



NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB

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BC

Website: www.nrgcbc.ca

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

May 2022 Newsletter



**President's
Message
Howie Grant**

Outdoor Range Clean-up

Make sure you keep your calendars clear for the outdoor range spring clean-up scheduled for Saturday, May 14, and Sunday May 15 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm both days. Hoge Tyler, one of our outdoor range coordinators, has a detailed list of jobs that need to be done in the 2 days such as:

Cleaning the range building and the grounds (garbage and brass), renewing, and rebuilding all targets, some excavation and grading, burning waste wood and maybe even some fresh paint on the benches.

A sincere thank you to the local businesses that have supported this clean up either by donating the plywood and beams or donating their time and equipment to the cause:

JY Contracting, North Mountain Construction, Nelson Home Hardware Building Centre, Rona (Maglio's) and Martech Electrical.

There is a lot of work to be done so, bring shovels, brooms, weed eaters and any other tool you think could be useful. Water will be available and as usual Glen will host his famous BBQ lunch for noon.

Thefts

Unfortunately, the outdoor range has had a couple of petty thefts over the past month. Our new snow shovel was stolen and now our first aid kit has been pried off the wall and taken. I ask you to be vigilant when you're out there and don't hesitate to call the Salmo RCMP if you see anything or anyone you think is acting suspiciously.

Range Sign In Book

As you all know when you attend the outdoor range to shoot, you are required to sign the logbook with your name and your membership number. For guests, we require their full name, address and phone number be recorded legibly in the book.

This is mandatory by law and for insurance purposes. We are also mandated by Law to maintain these records for 6 years of all persons and guests who have used the range.

Spring Hunts

Turkey and bear season is upon us ...yahoo. Spring has been a while coming but the last few weeks have been pretty good. During the last 10 days of April, I saw lots of game and even my good friend managed to get a decent tom (see below). It was nice to see the local COS out and about over the Easter Weekend. There were lots of hunters and I'm sure they were kept busy. Good job guys.



Enjoy the spring everyone. It's going to be hot soon enough so let's be careful what we wish for.

Take care and Protect our Heritage.

Howie Grant

Fishing Forever Saturday, June 18th and Family Fishing, Sunday, June 19th

It is not too early to begin planning for the return of the BCWF Fishing Forever program. Our two faithful 'customers', Mountain Lake Seniors Community and Nelson Jubilee Manor, are both rarin' to go! So....

Our needs include an adequate number of car top sized boats, with captains. On shore there must be a marshal who organizes those who wish to go fishing on the lake – fitting with life jackets, keeping track of the order, etc. The kitchen requires several persons. Overnight security is a must. Registration is another must. Gear must be taken to the Cottonwood Lake Friday afternoon and returned to the hall Sunday after 4:00 pm. Chairs from the outdoor range and plywood tables from the hall will be used; a water station from Andex Rentals also requires transport.

The volunteers who can only attend one day should choose Sunday as that has always been by far the busier day. Several folks have already offered to provide boats or to work in other positions and to them I say thank you! We shall enjoy getting back to this wonderful event after a two-year hiatus.

Make your availability known to Richard at 250-352-5609, or at scaler4@telus.net, or in person.

Thank you!

Richard Green

Trap shooting

As most of you may be aware, there is still plenty of snow at the outdoor range, therefore the outdoor range cleanup has been rescheduled for May 14th and 15th (range will be closed to shooting). Trap shooting will not begin until at least May 22nd, weather and turnout dependent. This just happens to be a long weekend so we will see what happens regarding turnout. As a reminder we shoot on Sundays starting around 9:00 am and go until noon. Costs will remain the same as last year \$5.00 for a round to cover off the cost of clays and if you need a box of shells (12 ga only) that will cost another \$10.00. I would like to take this opportunity to give a big shout out to Wes Smith for replacing our power cord, I believe that he made it longer so that if it is just Darren and I out, we can now reach station five! Wes also inspected our remote clay launch device and deemed it quite workable. The problem of miss firing clays may be the user and not the device! Thanks again Wes

Jim Brown



Pacific Partners Boating Bulletin

Let's Talk Transportation: Propeller Driven Surfboards and Noise Emission Consultation Period Ends May 13th, 2022.

