



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: https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub/?ref=br_rs

Newsletter July 2020

News:

Our club may not have an organized “youth group”, but we do have active youth members. I’ve recently heard a few very impressive stories regarding some of our youth’s accomplishments and I would like to showcase them in our newsletter. This month, I’ll feature, **Ella Hurst’s** bear hunting experience. I’m sure you will enjoy her enthusiasm. Thank you, Ella, for sharing with our club. The following is Ella’s submission:

I had been getting up at 4:00 AM to go out hunting two or three times a week, and had yet to find a bear I could shoot, with not too difficult of a recovery. Finally, we spotted a massive cinnamon and a slightly smaller black bear up in a grassy clearing, which looked easy enough to access. However, on our first try, the hill was steeper than it looked and almost everything I grabbed onto, to pull myself up, just came out of the ground. After climbing for almost an hour, we decided we were not going to reach it any time soon, and by the time we did, it would be the middle of the afternoon. A week later, on our second try, we managed to get to the clearing, using a less steep route. When we arrived, the massive cinnamon had already left, but the black bear was still there. Though it would have been a relatively easy recovery (rolling it down the hill) it was a 200m shot, which I did not want to take.

Several nights later, on June 7, after our daily 7:00pm pots and pans banging, as support for the healthcare workers, my dad, Gord Hurst, and I decided to go for a quick evening hunt. We got all the way up to the top of a local logging road and just as we were about to turn around, we came around the corner and saw a black bear standing on the side of the road. As it saw us, it ran off the road and into the forest. I got out with my gun, a 300 winchester magnum, and hoped the bear would walk back out onto the road. Sure enough, it came back and presented a perfect broadside shot. I took the shot and the bear ran about 10 yards before collapsing and falling down the ditch. I was ecstatic that I had just shot my first bear! As we walked up to double check that it was indeed dead, I was jumping and squealing, with an ear-to-ear smile. I cut my first bear tag! Before pulling it up to the road, we took several pictures. Then we tried pulling it up with just the two of us, but the bear was very heavy and the embankment was very steep. So, we tied a rope to the back of the truck and pulled it up using that. We took a few more pictures on the road, then to get the bear in the bed more easily we pulled the truck into the opposite ditch. It rolled right in! After picking up all our ropes, we headed down the road, hoping to get to Kosiansics (to see the live weight) before they closed. The entire recovery took about ten minutes, including stopping to take the pictures. Unfortunately, when we got to Kozy’s, it was too late. At the

junction we called Matt and Tess Nutall to see if they wanted to help skin it. On our way back to town, we went up another logging road to gut the bear on the tailgate. Back in town, Matt and Tess met us at our place and we got the bear into our basement and hung it from the rafters. With music playing in the background, Tess and I set to work skinning the bear. We finished just past midnight, and wrapped the bear in a game bag for the night.

The next morning, my Dad and I brought the bear to Kozy's, where we discovered its hanging weight was 170lbs, the second biggest bear of the season (at the time). We got to keep the skull and the claws, which I am really happy about. Overall, I had an incredible experience getting my first bear and want to thank my dad, Gord Hurst, and Matt and Tess Nutall who helped me skin it, as well as all our other (hunting and non hunting) friends who shared in my enthusiasm and helped make it such a memorable experience. Happy hunting!

Submitted by Ella Hurst

Ladies Night Target Shooting:

The Ladies' Target Shooting will meet at the outdoor range on Thursday evenings at 6:00pm.

Pistol Recall:

Marvin Paisner

Due to a safety issue there has been a recall of all Ruger Mark IV pistols manufactured before June 1st 2017.

https://ruger.com/dataProcess/markIVRecall/?r=nav&fbclid=IwAR1gTj-YQXjUEvWtcdESS_qJxn1_SNI_RtBJvAXKHmcD9E_h2jZMbyNGCgo

PAL, RPAL, and CORE Courses:

Alan Bond

The PAL, RPAL and Core courses as originally scheduled, are going ahead. The current level of restrictions for hall use will allow for the September 26, 2020 PAL course and the January 30, 2021 PAL, January 31 RPAL and February 6,7, 2021 CORE courses to go ahead. This is assuming the Public Health Officer does not recommend tighter restrictions than what are in place now. The instructor has been confirmed and all precautions have been identified. Let friends and family know the training will be available. Call Alan Bond: 250 352-2289. Howie Grant: 250-551-1077

Archery:

For safety, please do not use the temporary summer 3D archery course during Trap Sunday morning hours. Instead, feel free to practice on the archery range.

Mickey McEwen Memorial Hall

Rentals:

Alan Bond

Mickey McEwen Memorial Hall is available to rent again but there are restrictions due to Covid 19. It is good that the facility is available again even if on a limited basis. Details on our website under Hall Rental on the menu bar.



