



## **NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB**

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**Outdoor Range:** 124 Porto Rico Rd (off of Hwy 6), Nelson  
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**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub/?ref=br_rs)

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**Newsletter November 2021**



## President's Message Howie Grant

### Sheep Hay Lift 2021

In the spirit of Community and Wildlife conservation, members of the Nelson District Rod & Gun Club, the West Kootenay Big Game Trophy Association, and the Salmo Valley ATV Club, joined forces on October 16, 2021 for the annual stocking of the Sheep Shed situated above the Salmo Creston Highway. A total of 60 bales of hay and 3700 pounds of pellets were transported to the feed site. The hay and pellets will be distributed to the sheep sometime in December through March 31, 2022.

Afterwards, the volunteers were treated to a BBQ lunch and refreshments. courtesy of the NDRC and Glen McKen.

A sincere thank you to Martech Electrical who, once again, supported this worthwhile project by donating the use of a trailer to pick up the hay bales.











And above all, Protect our Heritage.

Howie Grant



## Trap Shooting

The last day for trap shooting for this year will be October 31st (weather and turnout permitting). Thanks to all of you that participated in shooting this year, all in all a pretty good year. Special thanks to Howie and Brian for your continued help and support over the years. Much appreciated.

On October 14th Warren Russel and I co-hosted a social/team building event out at the trap range. We had nineteen employees from DROP Manufacturing located out at South Slocan. An interesting innovative company which I did not know much about until this event (<https://www.dropgroup.com/>).

Cool, overcast weather with occasional light rain did nothing to lesson the participants enthusiasm for shooting. A good time was had by all including Warren and I.



Until next year .....Jim

## Team Green Fishing Trip

October 7, 2021

Wally Kampen, Glen McKen and Alan Bond joined our Vice President, Richard Green on his birthday fishing charter on October 7. Richard received the charter at his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday lunch on June 21, but if you recall late June, not good fishing weather.

The charter was with Kerry Reed's, Reel Adventures and we had Eugene, the Russian Rocket as our guide. Eugene was waiting for us, despite our being early. He had also scouted the water for a hour before to ensure a successful trip. We settled in the 22' fully enclosed Hewescraft and set out for an adventure.

Fished with downriggers 65' to 140' but all our success was on the surface. Started out pretty slow with the first fish boated 90 minutes into the trip. Fortunately we had sufficient and appropriate snacks and beverages to sustain us though the slow times. The second fish took a little less time, one hour, but then shortly after that – BANG the bite was on.

Eugene found the sweet spot and we boated 5 fish (2 released including a nice kokanee) in 40 minutes. Richard and Alan even got into a doubleheader. We all boated good rainbows about the same size. Richard, being the leader, boated two and won the largest fish prize as well. WE all went home happy and with a good feed of rainbow.



We happily paid Richard his winnings and, being a seasoned fisherman, knew his fish was just growing bigger and bigger the more he thought about it. After all it did bring in supplemental income so it must have been about THIS BIG...



The trophy is actually a recent donation from Simon Grypma; originally caught on Kootenay Lake, by his good friend Jim Young, in January, 1990 weighing 27.5 pounds. Now that we have this for display it puts a little more Rod in Rod & Gun Club!!!

The final word on the fishing trip is; it won't be over until next May. We entered all 5 heads from the rainbows we kept, in the Kootenay Lake Angler Incentive Program which recently was extended to May 2022. All rainbow and bull trout (Dollie) heads taken from the main Kootenay Lake are eligible for monthly prizes of \$1,000, in participating business merchandise, with grand prize draws early November 2021 and June 2022. Team Green is sharing whatever prizes we win from the heads submitted on October 7, 2021. Not sure how we split a Polaris Sportsman Quad from Main Jet Motorsports, or a three-night saltwater fishing package for two at Coastal Springs Float Lodge or a Marlon boat package from Jones Boys Boats, 4 ways but might be a future newsletter update.

Submitted by TEAM Green including Frances Brown (photographer)

## **Early Payment Incentive for Renewing Members!**

Once again, the Club is offering an incentive for early payment of memberships for those members who paid in 2021 and are renewing their memberships for 2022.

If you pay between November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 for your 2022 membership, there will be a reduction of \$10.00

Individuals and Seniors will pay \$75.00, while Families will pay \$100.00 and juniors will still pay the \$30.00 as the Club currently subsidizes these members.

The application form and payment must be received by the Club by December 1st, 2021. Remember, if you miss the deadline, the full fees will apply.

For those of you on automatic renewal, as long as your credit card info is current, you don't have to do a thing – your 2022 membership will be processed in November.

This year we intend to process renewals as received. You will be able to contact Erin via the club e-mail:

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

Erin Franklin, Membership Coordinator

## **PAL/RPAL/CORE course update**

There has been surprising interest in the PAL/RPAL/CORE courses this fall. After completing the last round of training early October, now 3 weeks later the next round is almost completely subscribed.

