



## NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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**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](http://www.nrgcbc.ca)

**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub/?ref=br_rs)

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### Newsletter August 2020



#### **Welcome Back Returning Members and the Following New**

**Members:** Christopher Brach, Chris Cacchioni, Drew Cronshaw, Deryl Fell, Joshua George, Thomas Giraud, Michael Guay-Ruflange, Julian Hansen-Hoedeman, Sarah Hackett, Lelainya, Cody, & Abbey Harvey, Jeff & Roxanne Hebert, Dennis Hleucka, Nicole Johnson, Ulrich Lehnert, Victor Makortoff, Alla Anikienko, Chris Mason, Brent & Erin Morrison, Trevor Murray, Clint Nay, Brett Nokinsky, Daniel Parker, Gary Peterson, Mason Rail, Jason Schellenberg, Travis Sherstobitoff, Dustin & Erin Stroh, Richard Varney, Tim Voth, Lee Wasilenko, and Rod Wilson.

#### **News:**

I was pleased to hear that so many of you enjoyed Ella Hurst's submission last month. The following is another submission of one of our youth's experience, **Oliver Marsh**, as told by his dad, **Darren Marsh**.

I'm sure you will appreciate the lessons learned from this encounter.

#### Lessons Learned from My Son's First Bear

It was mid May and we were looking to fill my fifteen year old son's first bear tag. Last year he got serious late in the season and didn't get one. So, this year he was getting out early. We had seen a nice bear twice in the same clearcut and twice it had winded us and disappeared in the last week. So when we crept down a third time after spotting him from the road, I was not that surprised to find that he was gone. "Well I guess we should see if he is nearby," I told my son Oliver. He nodded

and we walked quietly to the other side of the cut. To my surprise Oliver whispered to me that he saw the bear. And sure, enough about 30 yards away a nice boar was sitting by a tree looking right at us. He got up and I was sure he would run away giving us a nice view of his rump and no shot. Instead he went up the tree! I couldn't believe it and I started to wonder if he really was the big one we had seen. He seemed confused too and hesitated 10 feet up the tree.

"Can I shoot it?" Oliver asked, gun at the ready.

He was clinging to the tree with his back to us, "Sure, if he gives you a broadside," I replied, still trying to figure out why he would have gone up the tree. As we stood there the bear seemed unsure of his decision and started to go down then he hesitated giving Oliver a perfect broadside shot. He shot, the bear raced up the tree, and I asked, "Did you hit him?" Before he could reply the bear stopped, wobbled, and fell 30 feet from the tree with all four legs pointing straight up in the air. "Oh, I guess you did!" As we went to the bear, I was so proud of the respect Oliver gave to this animal. He later told me he asked to shoot because he was not sure if it was ok to shoot a bear that was treed. Then the work began. He was in a wet, swampy area behind piles of old logs and branches. I decided to drag him to the cut and use the truck winch to pull him to the road from there, because of all obstructions. Well this wasn't happening. After an hour of pulling we realized that was not gonna work. It was getting dark and we were tired. I decided to drive to the highway to get cell reception and tell his mom we'd be late. When we got back, we tried to finish the drag and realized it was too much. New plan, quarter it up. We gutted it and skinned one side. We were cold and wet and it soon became clear that we needed to walk away and finish in the morning. We covered it with a sheet and went home. After a shower it was bedtime at 1:00 am.

Up early the next morning with our game cart, (which I forgot to put in the truck yesterday) we headed back. Much to Oliver's relief we found the bear still in one piece. We loaded him in the cart and then started rolling him to the clearing. Of course, the numerous logs made for slow going, but we only tipped the cart on its side twice. I wish I had brought my little chainsaw! But we made it to the clearing. Now it would be easy I thought. I went up the bank and grabbed my winch cable and some rope and hooked it up to the bear. Part of the hide was off so I took the time to wrap it in a tarp. Back up to the bank I go and click, click the winch won't go. After several expletives and no luck troubleshooting, I had 50 feet of steel cable that wouldn't spool up so that had to be coiled up and put away. I then hooked a rope to the bumper and pulled it up. Well I pulled up the tarp, not the bear! Apparently the first bump caught the bear and ripped the tarp. As I had tied to the tarp, not the bear, the bear was left behind. More expletives!