With safer and more efficient propeller-driven surfboard-type vessels on the market, Canadians want Transport Canada to revisit the ban. *Transport Canada has started looking at ways to update the Small Vessel Regulations to remove the ban and set rules and safety requirements for how propeller-driven surfboard-type vessel and other similar vessels are built and used.*

The Small Vessel Regulations currently require that all power-driven vessels be equipped with a muffler. This requirement helps make sure that the engine noise from power-driven vessels is limited to avoid disturbing the environment and others using the waterway. While a muffler is required, the regulations don't include any performance standards for mufflers or engine noise emission limits. *Various options are being considered in regards to noise emissions.*

[Let's Talk Propeller-Driven Surfboard-Type Vessels | Let's Talk Transportation- Canada.ca \(letstalktransportation.ca\)](https://letstalktransportation.ca)

[Let's Talk Small Vessels Noise Emissions | Let's Talk Transportation- Canada.ca \(letstalktransportation.ca\)](https://letstalktransportation.ca)



(Photo from Fliteboard)

New Video: A lifejacket can be the difference between life and death.

Published March 9th, 2022

This month Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety HQ released a new and emotional boating safety video. This 1 minute commercial is designed to pull at your heart strings and reminds boaters of the importance of wearing their life jackets.

Please watch our NEW video and share it with your stakeholders and partners! Help us promote the wearing of lifejackets!



(Photo from Transport Canada)

English: <https://www.facebook.com/TransportandInfrastructureinCanada/posts/335865531915516>

French: <https://www.facebook.com/TransportetInfrastructureauCanada/posts/329450475893913>

New Publications: Fire Prevention Checklist and What to do if there's a fire on your boat

Approved in March 2022

There has been an increase in recreational boat fires in British Columbia. The Office of Boating Safety Pacific Region has been tracking media reports of vessel fires and has developed two new publications for distribution to combat this boating safety concern. These informational publications aim to support boaters in both preventing fires from starting onboard their vessels and to provide them with information of what to do in a worst-case scenario.

Please feel free to share these attachments with your stakeholders and partners.

WHAT TO DO IF THERE'S A FIRE ON YOUR BOAT



Move to a safe location. **Call 911** or use your VHF radio on channel 16 to contact the Coast Guard.

If you can, use a fire extinguisher and aim it at the base of the flames to control the fire. Sweep the discharge nozzle from side to side and for a few seconds after the flames are completely out.



Keep your back to the exit and the fire in front of you - **do not let the fire block your escape.**

If you are unable to put out the fire with one extinguisher while at a marina, **leave your vessel immediately.**



Make sure everyone is wearing a lifejacket.

If you are underway and can't put the fire out, wear your lifejacket, issue a mayday call, activate an emergency beacon if you have one, **use your flares and abandon your boat.**



If the fire is engine-related **do not open the engine compartment.** Use the access port.

Always know where you are and be ready to describe your specific location.



The Office of Boating Safety (OBS) can help you with: Pleasure Craft Licensing, Pleasure Craft Operator Competency, knowing what safety equipment is required on board your vessel, and how to prepare yourself for a day on the water.

Contact OBS:
Email: PACOBS@TC.GC.CA
Phone: 604-666-2681

Visit the Transport Canada website for more information on pleasure craft regulations and requirements, including safety equipment, navigation and more: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/office-boating-safety>

Complying with Sewage Discharge Regulations

As the summer boating season nears, make sure that you are up to date on all the sewage regulations to keep our waterways safe and clean. Dumping sewage into the water can cause harm to both human health and the environment and can carry a fine of up to \$25,000. Regulations for the discharge of sewage from all vessels in Canadian waters is found in the [The Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Chemical Regulations \(VPDCR\)](#).

- You are **never permitted to discharge sewage or waste in inland rivers or lakes**, regardless of whether it is treated or not.
- If you are **within 3nm from shore you cannot discharge untreated sewage**. Use a holding tank and discharge at a pump out station.
 - Exemptions apply *only* if your vessel is fitted with an approved marine sanitation device.
 - Within 1 Nautical Mile from shore you can only discharge if you have an approved Marine Sanitation Device in your vessel that treats sewage to a fecal coliform count of $\leq 250/100$ ml
 - Between 1 Nautical Mile and 3 Nautical Miles from shore you can only discharge if you have an approved Marine Sanitation Device in your vessel that breaks up and disinfects the sewage.
 - You can only discharge in a designated sewage areas if your marine sanitation device treats sewage to a fecal count of $\leq 14/100$ ml.
- Within areas such as **The Gulf Islands, Howe Sound, and Desolation Sound** you are *never* further than 3nm from shore.
- Please find the list of Pump-out stations in British Columbia attached to this email.
 - Always call pump-out stations ahead of planning a trip to ensure that they will be open and available during your voyage.
- Greywater from boats (e.g., drainage from laundries, showers, sinks and kitchens) must not result in the deposit of solids or cause sheen on the water.
 - Use environmentally friendly cleaners and soaps on while on your boat. See the attachment for information on how to make your own!