At the time of this writing (October 24):

The January 16 PAL course has 10 seats available (double class, max 24) but the January 15 and 22 PAL courses are full.

The January 23 RPAL course has 3 seats available (maximum 24).

The January 29/30 CORE course has seats available, capacity depends on Covid rules at the time. Minimum 8 seats available currently.

We are currently looking at instructor and hall availability to determine when we can offer additional courses later in the spring.

If you know anyone interested in the Canadian Firearms Safety Course for long rifles or handguns and/or the Conservation Outdoor Recreation Education required to obtain a hunting license in BC, give Alan Bond a call at 250 352-2289.

Alan

## **Outdoor Ranges**

The outdoor range at Barrett Creek will be closed all day on Wednesday Nov. 10 and Saturday Nov. 13.

The outdoor range will also be closed from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday Nov. 6, Sunday Nov. 14, and Saturday Nov. 20.

## **Target Stand Damage**

There are a handful of NDRGC volunteers that put a lot of effort into maintaining the Outdoor Range so it is suitable for our 500 plus members to use. This includes purchasing or by donation, wood/plywood to ensure there are proper target stands for us to use. These volunteers are at the range 3-4 times a week.

So, when they arrive and find that someone has used a shotgun and blasted the plywood at three different stands, it is frustrating and discouraging to say the least for them. And we all know that the price of wood these days isn't cheap.

We're not sure who is responsible for this damage. But I would ask you, our membership, to please be aware of the work that is required to maintain this shooting range. Be proud and take ownership of this little gem. This is, in my opinion, the best shooting range in the West Kootenays.

When you're at the range, do your part to casually check and make sure shooters and guests have signed in. Be aware of what is going on around you.

If you want to pattern your shotgun, bring some large cardboard or your own plywood. There are light movable metal stands that will accept your shotgun targets.





Howie Grant

Protect our Heritage

### **A few thoughts re our outdoor range**

We have used the current padlock on the outdoor range gate for four years. After 2022 it will be time to use a different padlock, and thus a different key. That means that I will be cutting and numbering three or four hundred keys by the end of next summer.

So far, for the current padlock, I have cut well over 600 keys. That's for a membership of just over 450 (counting family as two members). That is OK as there is a change in membership each year – some leave, others join as new members.

However, when I look at the sign-in book at the outdoor range, I do not see 600 different names. In fact, there are probably fewer than 100 different names signed in over the last three years; and there are additionally some at the trap range and some more at the archery range.

Where are the missing hundreds of people?

We have excellent facilities at Barrett Creek, and they should be used regularly and frequently by those members who shoot – rifle, shotgun, or bows.

I do not mind cutting keys, but if you are not going to use a key to the range, then do not check off on your membership renewal form that you need a key. Thank you!

Also, when I look at the sign-in book, I see that there are a few persons who do not record their key number or membership number. Is the effort too great? Of course, guests do not have a key number – but there were only two guest fee envelopes completed and placed in the yellow box as per the notice at the sign-in book.

The federal government sets requirements for signing-in properly. Our insurance company also requires that attendees sign in. Please do not overlook this necessity.

One last issue – do clean up after you have used one of the ranges. If you destroy a target, then you are welcome to replace it at your own time and expense. This applies also to archers who ignore the notice prohibiting broadhead arrows – they rapidly destroy expensive targets.

Thanks, Richard Green

## Newsletter Coordinator

I look forward to all the great hunting story submissions for next month's Newsletter.

Please submit your December submission by Friday November 26<sup>th</sup> at

[NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com](mailto:NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com)

Thank you, Wes Smith, and Warren Russel, for tidying up the Outdoor Archery range and 3D course. Also preparing the addition of two more safety nets for next outdoor season, all that in the pouring rain.

Thank you, Aran, for your constant clean-up of the Indoor Archery Range, it is greatly appreciated.

Happy Halloween

Greg Seidelin

## November Calendar

Please, remember to check the Indoor range calendars and contact the Host/Range Officer prior to attending, as numbers of attendees matters for Covid regulations.

Please wear a mask and wash/sanitise your hands often.
































### **Indoor Gun Range Info Page:**

<http://www.nrgcbc.ca/indoorange/>

### **Indoor Archery Range and Gun Range Calendar:**

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=el6cmelle04vrkhf0vq42t458%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FVancouver>



Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
 <b>Indoor</b> 10:00 – Noon   <b>Gaming</b> 15:00 – 22:00		 <b>Indoor</b> 18:00 – 19:30	 <b>Indoor</b> 17:15 – 18:30	 <b>Gaming</b> 16:00 – 23:00   <b>Ladie's Shooting</b> 18:00		
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