Great News

Outdoor Range Closure Dates:

August 2020 Project Mapleseed (Tentative) (Date to be determined)

August 23, 2020. Heritage Shoot (Tentative)



Sako Mdl 85 7mm mag clip gun in very good condition price \$1,700.
Phone: 250-551-5648

Membership:

Erin Franklin

Nelson Farmer's Supply has switched to a closed-door policy due to Covid-9. Please email membership applications to; membership@nrgcbc.ca or mail them to Box 6, 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.nrgcbc.ca

Cottonwood Lake Preservation Society Update:

Richard Green

Progress is occurring. The RDCK purchased a strip of forested land along the uphill side of the access road and the CLPS has an agreement with the landowner, Nelson Land Corporation, to purchase an additional larger area encompassing the steep hillside on the west side of the lake. It was agreed that logging would be halted while the society fundraises. The land purchase is vital if we are to save the very beautiful setting and reduce the all too real risk of landslides into the lake if the hillside is logged.

The total cost is \$750,000. This will not only purchase the land but will also cover fundraising costs and a conservancy endowment to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, which will become the owner of the property after the purchase is completed. The conservancy endowment will cover future costs of the Nature Conservancy's management of the property.

The agreement contains a number of milestones – deadlines by which a certain amount must have been raised. A major payment of \$180,000 must be raised by August 31. The society has already collected well over \$80,000 but is finding the covid-19 pandemic is reducing the pace of donations.

If you wish to make a donation you can go to <https://savecottonwood.com/donate/> where you will find the process quite simple. Arrangements have been made to provide a receipt for tax purposes.



Photo taken this winter at the fun/celebration event at the lake.

A Mysterious Bighorn Sheep:

Annette Smith



Photo Credit: Blaire Smith

On June 20, 2020, my family and I hiked, The Lakit Lookout in Cranbrook. On the drive up the road, my daughter, **Blaire**, took this picture of a young Bighorn Sheep through the car window. Blaire posted the picture on Facebook. A habitat biologist, **Ariana MacKay**, messaged Blaire the following: “It’s a mysterious herd because its small so not a lot is known about them. People used to report seeing them a lot at Lakit but not much recently so I’m glad to see these ones!” Ariana added, “Another part of what makes them mysterious is that we don’t have collars on them. The herds that we have collars on are easier to identify their summer/winter ranges.”

You can report any sightings

here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/wildlife-conservation/amphibians-reptiles/frogwatching/incidental-observations>

“It’s great to get public sightings of any species, helps bolster our knowledge.”



Newsletter Coordinator Position: I’m not sure why there hasn’t been any interest in this fun volunteer job. I will stay on as the coordinator, but if at any time, someone would like to take the position over, please contact me.

A reminder, if you need to contact a director or coordinator, the information is available on the second last page of each newsletter. Some members have sent to me their personal billing information for membership renewal. Please find the appropriate person to help you on the, **Who Can Help?** Page.

Happy Canada Day!

Annette Smith

Nelson District Rod & Gun Club

Ongoing Events:

July 2020













Trap: Sunday @9:00am
 Contact: Jim Brown
jandjbrown@gmail.com
 250-352-3933



Ladies' Target Shooting:
 Thursday at 6:00pm
 Contact: Anita Bowers
Ladiestargetshooting.nrgc@gmail.com



Board of Directors Meeting
 Mickey McEwen Hall
upstairs to accommodate
 social distancing @ 6:30pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Canada Day 	2 	3	4
5 	6	7  6:30pm	8	9 	10	11
12 	13	14 National Mac and Cheese Day	15	16 	17	18
19 	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26 	27	28	29	30 	31	

Be sure to check the website before heading out to the ranges.

Website: www.nrgcbc.ca

Who Can Help?

EXECUTIVE	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
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DIRECTORS	Marvin Paisner Cottonwood Creek Indoor Firearm Range 250-229-5710 paisners@shaw.ca	Glen Mcken Fishing Forever/Cook 250-505-5006	Howie Grant Police Liason/Bighorn Sheep Volunteer Co. 250-551-1077 hhgrant@telus.net	Melissa Townsend Treasurer/Edward Jones Acct. 250-551-8207 treasurer@nrgcbc.ca
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COORDINATORS

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Al Walker	Security	250-352-9752	arwalker@telus.net
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Calvin Hacking	Social Gaming		calvin.hacking@gmail.com
Derek Ludwar	Recording Secretary	250-505-4433	derekludwar@gmail.com
Frances Brown	Bylaws/Constitution/Policies Edward Jones Acct.	250-352-7406	francesMBrown@telus.net

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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)
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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 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