By now it was getting warm. I told Oliver that we would just have to pull it up uncovered and hopefully it wouldn't get too dirty. Up it went and luckily the fat took the dirt so we cut that off and some flank meat as we skinned. After we loaded into the truck, tired and thirsty we realized we had to remove the bear to get the game cart in. More expletives! Not wanting to wrestle a large bear into the truck again the cart was hidden in the woods to get later. We got to the meat cutter and were enjoying

telling our tale when the phone rang. “Did Darren and Oliver drop off their bear yet? I thought I would check before looking for them. “My wife came home from work and we were not home so she asked our friend Gord to look for us. I didn’t realize how late it was. More expletives. Phoned to let her know we were safe and would be home later as we had to go back to get the cart. As we drove home tired and sore, I asked Oliver what he learned from his first bear. He replied, “Well I learned you can shoot a bear in a tree, but I really know now that where it ends up is more important because somehow you gotta get it out. Too true. I learned that you can only use tools if you bring them, plans made when you’re tired usually aren’t sound and to always call your wife when you are running late. The bear, well he learned that climbing trees is a bad idea when the hunter has a gun!



**Oliver Marsh and his bear.**

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA  
OF  
Nelson District Rod & Gun Club  
Saturday, August 22, 2020  
10:30 a.m. Club House – Main Hall



- A. Roll Call of Officers
- B. General introductions
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Minutes of previous meeting
- E. Financial Report
- F. Business of Club as circulated
- a. Changes to Constitution and By-laws – as attached
- b. Policies
  - i. Archery- 2020.03.03a Range Officer Candidates Evaluation
  - ii. Archery-2020.03.0bb Confirmation/acceptance of Responsibilities of Range Officer for Indoor Archery Range
  - iii. Archery-2020.03.03c Outdoor-Range Safety
  - iv. Archery-2020.03.03d Duties & Responsibilities of Archery Range Officer
  - v. Archery 2016.05.10.b. Indoor Range – Range Safety
  - vi. Range Restrictions 2017.10.03 – Fire Season-amended
- G. Brief Reports of Directors and Committees
- H. Other issues from Membership to be referred to Directors for action

## Adjournment

Note: for the documents referred to above those members receiving the newsletter via e-mail, please go to the Club website for the documents. If you wish a paper copy of the documents you must contact Howie Grant a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the meeting for mail out. Copies of the document **WILL NOT** be handed out at the meeting.

Covid-19 restrictions – only fifty (50) members total can be in the hall, so first come first served - hand sanitizers and spacing re seating will be in effect.

## **NRGC assists Balfour Harrop Rescue Society**

**Marvin Paisner**, Director for the NDRGC, presents Balfour Fire Chief Pat Hergott with a \$500 cheque to assist Balfour Harrop Rescue Society in upgrades for their Marine Rescue Boat.



## **MAPLESEED – AUGUST 20, 2020:**

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!

Spaces are limited, [signup link to follow](#).

## **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

## **Outdoor Range Closure Dates:**

Project Mapleseed August 20, 2020.

Heritage Shoot (Cancelled)



For Sale: Left hand Hatsan 12 gauge pump shotgun with Woodstock. Like new \$300.

Mossberg 510 mini youth shotgun 20 gauge \$300.

Call or text 250-505-9372

## **Bear Safety: Bear Behavior & Why Bears Attack:**

Thank you, **Wally Kampen** for this link. [ps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWJ9kbaLT5Q&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWJ9kbaLT5Q&feature=youtu.be)



Members enjoy reading about other members!  
Send me your submissions, please. I'd love to share your photography and stories.