- Bilges on a boat are a major source of marine pollution because they tend to collect engine oil, fuel, anti-freeze, and transmission fluid. When these fluids are pumped overboard by a bilge pump system, they harm the environment.
 - Make sure your bilge is clean before you turn on your bilge pump system. Only use it when needed and when the bilge contains only water.

[Click here to learn more about Marine Pollution.](#)



You must be **3 nautical miles** from land to dump untreated waste.

You can **never** discharge waste in inland lakes and rivers.

Pacific Office of Boating Safety
604-666-2681
pacobs@tc.gc.ca

[Click here to report sewage violations](#)



Snow and Targets

Despite about 6 inches of snow, a group of eager volunteers set up targets on the archery range. Archers will notice that the targets have new replacement covers. Thank you, Wes Smith, for installing the covers. The targets look brand new. A reminder that Broadheads are not permitted on the range. Just a few shots with Broadheads, and our targets are ruined. The group also hung two of the three backstop netting. Thank you, Darcey Lutz, Matt Nuttal, Greg Seidelin, Warren and Sandy Russell, and Wes Smith. We can still use help for the official range clean up on May 14 and 15.

Hope you found something plaid to wear! In one month's time, we will be hosting our 3D Archery Shoot, June 4 and 5, 2022. Questions have been coming in from around the province. It will be wonderful to welcome back archers to our shoot.



Annette Smith

Newsletter Coordinator

Always happy to help with your questions, but please, refer to the last page of every newsletter for a list of other volunteers who can better answer you. If it is archery or newsletter related, I am your guy.

Please submit your June submission or any suggestions for the letter by Friday May 27th at NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com

Greg

PAL/RPAL/CORE Training

For anyone interested in the Canadian Firearms Safety Course for long rifles (PAL) or the Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course for handguns (RPAL) and/or the Conservation Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) course required to obtain a hunting license in BC, we have scheduled the final series of courses for 2022. Bow/crossbow hunters do not need to complete a PAL course but do have to complete the CORE course to obtain a hunting license.

3 X PAL courses on September 10, September 11 and October 1, 2022 - \$125/seat, minimum age 12

CORE course on September 17/18, - \$150/seat, minimum age 10

RPAL course on October 2 - \$90/seat, minimum age 18

Note; PAL and RPAL courses are federally regulated to 12 students per instructor, which limits capacity. Some courses will have two instructors (when available) to accommodate the interest we have experienced this year.

PAL courses will lead to a Possession and Acquisition License required to obtain and own a long rifle that is not a restricted or prohibited firearm. Hunting rifles and shotguns require a PAL. RPAL leads to a Restricted Possession and Acquisition License required to own restricted firearms like handguns that are not prohibited. The CORE course will lead to a certificate that will lead to obtaining a Hunter Number required to get a provincial hunting license. Hunting licenses are not transferable between provinces/territories. PAL and RPAL licenses are federal and do cross provincial boundaries.

Anyone interested in any of these courses, please contact Alan Bond at 250 352-2289.

Alan

Grizzly Bear Safety Workshop

with Grizzly Bear Solutions

May 17th, 7:00-9:00 pm

Nelson District Rod & Gun Club, 801 Railway

FREE, everyone welcome!

Doors open at 6:30



Are you heading into an outdoor summer? This free workshop is geared towards hikers, mountain bikers, runners, dogwalkers, hunters, campers, berry pickers, birdwatchers and anyone living, working, or recreating in grizzly bear habitat. Learn how to prevent bear conflicts and how to respond safely if/when you encounter a bear. Safety training will include hands-on practice with inert bear spray. Workshop leader Gillian Sanders has 21 years of field experience in grizzly bear conservation. For more info email grizzlybearsolutions@gmail.com



Range Closure

Saturday May 7th from 8am to 2pm for the cadets, the main range will be closed but the Archery range and shotgun range remain open.

Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th the outdoor range will be closed from 9:am to 3:pm both days to allow for our annual spring cleanup

June 2 and 3 for the Archery 3D course set up and closed June 4 and 5 for the 3D shoot.

July 18th & 25th, 9:30am – 12:00pm for the Regional District Kids Archery Summer Camp

Hoge Tyler

NOTICE

The padlock is now on the gate to the outdoor range. Last year's key is the one to take with you to open the gate.

Someone who apparently is not a club member broke open the first aid box and stole the kit. Disgusting.

Richard Green

May Calendar




Please, remember to check the Indoor range calendars and contact the 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/>

Archery and Indoor Gun Range Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=el6crnelle04vrkhf0vq42t458%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FVancouver>

Sunday 01	Monday 02	Tuesday 03	Wednesday 04	Thursday 05	Friday 06	Saturday 07
 Indoor  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		Rifle Range Closure! 08:00 – 14:00
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