



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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Newsletter December 2021

Newsletter Coordinator

I look forward to all the great hunting story submissions for next month's Newsletter.
Please submit your January submission by Friday January 7th at NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com

Thank you, to Greg for re-facing the Indoor Archery targets and repairing the club arrows.

Happy Holiday,

Greg Seidelin

A Great Friend of Wildlife Passes

Carmen Purdy passed away Nov. 24th after a lifetime of working for the betterment of wildlife in BC and particularly in the Kootenays. He held leadership positions in the BC Wildlife Federation, the BC Conservation Foundation, the Nature Trust of BC, and the Kootenay Wildlife Heritage Fund. He was instrumental in the creation of the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund. He was a tireless advocate for wildlife, and he will be sorely missed.

Richard Green

MyNelson.ca published the following short summary of Carmen's activities:

<https://www.mynelsonnow.com/47786/fierce-wildlife-advocate-passes-away-at-82/>

'Fierce' wildlife advocate passes away at 82

A local advocate with a passion for wildlife in the Kootenays and across the province passed away yesterday at the age of 82.

Carmen Purdy dedicated his life to conservation in the Kootenays. He started and was instrumental in many trusts across B.C.

Bill Bennett, friend and former MLA, said there was no one else like Purdy.

“There wasn't another individual probably anywhere in British Columbia who cared as much, was as passionate and did as much for wildlife. He's irreplaceable. He's one of a kind.”

Bennett said Purdy was a big reason why the province created the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund.

“Back in the 1980s, there was another Bill Bennett who was premier at the time who had some of his cabinet ministers here in Cranbrook. Carmen and a few other guys sat some of these cabinet ministers down and basically begged them to take the license and tag revenues from hunters and guide outfitters and put it into a fund and use that fund for wildlife,” added Bennett.

“Those ministers, to their credit, did that and they created something called the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, which is still going today and has millions of dollars to spend.”

Purdy also served as director for the Nature Trust of BC, which is B.C.'s only provincial land trust and he started the Kootenay Wildlife Heritage Fund.

“He was a strong, strong person. He was the most fearless person I ever met,” added Bennett.

Purdy grew up in the West Kootenay where he learned to hunt at a young age.

“He learned to hunt when he was very young. He talked about going out when he was just a kid with a .22 and a shotgun,” said Bennett.

“He eventually came over here to the East Kootenay where he spent most of life in Cranbrook working for the forest industry.”

Back in 2013, Bennett was able to present Purdy with a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his work over the years.

Purdy was also remembered by two local politicians on social media.

Kootenay-Columbia MP Rob Morrison said he is grateful for all the work Purdy did throughout the region.

“Carmen was a fierce advocate for wildlife management. His knowledge on the subject of wildlife was unparalleled and we are blessed to have been the beneficiaries of his passionate commitment to this work,” said Morrison.

“I am grateful for his many contributions, both to our communities and the wildlife that surround them.”

Kootenay East MLA Tom Shypitka also offered his condolences to the family.

“I was privileged to help him feed starving elk during one particularly harsh winter and he always had my ear on numerous occasions when it came to wildlife management,” added Shypitka.

“Sincerest sympathies and condolences go out to Carmen’s family and many friends on behalf of myself and the constituents of Kootenay East.”

Bennett said Purdy’s wife and three children were with him by his bedside when he passed away.

“He was the greatest father, the greatest grandfather and the greatest husband. The whole community is going to miss him,” said Bennett.

Josiah Spyker for My Nelson Now

PAL/RPAL/CORE course update

There has been surprising interest in the PAL/RPAL/CORE courses this fall.

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

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=el6crnelle04vrkhf0vq42t458%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FVancouver>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
 Indoor 10:00 – Noon  Gaming 15:00 – 22:00		 Indoor 18:00 – 19:30	 Indoor 17:15 – 18:30	 Gaming 16:00 – 23:00  Ladie's Shooting 18:00		
Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
 Indoor 10:00 – Noon  Gaming 15:00 – 22:00		 Indoor 18:00 – 19:30  Board Meeting 18:30	 Indoor 17:15 – 18:30	 Gaming 16:00 – 23:00  Ladie's Shooting 18:00		
Sunday 12	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18
 Indoor 10:00 – Noon  Gaming 15:00 – 22:00		 Indoor 18:00 – 19:30	 Indoor 17:15 – 18:30	 Gaming 16:00 – 23:00  Ladie's Shooting 18:00		
Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25
 Indoor 10:00 – Noon  Gaming 15:00 – 22:00		 Indoor 18:00 – 19:30	 Indoor 17:15 – 18:30	 Gaming 16:00 – 23:00  Ladie's Shooting 18:00		Christmas Day
Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31	Saturday 1
 Gaming 15:00 – 22:00		 Indoor 18:00 – 19:30	 Indoor 17:15 – 18:30	 Gaming 16:00 – 23:00  Ladie's Shooting 18:00		New Years Day

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