Annette Smith

[newsletter@nrgcbc.ca](mailto:newsletter@nrgcbc.ca)

# Nelson District Rod & Gun Club

## Ongoing Events:

August 2020



Trap: Sunday @9:00am  
 Contact: Jim Brown  
[jandjbrown@gmail.com](mailto:jandjbrown@gmail.com)  
 250-352-3933



Ladies' Target Shooting:  
 Thursday at 6:00pm  
 Contact: Anita Bowers  
[Ladiestargetshooting.nrgc@gmail.com](mailto: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
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2 	3	4  6:30pm	5	6 	7	8
9 	10	11	12	13 	14	15
16 	17	18	19	20  Project Mapleseed Range Closed 7:00am-5:30pm	21	22 Members Meeting 10:30am
23 	24	25	26	27 	28	29
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Be sure to check the website before heading out to the ranges.

Website: [www.nrgcbc.ca](http://www.nrgcbc.ca)

# Who Can Help?

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<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>PRESIDENT</b> <b>Howie Grant</b> 250-551-1077 <a href="mailto:hhgrant@telus.net">hhgrant@telus.net</a>	<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> <b>Richard Green</b> 250-352-5609 <a href="mailto:scaler1@shaw.ca">scaler1@shaw.ca</a>	<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b> <b>Wally Kampen</b> 250-354-4349 <a href="mailto:wally.k@shaw.ca">wally.k@shaw.ca</a>	<b>TREASURER</b> <b>Melissa Townsend</b> 250-551-8207 <a href="mailto:treasurer@nrgcbc.ca">treasurer@nrgcbc.ca</a>
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<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Marvin Paisner <b>Cottonwood Creek Indoor Firearm Range</b> 250-229-5710 <a href="mailto:paisners@shaw.ca">paisners@shaw.ca</a>	Glen Mcken <b>Fishing Forever/Cook</b> 250-505-5006	Howie Grant <b>Police Liason/Bighorn Sheep Volunteer Co.</b> 250-551-1077 <a href="mailto:hhgrant@telus.net">hhgrant@telus.net</a>	Melissa Townsend <b>Treasurer/Edward Jones Acct.</b> 250-551-8207 <a href="mailto:treasurer@nrgcbc.ca">treasurer@nrgcbc.ca</a>
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## COORDINATORS

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Annette Smith	<b>Newsletter/3D Archery Shoot Communication</b>	250-505-2912	<a href="mailto:newsletter@nrgcbc.ca">newsletter@nrgcbc.ca</a>
Wes Smith	<b>Indoor Archery/3D Archery Shoot</b>	250-304-7521	<a href="mailto:wes.smith@shaw.ca">wes.smith@shaw.ca</a>
Alan Thompson	<b>Cottonwood Creek</b>	250-505-5376	<a href="mailto:alant2@telus.net">alant2@telus.net</a>
Al Walker	<b>Security</b>	250-352-9752	<a href="mailto:arwalker@telus.net">arwalker@telus.net</a>
Jim Brown	<b>Trap</b>	250-352-3933	<a href="mailto:jandjbrown604@gmail.com">jandjbrown604@gmail.com</a>
Zach Burleson	<b>Gun Show</b>	250-551-7899	<a href="mailto:zachb123@gmail.com">zachb123@gmail.com</a>
Calvin Hacking	<b>Social Gaming</b>		<a href="mailto:calvin.hacking@gmail.com">calvin.hacking@gmail.com</a>
Derek Ludwar	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	250-505-4433	<a href="mailto:derekludwar@gmail.com">derekludwar@gmail.com</a>
Frances Brown	<b>Bylaws/Constitution/Policies Edward Jones Acct.</b>	250-352-7406	<a href="mailto:francesMBrown@telus.net">francesMBrown@telus.net</a>



# Nelson District Rod & Gun Club – 2020

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

## 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**