Paisner 250-229-5710 or paisners@shaw.ca



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30/31

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

Who Can Help?

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 Melissa Townsend 250-551-8207 treasurer@nrgcbc.ca	SECRETARY Vacant
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DIRECTORS

Marvin Paisner Cottonwood Creek Indoor Firearm Range 250-229-5710 paisners@shaw.ca	Warren Russell Outdoor Archery 250-551-7562 warren@WSRussell.ca	Howie Grant Police Liaison, Bighorn Sheep Volunteer Co. 250-551-1077 hhgrant@telus.net	Melissa Townsend Treasurer, Edward Jones Acct. 250-551-8207 treasurer@nrgcbc.ca
Wally Kampen Conservation: Environment, Fish & Wildlife, Website, Hall Maintenance, Edward Jones. 250-354-4349 wally.k@shaw.ca	Richard Green Fishing Forever, Key Master, Correspondence, Edward Jones Acct. 250-352-5609 scaler1@shaw.ca	Alan Bond Nelson Italian Cdn. Society, Hall Rental, Club Historian, Edward Jones Acct. 250-352-2289 hallrental@nrgcbc.ca	Andrew Woodward Project Mapleseed, Chicken Shoot, Heritage Match 250-551-5050 andrew.g.woodward@protonmail.com
Brian Beaudoin Trap Range, Ladies Shooting 250-551-4549 brian.kootrac@gmail.com	Naz King Outdoor Gun Range 250-354-3335 nazzykig@gmail.com	Glen Mcken Fishing Forever, Cook Event Coordinator 250-505-5006	

COORDINATORS

Anita Bowers	Ladies' Shooting	250-354-2998	ladiestargetshooting.nrgc@gmail.com
Erin Franklin	Membership	250-551-7414	membership@nrgcbc.ca
Annette Smith	Newsletter/3D Archery Shoot Communication	250-505-2912	newsletter@nrgcbc.ca
Wes Smith	Indoor Archery/3D Archery Shoot	250-304-7521	wes.smith@shaw.ca
Alan Thompson	Cottonwood Creek	250-505-5376	alant2@telus.net
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
Calvin Hacking	Social Gaming		calvin.hacking@gmail.com
Derek Ludwar	Recording Secretary	250-505-4433	derekdudwar@gmail.com
Frances Brown	Bylaws/Constitution/Policies Edward Jones Acct.	250-352-7406	francesMBrown@telus.net

Nelson District Rod & Gun Club – 2020

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Membership Renewal or Application

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 2019

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 2020 membership card(s)

For **new** members and those **who have not renewed since 2015**

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

Bill Bosch, President
BC Wildlife Federation
A Unit 101 – 9706 188th Street,
Surrey, BC V4N 3M2

Matt Jennings, Executive Director
BC Fishing Resorts & Outfitters Association
P.O. Box 3301
Kamloops, BC V2C 6B9

Louise Pedersen, Executive Director
Outdoor Recreation Council of BC
PO Box 28112 West Pender St PO
Vancouver, BC V6C 3T7

Dear Mr. Bosch, Mr. Jennings, and Ms. Pedersen:

Thank you for your April 8, 2020 letter regarding fishing and other outdoor activities at provincial recreation sites during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Honourable John Horgan, Premier, and the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development have referred your letter to me for response.

I understand your concerns related to accessing boat launches and fishing access points during the COVID-19 pandemic, and acknowledge that the closure of recreation sites with these types of facilities has resulted in temporary limitations on outdoor recreation activities like fishing. These are difficult times and I wish to assure you that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (the Ministry) is continually evaluating the situation to inform flexible solutions moving forward.

For now, we continue to focus on the health and safety of the public and our staff, partners, contractors and volunteers. We are following the advice and recommendations of British Columbia's Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, and working with other provincial agencies to ensure that the measures we put in place are in the public interest and contributing to provincial efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The temporary closure of recreation sites with camping areas as well as trail-based recreation facilities (e.g. kiosks, huts, shelters, etc.) aligns with both provincial and federal directives that encourage people to stay at home and reduce the COVID-19 transmission risk.

Access to, and enjoyment of, the great outdoors is an essential aspect of life for many British Columbians and an important part of staying healthy and well. The decision to close recreation sites with camping facilities and other recreation infrastructure was not made lightly and was based on several factors. We are seeing unmanageable visitor use at popular recreation areas as a result of camping closures elsewhere in the British Columbia. As the weather continues to

improve the desire of many to be outside will increase. In anticipation of the Easter long weekend and the opening up of the camping season in many areas of the province, a decision was made to mitigate risks associated with concentrated visitor use at recreation sites with camping facilities and to address social distancing concerns.

The COVID-19 pandemic has directly impacted the ability of Ministry staff, partners, suppliers, contractors and others to deliver services at recreation sites with camping facilities, such as regular maintenance and early season risk and hazard assessments. Reduced services and supervision at recreation sites, coupled with higher than usual use levels, puts the public, our operators and our facilities at risk. As well, we are hearing a strong message from communities across British Columbia, particularly those nearby or associated with popular recreation destinations, to close our facilities and to further discourage overnight travel.

For these reasons, day use activities and camping cannot be safely accommodated at recreation sites with camping facilities at this time. Furthermore, allowing access to recreation sites for some uses and not others is likely to result in user conflict and is challenging from an implementation perspective. Provincial compliance and enforcement efforts have been increased in order to ensure recreation site and facility closures are observed, and to manage dispersed camping on Crown land as necessary.

The Ministry is making every effort to support provincial health directives, including encouraging the public to stay at home. However, we acknowledge that British Columbians need places to go in order to be outside and in nature. For now, recreation trails and some recreation sites without camping facilities remain open where it is deemed appropriate by regional staff. Visitors are reminded to maintain safe physical distances of at least two meters and choose low risk activities while using trails. For more information, and for a current list of recreation site and trail closures, please visit the Recreation Sites and Trails BC website: sitesandtrailsbc.ca.

These are temporary measures meant to address the COVID-19 pandemic and I look forward to the day that our recreation sites and facilities are open again to the public for camping, fishing and other outdoor recreation activities. I appreciate the time taken to bring these concerns to my attention. I trust my comments will provide assurance that the Ministry is doing what it can to limit the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Matt Austin

Assistant Deputy Minister, Integrated Resource Operations Division
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development